



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

### *Newsletter for October 12, 2014*

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**NORTEX Round-Up is this weekend! For your convenience, a complete printable schedule is forwarded along with this newsletter. (Or click: [http://www.swingingstars.org/Round-Up\\_Schedule.pdf](http://www.swingingstars.org/Round-Up_Schedule.pdf))** Thanks to Jim Bondi for consolidating this schedule document.

We hope everyone had as good a time at our dance Friday night as we did. It was one of our smaller crowds (6 visitors and 69 members for a total of 75). However, from Wayne's instruction on the proper way to say the Pledge of Allegiance with enthusiasm to Ralph's inability to keep control of too many pieces of paper during the announcements to all the great dancing and fellowship to the wonderful rain after the dance, it was just a great fun time. Congratulations to the following Swinging Stars who were presented Friendship Program dangles by Tom and Vicki Evanto, NORTEX Liaison: Bob and Terri Pitts (Gold 275), Bob and Kathy Estep (Gold 75), and Jim and Katie Halvorson (Silver 50). Congratulations to all of us for earning a Friendship club patch for 380 club visits.

We want to **thank Richard and Jan Covington** for introducing a group of young adults at Hunters Glen Baptist Church in Plano to square dancing Saturday night. It seems that a great time was had by all. Thanks for all you do to promote square dancing, Richard and Jan!

Remember that **our October 24 dance is cancelled**. If you show up at Shepard Elementary that night, you will be very disappointed! If, however, you show up there the following Friday night (**October 31** -- Halloween), you will be very happy because you will be able to participate in **our super fun Halloween dance**. Costumes are very much in order but most certainly not required.

Mama's Pizza will not be open for us after the Halloween dance. If anyone knows of another place that can accommodate our crowd, please let us know.

We will have a **club business meeting on November 9** at 3:00PM at Spring Creek Barbeque, 270 N. Central Expressway in Richardson. Please make sure this is on your calendar, and please be there. We will elect our Executive Board for next year, consider some changes to the Constitution and By-Laws, discuss our Anniversary Dance coming up in January, and who knows what else we'll do. **It will be an important meeting, and we need you there!**

Ralph and Lucy

*How 'bout them*



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## Happening This Week

Tuesday, October 14 – Mainstream lesson, Carpenter Rec Center, 7:15PM

Friday, October 17 - Sunday, October 19 – NORTEX Round-Up

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## Announcements

**Please do not move equipment at Shepard Elementary cafeteria!** After our very successful Chili Cook-off, some members were trying to be helpful by folding up the cafeteria tables we used, and one tabletop accidentally broke loose from its frame. The Harrises and Stuarts met with the school principal the following Monday morning. School maintenance repaired the table at no charge to us. However, the principal and office manager stressed that we are paying for custodial services, and in the future, **do not move or handle the tables.** Therefore, when we're utilizing the cafeteria for food service in the future, we'll need to know in advance how many tables to request the custodian to set up.

Thank you for your cooperation. Linda and Charlie Harris, Facilities Coordinators

**After Party! After the Friday night Caller's Cavalcade** on October 17th, Peggy and Deckard Pharr have generously offered to have an after party in their room at the Comfort Inn. Bring your drinks and a snack to share!

**From Mark and Karen Hawkins, Lesson Chair:** We want to thank the following angels who helped us at the last session: P. Amy, J. Bondi, Colters, D. Burson, Hamms, Hawkinses, Esteps, Feldmans, Jungs, Kerns, Lloyds, R. Mars, Sees, Shermans, and Stuarts. Because all of you participated we were able to help the weaker students. It was great. I feel that we gave them a little shot of confidence. Thank you for your participation. Can we do it again? We cannot expect the same people to come out every week during lessons. So if you can come out to help with a lesson contact our Angel Coordinator Lorraine Burson at [Lorraine@Bursons.us](mailto:Lorraine@Bursons.us) or [972-396-0941](tel:972-396-0941) and let her know that you are available. Thank you for your help.

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## \* \* \* From Your 2<sup>nd</sup> VPs \* \* \*

Our current Swinging Stars 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
Decatur 8ers	4-Oct-14
Diamond Jubileers	13-Sep-14
Dixie Chainers	22-Mar-14
Kissin' Kuzzins	03-Oct-14
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Roadrunners	17-Jul-14
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Tri-City Promenaders	23-Aug-14

### Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Lone Star Solos	26-Sep-14
Rebel Rousers	26-Sep-14
Texas Reelers	26-Sep-14

## \* \* \* EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK \* \* \*

### Of Interest, Diamond Jubileers, Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday a square of Swinging Star dancers made the journey to Swingtime Center for the Diamond Jubileers Halloween Special. We enjoyed the calling of Texas Hall of Fame caller Paul Kinsey and two guest callers that provided a tip each. Paul Kinsey did an early workshop on the various ways to tag the line, left square thru and peel off. Mel Neuman presented an interesting program for our Round Dancers. Swinging Stars attending were Bursons, Esteps, Halvorsons and Pitts. Thanks to Bob Estep for this report

### Dixie Chainers, Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Four Swinging Stars visited the Dixie Chainers in Farmers Branch on Saturday for a "State Fair of Texas" themed Dance. Consistent with this theme, plenty of corny dogs were included in the tasty food offerings. Rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide while squares were choreographed by Texas Hall of Fame club caller Vernon Jones. Jack offered round dancers a good variety of rhythms and difficulties throughout the evening. Square dancers were treated to Vernon's patented mix of smooth flowing choreography and enthusiastic patter and singing. He periodically included some exciting rock songs, such as the Rolling Stones' "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction," to liven things up. And, to help several new dancers on the floor, Vernon occasionally injected brief mini-workshops on certain calls. All present enjoyed a wonderful evening. Swinging Stars present were P. Amy, J. Bondi, and Duncans.

## \* \* \* COMING EVENTS \* \* \*

### Callers Cavalcade, October 17

### NORTEX Round-Up, October 18 - 19

### Of Interest, Roadrunners, Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 S.E. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX)  
Time: Early rounds – 6:45PM / workshop – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM  
Caller: Mike Bramlett  
Cuer: Karen Gloodt  
Theme: Monster Mash  
Notes: Double Deal

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## Refreshments Duty and Information

October 31	See, Kern, Bondi, Jung, Mars, Underwood (*note: Board added two extra couples for 5 <sup>th</sup> Friday dance – extra visitors anticipated.)
November 14	Sherman, Lloyd, Covington, Bushell/Dvorak
November 28	Dance cancelled (day after Thanksgiving)
December 12	Stuart, Sherrell, Colter, Kendrick
December 26	Dance cancelled (day after Christmas)

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## Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

# HALLOWEEN Swinging Stars Costume Party Dance



Friday, October 31 (5th Friday)

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# Swinging Stars



## Saluting All Veterans

*Showing Our Appreciation For Your Service  
All Veterans Dance Free*



*And*

## New Dancer Dance

**Club Members, Bring Your New Dancers and Students  
Students, Please Wear Your Student Badges To Dance Free  
Line Dancing and Rounds Between Tips**

**Friday, November 14, 2014**

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

October 17 – 19, 2014 – NORTEX Round-Up – see complete information and get registration and lodging reservation forms here: <http://www.roundup2014.com/>

Friday, October 31, 2014 – Halloween Dance (Fifth Friday)

Sunday, November 9, 2014 – Club Business Meeting (all members)

Friday, December 5, 2014 – Swinging Stars annual holiday party

Sunday, December 7, 2014 – NTCA/NORTEX Toys for Tots Christmas Dance

Friday, January 23, 2015 – Swinging Stars 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance

Saturday, January 31, 2015 – Dave and Lorraine Burson's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance – everyone is invited

June 4 – 7, 2015 – 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival, Waco, TX

June 24 – 27, 2015 – 64<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/518717944880222>

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For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org) and click on Weekends.

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Remember our Sunshine person is Debbie Piziali, and you can email her at [debbie@piziali.dv.org](mailto: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.

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