



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for October 19, 2014*

**THERE WILL BE NO SWINGING STARS CLUB DANCE THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24! We will host our Halloween Costume Party Dance on October 31.**

We know that lots of you had a great time at **NORTEX Round-Up** this weekend. See Ron and Donita See's report in Events from the Past Week below. We're sorry we were unable to attend due to family commitments in California. We were lucky enough to get to dance with the Martinez (California) Swingers at their 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Plus Hoedown on Saturday night. Phil Farmer from Southern California was the very entertaining guest caller. It was an evening of excellent rounds and plus squares, and we had a great time and met many new friends. We also enjoyed visiting with a couple of old friends, former Swinging Stars members Dave and Floretta Tysver who were visiting the dance with the Vaca Valley Ramblers, their new club in their new hometown of Vacaville, CA.

**This past Monday, the Swinging Stars gave a square dance demonstration at a meeting of officers of the clubs of District X, Texas Retired Teachers Association** at Heritage High School in Frisco. There were well over 200 attendees from all over the Metroplex, north to the Red River, and south to Johnson and Ellis Counties. They appeared to enjoy the square dancing entertainment very much, and many of them said so afterward. All of us had a good time, and we even got a free lunch! Thanks to Wayne and Jodie for calling and to the following Swinging Stars for helping to promote square dancing: P. Amy, Bergesens, J. Bondi, Bursons, Colters, Hamms, Harrises, Lewises, Loxsoms, and Stuarts.

**Richard and Jan Covington gave square dancing some great publicity recently. Here's Richard's report:** Last Friday Night, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Jan and I had the pleasure of calling a square dance party for Hunters Glen Baptist Church. This was for their young married adult's class, and we had three full squares participating. They cooked hot dogs and burgers on the grill for a pre-dance meal, and they hired baby sitters for the kiddos. In addition to the basic allemande left, dosado, right & left grand and promenade, they learned right & left through, square through four, star through and stars, etc. We ended with Amarillo by Morning and a big "THANK YOU". John and Gina Nichols came as our angels – they attend church there. I would have loved to have a square of Swinging Stars angel the event, but it was the same night as our club dance. We hated to miss the club dance, but their calendar and our calendar had too many conflicts.

I received the following email from Sara -- she coordinated the event:

Thank you Richard! That was so much fun. My husband even said to me on the way home, "That was a blast!" I am so glad almost everyone participated and everyone seemed to have fun.

We hope that we planted a few seeds for future square dancers.

We have two great **visitations scheduled for this weekend**. **Friday** night we'll visit the **Stone Steppers**. We rarely get to dance with them since our regular dances are on the same night. Jerry Gilbreath will be guest caller, and Christine Hixson will cue the rounds. Our scheduled visitation for **Saturday** night is the **Dixie Chainers Oktoberfest**. See details on both these dances in Coming Events below.

For those of you up to the drive to **Tool**, there is an alternative opportunity for dancing on **Saturday**. The **Log Cabin Swingers and the Rebel Rousers** will have a Halloween **friendship dance** featuring Mike Bramlett and Christine Hixson and a chili supper at 6:30PM. Mike will also call a plus dance from 2:00 – 4:00PM. See page 25 of the October *Promenade* for details.

Ralph and Lucy

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## Happening This Week

Tuesday, October 21 – Mainstream lesson, Carpenter Rec Center, 7:15PM

Friday, October 24 – Visit to Stone Steppers; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, October 25 – Visit to Dixie Chainers; see details in Coming Events below.

## Announcements

It's great to have **Frank and Maryann Starrett** back as regular members following a period as associate members for Frank's recovery from knee surgery. Looks like the knee is working pretty well, Frank!

**The Rockwall Squares dance is cancelled this Friday, October 24.** They lost their hall.

We announced in last week's newsletter that our **club business meeting on November 9** would be at the Spring Creek Barbeque in Richardson on Central. The meeting room at that location is not available, so a **change of location** is necessary. We have reserved the meeting room of the **Spring Creek Barbeque at 14941 Midway Rd in Addison (southwest corner of Belt Line and Midway) for 3:00PM, November 9**. There is important club business to conduct, and we need you there. So save your Spring Creek coupons, come help the club move forward, and enjoy some good food and fellowship following the meeting.

**From Mark and Karen Hawkins, Lesson Chair:** We want to thank all of the angels who came out to help out students this last week. They were: Jim & Knarik **Bondi** (welcome back Knarik); Dave & Lorraine **Burson**; Dave & Mary **Colter**; Bob & Kathy **Estep**; Ralph & Lucy **Hamm**; Mark & Karen **Hawkins**; Richard & Jackie **Jung**; Jeff & Martha **Lloyd**; Roxanna **Mars**; Ron & Donita **See**; Mark **Sherman**; Steve **Sherrell**; and Jeff & Anne **Stuart**. We appreciate all of your help. A couple of our regular Angel couples will not be available this week, so if you can come out to angel for this week's 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 again for your help.



