



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for October 2, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Lessons: Unfortunately our Fall Lessons class did not have enough students to continue. We are encouraging our students to attend the class being taught by Richard Covington in Allen. Richard will need “Angels” to assist with the class so please consider helping as Richard will be pointing his students to Swinging Stars. Following is the info on the class:

Instructor / Caller: Richard Covington
Time: Monday evening; 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: 105 South Anna Dr.
Allen, TX 75013

On-line: WWW.cityoffallen.org/1182/joe-farmer-recreation-center
Course NO.: 52828
Cost: \$60.00 per person
For More Information: Richard Covington – 214-675-6525
Joe Farmer Rec Center: 214-509-4750

Read all the way to the end of the Newsletter as the “Important Dates” are starting to get filled in for the year.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Monday, October 3 – Lessons in Allen – Need Angels.

Wednesday, October 5 – Plus 4’s – Charles Quisenberry

Friday, October 7 – Kissin Kuzzins – Remember the 50’s – Wayne Baldwin & Christine Hixson

Saturday, October 8 – Dixie Chainers – Oktoberfest – Vernon Jones & Jack von der Heide

Announcements

From Terri Pitts -- Thank you to all our Swinging Stars friends for supporting our family with prayers, hugs, kind thoughts and words, sympathy cards, flowers, and being in attendance at dad's funeral at All Saints Church. This has been a difficult time for my family for quite a while and I was so uplifted by the support from our club.

Thank you, Terri Pitts and family

Swinging Stars Holiday Party -- Holiday Party!! Friday December 2nd, Haggard Party Barn

Get your money in early! \$38.00 per couple (Members, students and associates only). Evening includes BBQ dinner with all the fixins', beer and margaritas. Dancing and fun You can mail your check **PAYABLE to Betty Wheaton** 6102 Lakeshore Dr, Rowlett, TX 75089. Or you can bring cash or your check (payable to Betty) to an upcoming dance. BIG SHOUT OUT to Betty for helping with the party!!

Russ Nejd – We saw Russ for a few minutes Friday night. Leg is still swollen and he is still on medication. Not ready to return to dancing yet.

Oktoberfest Dance: On October the 14th, the Swinging Stars will host a Double Deal Oktoberfest dance. The Hamms, Bergesens, Bivins, Feldmans, Kilejians, and Reids will be serving on the refreshments/decorations committee. We are expecting a large crowd. In addition to hot dogs and the "fixings" provided, we are asking each couple to bring EITHER a salad OR a dessert to serve 10-12 people. To sign up you can reach out to Lucy Hamm – llhamm45@gmail.com Since this is our Double Deal Dance we are asking everyone in the Club to help with refreshments!

Model A's -- Model A's just learned this week that they have lost their hall for October 6, 2016 and we have changed the pre-Round-Up dance to Thursday, October 13, 2016. Unfortunately, the October Promenade has the original date.

2nd VP Report – 2 October 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

Round Dance

Sunday 25 September – Harvest Holidays – “Autumn Fun Round Dance”

Six Swinging Stars enjoyed phase 2-4 dances cued by Walter Brewer, Chris Farabaugh, Christine Hixson, Jack Kenny, JL Pelton, Jack Von der Heide, and Barbara Yeargan at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth. Waltzes, two steps, rumbas, cha chas, jives, foxtrots and mambos kept the dancers moving during the 3 hour period. Also included were some advanced dances: boleros, quick steps and slow two steps. Originally choreographed dances by local cuers included offerings from Walter and Eula Brewer, Karen and Ed Gloodt, Christine and Theron Hixson, Jack and Sharie Kenny, JL and Linda Pelton, and Jack and Ann Von der Heide. Thanks to the following attendees for representing Swinging Stars: Hamms, Jungs and Pitts.

