



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for October 4, 2015

From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:

We need your help! We will be having square dance lessons starting January 12th and we need at least 16 people (2 squares) of new dancers. Please start collecting names, addresses, emails, and phone numbers of people you think might be interested and send them to Mark Hawkins at markt.karenl@gmail.com. And why would you want to do that? Because there are prizes! The two couples who have the most couples join our club after taking lessons will get part of their dues paid for the next year – one quarter for each new couple joining.

You may be thinking, I don't know anyone new. I've already asked everyone. But wait! Here are some ideas. Do you have an "empty nester" group at your church? They would be perfect! Are you a school teacher (active or retired)? You might be able to put a flier in each of the mailboxes at school. Do you know anyone who makes New Year's Resolutions? They might resolve to be more active or do something fun with their spouse... like square dancing! Do you know someone who might want to give someone a Christmas present? What better gift than giving square dance lessons!

And the best part is that you don't even have to ask these people! Once you give the names to Mark, he puts them on his contact list and the club will send them a "save the date" notice, and follow up with a letter and a phone call (or two). It's painless, and you could be our big winner! Not only that, you will be helping our club and introducing them to a world of fun. So start making your list NOW!

Doug and Jan

Happening This Week

Friday, October 9 – Club Dance – Workshop: 7:00PM. Line Dancing: 7:50PM. Grand March: 8:00PM at the Shepard Elementary School.

Saturday, October 10 – Official Visit to Cotton Pickin' Squares – DD Dance – Early Rounds: 7:30PM. Grand March: 8:00PM at the Recreation Center in Greenville.

Announcements

Square Dance Lessons

This is the ad that is going to be in the Plano Rec Center activity catalog.

WINTER SESSION

MODERN SQUARE DANCE (BEG)

Square Dancing is friendship set to music bringing people together for fun and fellowship.

Learn the moves while dancing them, which gives good mental and physical exercise. There will be 16 lessons and no previous dance experience is necessary. Sponsored by the Plano Swinging Stars Square Dance Club, the first two lessons are free. The fee is per person and signing up with a partner is required.

Course No. 177559 CAR Tu 7:15 - 9:15 1/12 16
Baldwin \$65 per dancer

The winter session will start January 12th and ending date will be April 26th.
The Class requires 16 people.

Round-up is a comin'

[2015 Round-Up Registrations deadline](#) is **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015!** Yea and verily we say unto you, heed this announcement to save yourselves the embarrassment of responding to your members you were unaware of this cutoff date for registration. In order to properly prepare the Admissions process, we need time to complete the task at hand **AFTER** all registrations are submitted. Please notify your club members at your home dances and at away dances you attend that we cannot accept registrations postmarked after Friday, October 16, 2015. This means **ALL** registration formats whether you are registering on-line or by mail. Tickets may be purchased at the door on the night of the dance after this cutoff date.

Start Making Your Plans

The 2016 National Square Dance Convention is going to be in Des Moines, Iowa celebrating their 65th year. The dates are June 22nd – 25th. If you have never attended one, you will enjoy the experience....just be sure you get plenty of rest and wear comfortable shoes as it is non-stop dancing.

*** * * From Your 2nd VP's, Dave and Lorraine Burson * * ***
2nd VP Report for October 4, 2015

Sunday, September 27th

Harvest Holiday Fun Dance

Fourteen Swinging Stars attended the Harvest Holiday Phase II-IV Fun Dance last Sunday. There were LOTS of dancers there, including several NORTEX officers and Round-Up Committee members since this was Harvest Holiday's Come Sail Away dance. They got to dance a great variety of waltzes, two steps, rumbas, cha chas, foxtrots, boleros, jives and more cued by several NORTEX area cuers: Walter Brewer, Chris Farabaugh, Karen Gloodt, Christine Hixson, Jack Kenny, and JL Pelton. Each cuer cued six dances. It was, indeed, a very Fun Dance! Swinging Stars members attending were the Bondis, Hamms, HARRISES, Jungs, Pittses, and, of course, the Brewers and Peltons.

Friday October 2, Kissin Kuzzins

Caribbean Dream Cruise Theme Dance

The Swinging Stars had 22 club members attending. Wayne called a fun dance and kept with the theme of sailing away in the Caribbean. We always enjoy dancing to our favorite caller. JL is also one of our favorites. He cued to a mix of rhythms to many familiar tunes. Thank you to both for doing a fine job of keeping the dancing fun and slightly challenging. The following members were in attendance P. Amy, Bondis, Burson, Duncans, Evantos, Feldmans, Halversons, HARRISES, Lassiters, Pharrs, Hardin/Smith, our resident photographer C. Wolfe, and the Baldwins and Peltons. Thank all of you for attending and representing the Swinging Stars and capturing the Kissin Kuzzins banner.

Saturday October 3, Solitaires

Come Sail Away ~ Change in Port of Call Theme Dance

A dozen Swinging Stars attended the Solitaires "Come Sail Away" dance Saturday night at the Garland Senior Center. Bobby Willis called the squares and JL Pelton handled the rounds. It was a small crowd but everyone enjoyed themselves. In attendance for Swinging Stars were the Bondis, Esteps, Evantos, Lees, Pitts and Schweers. Thank you to all that attended and a big thank you to Bob Estep for the report.

Saturday October 3, Log Cabin Swingers

Texas State Callers Association Sponsored Workshop and Dancing with Ken Retucci

I want to say that this was a most enjoyable day for us. Peggy Amy, Dave and I enjoyed dancing to the callers that were at the Callers Workshop in the afternoon. Richard Covington was one of the callers that called and I must say he did very well. After the calling part of the workshop was completed all the callers were critiqued. Richard had very good comments from Ken Retucci, the instructor giving the workshop for the Texas Callers Association. The evening dance was also very enjoyable. The Log Cabin's dance was a Round-up Visitation Dance and there were a few of the members of the Round up committee and NORTEX officers attending. Charles Wolfe was the photographer for the dance. Ken called an exceptionally good dance and everyone stayed thru to the end of the dance. There were 6 squares in the grand march and there were six squares at the end of the dance.

Banner Report

We received one banner this week from the Kissin Kuzzins making us having captured 9 banners to date. As usual if you are visiting one of the clubs listed and they want to give you a banner, don't accept it.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

| Club | Date Captured |
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| Buttons and Bows | Feb-7-15 |
| Diamond Jubileers | Mar-14-15 |
| Dixie Chainers | Mar-28-15 |
| Kissin Kuzzins | Oct-2-15 |
| Lone Star Solos | Mar-12-15 |
| Roadrunners | May 30-15 |
| T Square Gadabouts | Feb-20-15 |
| Triangle Squares | Sept-18-15 |
| Tri-City Promenaders | Jan-24-15 |
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Swinging Stars Banners Out

| Club | Date Captured |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Texas Reelers | Aug-14-15 & Sept 23-15 |
| Rebel Rousers | Sept 23-15 |
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OCTOBER VISITATION SCHEDULE AND COMING EVENTS

LET'S STRIVE TO KEEP SQUARE DANCING ALIVE

Check below for the details

Official Visitation Double Deal

Saturday October 10, Cotton Pickin' Squares

Double Deal Special Dance

This is going to be their Double Deal Dance and that makes it special, featuring the dynamic duo of Mike Bramlett and Christine Hixson. You know it will be a fun filled evening of dancing. Join them for an evening of fun and get your extra signature on your visitation card.

Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Quick Look Cuer: Christine Hixson

Location: Rec Center

10001 Jack Finney, Greenville

Dance Of Interest Double Deal

Thursday October 15, Roadrunners

Monster Mash Theme Dance and Double Deal

Here is an opportunity to dance to one of the great Callers, Dan Nordbye. Dan is an international caller from Mesa, Arizona. You will also have the privilege of dancing to Karen Gloodt, and you all know how wonderful she is. You will not want to miss all the fine dancing to these two talented icons of the square and round dance world. In addition you will be able to collect more signatures for your visitation dangles. They invite you to wear your costume or dress as usual.

Time: Early Rounds 6:45, Workshop with Dan 7:00, Grand March 7:30

Caller: Dan Nordbye

Quick Look Cuer: Karen Gloodt

Location: Swingtime Center

5100 E. Loop 820 Ft Worth

Southern Junction Outing

Friday, October 16

I have had requests for a trip to the Southern Junction Steak House and Nightclub. We have done this in the past and it was enjoyed by 30 or so. If you are interested please email me and let me know and I will book a reservation. I have scheduled this event for Oct 16th. It is a Friday and on Friday we can have 2-4-1 steaks if you arrive before 7:00. Southern Junction is a steak house and dance hall. They have steaks and other items on the menu. You can cook your own steak or have them cook it for you for \$2.00 extra. You can read all about Southern Junction by going to www.southernjunctionlive.com

Please let me know ASAP if you would like to be included on the reservation list. I would like to know by Oct. 7th. If you have questions please contact Lorraine Burson. Email to lorraine@bursons.us ASAP or call me at 972-396-0941.

