

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for October 20, 2013

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

October 25th is our Boot Scootin' Show Your Colors Ball. We have twenty-six that have agreed 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; (972) 612-4934.

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 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)

What do you 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.

Do you still have Raffle Tickets Stubs sold or unsold? We have to account for these so please turn them in.

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

DANCE LESSONS

We're about halfway through lessons. We have 38 students participating. Attendance has been a little spotty with a range of 26 to 36 students attending each week. We appreciate the angels who have been showing up each week but some weeks they are stretched very thin. Last week we had two squares with one male angel each--you've heard of herding cats?! We definitely need more angels for the lessons. Also we need angels to dance with our students at the Roundup New Dancer Dance. If you would like to volunteer to dance with our students at this dance please contact Mark and Karen at 1stVP@swingingstars.org or by phone at 972-436-4868. We will also have signup sheets at lessons and Friday's Dance.

Our wonderful angels assisting our students last week were Mel Foust, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Janelle and Roger Row, Lucy and Ralph Hamm, Dale and Margie Loven, Helen and Barry Feldman, Kathy and Dan Mosher, Marcy Sherman, and Mark and Karen Hawkins. We apologize for not listing the angels for the past couple of weeks, but we do greatly appreciate you giving your time (and talents).

Here is a list of students and their home city: Maybe you'll see a neighbor or acquaintance.

Jerry & Kay Barnett - Sachse; Mary Bonkiewicz - Plano; Mike & Melanie Burchfiel - Frisco; Lon Bushell - McKinney; Mary Ann Cagle - Carrollton; Louise Duncan - Allen; Delores Dvorak - Plano; Bob & Kathy Estep - Plano; David & Marguerite Evans - Plano; Jim & Linda Flack - Plano; Linda Floyd - Plano; Willis & Pat Friesen - Frisco; Dennis & Valerie Gelbaum - Plano; Sharon Goddard - Sachse; Jim & Katie Halvorson - McKinney; Ivan & Margertree Holmes - Wylie; David & Cher Jacobs - Dallas; Dominique Kennedy - Dallas; Joel & Marilyn Kern - Plano; Walt & Jan Knochenmus - Allen; Ann Koenig - McKinney; Jeff & Martha Lloyd - Sachse; Mark & Roxana Mars - Plano; Steve & Debbie Sherrell - Plano; Van Thoreson - Plano.

Mark & Karen Hawkins, 1ST VP

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)

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

Download and print a copy of the 2013 ROUND UP registration from 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
[then click on GRaM Pub](#)

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
Dues are: \$35.00 per quarter per couple
\$70.00 per half year per couple
(preferred) \$140.00 per year per couple

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club meeting – officer election – will be November 10th 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; (972) 612-4934.

November 8th to your calendar as our New Dancer Dance - more about this to come later

SQUARE-L-ROUND 47TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DANCE (NEW LOCATION)

ADVANCE REGISTRATION ONLY

Mainstream with some Plus included in tips and Plus tips.

Nov 28-31, 2013 (informal dance evening of 27th for early arrivals)

Lake Murray, OK Ken Bower, Melton Luttrell, Jay King, John & Karen Herr.

\$35 per dancer, \$70 per couple

For more info contact Vicki Evanto 972.578.8527

(Flyer online is for 2012 and has not been updated)

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.

*** * * From Your 2nd VPs * * ***

We hope you are enjoying the cooler October weather – we always welcome it after our hot and dry Texas summers. This past week saw the Swinging Stars out and about nearly every night of the week. It looks like we set a club record for number of dances written up in our report (see the details below). Again, we want to thank Jim Bondi for his prolific documenting of many of the dances.

This coming week includes some important venues. The week starts with the ladies luncheon on October 24th (make sure to let Terri know if you plan to join). And Friday, October 25th is our Swinging Stars double deal pre-round up dance – we need all hands on deck for this dance as we expect lots of visitors. Then Saturday brings the Cotton Pickin' Squares Halloween Hop – make sure to arrange carpools for this dance in Greenville. And Sunday tops off the weekend with the Round Up Trail End dance at Swingtime Center. We encourage all the Swinging Stars to join us for this dance which kicks off the 2013 NORTEX Round-Up fun.

