



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 8, 2015

From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:

Don't forget your gift cards for the USO dance. LAST CHANCE!! Bring your gift cards to the dance on the 13th. Remember, it doesn't have to be a lot; just a little from everyone.

The Holiday Party is coming up December 4th. Put it on your calendar because we know how December tends to fill up! More details to come.

It was great dancing with so many of you at Round-Up. We may have had more from our club than any other club in attendance! We look forward to seeing more of you at future dances.

If you would like to win free admission to next year's Round-Up, take the survey mentioned later on in this newsletter.

Congratulations to our newly elected executive board members.

Doug and Jan

Happening This Week

Thursday, November 12 – Official Visit to Lone Star Solos – 51st Anniversary Dance – DD – Early Rounds: 7:00PM. Grand March: 8:00PM at the Kay Cee Hall in Dallas.

Friday, November 13 – Club Dance – Chili and Dessert Cook-off Dance: Workshop: 7:00PM. Line Dancing: 7:45PM. Grand March: 8:00PM at the Shepard Elementary School.

Saturday, November 14 – Official Visit to Dixie Chainers – 57th Anniversary Dance: Early Rounds: 7:00PM. Square Dancing: 7:30PM at the Farmers Branch Senior Center.

Sunday, November 8 – Nortex Quarterly Meeting – 2:00PM at Swingtime Center

Announcements

Round Dance Lessons

Don't miss the next set of round dance lessons!

JL and Linda will be teaching Beginning Rumba and Cha Cha starting Tuesdays January 12 at Carpenter Rec Center. The Latin rhythms are the easiest to learn and if you have never had any round dance lessons, it's a great rhythm to start with. Look for the class in the next Parks and Rec Catalog coming out in late fall, Course # 174456.

Lessons will be held at the same time (7:15 to 9:15) on Tuesdays and will be held in the same room used in the past. JL and Linda will follow the beginning class with an intermediate class starting in late March so you will learn enough Rumba and Cha Cha to dance any of those rhythms at any square dance you attend. Plus -- you get two rhythms for one set of lessons.

Advance notice: JL and Linda will also be teaching a Saturday Refresher Workshop class at Plano Senior Center starting in January. This class will be held Saturday mornings from 9:45 to 11:45. Curriculum for this class will be set by the participants who sign up for the class. It will be a great opportunity to refresh some past lessons and improve your dancing abilities in a variety of square dance level rounds.

Square Dance Lessons

Square dance lessons are going to be happening at the same time in the same building in a different room. Have you started making your contact list yet? We would like to have them turned in by Dec. 1st so you still have time. Remember, many hands make light work. If we all do a little we can have a GREAT class in January. Please include name, address, phone number, and email address. Thanks for your help and cooperation. (Helen Feldman came up with a great idea. You can still wear your "Ask me about Square Dancing" t-shirt even though the weather is getting cooler. Just wear a long sleeve shirt underneath.)

Cash Holiday Gift for Miguel

Miguel Angel is the Shepard Custodian, supporting our needs for the club dance. Please be generous and contribute to his Cash Holiday Gift from the Swinging Stars. Last year we were able to give him a \$300 cash gift. We need your support to match that this year! Thank you! Linda and Charlie

Our new Executive Board

We're happy to announce the new slate of officers was unanimously approved at the general club meeting.

President – Bob and Kathy Estep
1st VP – Russ and Anne Nejdil
2nd VP – Jim and Knarik Bondi
Treasurer – Dan and Nina Lassiter
Secretary – Bill and Wendy Perrott

Swinging Stars Holiday Party! Friday December 4th

The Swinging Stars' holiday party is at the regular location, Haggard Party Barn on Friday December 4th. Thanks to the generosity of Rutledge and Susan Haggard. They continue to support our favorite activity. The event begins with happy hour (margaritas, beer and soft drinks) at 6pm followed by a BBQ dinner and dancing. The cost is \$19.00 per person or \$38.00 per couple. **Make checks payable to Betty Wheaton** 6102 Lakeshore Drive, Rowlett, Texas 75089. **NO CHECKS** payable to Swinging Stars. Hope to see everyone there!

