



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 2, 2014

Swinging Stars Club Business Meeting (all club members) is next Sunday, November 9, at Spring Creek Barbeque, 14941 Midway Rd, Addison (southwest corner of Beltline and Midway) at 3:00PM. **Please be there!**

Our Halloween Dance Friday night was an experience to remember! We had **90 visitors from 16 different clubs**. We also had **75 Swinging Stars** in attendance for a **total of 165 dancers**. It was especially nice to get to dance with 17 Stone Steppers and 12 Rockwall Squares. Those clubs dance on the same nights we do, so we don't see them often. We gave our banner to the T Square Gadabouts from Fort Worth and returned a banner to the Dixie Chainers. It was an amazingly fun and festive event!

We were happy that cuers Chris and Maria Farabaugh, Christine and Theron Hixson, and Michelle Viera and her husband, caller Dave Viera, came to the dance. Dave joined Wayne for a couple of outstanding singing tips. Also, caller trainees Bill Hinkley of the Stone Steppers and our own Richard Covington each called a great tip.

Swinging Stars and visitors alike really got into their costumes – we mean there were lots of costumes! Our panel of judges (thanks Peggy Amy, Doug and Jan Bergesen, and Tom and Vicki Evanto!) selected the four best costumed couples. The following lavishly and creatively costumed couples each earned a \$10 prize: John Hurst and Joan Garner of the Rebel Rousers (electrical plug and outlet – we won't even think about the psycho-social implications of that), Jeff and Martha Lloyd (pirate couple), Bob and Terri Pitts (Little Miss Muffet and the spider), and Jim and Debbie Reid (Dorothy and The Scarecrow). There were many other great costumes, and our judges had a very difficult job.

The following Swinging Stars earned the Friendship Program awards indicated which were presented at Friday's dance by Tom and Vicki Evanto, NORTEX Liaison: Dave and Lorraine Burson (Gold 475), Jim and Knarik Bondi (Gold 250), Ron and Donita See (Gold 200). Congratulations and thanks to all of you! It's enthusiastic dancers like you that make the Swinging Stars such a wonderful club.

The Swinging Stars world famous Holiday Party is just a month away on December 5. Get all the information in Announcements below and in the attached flyer and **sign up early** so Linda and Betty can get a head count to the caterer.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, November 4 -- Mainstream lesson, Carpenter Rec Center, 7:15PM

Friday, November 7 – Visit Texas Reelers; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, November 8 – Visit to Dixie Chainers 56th Anniversary Dance; wear [royal blue](#) if you have it; see details in Coming Events below.

Sunday, November 9 – Club business meeting, 3:00PM.

Announcements

Please keep George and Mary Loxsom in your thoughts and prayers. George had his spinal surgery on Wednesday and came through it well.

Also, please keep Donita and Ron See in your prayers. Donita will have hip replacement surgery on Tuesday.

Holiday Party - Haggard Party Barn - Friday December 5, 2014

1) **Pay your money (\$30.00 per couple) early** for the caterer head count! Checks should be made **payable to: Betty Wheaton**

6102 Lakeshore Drive

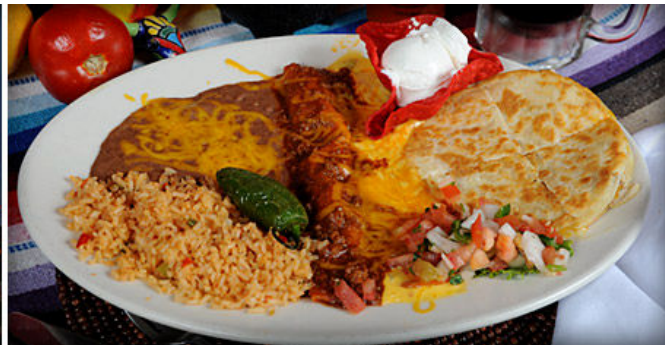
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Cash can be paid to her at the next club dance. **NO checks or cash to 'Swinging Stars' treasury.**

2) **CALLING all skit ideas and skit participants!** Who can help and who has ideas? Send them to me LindaHarrisTX@htomail.com. **See Flyer:** http://www.swingingstars.org/Holiday_Party2014.pdf

From Mark and Karen Hawkins, Lesson Chair: We want to thank all of the following angels who provided their assistance at our last lesson: Jim & Knarik Bondi; Lorraine Burson; Dave & Mary Colter; Bob & Kathy Estep; Ralph & Lucy Hamm; Mark Hawkins; Richard & Peggy Jung; Harry & Zari Kilejian; Jeff & Martha Lloyd; Mark & Marcy Sherman; Steve Sherrell; and Jeff & Anne Stuart. Our students really appreciate your continued efforts on their behalf, and we are so thankful for all of your help. We couldn't do it without you!

