



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 19, 2014

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

We will not dance our normal fourth Friday dance, January 24th. It was cancelled since our Anniversary Dance is January 31st is the fifth Friday of the month. I know you regular readers are saying, enough already, we got it the first time and did not need all of the additional reminders in the newsletter and at club dances. Okay but even so, someone will show up and say... we showed up to dance and no one was at the school.... LOL.

Did we have a great Holiday Party, or what?! I know Jan and I did and a number of you expressed the same to us. Wayne and Walter, you guys were tremendous and you expressed that you are the lucky one calling and cueing for Swinging Stars and I can definitely tell you that the feeling is mutual.

The following is from Charlie & ..., well actually Linda Harris.

Newsletter input from Charlie and Linda Harris...feel free to edit, delete, etc...thanks Linda

Thanks to all of you!!

Last night's party was a BIG success! The applause goes to all you that helped organize, entertain and participate in the festivities.

The skits were extraordinary this year!! Loved all of them! doctor and patient (Bob Pitts, Walter Brewer and Sondra Foust). Prize Bull (Peter Rickert, Jim Reid, Charlie Harris, Karen and Mark Hawkins). The Swim Team (Jim Bondi, Mel Foust, Russ Nejd, Bill Perrott and Frank Starrett).

A BIG THANK YOU to Mary Ann Starrett and Ann Nejd for pulling this one together!

Like we've always said, 'it takes a village' and once again we've seen the rewards that come from each of you sharing and displaying your talents!!

Bob Estep 'stepped' in to take pictures, so we can re-live these great times!

Thank you all!! It's a pleasure to work with you!!..Charlie and Linda

You all know you are the best and I can't say it enough! Thank you, thank you, thank you all for a wonderful time. We look forward to the coming year with great anticipation as it can only get better.

Richard and Jan



We are so proud to be a member of this club. We have all the jobs filled that are required to put on a dance of this size. We will have enough food that after all-of-our guest go thru the line there will still be plenty for the Swinging Stars to enjoy. You are great and we cannot express the gratitude we feel for everyone's help. Everyone's willingness to help makes us "happy, happy, happy".

I will send out a reminder to everyone reminding you what you agreed to do and what refreshments you indicated you would bring. Look for this reminder to come on Tuesday 21st. It will have all the information you will need about the dance and the dance hall. If you have question you can contact me, Lorraine@Bursons.us.

Again thank you,
Dave and Lorraine Burson
Anniversary Dance Chairman
Email: Lorraine@Bursons.us

ROUND DANCE LESSONS

Beginning Bolero starts Tuesday, the 21st

Class Details: [Bolero Class](#) -- Tuesday, January 21 through March 11 -- 7:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Carpenter Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano 75023

