

# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for October 13, 2013*

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### PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

Friday's dance was one of our smaller crowds this year but that did not keep us from having a good time. Wayne and JL came prepared with their best material. Thank you gentlemen, we always appreciated the job you do. We had sixty-three Swinging Stars and twenty visitors. Kissin Kuzzins came in force with two full squares of dancers and captured our banner. Enjoy our banner while you can, we will be over soon to get it back... We also had two Circle 8's and two Rebel Rousers.

We had out signup sheets for our big dance coming up on October 25<sup>th</sup>, it's our Boot Scootin' Show Your Colors Ball. Seventeen signed up to bring salads, however, we need more as we anticipate a larger than normal crowd. In fact, we have rented the cafeteria in addition to the gym for this dance. Peggy Amy volunteered to help with the salad signup list. So be a volunteer and call or email Peggy Amy and volunteer to bring a salad – [amybpeggy@verizon.net](mailto:amybpeggy@verizon.net); (972) 612-4934. (The information in last week's newsletter went to Gary not Peggy, (sorry Gary).

Also, we need help with the honey pot, we need a team to keep the water, tea & coffee filled, and we need a couple of volunteers to provide the signatures for those keeping cards. This is a double deal dance/Pre-Round Up dance. We need every Swinging Star to help us put our best foot forward by showing our square dance community that Swinging Stars hospitality is next to none. It is going to be a great time. It will be a great dance to be remembered. If you can help with the drinks, honey pot 30 minute sessions, or signing cards for our visitors just let Jan know. ([janlaree@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janlaree@sbcglobal.net))

What do I wear to a Boot Scootin' Show Your Colors Ball? Well partner, you wear your yellow... We have a Boot Scootin' theme for our Pre-Round Up dance and we would love to see everyone come out sportin' your yellow dresses, shirts, pants, boots, hats, underwear (well, maybe not but if you do, keep that to yourself). Round Up is celebrating the Heritage of Texas with the Yellow Rose of Texas. Let's show NORTEX our support.



October 25, 2013

Boot Scootin'

Show Your Colors Ball

Cavalcade & Round Up tickets are for sale - you need a ticket to get in. See Wayne or JL to get Cavalcade tickets or one of the NORTEX officers for Round Up.

Thank you to our Nominations Committee – Dave & Loraine Burson, Ralph & Lucy Hamm and Roger & Janelle Row – for a job well done. Officer election – will be November 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 at Spring Creek BBQ on Hwy 75 in Richardson, TX.

\*\*We have turned in our cruise raffle tickets but we were 61 short (some of these were turned in last Friday). If you still have any stubs or unsold tickets please get them turned in to John Barber by next Fridays dance.

Nominations of the Executive Committee for the 6 month period February to July of 2014 are:

President	Bob and Terri Pitts
1st Vice President	George and Mary Loxsom
2nd Vice President	Ron and Donita See
Secretary	Tom and Vicki Evanto
Treasurer	Dan and Nina Lassiter

Thank you for accepting the nomination to serve our club in this vital role as a club officer and serve as our executive board.

Richard and Jan

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## DANCE LESSONS

Calling all Angels...be sure to come to lessons and meet our students. They are really moving along. They must be about half way through the mainstream list. Wayne is zipping them through the lessons in his most professional style. Have you ever noticed that he teaches us things in such a way that helps us learn in a very fun way. We could use your help as Angels and it would be great to get to know our students so that you can encourage them to come to the New Dancer Dance at Round Up and our Swinging Stars New Dancer Dance in November.

You will note that we will be paying their way to the New Dancer Dance at Round Up as we have in prior years.