November Ladies Luncheon information from Lorraine Burson:



Cafe Del Rio

If you Like Tex Mex, you are going to love this place!

I am hosting the ladies luncheon for November. I have chosen Cafe Del Rio, located at 401 Central Expressway, Allen. You will find Cafe Del Rio on the east side of Central Expressway, south of the McDermott exit. If you are coming from the south exit at Bethany go north on the excess road. Coming from the north you

will also need to exit at Bethany, go under the freeway and go north on the excess road. Stay on the excess road until you see the Cafe Del Rio. Join us at 11:30 November 18th. I believe they have the best Tex Mex I have ever eaten. Check out their menu at www.cafedelrio.net/allen. They also have an ice cream machine. You will want to stop by and enjoy your fill of chocolate or vanilla ice cream or a swirl of both. RSVP Lorraine Burson at Lorraine@Burons.us or 972-396-0941 by November 16th and I will call them and let them know how many to expect for lunch.

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We wish to thank all of you who have expressed concern over Donita's condition. She will be having hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, November 4, at the Presbyterian Plano hospital. We hope and pray that she will be back dancing (maybe even twirling and swinging) before the end of the year. We will keep you informed of her progress.

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
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
T-Square Gadabouts	31-Oct-14

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

Plus 4s, Wednesday, October 29

Twenty-four (24) Swinging Stars enjoyed the skillful and always challenging plus creations of Charles (Quiz) Quisenberry Wednesday night. There was much fun plus dancing and festive Halloween cookies. Quiz added all our brains with variations of crossfire from various positions. He got most of us to break down at first, but by the end of the evening, we had all learned something new. Swinging Stars attending were P. Amy, the Bergesens, Bondis, J. Duncan, the Esteps, Evantos, Halvorsons, Hamms, Hawkins, Kerrs, Kilejians, Lewises, and Shermans.

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

Two Swinging Stars couples went to the Buttons & Bows Winter Warmth dance in Irving Saturday night. Even though Swinging Stars attendance for this Dance of Interest was slim, we had a great time. Charles Crockett expertly cued the early rounds and rounds between tips. For those who love to two step, as usual, he played a fun selection. He also cued some fun chas, rumbas, and a foxtrot. Barry Hendricks, who just returned from a cruise to Great Britain, called the squares. Charles joined him for a couple of duets. Barry did an especially good rendition of a Louie Armstrong tune including Louie's voice. The Buttons & Bows collected a good pile of coats, sweaters, and other cold weather garments for donation to needy children. And they prepared a great spread of soups, chowders, cornbreads, and a wonderful assortment of desserts. The Swinging Stars couples in attendance were the Feldmans and the Pitts. Thanks to Bob Pitts for this report.

Solitaires, Saturday, November 1st

14 Swinging Stars visited the Solitaires in Farmers Branch on Saturday for their "Let's Give Thanks" pre-Thanksgiving dance. Rounds were cued by J.L. Pelton while squares were handled by special guest caller, Scott Bennett, from Oklahoma. J.L. cued a balanced mix of rounds that kept all round dancers engaged, including offerings with difficulty levels from Phase II - IV. Many of the square dancers present this night came especially to hear Scott Bennett, who is noted for high-paced patter calls and terrific singing calls featuring sometimes unusual (in the good sense) music. They were not disappointed. Scott often challenged dancers with near breathtaking pace but also excited them with songs from a wide variety of artists including even John Cougar Mellencamp. All present enjoyed a terrific evening of great dancing, fun, and fellowship. Swinging Stars attending were P. Amy, Bondis, Bullocks, Bursons, Covingtons, Esteps, T. Evanto, and Harrises. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

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

Of Interest, Texas Reelers, Friday, November 7th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Theme: Salute the Troops
Notes: New Dancer Dance (NDD), **Banner Retrieval**

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, November 8th

Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM
Callers: Vernon Jones, Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll-Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Theme: 56th Anniversary
Notes: Wear Royal Blue, if you have it

Swinging Stars, Friday, November 14th

Location: Shepard Elementary (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Time: Workshop – 7:00PM/ square up – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Theme: Celebrate Veterans
Notes: Club dance, new dancer dance (NDD)

Of Interest, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, November 15th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX)
Website: <http://www.rebelrousersdallas.com>
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / food served – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Theme: All I Want for Christmas
Notes: **Banner Retrieval**

Refreshments Duty and Information

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

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

Swinging Stars

Annual

TOYS AND BOOKS FOR KIDS

Holiday Ball



We will be accepting Cash, Toys and Books
to be donated to the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center.



December 12, 2014

Important dates for the next year (you should have these on your calendar!):

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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