Cuer: JL & Linda Pelton

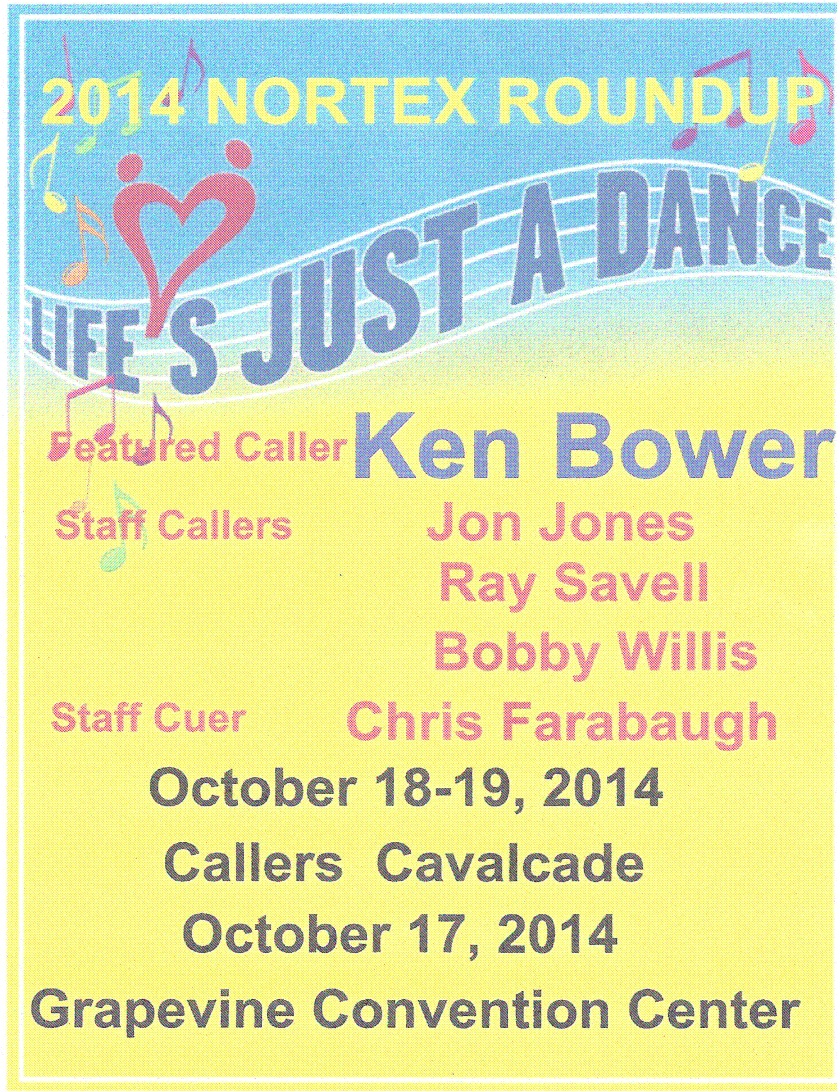
Register online at www.planoparks.org at the Leisure Catalog or call Plano at 972-208-8087 and register for Class #152381, you can sign up and pay Tuesday.

There have been some questions regarding this class. First, you do not need to have any round dance experience to take this class. You need to know your left foot from your right and whether you are male or female -- and we can get you charts and diagrams.

JL and Linda have already gotten a list from Walter for the Boleros he has in his repertoire and they will be sharing with him the dances that the students take. So there will be Boleros cued at Swinging Stars and when you go to Kissin Kuzzins, there will be Boleros cued for you since JL will know the dances you can do in this rhythm.

Also for future planning -- remember that JL and Linda will be teaching a class of Beginning Two Step starting March 18 right after the Bolero class is finished.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



2014 NORTEX ROUNDUP
LIFE'S JUST A DANCE
Featured Caller **Ken Bower**
Staff Callers **Jon Jones**
Ray Savell
Bobby Willis
Staff Cuer **Chris Farabaugh**
October 18-19, 2014
Callers Cavalcade
October 17, 2014
Grapevine Convention Center

11th Annual
Singing Call & Round Dance of the Year
(and it's free)

Swingtime Center

7:00 PM 7:00 PM

January 26, 2014

Vote for your favorite Song or Round Dance of the Year
Performed by your Favorite Caller, Cuer, Duet, or Group.
Ballots must be received by January 1 of 2014 to be eligible.

Download a Ballot: www.nortexcallers.com

All proceeds from the balloting will go to MDA-Dallas North District (for ALS research)

*** * * From Your 2nd VPs * * ***

There are many exciting items on the calendar this week. Thursday, January 23rd, the Swinging Star Ladies Luncheon will be a special high tea, at 2:30PM at the Chocolate Angel in High Street Antique Mall in Plano (make sure to RSVP to Terri by Tuesday if you can attend). Then Friday, January 24th, we have a rare opportunity to visit the Stone Steppers in Mesquite since our 4th Friday club dance was canceled (replaced by our anniversary dance at the end of the month). And on Saturday, January 25th, the Tri-City Promenaders in Hurst are hosting their 54th anniversary double deal dance. And then Sunday, 26Jan, there are two fun dances planned: the Harvest Holidays are hosting their annual Winter Fun Rounds at Swingtime Center in Ft. Worth starting at 2:00PM and; after a dinner break, there is the NTCA Square and Round Dance Song of the Year free dance, also at Swingtime Center. Two signatures on your visitation card are allowed the same day for these Sunday dances.