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## NORTEX SPOT LIGHT

### NTCA's CALLERS CAVALCADE

Friday November 1, 2013

(Future NTCA Stars 6:00 PM, Early Rounds 7:00 PM, Grand March 7:45 PM)

\$5.00 donation per person

(family package, children 18 or under get in free with an accompanying adult)

### ROUND UP 2013

Celebrating Texas' Heritage

The Yellow Rose of Texas



**Featured Caller: Noah Siegmann**

**Staff Caller: Vernon Jones**

**Staff Cuer: JL Pelton**

**Saturday November 2, 2013**

**(All day & evening)**

**\$15 donation per person**

**(family package, children 18 or under get in free with an accompany adult)**

**Grapevine Convention Center**

**1209 South Main St., Grapevine, TX**

**(accommodations may be booked through NORTEX, see Hotel Reservation Form on [www.nortex.org](http://www.nortex.org))**

**Questions: Please call John & Shirley Currie (214) 557-2411 NORTEX Round-Up Chair or email: [round-upnortex.org](mailto:round-upnortex.org)**

**Download and print a copy of the 2013 ROUND UP registration from [www.nortex.org](http://www.nortex.org)**

**Complete the form and mail it to NTCA/NORTEX 2013, 7101 Dobbins Dr, Plano, TX 75025-5740**

**Make checks payable to NORTEX (no cash please)**

**Must be postmarked no later than 10/1/2013**



## **A GRAM Committee MINUTE...**

*It's Christmas Time and  
time for shopping and giving!!*

Ways to *give away* those  
business/coupon cards:

- Put them in your Christmas Cards
  - Use them as Stocking Stuffers
  - Leave them on service counters
  - Place them on church bulletin boards

*Don't have any? Go to the following.....*

[www.lifesjustadance.com](http://www.lifesjustadance.com)  
[then click on GRaM Pub](#)

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# MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not already done so, the dues for the Fourth quarter of 2013 are due. Swinging Stars dues are due the first dance of each quarter - January, April, July and October. If you are not sure whether your dues have been paid, please contact the John and Ann.

**Please make your check payable to Swinging Stars**

You may bring your payment to our next dance or send you payment to the following:

**John and Anne Barber  
4905 Hackberry Lane  
Parker, Texas 75002-5627  
[Treasurer@swingingstars.org](mailto: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**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club meeting – officer election – will be November 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 at Spring Creek BBQ on Hwy 75 in Richardson, TX.

Call and/or email Peggy Amy and volunteer bring salad to our Boot Scootin' Show Your Colors Ball – [amybpeggy@verizon.net](mailto:amybpeggy@verizon.net); (972) 612-4934.

(The information in last week's newsletter were to Gary not Peggy, sorry Gary).

November 8<sup>th</sup> to your calendar as our New Dancer Dance - more about this to come later.

It is with great sadness that we have received the news about the passing of our friend Newt Bryson. Newt passed away on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Many of you and them have danced with Newt and Mary and have fond memories of him. If you wish to send a card, Mary's address is: 9762 Twin Creek Drive, Dallas, Texas 75228.

Plus Lessons - Who? Cliff Dwellers, Charles Crockett, instructor

When? (Th.) Oct 3-Dec 12 (except thanksgiving) - 7-9 pm

Where? Trinity United Methodist Church, 1302 S. Clark Rd., Duncanville, TX., 75137

(south of Wheatland/ 1 block north of Daniieldale)

Why? (Besides the fun we'll have? We all need to get better!) - Cost? \$30 per person

NORTEX Grand Prize, the cruise, raffle tickets sales need to be completed before 10/01/2013. Raffle ticket stubs and money need to be turned in on 10/01/2013.

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

Our report this week was published on location in gorgeous Victoria, British Columbia. We left Dallas a few hours after we shared pizza and fellowship at Mama's after our Friday club dance for the Pacific Northwest. We hope you had a great weekend dancing. Below you will see the reports on the contingents of Swinging Stars having fun at Friendship Plus on Monday and at our planned visitation to the Dixie Chainers on Saturday. We also managed to get to make time to attend a Saturday evening dance with the Straight Wheelers square and round dance club in Sequim (pronounced 'squim'), Washington. That was lots of fun and they really liked our Texas accents.