### Calling All Swinging Stars To Help

On December 7<sup>th</sup> the North Texas Callers Association and the NORTEX Square and Round and Dance Association are presenting a TOYS FOR TOTS, TOY DROP-OFF and CHRISTMAS DANCE. Dave and Lorraine Burson are the Chairman for the event. They have recruited Richard and Jan Covington to be the Admission and Sign-In Coordinator, Peggy Amy to be the Silent Auction Coordinator, Charlie and Linda Harris to be the Greeters Coordinators, and Bill and Wendy Perrott to be the Water Maintenance Coordinators. Please

contact one or more of these club members and volunteer to help. None of these jobs is hard work, and if we have enough volunteers, the day will be a lot more fun for everyone. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

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Information about the TOYS FOR TOTS, TOY DROP-OFF and CHRISTMAS DANCE including schedule of events is in the October *Promenade* on page 32. Check it out and decide what time you will be at the dance and what time would suit you best to help. For more information contact Lorraine and Dave Burson at [Lorraine@Bursons.us](mailto:Lorraine@Bursons.us)



### Cafe Brazil

This is going to be another adventure in dining for the **Swinging Stars ladies luncheon**. **Helen Feldman is hosting** the luncheon for October, and she has chosen Cafe Brazil located at 200 Coit Road in Plano, near Central Market and close to George Bush Turnpike. The date is **Tuesday October 28th at 11:30AM**.

**Please contact Helen** at [hfeldman73@yahoo.com](mailto:hfeldman73@yahoo.com) or [972-250-6815](tel:972-250-6815) by **October 25<sup>th</sup>** so she will have ample time to make the reservations with Cafe Brazil and to let them know how many are coming.

Food choices include homemade soups, salads, quesadillas, sandwiches and several entrees. Coffee lovers will enjoy their variety of fresh coffee. Check out their menu at [www.cafebrazil.com](http://www.cafebrazil.com) and click on menu. Everything sounds and looks delicious. Can't wait!

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

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
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 \* \* \*

### **Plus 4s, Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Thirty-two (32) Swinging Stars visited the Plus 4s on Wednesday at the Webb Chapel United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch. Squares were called by club caller Charles Quisenberry (“Quiz”). The Plus 4s is a popular dancing venue for many (many!) Swinging Stars and plus dancers looking to improve their skills in general. Quiz, as usual, provided a challenging, educational, and fun environment. Swinging Stars attending were Amys, Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Colters, Esteps, Evantos, Halvorsons, Hawkins, Kerns, Lewises, Lloyds, Perrotts, Sees, Shermans, and Sherrells.

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

Four (4) Swinging Stars ventured out to the Roadrunner’s Double Deal dance at Swingtime Center Thursday evening. Squares were called by Texas Hall of Fame caller Mike Bramlett, and rounds were cued by Karen Gloodt. The theme of the dance was “Monster Mash”. Mike workshopped the three main diamond position calls: diamond circulate, flip the diamond, and cut the diamond – and incorporated them into the dance after the workshop. Mike provided a very spirited dance – using basic calls at a very quick pace to keep everyone on their toes. Swinging Stars in attendance were the Bondis and the Sees.

### **NTCA Callers’ Cavalcade, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Many thanks to ALL the new and seasoned callers and cuers who gave their time and talent for the enjoyment of the dancers Friday night in a great show of NTCA strength. Among the new callers, saving the best for last, were our own Richard Covington and Joe Rose. The official MC for the evening was Mike Bramlett, and we were treated to many of our best area callers and cuers. We also want to thank the Pharrs for hosting the after party. The visiting Swinging Stars were: P. Amy, the Baldwins, Bivins, Bondis, Bursons, Colters, Covingtons, Evantos, Halvorsons, Harrises, Hawkins, Lassiters, Pharrs, Pitts, Roses, Sees, Smith / Hardin, and C. Wolfe.

### **NORTEX Round-Up, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Many thanks to Ray Savell for a fantastic new dancer dance and giving the NORTEX students great confidence at their very first ‘away from home’ dance. Thanks to all our new students who attended and thanks to all our Swinging Stars angels at the new dancer dance Saturday morning. What an incredible showing of color at the “Life is Just a Dance!” Saturday night! Ken Bower, a national and international caller from Palm Desert, California, did a fantastic job as the headline caller. Just one of the many highlights was the last song of the evening (“God Bless the USA”) when Ken was joined by Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Ray Savell, and Bobby Willis. Those Swinging Stars who attended on Saturday were: P. Amy, Bivins, Bondis, Bursons, Bushnell / Dvorak, Colters, Covingtons, Esteps, Evantos, Feldmans, Halvorsons, Harrises, Hawkins, Kerns, Kilejians, Lassiters, Pharrs, Pitts, Pizialis, Roses, Rows, Sees, Sherrells, Smith / Hardin, Sobotkas, Trujillos, and C. Wolfe. Great turn out (52) for an away dance!

THANK YOU to all our NORTEX officers, the 2014 Round Up officers and the Round Up committee, those who contributed door prizes, and to all NORTEX members who contributed time, talent, and money to make this weekend something special.

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

### **Of Interest, Stone Steppers, Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Goodbar Recreation Center (3000 Concord Dr., Mesquite, TX)

Time: Workshop – 7:30PM/ grand march – 8:00PM

Caller: Jerry Gilbreath

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Theme: October Squares Dance

Notes: Wear [turquoise/aqua](#) if you have it

**Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX)  
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM  
Caller: Vernon Jones  
Cuer: Jack von der Heide  
Theme: Oktoberfest Dance

**Swinging Stars, Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Location: Shepard Elementary (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)  
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM/ square up – 8:00PM  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Theme: Halloween Costume Party  
Notes: Club dance

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**Refreshments Duty and Information**

October 31 Underwood, See, Kern, Bondi, Jung, Mars  
(\*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!):**

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

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – Jive round dance lessons start

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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Check out and Like our Facebook page at:

<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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