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

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	23-Mar-13
Decatur 8'ers	5-Oct-13
Dixie Chainers	28-Sep-13
Kissin' Kuzzins	18-Oct-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

Club	Date Captured
Texas Reelers	27-Sep-13

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

Friendship Plus, Monday, October 14th

Half a square of Swinging Stars visited Friendship Plus in Richardson on Monday. Because of the rainy weather, attendance was lighter than usual but there was always one eager square on the floor. Caller Mike Bramlett added a strong dose of his patented "entertainment factor" to keep the evening fun for the small crowd. Per one dancer's request, he added serious training on right and left chase to one tip. Finally, our own caller trainee, Richard Covington, took time out from his own dancing to call a tip. All present had a nice evening. Visiting Swinging Stars were Bondis and Covingtons. Thanks to Jim Bondi for sharing the dance specifics.

Plus 4's, Wednesday, October 16th

Fifteen Swinging Stars visited the Plus 4's in Farmers Branch on Wednesday. Veteran club caller, Charles Quisenberry (aka "Quiz"), challenged dancers with fast-paced tips that included training on "diamonds" plus some all position variants of follow your neighbor and tea cup chain. A highlight of the evening featured nationally known caller, Darryl Lipscomb, calling one tip and later a duet with Quiz. All present had a terrific time. Visiting Swinging Stars were: P. Amy, the Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Dennisons, J. Duncan, V. Evanto, Hawkins, and Kilejians. Jim Bondi provided the dance details.

Roadrunners, Thursday, October 17th

A team of Swinging Stars visited Roadrunners at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth on Thursday for their annual Halloween Monster Mash dance. The dance hall was decorated with skulls, skeletons with blinking red eyes, and other goblins. Many of the dancers were clad in their best ghoulish attire. Rounds were cued by Karen Gloodt while squares were called by Darryl Lipscomb. Darryl started with a square dance workshop and proceeded to called lively, challenging tips all night long. Dancers who expected traditional Darryl Lipscomb entertainment were NOT disappointed. For example, in the plus tip, during linear cycle (with guys leading as usual), he asked the 4 ladies, just as they were passing in the center, to stop prematurely in their own wave while the 4 guys continued and finished their part. Since some squares initially made a "monstrous mess" of this call, Darryl kindly repeated it until all got it. All present had a great time. The visiting Swinging Stars included: P. Amy, the Bergesens, Bondis, and the Bursons. Again, thanks to Jim Bondi for the dance notes.

Dance of Interest, Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, October 18th

Nearly two dozen Swinging Stars visited the Kissin' Kuzzins Friday night in Garland. Wayne Baldwin led a workshop that focused on circulates from many different starting positions that kept us hopping. The theme for the dance was Autumn Leaves which worked well with the yellow that many of the dancers wore. Fun rounds were cued by JL Pelton. Wayne kept the squares entertained with a quality selection of fun tunes and even performed "Elvira" accompanied by dancer, Steve Boyd. The Kuzzins had a great array of desserts for the dancers. After the dance we had the biggest contention of dancers at Dos Banderas after party we have seen for enjoyable dining, drinking, and socialization. The 22 Swinging Stars at the dance who recaptured our club banner and brought home a Kissin' Kuzzins banner included: P. Amy, the Bursons, Evantos, Hamms, HARRISES, Heintz, Pitts, Rickerts, Smith / Hardin, Trujillos, the Underwoods, and C. Wolfe.

Texas Reelers, Friday, October 18th

Two Swinging Stars couples visited the Texas Reelers in Richardson on Friday. Rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide while squares were called by Deborah Carroll-Jones. During round dancing, Jack treated all to a special two step-based danced performed to the Sound of Music "The Lonely Goatherd" (a yodeling song) being sung and yodeled admirably by none other than caller, Deborah. During square dancing, as always, Deborah called fast-paced, energetic tips with some unusual twists and turns to challenge dancers. Especially memorable was a duet in which her husband, Jon Jones, joined her in a marvelous duet of the moving song "Hallelujah" from the movie "Shrek". All present had a marvelous time. The Swinging stars attending were the Bondis and Kilejians. The dance details were shared by Jim Bondi.