Our current Swinging Star banner inventory is shown below. If you visit a club whose banner we have, please don't bring home another one.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	23-Mar-13
Decatur 8'ers	5-Oct-13
Dixie Chainers	28-Sep-13
Kissin' Kuzzins	17-Jan-14
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Lone Star Solos	28-Mar-13
North Star 8	09-Feb-13
Rebel Rousers	21-Dec-13
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Texas Reelers	15-Nov-13
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13
Tri-City Promenaders	26-Jan-13
T-Square Gadabouts	15-Feb-13

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
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*** * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * ***

Friendship Plus, January 13th

Twenty Swinging Stars visited Friendship Plus in Richardson on Monday. At this first club dance of the new year, Texas Hall of Fame caller, Mike Bramlett, kept dancers entertained and periodically challenged. A special challenge this evening included a strong dose of work shopping on left-handed Scoot Back, sometimes using the 4 centers of 2 parallel waves. When made "choreographer in chief" for a tip, caller trainee, Richard Covington, demonstrated his increasing prowess in directing plus maneuvers. All attendees had a great time. Visiting Swinging Stars were: the Amys, Bondis, Brandens, Colters, Covingtons, Dennisons, Moshers, Sees, Smith/Hardin, and the Underwoods. Thanks to Jim Bondi for sharing the dance details.

Plus 4's, January 15th

A pack of 20 Swinging Stars visited Plus 4's in Farmers Branch on Wednesday. As they danced each successive tip in whatever square their "assignment cards" directed, dancers enjoyed a lively evening with sometimes surprising plus choreography. Surprises doled out this time by veteran club caller, Charles

Quisenberry, included impromptu training on (left) Relay the Deucey (from a left-handed wave) and Scoot Back once-and-a-half. All dancers survived, usually smiling, and most left better dancers than they came. Visiting Swinging Stars included: the Amys, Bondis, Brandens, Colters, Covingtons, Hamms, Hawkins, Kilejians, the Shermans and Smith / Hardin. Thanks to Jim Bondi, Stars reporter, for the dance news.

Dance of Interest, Kissin' Kuzzins, January 17th

More than three squares of Swinging Stars visited the Kissin' Kuzzins in Garland Friday night. The cuer was JL Pelton and the caller was our own Texas Hall of Fame caller, Wayne Baldwin. Wayne led the square dancers thru a workshop before the grand march. It was great to see many new dancers from several different clubs at the dance. All of the dancers had a great time and enjoyed a treat of various kinds of cakes. The 27 Swinging Stars at the dance, who captured a Kissin' Kuzzins banner, included: the Amys, Bondis, Covingtons, Esteps, Halvorsons, Hamms, HARRISES, Loxsoms, Pharrs, Pitts, Sees, Smith / Hardin, the Underwoods, and C. Wolfe.

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

Ladies Luncheon, Thursday, January 23rd

Location: Chocolate Angel (High Street Antique Mall, 800 N.C. Expressway, Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.chocolateangel.com/>
Time: High tea –2:30pm
Cost: \$18.99 (tax and gratuity included)
Hostess: Terri Pitts – RSVP required if you can attend at (972) 392-4325 by Tuesday, January 21st

Of Interest, Stone Steppers, Friday, January 24th

Location: Goodbar Recreation Center, 3000 Concord Dr., Mesquite, TX)
Website: <http://www.stonesteppers.com/>
Time: Workshop – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Charles Quisenberry
Cuer: Guest cuer
Theme: Wonderful Winter Squares
Notes: Rare opportunity to visit (don't get a banner – they dance the same nights we do)