Anniversary Update

Anniversary Report for Jan 2016 41st Anniversary Dance

Thank you all in advance for your help with the Anniversary Dance, January 30, 2016.

1. The hall rental has been paid in full.
2. Food and table seating will be in the Gym with dancing and wall side chairs in the Fellowship hall. We will also have speakers in the Gym so everyone can hear what is going on in the Fellowship Hall.
3. All table and chair placements have been mapped out.
4. Sign up for volunteer responsibilities are ongoing, but we have been trying not to confuse the issue because we wanted everyone to get signed up for Chili Cook Off responsibility first. So sign up begins in earnest as of now.
5. We will also have the sign up sheets at the Holiday party and the remaining club dances.

6. If you do not sign up, You will be called to request participation for "leftover" spaces on the sign up sheet. Sign up early for your first choice(s).
7. Everyone is needed to sign up for at least one volunteer job, in __ADDITION __ to bringing your chosen food items (salad or dessert serving 24).
8. Clean up is everyone's responsibility. Please plan to stay and help where needed.
9. If you will not be attending the Anniversary Dance, please put your name on the BACK of one of the sign up sheets OR TEXT or EMAIL ninalassiter@gmail.com her to let her know you are not going to be attending the anniversary dance. That will save Nina from calling people who cannot attend.

Thank you everyone for your help.

Memorial Service

Memorial Services for Bettie Lawrence (longtime member and officer of Solitaries and TASSD).

Saturday November 14, 20015. 11:00 AM

Rock Island Family Church
545 W. Rock Island Rd. (114)
Boyd, Tx

If you attended this year's Round-Up

NORTEX would like anyone that attended this year's Round-Up to take a survey to let them know what you thought of the week-end experience. You could win 2 tickets to Round-Up 2016. Just go to <https://northtexassquaredance.wufoo.com/forms/nortex-roundup-2015-come-sail-away/>.

Need a club roster on your smart phone??

You can put our club roster on your mobile device (cell phone, PDA, tablet, etc by importing a comma-separated values version from Andy Piziali or Dave Burson. A special thanks to Andy Piziali and Dave Burson who have been working on this. If you have any questions you can contact them.

*** * * From Your 2nd VP's, Dave and Lorraine Burson* * ***
2nd VP Report for November 8, 2015
Be Sure to read the correction in the events for next week

Visitation Report

Friday, November 6 Texas Reelers

Veterans Day Thank You Dance

Of Interest Texas Reelers, Nov 6

Thank you, Swinging Stars. Twenty-one (21) Swinging Stars attended the Texas Reelers' Veteran's Day Dance Friday evening – retrieving our banner and capturing theirs. Club caller Deborah Carroll-Jones called squares (occasionally aided by her husband and Texas Callers Hall of Fame caller Jon Jones) and Jack von der Heide cued rounds. The dance honored all veterans and was a great dance. The vast majority of the songs was patriotic and at times stirred much emotion. Thank you to Swinging Stars in attendance P. Amy, Bondis, Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, Putnam-Heintzs, Kilejians, Lees, Rows, Sees, and Smith/Hardin. A special word of thanks to Ron See for making this report.

Saturday, November 7 Solitaires

Bennett's Back With New Square dance Music

Yes, Bennett was back with all his cool new music. He always calls a fun dance when he comes to town. JI cued the rounds, I especially liked the plus round that he cued. It was called "Scheherazade", I don't round dance but it was lovely to watch. The Twenty-two Swinging Stars enjoying dancing at the Solitaires were P Amy. Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, Harrisers, Lassiters, Perrotts, Sees, C. Wolfe. Thank you all for attending and representing the Swinging Stars. Swinging Star members, Mary Hardin, John Smith, JL and Linda Pelton were there, but were there as Solitaires.