Anniversary Round + Square Dance

Friday 30 September – Rainbow Rounds – “Swinging With the Stars”

6 Swinging Stars traveled to Fort Worth on Friday evening to celebrate with the Rainbow Rounds at their “Swinging With the Stars” Anniversary Dance. Club cuer, Karen Gloodt, opened the festivities with a terrific hour of early rounds featuring a wide variety of rhythms and phases. Next, during the main dance, guest caller, Mike Bramlett, called a masterful set of square tips, including one Plus, all intermixed with occasional humor, that kept all square dancers engaged. Karen Gloodt, during intermittent rounds, continued to offer a nice mix of rhythms but now purposely at somewhat easier levels that allowed all round dancers to fully participate. Decorations, designed by club member Evelyn Smiles, were based on Bing Crosby’s big hit “Swinging on a Star” from the 1944 movie “Going My Way.” To support this theme, each table’s center piece featured one animal discussed/described in the song (e.g., fish, pig, and mule). Great job Evelyn! All 117 partygoers present had a terrific time. A grand thank you to these Swinging Stars who came to demo their party skills: Bondis, Hamms, and Pitts.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 1 October – Solitaires – “Oktoberfest”

13 Swinging Stars appeared in Farmers Branch Saturday evening to dance with the Solitaires at their “Oktoberfest” pre-Round-Up dance. During early rounds and later square-intermittent rounds, club cuer, J.L. Pelton, cued a nice mix of phases and rhythms including waltz, 2-step, jive, cha cha, rhumba, and slow two step. On squares, guest caller, Toby Thomason, countered with a solid, entertaining evening of square tips that contained something for everyone, including a bit of occasional trickery, and one Plus tip. The dance was well attended, with a total of 98 dancers participating. A big “danke schoen” (thank you) to these Swinging Stars attendees: P. Amy, Bondis, T. Evanto, Hamms, Harris, Mulvins, Perrotts, and C. Wolfe.

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 11 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 2 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
Kissin Kuzzins	16-Sep-2016
Texas Reelers	19-Aug-2016
Rebel Rousers	16-Jul-2016
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016
Roadrunners	30-Apr-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
Tri City Promenaders	23-Sep-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

Square + Round Dance

Thursday 6 October – Roadrunners – “Life’s a Circus”

Caller: Nelda Eaton

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

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

Swingtime Center

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

Square + Round Dance

Friday 7 October – Kissin Kuzzins – “Remember the 50’s”

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: J.L. Pelton

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

Garland Senior Center

600 Avenue A, Garland, TX 75040

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 8 October – Dixie Chainers – “Oktoberfest”

Caller: VernonJones

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Early Rounds .. or .. Square WS: 7:00 (take your pick)

Grand March: 7:30

Farmers Branch Senior Center

14055 Dennis Ln., Farmers Branch, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday 19 October, 11:30 AM – “First Watch” (Plano)

Maryann Starrett has volunteered to be hostess for the October Ladies Luncheon at 11:30 AM on Wednesday October 19th at “First Watch,” located at 3131 Custer Road in Plano. The restaurant was previously called “The Egg & I.” “First Watch” serves breakfast & lunch. You can see some of the menu at www.firstwatch.com (click on “MENU”). Only some of the available things are shown but Frank and Maryann went on Sunday and were pleasantly surprised that his sandwich was huge and came with soup or salad for around \$8.95. She also remembers seeing someone with 2 huge pancakes and fruit that looked really good and could be shared. Please let Maryann Starrett know by Oct. 17th at fmstar@swbell.net or 214-387-4799 if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing all the ladies of the Swinging Stars attend.

Refreshments Duty and Information

October 14: **Hamm**, Bergesen, Bivins, Feldman, Kilejian, Reid (Double Deal Dance)

October 28: Closed due to NORTEX Cavalcade

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.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team

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

October 14, 2016 – Swinging Stars DD Dance – Oktoberfest theme since the end of the month is Round-UP.

October 28, 2016 – Swinging Stars Dance cancelled to support Callers Cavalcade

October 28 - 30, 2016 – Callers Cavalcade and NORTEX Oktoberfest (Round-UP)

November 13, 2016 – Swinging Stars Quarterly meeting. Mark your calendars now

December 2, 2016 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party at Haggard Party Barn. (Linda Harris coordinator)

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

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



Swinging Stars

Double Deal Dance

Friday October 14, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



Early Rounds: 7:00

Plus Dancing: 7:45

Grand March: 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Banners Honey Pot Fun Fellowship Refreshments

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adult

For info: 972-834-3097 or president@swingingstars.org



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Saluting All Veterans

Showing Our Appreciation
For Your Service



Friday, November 11, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Guest Cuer: JL Pelton

Sq. Workshop: 7:00 PM

Plus Dancing: 7:45 PM

Grand March: 8:00 PM

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