



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for October 26, 2014

Swinging Stars were out and around this week visiting the Lone Star Solos on Thursday, the Stone Steppers on Friday, and the Dixie Chainers and the Lob Cabin Swingers/Rebel Rousers friendship dance on Saturday. It was especially nice to dance with the Stone Steppers, which we rarely get to do since we and they normally dance on the same night.

Our big Halloween Costume Party Dance is this Friday. We're expecting lots of fun and are hoping for lots of visitors. The more costumes, the more fun (we guess), so you should plan to wear one. There could be some benefit in it for you – we'll be presenting a nice prize for the best women's and the best men's costume to be selected by our judging team. Come on out and enjoy the fun! Early rounds will begin at 7:00PM, and we'll square up at 8:00PM.

Saturday, we have a good chance to dance with dancers, a caller, and a cuer we don't get to dance with often, AND you can get two signatures on your Friendship card. Make your plans to **visit the Buttons and Bows**.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, October 28 – Ladies Luncheon, 11:30AM; see details in coming events below.
Mainstream lesson, Carpenter Rec Center, 7:15PM

Friday, October 31 – Club Halloween Dance; costumes are in order.

Saturday, November 1 – Visit to Buttons and Bows; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

Recent passing of a beloved Swinging Star: Jack Jackman passed away over the weekend at his home in Holly Lake Ranch, Texas. He will be remembered as a devoted club member and supporter. Jack and Ruth served the club in many capacities over several years in their dancing history. Jack and Ruth Jackman served as President of the Swinging Stars in 1987. Many of us remember Jack for his kind and generous nature.

Services: Tuesday, 1:00PM at Holy Spirit Catholic Church 1612 FM 2869 Hawkins, TX 75765
Burial will be Wednesday at the VA Cemetery in Dallas. Arrive at 11:10 am. Burial at 11:30 am

Cards are welcome at their home address: 3235 Holly Trail E, Holly Lake Ranch, TX 75765

(Thanks to Linda Harris for providing this information.)

Please keep George and Mary Loxsom in your thoughts and prayers. George will be having spinal surgery in the neck area this week to relieve pressure which is causing pain and numbness.

Update on Anniversary Dance from Your Anniversary Dance Chairmen: Russ and I are the chairmen of the upcoming Swinging Stars 40th Anniversary Dance on Friday, January 23rd at Shepherd Elementary. This year's theme will be a disco dance as the Swinging Stars club was born during the disco craze. Men, it is time to clean and press your white leisure suit, pull out your Afro wig and get ready to boogie. Ladies - halter tops (some of us will need extra support in order to wear one of those), platform shoes, bellbottom pants, and of course your groove are some suggestions. Square dance apparel is always appropriate too. The internet has many suggestions should you care to research the apparel you wish to wear.

It is never too early to begin preparation, especially before the busy holiday season. Over the next few weeks, I will be contacting members of the club to chair certain tasks that help orchestrate this event. Ultimately, the entire dance club will be involved in one way or another. Here are a few of the committees that need chairs:

Registration	Money Auction	Grand Prize Auction
Honey Pot (Betty Wheaton)	Food Service	Beverage Service
Decorations		

If you see a committee you believe you have the aptitude to chair, please let me know. Don't be afraid about the decorations committee -- I have many ideas, and we can incorporate the mirror balls from previous anniversary dances in the theme.

If you have suggestions for your favorite disco song, let me know so Wayne can start compiling the songs we want to hear and dance to. I have asked Wayne to play Donna Summer's song "Last Dance" as the last song of the night. I have also asked Walter to work up a "stroll" for one of the tips.

This year we will be serving baked potatoes as our main course. More information will follow in the weeks to come.

Russ and Anne NejdI

Early Heads Up! Round Dance Lessons are coming in January. Would you like to learn some Jive? Jive is part of the swing dance family that was popular in the 50s danced to rock and roll music. Maybe you even did a bit of swing dancing when you were growing up. Ever watched Calendar Girl and wanted to learn to do that? Now's your chance!

