



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 26, 2014

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

We would like to thank you all for the wonderful year we have had serving as your President. You made it easy. It's great to serve a club with a large crowd of people willing to help. I cannot say enough thanks to the Executive Board. Anything I say will definitely be inadequate as you are truly a great group with which to work. Gene, Phyllis, John, and Ann we appreciate all that you did carrying out and exceeding your office duties. There is a lot of behind the scenes work that you did that is vital to the operation of the club and unseen by most of the club members. Gene and Phyllis, you always had the Promenade Articles written and ready to go, the Ads, as provided by Lorraine Burson, were posted, and minutes were written in a timely fashion. We appreciate the fine job that you did. John and Ann, I know being Treasurer logs countless hours just to learn the job. Not only did you present a great first impression at our dances collecting money but you kept the books balanced, collected dues, made deposits and edited/kept the current spreadsheet of members. We appreciate all that you did this year. Mark and Karen, you did a very good job running lessons. Students were kept up to date with club activities and every week they left with a handout. Good job running the committees. I know you would say, thanks to all of the committee chairs and members. Bob and Terri, could I ever say enough? You guys are great and you did a fantastic job. The weekly 2nd VP write ups were impeccable. I know that you appreciated the help from Jim Bondi, Ralph Hamm and others that provided dance information for the dances you could not attend. Nevertheless, the job that you did was simply above and beyond the call of duty. Your monthly calendars, with the help of Dave Burson were pretty much error free. All of this takes a lot of time and diligence to generate such a valuable tool for us to stay on top of all of the square and round dance activities that take place in our area.

A special thanks to Dave and Lorraine Burson. You guys are great. They were our mentors when we finished lessons and they continued to be our mentors throughout our presidency. Dave served as Webmaster, Newsletter Editor and Communications Director sending out the Newsletters and other club communications. He worked with Bob editing the Club Calendar. Dave also worked with John to keep the roster up to date based on paid and unpaid members. Lorraine made all of the Swinging Stars Flyers and our Promenade Ads. They both served as Chairpersons of the Nominations committee and they are currently serving as Anniversary Chairpersons. In addition to all of this, they were NORTEX Delegates and Round Up New Dancer Dance Chairpersons. Great Job.

Charlie & Linda Harris, Life Members, your service is very much appreciated. Charlie and Linda serve as Club Historian; Plano ISD Contact/Liaison & Round Dance Advisory Committee Chairpersons; Holiday Party Coordinator, Organizer & Liaison, Mentors of the President.

What does the future hold? I believe that we need a long term planning committee and advisory board made up of prior club officers. It probably should be a committee defined in our by-laws and those serving should either be appointed by the current president or it could be made up of the out-going presidents, or other officers. The

purpose would be to plan anniversary dances dates, places and callers up to two years, or more, in advanced. It would include putting Double Deal Dances on the calendar to take advantage of fifth Friday and Saturday. Bob and Terri looked this year and we put the future Anniversary Dances and Double Deal Dances on the calendar for 2015 & 2016 and we reserved these dates with NORTEX taking advantage of the fifth Friday & Saturday.

How could my ramblings be complete without a heartfelt thank you to Wayne & Jodi Baldwin and Walter and Eula Brewer, the best caller and cuer in the US. I have a whole new perspective on Square Dance Calling and I suspect that it also applies to Round Dance Cueing. These guys don't just walk in, pickup the microphone and provide the top level calling/cueing that we have all grown accustomed to seeing. It takes a lot of time and effort to prepare for a single dance and bring their best game every week. Thank you from the bottom of our Hearts. You guys are Great and we appreciate you and your talent.

Richard and Jan



We hope everyone is as ready as we are for the anniversary dance. We have enjoyed planning and now it is time to have fun. We hope you all have read the reminder that we sent you on Jan. 21st. There is a lot of information in that message that you need to know.

We just received this from Anne NejdI the Chairman of the Food Services Committee and would like to pass this along to you.

Please remind everyone to label their bowls, plates or serving spoons, especially if they hope to get them back. We will have no knives, spoons or access to clean anything. Disposable is best. Also, since we have no knives, please bring desserts already cut up into serving sized pieces. Please bring a serving spoon, tongs, or serving fork with your salads and desserts. And again, don't forget to label the pieces you wish to take home. Last year there were lovely cakes we couldn't cut, salads with no serving spoons to serve them and many dirty dishes at the end of the evening. Someone even lost their good silverware serving spoon, which thankfully turned up – it had not been labeled.

We hope that since we were first to go thru the correct channels to reserve the date for the Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance, it will prove to be fruitful and we will have a great turnout for our anniversary dance.



**Everyone is invited to the
SWINGING STARS
"After The Dance Party"**

See attachment for directions and map to the Stuart's home.

Click on the link for Directions to the After Party:

<http://www.swingingstars.org/Directions to the After Party.pdf>

Here is information for the "After the Dance Party" that is going to be at Jeff and Anne Stuart's home. We hope everyone will attend.

Please bring a light snack to share and a beverage of your choice. The after party will start after the dance and as soon as the hall is completely cleaned up. Notice that although there is a cleanup committee, everyone is responsible to help cleanup.

Thank you again for all your help,
Dave and Lorraine Burson
Anniversary Dance Chairman

ROUND DANCE LESSONS

Beginning Bolero started 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 are twelve couples signed up and taking Beginning Bolero.

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



Wheaton, Royce G. Royce peacefully passed away at the age of 82 on January 20th in Rowlett, Texas. He was preceded in death by parents, A.D. and Myrtle Wheaton, sister LaDell Whitten and brother Virgil Wheaton. Royce is survived by wife Betty, sister Mary Wedgeworth and brother Rusty Wheaton. Also survived by children Vicki Phelps, Terri Roberts, Mike Roberts, grandsons Justin Roberts and Corey Phelps, great-granddaughters Sophia, Taegan, Zoe and many cousins, nephews and nieces. Royce was an avid golfer, runner and dancer. Loved and missed by all that know him. Donations, if desired, may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research

Foundation (JDRF.org). - See more at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dallasmorningnews/obituary.aspx?n=royce-g-wheaton&pid=169283392#sthash.3eTWsuVA.dpuf>

On Saturday, February 1, Betty and family are having a gathering for family and friends to Celebrate the Life of Royce. It will be held at the Pecan Grove Community Center, 5300 Main Street, Rowlett, TX, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Betty and family invite all who knew Royce to come and share their joyous memories of this sweet and wonderful man. Royce and Betty are long time members and supporters of the Swinging Stars Square and Round Dance Club.

The following is from Gene Deluke regarding the charger for the Assisted Listening Receiver.

I bought one of the receivers and just purchased a charger for it. You may want to pass this information along in a future newsletter. The charger model number is CHG3502. You have to purchase it from a local dealer. You cannot purchase it directly from the manufacturer. The local representative is Highway Marketing, 972-490-0691. They will give you the name of local dealers. I purchased mine from local dealer Sound Productions at 972-550-0001. The price I paid is \$54.xx and that included shipping to my house and state tax. Of course if you have a charger then you need to purchase rechargeable batteries. The breakeven point is long but at least you don't have to be concerned with carrying spare batteries or needing to change batteries during a dance. Oh, one more thing. The manufacturer does not make a charger for just one receiver. This charger will charge 2 receivers.

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

We both want to thank everyone for their participation and fun square dance spirit and attire on the many, many, many visitations this past year. Thank you to those who attended the fun bus trip to Decatur and helped make it a blast. Thank you to everyone who visited clubs and sent us write ups, helped carry club visitation cards so we could get club signatures for the club patches (Bondis, Sees, Hamms, Starretts, Amys, Bursons, Covingtons, Harris, and Evantos), and all those who brought back banners. And thank you to those who

attended the far away weekend trips also ... including the Evening in Paris, Stampede, Waco, Salado Stagecoach, Round Dance Festivals, and many, many more... and even helped earn extra dollars for our club treasury! Thank you for helping keep square dancing and round dancing alive and thriving. Thank you for making the 2nd VP job so rewarding for us.

Terri would like to extend a note of thanks also to the ladies who graciously helped hostess a luncheon this past year. The hostesses were: Peggy Amy, Lorraine Burson, Janelle Row, Mary Hardin, Peggy Pharr, Fran Bivins, Anne Nejdil, and Terri Pitts.

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 * * ***

Ladies Luncheon, January 23rd

It was a fitting finale for this season's Ladies Luncheons as the ladies deviated from their usual monthly lunch and treated themselves to high tea at the Chocolate Angel. Between the truly frigid January day and illness, only 6 ladies made it to the tea. Regardless, it was lots of fun and the tea room had a great afternoon atmosphere in which we could all sit and chat. Two hot tea varieties were served and the group favorite was a fragrant roasted almond pink tea. Each of us were served a chicken salad tart, mini broccoli quiche, ham/gruyere puff pastry, 4 finger sandwiches, mixed fruit, cranberry scone with cream, and desserts including a red velvet cake ball in white chocolate, brownie, lemon tart, and coconut meringue pie in a demitasse cup.

Dance of Interest, Stone Steppers, January 24th

More than three squares of Swinging Stars visited the Stone Steppers in Mesquite Friday, a rare opportunity because we usually dance the same nights each month. Charles Quisenberry called a workshop and the evening's squares and Christine Hixson cued rounds. Charles entertained both the veteran and new dancers with fun choreography all evening. And aspiring callers, Richard Covington and Bill Hinkley, shared a tip. The Stone Steppers were very appreciative that there were so many Swinging Stars there and shared a wonderful spread of BBQ, salads, cookies, etc. Many of the Swinging Stars retreated to Applebee's for after dance fellowship. The 28 Swinging Stars in attendance included: the Amys, Bondis, Bursons, Covingtons, Esteps, Halvorsons, Hamms, Harrises, Kerns, Pitts, Sees, Shermans, Sherrells, and Smith / Hardin.

Official, Tri-City Promenaders, January 25th

A sizable contingent of Swinging Stars made a trek to Hurst to visit the Tri-City Promenaders for their 54th anniversary dance. An hour of early rounds and rounds between tips were expertly cued by Chris Farabaugh. And he had several new songs in his repertoire that we hadn't heard before which added to the evening's pleasure. Squares were called by club caller, Paul Kinsey, and guest caller, Bobby Willis. They did a great job of entertaining the crowd with their fun banter, great calling and choreography, and some wonderful duos. And, as usual, the Promenaders had a wonderful spread prepared for the dancers. We already had one of their banners so didn't bring home another. The 26 Swinging Stars at the dance were: the Amys, Bondis, Bursons, Colters, Covingtons, Esteps, Feldmans, Pitts, Pizialis, Rows, Sees, Sobotkas, and Smith / Hardin.

Winter Fun Rounds by Harvest Holiday, January 26th

The area round dancers got treated to a fun afternoon of dancing to 7 different cuers at the Winter Fun Rounds Sunday afternoon. The cuers were: Christine Hixson, Karen Gloodt, Walter Brewer, Jack Kenny, Jack von der Heide, JL Pelton, and Chris Farabaugh, all of who played a combination of phase II – IV dances that everyone enjoyed. The Swinging Stars at the round dance included: the Amys, Brewers, HARRISES, Loxsoms, Pitts, Starretts, and the Underwoods.

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

Area callers and cuers treated dancers to their voted on favorite songs. Our own caller, Wayne Baldwin, performed Coconut Tree and did a duet with Rick Smith that was a crowd pleaser. We also got to dance to Mike Bramlett's Fisherman's Luck which he sang with his wife, Dee, which was also thoroughly enjoyed. Ronny Himes was the big winner with the most voted on song this year. The Swinging Stars at the dance included: the Amys, Baldwins, Bondis, Bursons, Covingtons, Evantos, HARRISES, Loxsoms, Pitts, Sees, and the Sherrells.

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

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, think flashy

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, Roses, 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

Teen Scholarship

Let Me Call You Sweetheart Dance



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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