



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 13, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Congratulate the 2017 Swinging Stars Officers – effective February 1, 2017:

President: Russ & Anne NejdI

1st VP: Doug & Jan Bergessen

2nd VP: Bob & Terri Pitts

Treasurer: Nevin & Sara Mulvin

Secretary: Dan & Kathy Mosher

Lessons Coordinator: Dan & Kathy Mosher

Special: Anne & Jeff Stuart have been doing the difficult job of Refreshment Coordinators for the past eight (8) years. They have requested we accept their resignation for the 2017 year. Thank you both for a job well done.

I am pleased to announce that Karen & Mark Hawkins have agreed to accept the Refreshment Coordinator role for 2017.

Ron See's account has been hacked. It appears that the virus has sent messages to most, if not all, Swinging Stars. Please note that if you receive a message saying Ron left something for you in a drop box it is not from Ron. You should immediately delete the message.

NORTEX USO Dance: The Club voted to collect donations from members for a USO Benefit Dance Basket. Anne NejdI will coordinate the basket. If you did not donate money at the Club Meeting on the 13th then please consider sending a donation to Anne at: 4105 Cassandra Lane, Plano, TX 75093-6003. The basket will be presented to the NORTEX USO Team at the dance on December 4, 2017 and will become part of the planned silent auction.

Club Dues: The Club voted to raise dues from \$35.00 per couple per quarter to \$45.00 per couple per quarter effective January 1, 2017

HELP NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY PARTY! Do you know a great JOKE you would be willing to tell at our party? (Or is there one joke your spouse is constantly telling at every new opportunity?) If so, please tell Linda Harris lindaharristx@hotmail.com and Jan Bergesen janbergesen@gmail.com. You might be chosen to be in the great game show "So You Want To Be A Comedian"! Copy of the Holiday Party flyer is at following link: http://www.swingingstars.org/SS_Holiday_Party2016.pdf

Read all the way to the end of the Newsletter as the "Important Dates" are starting to get filled in for the year.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Monday, November 14 – Lessons in Allen – Need Angels; please help us.

Wednesday, November 16 – Plus 4s – Charles Quisenberry

Friday, November 18 – T Sq Gadabouts – Vernon Jones, Jon Jones & Charles Crockett

Saturday, November 19 – Rebel Rousers – Mike Bramlett & Christine Hisxon

Announcements

Swinging Stars Holiday Party -- Holiday Party!! Friday December 2nd, Haggard Party Barn
If you have not registered yet please do so now!

Register Now: Get your money in early! \$38.00 per couple (Members, students and associates only). Evening includes BBQ dinner with all the fixins', beer and margaritas. Dancing and fun You can mail your check **PAYABLE to Betty Wheaton** 6102 Lakeshore Dr, Rowlett, TX 75089. Or you can bring cash or your check (payable to Betty) to an upcoming dance. BIG SHOUT OUT to Betty for helping with the party!! See attached flyer.

Round Dancers: Attention Current and Prospective Round Dancers! Bolero lessons will begin soon. Bolero is a very enjoyable slow Latin dance rhythm and is cued often at square and round dances. JL and Linda Pelton will offer the lessons each Tuesday night from January 10 thru February 28 at Carpenter Rec Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano. Mark your calendar and take advantage of this opportunity to learn a fun new rhythm or improve your Bolero dancing skills! You can register beginning December 3 (December 5 if not a Plano resident) at Carpenter Rec Center, by phone at 972-208-8087, or online at www.planoparks.org. The name of the class in the Parks and Rec catalog is Choreographed Ballroom Bolero.

Allen Lessons: Student Graduation is December 12th. You are encouraged to join the lessons that night to encourage the new dancers.

Thank you for serving our favorite activity. We look forward to another great year of dancing and friendship.