This coming week brings with 4 dance opportunities on our calendar: 1) Roadrunners with Darryl Lipscomb calling and Karen Gloodt cueing Thursday at Swingtime Center, 2) an official visitation to the Kissin' Kuzzins Friday for their Autumn Leaves dance in Garland (let's get our banner back), 3) an Oktoberfest double deal dance of interest Saturday night in Irving with Buttons and Bows, and 4) a dance at Swingtime Center for Bascom and Peggy Kemp celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The 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**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Date Captured</b>
Cotton Pickin' Squares	23-Mar-13
Decatur 8'ers	5-Oct-13
Dixie Chainers	28-Sep-13
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Lone Star Solos	28-Mar-13
North Star 8	09-Feb-13
Roadrunners	04-Jul-13
Solitaires	03-Nov-12
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13
Triangle Squares	30-Aug-13
Tri City Promenaders	26-Jan-13
T-Square Gadabouts	15-Feb-13
Yellow Rockers	18-Apr-13

**Swinging Stars Banners Out**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Date Captured</b>
Texas Reelers	27-Sep-13
Kissin' Kuzzins	11-Oct-13

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

**Friendship Plus, Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

Two squares of Swinging Stars visited Friendship Plus in Richardson on Monday for a special plus dance with famed national caller, Tom Roper. The first hour was all position plus which was followed by two hours of plus dancing which was challenging and many times, downright unique. No one was bored at this dance. Indeed, Tom lived up to his reputation as a truly top notch caller. Adding to the evening's entertainment was a singing duet with great two part harmony when Mike Bramlett joined Tom for part of a tip. All present had a really great time. The visiting Swinging Stars were: P. Amy, the Bivins, Bondis, J. Duncan, Evantos, Lewises, Pharrs, Sees, and Smith / Hardin. Thanks to Jim Bondi for sharing the dance details.

### **Dixie Chainers, Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

Fourteen Swinging Stars (12 official visitors and 2 observers) attended the Dixie Chainers' dance in Farmers Branch Saturday night. Rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide while squares were called by veteran club caller, Vernon Jones. Vernon was in top form all evening, keeping tips fast paced and sometimes a little tricky for the square dancers. The visiting Swinging Stars were: P. Amy, the Bondis, Bursons, Harrisses, Rows, Smith / Hardin, and C. Wolfe. And Tim and Rita came and watched and enjoyed the comraderie. All in attendance had a great time at the dance. Again, thanks to Jim Bondi for providing dance details.

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

### **Roadrunners, Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)  
Website: <http://roadrunners-ftworth.tripod.com/>  
Time: Early rounds – 6:45PM / workshop – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM  
Caller: Darryl Lipscomb  
Cuer: Karen Gloodt  
Theme: Monster Mash  
Notes: This is a double deal dance

### **Of Interest – Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Garland Senior Center (600 Avenue 'A', Garland, TX)  
Website: <http://www.kissinkuzzins.org/>  
Time: Workshop – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: JL Pelton  
Theme: Autumn Leaves

### **Of Interest – Buttons & Bows, Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Senter Park East Rec Center (228 Chamberlain, Irving, TX)  
Website: <http://www.buttonsandbowsirving.com/>  
Time: Workshop – 7:00PM / early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM  
Caller: Barry Hendricks  
Cuer: Charles Crockett  
Theme: Oktoberfest  
Notes: This is a double deal dance

### **Bascom & Peggy Kemp 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)  
Website: n/a  
Time: Dance – 3:00PM  
Callers: Toby Thomason and Mike Bramlett  
Cloggers: John Pryor  
Cuer: n/a

### **Ladies Luncheon, Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Chocolate Angel Café (High Street Antique Mall, 800 North Central Expy, Plano, TX)  
Website: <http://www.chocolateangel.com/>  
Time: 11:30AM  
Hostess: Terri Pitts  
Notes: Let Terri know if you plan to attend (email: [tjtpitts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tjtpitts@sbcglobal.net) ph: 972.392.4325)