JL and Linda Pelton will be teaching a Jive class from January 20 through March 10 in "our room" at Carpenter Rec Center. Do you need previous dance experience? No, not a bit. Jive is its own rhythm, and just like Bolero last year, you don't need a previous dance class to take Jive. Like Bolero, there are fewer figures in this rhythm, so you will learn all you need to be able to dance Jives regularly cued at square dances.

From Mark and Karen Hawkins, Lesson Chair: We thank the following angels who gave of their time to assist us with last week's lesson: Dave & Lorraine Burson; Dave & Mary Colter; Bob & Kathy Estep; Mark Hawkins; Richard & Peggy Jung; Joel & Marilyn Kern; Harry & Zari Kilejien; Ron See; Mark & Marcy Sherman; and Jeff & Anne Stuart. If you can come out to help with a lesson (we need all the help we can get), contact our Angel Coordinator Lorraine Burson at Lorraine@Bursons.us or [972-396-0941](tel:972-396-0941) and let her know that you are available. Thank you for your help.

* * * From Your 2nd VPs * * *

For those plus dancers looking for a great time and an extra challenge, Wednesday, October 29, Plus 4s will have Charles Quisenberry calling squares at the Webbs Chapel United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch (7:30 pm dance).

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 * * *

Lone Star Solos, Thursday, October 23rd

Six (6) Swinging Stars visited the Lone Star Solos in Dallas on Thursday evening for their Halloween themed dance. Several attendees donned costumes, and even the cookies were bearing Halloween faces. Rounds were cued by Chris and Maria Farabaugh while the night's square dancing tips were called by veteran club caller Dave Vieira. Chris, mindful that past students of his round dance classes were on the floor, cued a good variety of round dances, with something for all skill levels to enjoy. As always, Dave called an enthusiastically paced set of tips with occasional surprises to keep dancers on their toes. Several student dancers were dancing and, with occasional help from experienced colleagues, survived, learned, and grew in confidence. All present had a great time. Visiting Swinging Stars were Bondis, Esteps, and Evantos. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

Of Interest, Stone Steppers, Friday, October 24th

Twenty-one (21) Swinging Stars traveled to the Stone Steppers in Mesquite Friday evening. Squares were called by guest caller Jerry Gilbreath from Albuquerque, New Mexico; and rounds were cued by Christine Hixson. Jerry called a great dance, throwing in calls in a way to keep everyone listening closely to his calls – and making him believe he should have spent more time on his workshop! And a pleasant surprise was having Christine there to cue rounds. Swinging Stars attending were P. Amy, Bondis, Bullocks, Covingtons, Esteps, Hamms, Harrises, Kerns, Sees, Smith/Harden, and Trujillos.

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, October 25th

Ten (10) Swinging Stars visited the Dixie Chainers in Farmers Branch Saturday night. Squares were called by club and Texas Hall of Fame caller Vernon Jones, and rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide. The theme of the dance was Oktoberfest, and many attempts were made to speak in German. Vernon provided a quick-paced but basic dance to help cater to the new students that were attending the dance. Swinging Stars in attendance were Bondis, Esteps, Perrotts, Sees, and Smith/Hardin.

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

Swinging Stars, Friday, October 31st

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

Of Interest, Buttons & Bows, Saturday, November 1st

Location: Senter Park East Rec Center (228 Chamberlain, Irving, TX)
Time: Workshop – 7:00PM / Early rounds – 7:30PM/ Grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Berry Hendricks
Cuer: Charles Crockett
Theme: Winter Warmth Dance
Notes: Double Deal

Refreshments Duty and Information

October 31 Underwood, See, Kern, Bondi, Jung, Mars
(*note: Board added two extra couples for 5th 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)

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

HALLOWEEN
Swinging Stars
Costume Party Dance



Friday, October 31 (5th Friday)

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**

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 40th Anniversary Dance

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

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

June 24 – 27, 2015 – 64th National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA

Check out and Like our Facebook page at:

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

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.

Ralph and Lucy Hamm

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