2nd VP Report – 13 November 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

Square + Round Anniversary Dance

Thursday 10 November – Lone Star Solos – “52nd Anniversary”

9 Swinging Stars celebrated with our friends, the Lone Star Solos, at their 52nd Anniversary Dance in Dallas, TX, on Thursday evening. Rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh who, as always, cued an entertaining array of rhythms and difficulties that offered something for round dancers of all skill levels. Squares were called by the duo of club caller and recent TX Hall of Fame inductee, Dave Vieira, together with guest caller, Ray Savell. The overall set of tips delivered by these two were always entertaining and sometimes challenging. A big Thank You to these Swinging Stars who participated: Esteps, Harris', Pitts, Sees, and C. Wolfe. You dancing enthusiasts helped us capture our host's banner. Go Stars!

Our Square + Round Dance

Friday 11 November – Swinging Stars – “Salute Veterans”

Our Friday night Swinging Stars Veterans Day Dance, while a bit light in attendance, did attract a nice-size group of 25 visitors, including many of our friends from several sister clubs. Top in size among these were the groups from the Texas Reelers, who recaptured their banner AND captured ours, and the Kissin Kuzzins, who captured our banner. Thank you, friends, for your support! Rounds this evening were cued by guest cuer, J.L. Pelton, who delivered a terrific collection of rounds throughout the evening that kept round dancers fully engaged. It was nice to see senior area cuer and teacher, Christine Hixson and hubby Theron, among those on the floor enjoying several of J.L.’s offerings. On squares, visiting caller, Dave Vieira, pleasantly surprised everyone by joining our own Wayne Baldwin for many of the night’s tips. What a marvelous job they did together. For those who still had energy after our dance formally ended, partying continued at Austin Avenue Grill, where a throng of almost 40 included not only Swinging Stars but also several Texas Reelers and Kissin Kuzzins.

Square + Round Anniversary Dance

Saturday 12 November – Dixie Chainers – “58th Anniversary”

13 Swinging Stars journeyed to Farmers Branch, TX, Saturday evening to party with the Dixie Chainers at their 58th Anniversary Dance. On rounds, beloved, long-time club cuer, Jack von der Heide, put smiles on a full floor of rounds dancers’ faces all evening by cueing a comfortable but varied mix of rhythms and phases during both early and intermittent rounds. On squares, club caller, Vernon Jones, was joined by exciting guest caller, Tim Tyl. Sometimes together, sometimes alternating, the two called a lively set of squares that fully engaged, and periodically challenged, all square dancers on the floor. A huge, Texas-size “Thank You” to these Swinging Stars who joined the festivities: Bursons, Esteps, Hamms, HARRISES, Hawkins, Kilejians, and C. Wolfe. Since we already had our host’s banner, we declined taking another.

“A”dvanced Dance Weekend

Friday PM 11 NOV – Sunday AM 13 NOV -- “Advanced Level Weekend”

5 Swinging Stars made the ~ 100 mile trip to Lake Murray Lodge near Ardmore, OK, for an almost-all-A1/A2 dance this weekend (that also included just one 30-minute “C1” session where a small group of “beyond A” dancers attending could “strut their stuff”). Just a tad over 7 squares came to test their A1/A2 mettle against the experienced calling duo of Jerry Stover and Darryl Lipscomb. The 6-session overall program was great, offering a large enough variety of “A” call sequences at high enough speed to challenge everyone on the floor at least some of the time. Some of us, rather naïve newbies to this level of dancing, were almost “shaking in our boots” at the event’s start on Friday evening but, thanks to a bit of initial help from other dancers when needed, were smiling by mid Saturday morning ... and having a real blast. Many thanks to our local area “A” teachers, especially Charles Quisenberry, but also Wayne Baldwin, for your nurturing patience as you somehow managed to drum a foundational layer of “A” knowledge into us. We are truly grateful! And, imagine how excited we were at one point when, practicing among ourselves in between this event’s program sessions, Darryl Lipscomb joined us to “teach by personal illustration” as he danced in our practice group for several minutes. This was a true “Kodak moment” (although we forget to get a picture ... Grrrrr). Thank you also to Tom Evanto who guided such practice efforts with his collection of recorded callers and his thorough knowledge of “A.” