



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 22, 2017

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Winter Session of Square Dance Lessons: Free lessons are over and 20 new dancers have signed up to take the Lessons Class. Great news! We did not have any EXTRA Angels sitting on the sidelines Tuesday so you are needed to help make this class a success. Please come out and help us on Tuesday nights. Lessons are at Carpenter Rec Center, 6701 Coit Road in Plano at 7:15pm.

Club Dues: If you did not pay your dues at the last dance or main them this week it is now time to take care of the dues. New Club Dues are \$45.00 per couple per quarter effective January 1, 2017. Dues are due at the first dance in January (1/13/17). That means:

1. If you pre-paid for any Quarters in 2017 you need to pay an additional \$10.00 per couple per quarter to bring your pre-paid dues up to the new approved level.
2. If you did not pre-pay for 2017 the first Quarter is due now.
3. If we did not catch you at the Dance on Friday you can mail your dues payments to the Treasurer: Dan Lassiter, 2017 Brandeis Dr., Richardson, TX 75082-4841. You may pay for one quarter or four quarters; your choice.

Read all the way to the end of the Newsletter for some the "Important Dates" for the year.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Tuesday, January 24 – Square Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:15 PM

Tuesday, January 24 – Round Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 25 – Ladies Luncheon – see below for details

Friday, January 27 – Swinging Stars – Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer

Saturday, January 28 – Triangle Squares – 42nd Anniversary – Bobby Willis & Toby Thompson

Announcements

This was in last week's Newsletter but I am leaving it once more to remind you to send John a card. -- From Mary Hardin: John Smith's son just called me and John has pancreatic cancer. They cannot do chemo or surgery. If you wish to send a card his current address is: 1943 ACR 318, Frankston, TX 75763.

Both the Square Dance Lessons and Round Dance Lessons Classes were successful for this session.

2nd VP Report – 22 January 2017

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

Square + Round Dance

Friday 20 January – Texas Reelers – “Chinese New Year”

Many Swinging Stars traveled to Richardson, TX, Friday night to dance with our friends, the Texas Reelers, at their “Chinese New Year” dance. Rounds were delivered by club cuer, Chris Farabaugh, while squares were managed by beloved club caller and great singer, Deborah Carroll-Jones with occasional help from her hubbie, Jon Jones. All attendees had a terrific time with the great dancing, warm fellowship, and the unique Chinese New Year theme. A big Thank You to the Swinging Stars who attended.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 21 January – Rebel Rousers – “Rock Around the Clock”

Numerous Swinging Stars journeyed to Richardson, TX, Saturday night to party with our pals, the Rebel Rousers, at their “Rock Around the Clock” dance. Rounds were executed by beloved area cuer and instructor, Christine Hixson, while squares were masterfully directed by nationally known guest caller, Scott Bennett. All attendees had a marvelous time at this lively and spirited event. A huge Thank You to the Swinging Stars who participated.

Round Dance Weekend

Friday 20 January – Saturday 21 January – “January Jewel”

4 Swinging Stars made the roughly 200 mile trek to Shreveport, LA, to enjoy the 26th annual “January Jewel” round dance weekend beginning Friday evening and running through all day Saturday. Wow! Terrific event. We literally danced our feet (and fannies) off. Nationally and internationally known round dance instructors, Mark & Pam Prow, were the featured cuers among a very high quality set including M. Philyaw, M. Waguespack, C. Fisher, T. Lee, F. Ayres, and F. Stinson. The Prows presented 4 very nice teaches: Papi (Cha, Ph. III), Rise (Rumba, Ph. III+2+1), Heart for Daddy (Tango, Ph. III+2), and Softly and Tenderly (Waltz, Ph. IV). Note: the last 3 of these dances were literally just written by the prolific Prows. Beyond these 4 taught dances, the Friday evening and Saturday evening dance programs together comprised 50 other quality dances, all in the phase II – IV difficulty range. This fine event has been organized for a few years running now by the Red River Rounders of Shreveport, LA. All attendees had a wonderful time and, had it not been for the pizza consumed at Saturday evening’s after party, would surely have dropped a pound or two from all the dancing. A grand Thank You to these Swinging Stars who were there: Bondis and Pitts.