Dance of Interest, Buttons and Bows, Saturday, October 19th

Several Swinging Stars visited Buttons and Bows for their double deal Oktoberfest dance Saturday night in Irving. Charles Crockett cued the early rounds and rounds between tips with a variety of fun rhythms. Barry Hendricks called the squares which included a workshop which worked spin chain thru and ladies lead Dixie style. Barry's calling made for fun tips all evening with the last tip being a plus tip in which he threw a curveball – the first call was head lead spin the top from a standstill. The Buttons and Bows treated the dancers with bratwurst with all the fixings, German potato salad, and spice cake. The visiting Swinging Stars included: P. Amy, the Bondis, T. Evanto, and the Pitts.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Ladies Luncheon, Thursday, October 24th

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 ph: 972.392.4325)

Swinging Stars, Friday, October 25th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / dance – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Theme: Boot Scootin' Ball Show Your Colors Pre-RoundUp Dance
Notes: Double deal dance, lots of visitors, wear yellow and your boots

Of Interest – Cotton Pickin' Squares, October 26th

Location: L-3 Recreation Center (10001 Jack Finney Blvd., Greenville, TX)
Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/in2/CottonPickinSquares/>
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Skip Gates
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Theme: Halloween Hop
Notes: Carpool with friends

Official – NORTEX Round-Up Trail End Dance, October 27th

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)
Website: <http://www.nortex.org/>
Time: Early rounds – 5:00PM / grand march – 5:30PM
Callers: Jon Jones and Melton Luttrell
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Theme: Trail End

Official – NTCA Callers' Cavalcade, November 1st

Location: Grapevine Convention Center (1209 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX)
Website: <http://www.nortex.org/>
Time: Future stars dance – 6:00PM / early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:45PM
Callers: Area callers and trainee / associate callers
Cuers: Cuers

Official – NORTEX Round-Up, November 2nd-3rd

Location: Grapevine Convention Center (1209 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX)
Website: <http://www.nortex.org/>
Time: All day Saturday, Sunday morning
Callers: Noah Siegmann (feature caller), area callers
Cuer: Area cuers
Notes: Wear yellow Saturday night

* * * SPECIAL WEEKEND DANCE OPPORTUNITIES * * *

Houston Hoedown, November 8-9th

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 8-10th

Location: Promenade Hall (1210 N. Tool Dr., Tool, TX)

Website: <http://swingingstars.org/storytime2013.pdf>

Caller: Jerry Story

Cuer: Walter Brewer

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

October 25	Amy , Lewis, Kilejian*, Meyer DeLuke, Whitaker, Henneberger, Bullock
November 8	Feldman , Loven, Bivens, Hursey
November 22	Loxson , McClure, Row, Evanto
December 13	Mosher , 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 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** 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



October 25, 2013

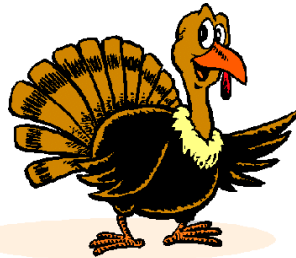
Boot Scootin'

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 1st – Cavalcade at Roundup will run from 6:00 – 10:00 on November 1st

Saturday & Sunday, November 2nd & November 3rd – Round Up

Friday, November 8th – New Dancers Dance

Friday, December 6th – Stars Annual Holiday Party

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

Friday, January 31, 2014 – Swinging Stars 39th 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 – 40th Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)
- Saturday, October 31, 2015 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Saturday)*
- Saturday, January 30, 2016 –41st 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 & Facebook under the 63rd National Square Dance Convention®.

For information about weekend dances go to our Web Page 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.

Remember our Sunshine person is Debbie Piziali and you can email her at 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.

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