Official Visitation Double Deal

Saturday October 17, Buttons and Bows

Shake, Rattle & Roll Theme Dance

They are celebrating the 1950's era of dancing. They will be celebrating with great dancing, fun, food, and fellowship. You are welcome to come in 50's attire. So roll up your blue jeans and put on your favorite poodle skirt and get hoppin'. With Barry Hendricks calling and Charles Crockett cueing it is bound to be a fun time.

Time: Workshop 7:00, Early Rounds 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Caller: Barry Hendricks

Quick Look Cuer: Charles Crockett

Location: Senter Park East Rec.

Center 228 Chamberlain Irving, Tx

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday Oct 21

Peggy Pharr has graciously volunteered to host the luncheon for October. Lunch has been scheduled for Wed. Oct. 21 at 11:30 at Taste of Home, in Wylie, a quaint country eatery. The restaurant is located at 302 N. Ballard Ave in Wylie, which is the main street through town. They have a nice variety of foods and have a menu on the Internet. Please let Peggy Pharr know by Mon. Oct. 19 if you can attend. Contact Peggy at pjp0901@juno.com or phone #972-843-3991. Check their menu and find directions by going to their website

www.tasteofhomewylie.com

Dance Of Interest

Saturday October 24, Tri City Promenaders

Load the Boat and Come Sail Away Theme Dance

Load the boat and sail away with Commodore Kinsey calling the squares and First Mate Chris Farabaugh supplying the round dance cues. They will set sail with Early Rounds at 7:00, workshop at 7:30, and grand march at 8:00.

Time: Workshop 7:00, Early Rounds 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Caller: Paul Kinsey

Quick Look Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Location: Brookside Center 1244

Brookside Dr. Hurst, Tex

Callers Cavalcade

Friday October 30 North Texas Callers Association

Special Club Drawing

In effort to give back to those who supported the NTCA. The NTCA will be giving away two \$50 drawings to dancers that purchase advanced tickets. For any club that attends this year's cavalcade with one or more squares, those club names will be placed in a special drawing. The NTCA will draw two clubs names. The winning clubs will receive a \$50 Thank you from the NTCA.

Location: Grapevine Convention Center

1209 S. Main Street

Callers and Cuers: Members of the NTCA

Time: 6:00 pm New Callers Dance

7:00 pm Early Rounds

7:45 pm Grand March

Round-Up 2015

Saturday October 31 & November 1 NORTEX Square and Round Dance Association

Come Sail Away

The Featured caller is Jerry Story. If you are new to square dancing or have not gone to any weekend dances you may not be familiar with how great a caller he is. He is internationally known as one of the best.

Bobby Willis and Mike Bramlett will be the staff callers and will be calling along with Jerry though out the entire Roundup. The cuers will be Chris Farabaugh, Karen Gloodt, and Christine Hixson. This promises to be one of the best Round-ups that we have had for awhile. The schedule is listed in the October Promenade on page 20. Be sure to do early registration by [FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015](#)

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Refreshments Duty and Information

October 9 – Sherman, Rose, Hamm, Bondi

October 23 – Smith/Hardin, See, Lee, Estep

November 13 - Hawkins, Gifford, P. Amy, Evanto, Duncan, Rickert

December 11 - McClure, Starrett, Perrott, Kilegian

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc. without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



Swinging Stars



*Calling All Ghosts, Goblins,
and Freaks of the Night!!!*

YOU'RE INVITED TO A HALLOWEEN SCARE.

COME JOIN US IF YOU DARE. BOO!



Prizes For The Best Costumes

Friday, October 23, 2015



Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Early Rounds: 7:00

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 adults

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



Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org





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Chili and Dessert

HOT
HOT
HOT

COOK OFF



Yummy



Prizes for Best Chili and Best Dessert

Friday, November 13, 2015

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Guest Cuer: JL Pelton

Workshop 7:00

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after last tip



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Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Banners Honey Pot Fun Food Good Dancing

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adult

For info: 214-872-7219 or President@swingingstars.org

Visit our Web Site: swingingstars.org

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

October 30 – November 1, 2015 – NORTEX Callers Cavalcade and Round-Up

November 13, 2015 Swinging Stars Chili Cook-Off Dance

December 4, 2015 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party – Haggard Party Barn

January 30, 2016 – Swinging Stars 41st Anniversary Dance

June 22 – 25, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

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 Debbie Piziali, and you can email her at debbie@piziali.dv.org or phone her at 214-552-9802. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

Doug & Jan Bergesen

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