Round Dance

Sunday 22 January – Harvest Holiday – “Winter Fun Rounds” (Ph. II – IV)

6 Swinging Stars went to Swingtime Center in Fort Worth, TX, to kick up their heels at the quarterly Harvest Holiday “Fun Rounds,” this time the Winter quarter version. These “fun rounds” feature phase II – IV round dances of various rhythms, many chosen from requests from the floor. Dances are cued by virtually all area cuers and round dance instructors. It is the combination of just low to moderate difficulty, delivery by well known and admired area cuers, and the honoring of numerous requests from attendees that, together, make this particular variant of Harvest Holiday dances such great fun. A big Thank You to these Swinging Stars who were there with dance shoes on, laced, and ready: Bondis, W. & E. Brewer, and Pitts.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you're a Swinging Star wanting to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered here, please submit it to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org no later than mid Sunday afternoon for inclusion here in that night's newsletter. Try to include the names of fellow Swinging Stars who attended with you plus a few salient details (such as club, location, caller, cuer).

BANNER REPORT

We currently hold 9 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 3 Swinging Stars banners captured from us. Overall banner status is detailed below. Remember, if you visit a club whose banner we already hold, please do not accept another of their banners.

Other Club Banners Held by Us

Club	Date Captured
Rebel Rousers	19-Nov-2016
Lone Star Solos	10-Nov-2016
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016
Solitaires	02-Apr-2016
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015
Diamond Jubileers	14-Mar-2015
T Square Gadabouts	20-Feb-2015

Swinging Stars Banners Held at Other Clubs

Club	Date Captured
Texas Reelers	13-Jan-2017
Kissin Kuzzins	11-Nov-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING/TRAINING

Our Square + Round Dance

Friday 27 January – Swinging Stars –

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Early Rounds 7:00, Early Plus: 7:45, Grand March: 8:00

Shepard Elementary School

1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX 75075

Square + Round Dance Anniversary Dance

Saturday 28 January – Triangle Squares – “Nifty Fifties”

Callers/Cuers: Bobby Willis (guest caller), Toby Thomason (club caller & cuer)

Square Workshop: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Denton Civic Center

321 East McKinney Street., Denton TX 76201

Our Mainstream Square Dance Lessons

Tuesdays 24 January - 25 April – Swinging Stars

Instructor: Wayne Baldwin

Lesson: 7:15 – 9:15

Carpenter Park Recreation Center

6701 Coit Rd. Plano, TX 75024

Our Bolero Round Dance Lessons

Tuesdays 24 January - 28 February – Swinging Stars

Instructors: J.L & Linda Pelton

Lesson: 7:30 – 9:30

Carpenter Park Recreation Center

6701 Coit Rd. Plano, TX 75024

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

Square + Round Dance

Thursday 26 January – Lone Star Solos – “Winter Fest”

Caller: Dave Vieira

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

ER: 6:45, Square Workshop: 7:00, Grand March: 7:30

Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take “Anglin” exit), Fort Worth, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday 25 January, 11:30 AM – “Into My Garden” (Plano)

The January Luncheon will be on January 25th at 11:30 AM at the Into My Garden Tea Room 1725 Avenue K Plano. Check out their menu at www.intomygarden.com. This is one of our favorite luncheon restaurants. I hope you all will join us for lunch and laughter. Please RSVP by January 23rd so that I can let the restaurant know how many are attending.

Lorraine Burson

Email: Lorraine@Bursons.us

Refreshments Duty and Information

January 27 -- **Perrott**, Rhinehart/Wittenmyer, R/N Smith, Ross

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc.) without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents [Russ and Ann Nejd] to see if they are already in inventory. **Highlighted name is Refreshments Lead for their assigned Dance.** Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team

Important dates for the next year (you should have these on your calendar!):

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance (Lorraine Burson coordinator)

September 22, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance (Something Special)

Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at llhamm45@gmail.com or phone her at 214-872-7219. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

Kathy & Bob Estep

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-618-3640

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:

Swinging Stars



In Honor Of

National Tortilla Chip Day

We Are Hosting A



Mexican Fiesta



Friday, February 24, 2017



Wayne Baldwin, Caller



Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Walter Brewer, Cuer



Hot Hash after the last tip



Fun Food Friendship Honey Pot Banners

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied with a paying adult

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr Plano

For Info: 972-964-5979 or president@swingingstars.org

Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org