Banner Report

Since the Rebel Rousers has our banner, I have changed the November 21st visitation dance to the Rebel Rousers to an Official Dance. We currently have 12 banners captured. As usual if you are visiting one of the clubs listed and they want to give you a banner, don't accept it.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin	Oct-10-15
Diamond Jubileers	Mar-14-15
Dixie Chainers	Mar-28-15
Kissin Kuzzins	Oct-2-15
Lone Star Solos	Mar-12-15
Roadrunners	May 30-15
Solitaires	Nov-7-15
Texas Reelers	Nov-6-15
Trail Blazers	Sept-9-15
T Square Gadabouts	Feb-20-15
Triangle Squares	Sept-18-15
Tri-City Promenaders	Jan-24-15

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Rebel Rousers	Sept 23-15

NOVEMBER VISITATION SCHEDULE AND COMING EVENTS

LET'S STRIVE TO KEEP SQUARE DANCING ALIVE

Check below for the details

Correction

The Lone Star Solos seem to be having difficulty deciding what time their Anniversary Dance will be. The information in the Promenade is incorrect. The info that I had put in the newsletter in the November Coming Events section that I got from their Co President Nora Creed was incorrect. Now, I have up dated the times. Here is the latest information from them. They have not listed the name of the Guest Cuer in their flyer, but the last I heard it is to be Walter Brewer.

Official Dance

Saturday, November 21 Rebel Rousers

Follow The Yellow Brick Road Dance/Toy Drive

This is their annual toy drive for the Head Start Program. They are having it in November to allow them to make the toys available to the Head Start Program in sufficient time to plan their other toy drives. The Rebel Rousers have changed their dance format. They will start off with Early Rounds at 7:00, followed by All Plus at 7:30 and the Grand march at 8:00.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, All Plus 7:30, Grand March: 8:00
 Caller: Mike Bramlett
 Cuer: Christine Hixson
 Location: Richardson senior Center
 820 West Arapaho Road, Richardson

Dance of Interest

Saturday, November 28 Tri City Promenaders

Thanksgiving and All Gospel Singing Dance

After all that cooking and Black Friday shopping you deserve to relax and dance to Rick and Paul singing this wonderful gospel music. Chris will be cueing all you favorite rounds.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March: 8:00
 Caller: Paul Kinsey
 Guest Caller: Rick Smith
 Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
 Location: Brookside center
 1244 Brookside Dr., Hurst

Refreshments Duty and Information

November 13 - Hawkins, Gifford, P. Amy, Starrett, Duncan, Rickert

December 11 - Perrott, McClure, Evanto, Kilegian

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc. without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



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Chili and Dessert

HOT

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COOK OFF



HOT



Yummy



Prizes for Best Chili and Best Dessert

Friday, November 13, 2015

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Workshop 7:00

Guest Cuer: JL Pelton

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after last tip



72.9 MHz

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Banners Honey Pot Fun Food Good Dancing

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adult

For info: 214-872-7219 or President@swingingstars.org

Visit our Web Site: swingingstars.org

Swinging Stars New Dancer



And
Annual



TOYS AND BOOKS FOR KIDS DANCE

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

 **December 11, 2015** 



Caller:
Wayne Baldwin

Cuer:
Walter Brewer



Sq. Work Shop: 7:00

Line Dancing 7:50

Grand March: 8:00

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Banners Honey Pot Refreshments

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, Tx.

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For Info: 972- 834-3097 OR president@swingingstars.org

Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org



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

November 13, 2015 Swinging Stars Chili Cook-Off Dance

December 4, 2015 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party – Haggard Party Barn

December 6, 2015 – USO Benefit Dance – Swingtime Center

January 8, 2016 – Swinging Stars Intro to Square Dancing Dance 7:00 – 8:00 (Regular Dance begins at 8:00)

January 30, 2016 – Swinging Stars 41st Anniversary Dance

June 22 – 25, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

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.

Doug & Jan Bergesen

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