



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for October 27, 2013*

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### **PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS**

Our Boot Scootin' Show Your Colors Ball was certainly a blast and the Swinging Stars stepped up and put on a feast of salads and desserts. You showed our fellow clubs a good ole Swinging Stars "Swinging good time". Thank you to all who prepared salads and desserts and for everyone who worked to make this happen. A special yellow rock and thanks to Peggy Amy for her stepping up and making it happen. Peggy, you are the best, thanks.

We, of course had a good crowd, forty-four visitors, thirteen Rebel Rousers, ten Road Runners, nine Texas Reelers, and two members of Kissin Kuzzins, Plus Fours and Cliff Dwellers and one member of Model A's, Stone Steppers and Solitaires.

Angels, plan to attend the New Dancers Dance at Round Up and dance with the students. As you may recall it is somewhat intimidating to come to your first dance. You probably felt uncertain of yourself as you are still trying to learn calls and react with the proper response to the caller's commands. So, find a student, a student couple or a group of students and hang an hour for a 1:15 minutes – 10:10 – 11:25 AM. Make a square and make a new friend.

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.

We are excited about Round Up and hope many of you will join us. The Pharrs have graciously agreed to have the after party in their hotel room. Just BYOB and bring a snack to share. We will let you know what their room number is. We will also be staying at the hotel for the week-end so if you need a place to change clothes just let us know.

**\*Do you still have Raffle Tickets Stubs sold or unsold? We have to account for all of the tickets that we took, so please turn them in. If you lost them, we need to know that too, as we do not have to pay for lost tickets.\***

Need your help! Chris Trujillo is in charge of facilities at Round UP and following the afternoon program we need help rearranging the seating in the hall to accommodate the larger hall for Saturday night.

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

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

We want to thank all the angels who have been coming to our lessons. And we give a special thanks to the women who have so graciously shared their husbands to angel with our single female students. Those in attendance for the lessons on 10/213 were Ralph & Lucy Hamm; Roger & Janelle Row; Mark & Karen Hawkins; Ron & Donita See; Dan & Kathy Mosher; and Peggy Amy.

After you subtract the men dancing with the single students we are running out of angels before we run out of squares. If you can get away on Tuesday nights we need you to come out and help our students.

We also need dancers who are coming to Roundup to come to the New Dancer Dance on Saturday morning at 10:00 (dance begins at 10:10) and angel our students who will be in attendance. If you can help us out please let Mark Hawkins know at [1stVP@swingingstars.org](mailto:1stVP@swingingstars.org). We will also have a sign up sheet at the next dance..

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, 1<sup>ST</sup> VP

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### 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**

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## **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

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November 8<sup>th</sup> – Swinging Stars New Dancer Dance

North Texas Camping Squares 44th Anniversary Dance will be November 9, 2013 at Tres Rios Resort, 2322 County Road 31, Glen Rose, TX.

See their website at [www.northtexascampingsquares.org](http://www.northtexascampingsquares.org) or call Jim & Bev Andrews at 817-494-8858 for more information.

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)

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

A well-attended Ladies Luncheon, a fun Swinging Stars Pre Round-Up dance, a few visitations, and the NORTEX Round-Up Trail End dance rounded out another fun dance week.

This weekend is going to be busy and we hope you are ready for the NORTEX Round Up at the Grapevine Convention Center this coming Friday evening through Sunday morning. There is a wide selection of activities including a new dancer dance Saturday morning, mainstream, plus, high energy and old time squares, rounds, round teaches, and more through the day Saturday. And there will be several vendors selling dance attire present as well. The Pharrs are hosting an after party in their room at the Comfort Inn in Grapevine Friday night, November 1<sup>st</sup>, after the Callers Cavalcade dance. Bring drinks for yourself and snacks to share with the group.