Official, Tri-City Promenaders, Saturday, January 25th

Location: Brookside Center (1244 Brookside, Hurst, TX)
Website: <http://www.tricitypromenaders.com/>
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Paul Kinsey and Bobby Willis
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Notes: Double deal 54th anniversary dance, wear purple if you have it

Harvest Holiday, Sunday, January 26th

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)
Website: www.harvestholiday.com
Time: Round dance – 2:00PM
Cuers: Area cuers
Theme: Winter Fun Rounds
Notes: \$7 per dancer (proceeds to be donated to Swingtime Center)

Of Interest, NTCA Square and Round Dance Song of the Year, January 26th

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)
Website: www.nortex.org
Time: Dance – 7:00PM
Callers: Area callers
Cuers: Area cuers
Notes: Free dance

Swinging Stars, Friday, January 31st

Location: All Saints Catholic Church (5231 Meadowcreek Dr., Dallas, TX)
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Wayne Baldwin and Brad Caldwell
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Theme: Dancing with the Stars – Season II
Notes: 39th anniversary dance , ballroom or square dance attire

Official, Buttons & Bows, Saturday, February 1st

Location: Georgia Farrow Rec Center (520 W. Davis, Irving, TX)
Website: <http://www.buttonsandbowsirving.com/>
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Barry Hendricks and Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Charles Crockett
Notes: Double deal anniversary Valentine's dance

Official, Texas Reelers, Friday, February 7th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (890 W. Arapaho, Richardson, TX)
Website: <http://www.texasreelers.org/>
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Notes: Stupid Cupid, Thanks for Pickin' on Me double deal dance

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not already done so, the dues for the First quarter of 2014 will be coming due on January 1st. Swinging Stars dues are due the first dance of each quarter - January, April, July and October

You may bring your payment to our next dance or send you payment to the following:

John and Ann Barber
4905 Hackberry Lane
Parker, Texas 75002-5627
Treasurer@swingingstars.org
Dues are: \$35.00 per quarter per couple
\$70.00 per half year per couple
(Preferred) \$140.00 per year per couple

Please make your check payable to Swinging Stars

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

January 31	Anniversary Dance - All Members
February 14	Covington, See, Ross, Schumacher
February 28	Starrett, Trujillo, Weckerly, Archey
March 14	Hawkins, Kilejian, Morse, Jung
March 28, 2014	Barber, Shinavar, Jimison, Colter
April 11, 2014	Bondi, Maier, Lewis, Sobotka
April 25, 2014	Kendrick, Ryder, Piziali, Anthaume

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team.

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



January 31, 2014

Season II

Dancing with the Star



February 14, 2014

Let Me Call You Sweetheart Dance

Teen Scholarship



Sunday, January 26, 2014 – 11th Annual Singing Call & Round Dance of the Year @ Swingtime Center
Friday, January 31, 2014 – Swinging Stars 39th Anniversary Dance at All Saints Catholic Church

Themes:

February 14, 2014 - Valentine's Day Dance

Future Dates Reserved with NORTEX:

Friday, October 31, 2014 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Friday)*

Saturday, January 31, 2015 – 40th Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

Saturday, October 31, 2015 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Saturday)*

Saturday, January 30, 2016 – 41st Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

Saturday, October 29, 2016 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Saturday)*

*provided these dates do not conflict with the NORTEX Round Up Dance weekend

Mark the dates on your calendar right now.....



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Round Up 2014 – October 17th, 18th and 19th.

For information about weekend dances go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends. Go to our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club> - “like us,” view picture, post pictures, comments about anything what you enjoy about square dancing or a specific dance.

Remember our Sunshine person is Debbie Piziali and you can email her at debbie@piziali.dv.org or her phone number is 214-552-9802. Please call her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

RICHARD & JAN COVINGTON

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