# \* \* \* SPECIAL WEEKEND DANCE OPPORTUNITIES \* \* \*

## **Houston Hoedown, November 8-9<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Lone Star Convention Center (9055 Airport, Conroe, TX)  
Website: <http://www.squarethru.com/hoedown.htm>  
Callers: Hunter Keller and Houston area callers  
Cuer: Randy Preskitt

## **Log Cabin Swingers Jerry Story weekend, November 8-10<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Promenade Hall (1210 N. Tool Dr., Tool, TX)  
Website: <http://swingingstars.org/storytime2013.pdf>  
Caller: Jerry Story  
Cuer: Walter Brewer

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## REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

October 25	<b>Amy</b> , Lewis, Kilejian*, Meyer, DeLuke, Whitaker, Henneberger, Bullock
November 8	<b>Feldman</b> , Loven, Bivens, Hursey
November 22	<b>Loxson</b> , McClure, Row, Evanto
December 13	<b>Mosher</b> , Stuart, Whipple, Harris
December 27	Holiday for Everyone

\*New Club Members – can be leaders after one year as club member

The lead couple should contact all members on the team to be sure they know the following:

- What they are going to bring for refreshments.
- Arrive at dance by 7:00 pm. As per our contract with PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 7:00.
- Enter thru the Gym door.
- Refreshments shut down at 9:30 pm (no earlier).
- If you take home a refreshment bag check that it has all the items listed on the Fluorescent Hang Tag on the bag.
- Be sure all items are clean.
- Repack bags in a Tidy Manner.

### Refreshment Duty Reminders:

If you have a conflict with the Refreshment Schedule

- Please contact someone on the refreshment list to trade with you.
- Notify the refreshment schedulers: Jeff & Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email: [jwstuart@flash.net](mailto:jwstuart@flash.net) with the names of your schedule changes.
- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments to pick up the three bags. If unable to do so be sure that someone picks them up for you.
- Check refreshment Bags for the info regarding “Refreshment Duty Tips” and “List of Items Supplied by the Club”.
- Contact **Mark & Karen Hawkins at 972-436-4868 or [1stVP@swingingstars.org](mailto:1stVP@swingingstars.org)** for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. They may already have what you need.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team.

**Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances**

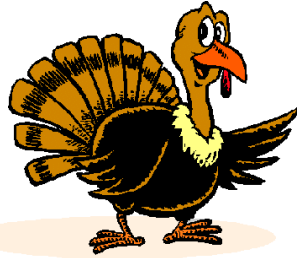
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October 25, 2013      Boot Scootin'  
Show Your Colors Ball



November 8, 2013      New Dancer Dance



November 22, 2013      Shake Your Tail Feathers  
Thanksgiving Dance



December 13, 2013      Toys & Books for Kids  
Holiday Ball



Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – Cavalcade at Roundup will run from 6:00 – 10:00 on November 1<sup>st</sup>

Saturday & Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> & November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Round Up

Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – New Dancers Dance

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – Stars Annual Holiday Party**

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – NORTEX Toys for Tots dance will be at the Richardson Civic Center

**Friday, January 31, 2014 – Swinging Stars 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance at All Saints Catholic Church**



**Themes:**

October 25, 2013 - Boot Scootin' Show Your Colors Ball – Double Deal Dance  
November 22, 2013 – Shake Your Tail Feathers Dance (Thanksgiving falls on November 28, 2013)  
December 13, 2013 - Toys & Books for Kids Holiday Ball  
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 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)  
Saturday, October 31, 2015 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Saturday)\*  
Saturday, January 30, 2016 – 41<sup>st</sup> 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.....

**63rd National Square Dance Convention®**

June 25 - 28, 2014

Little Rock, Arkansas

Website: [www.63nsdc.com](http://www.63nsdc.com) & Facebook under the 63rd National Square Dance Convention®.

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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. 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.**

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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 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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