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
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
Rebel Rousers	25-Oct-13
Texas Reelers	27-Sep-13

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

### Lone Star Solos, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Four Swinging Stars visited the Lone Star Solos in Dallas on Thursday. Rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh while squares were called by Dave Vieira. Given the dance's "clown" theme, several, including both Chris and Dave, were adorned in full clown costumes (red nose, wild hair, humungous shoes, etc). You can imagine some of the jokes that ensued, such as "a clown of a caller directing a bunch of dancing clowns" out on the floor. As expected, Dave kept his dancing clowns honest by pointing out and then correcting mistakes. For example, after some squares had juggled "chase right," everyone was marched through serious "chase" training in the next tip. All in attendance had a great time. The visiting Swinging Stars were the Bondis and the Sees. Thanks to Jim Bondi for the dance report.

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

The October Swinging Stars ladies luncheon at Chocolate Angel at High Street Antique Mall went very well. There was lots of time for chatting, delicious food, great service, and fourteen ladies attended. The next ladies luncheon will be on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at BJ's Restaurant in Plano on I-75 between 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Plano Parkway (by Collin Creek Mall) at 11:00AM. The menu looks great and they have pizookies too! We will meet in the sunroom.

### Tri-City Promenaders, October 26<sup>th</sup>

A cadre of Swinging Stars braved the thunderstorms and visited the Tri-City Promenaders in Hurst Saturday night for a fun night of dancing at their Yellow Rose of Texas dance. The evening was kicked off with a line dance followed by early rounds, both of which were led by Chris Farabaugh who cued a sweet lineup of different rhythms and a 2<sup>nd</sup> line dance during the evening. Paul Kinsey, the Promenaders' veteran caller, then held a square dance workshop. Their dance hall was plumb full by the grand march and there wasn't room for any more squares during the first tip. Paul knows how to work a crowd – he kept the dancers hopping with very fun choreography. There was even one call that stumped the caller. The square started in two lines, we don't remember the specific type, but after having the centers of each line do a partner trade Paul got the square stuck in an odd configuration. So we got to do an un-partner trade for the first time. And new callers Lee Meador and James Alexander also called a tip. As usual, a delicious array of snacks and desserts was prepared for the dancers. The 7 Swinging Stars who attended were: P. Amy, the Bondis, the Evantos, and the Pitts.

### **Dixie Chainers, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

There were a quarter of a dozen Swinging Stars at the Dixie Chainers dance in Farmers Branch Saturday evening. This was a regular club dance with Vernon Jones calling squares and Jack von der Heide cuing rounds. Vernon made it challenging by varying the call sequence and tempo – making it fun for all who attended. The Swinging Stars in attendance were Mary Hardin and the Sees. Thanks to Ron See for sharing the dance details.

### **Official – NORTEX Round-Up Trail End Dance, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

They called this dance the "Trails End Dance" but it was truly a "Round-Up Kick Off". A flash to the past with the polished and professional style of Melton Luttrell and Jon Jones calling at their best showing us an exciting variations and combinations that comes with many years of calling. Their focus was "the way square dancing was in 1961". They worked Do Pas So, Spin Chain Thru, and a variation of "calls of the day" such as Go Red Hot and Ladies to the Center & Back to the Bar. Plus Melton celebrated his 85th birthday. Jack Von Der Hyde with his special flair had the Round Dancers dancing with the smoothness and gracefulness of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. The attending Swinging Stars were: P. Amy, the Bondis, Covingtons, Evantos, Sees, and the Trujillos. Thanks to Richard Covington for providing the details.

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

### **Official – NTCA Callers' Cavalcade, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

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 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

### **Swinging Stars, Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)  
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>  
Time: Workshop – 7:30PM / dance – 8:00PM  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Notes: New dancer dance

## **\* \* \* 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

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.

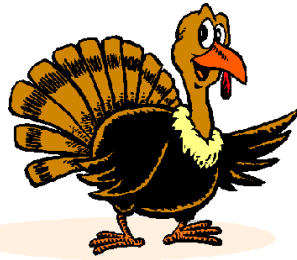
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### Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



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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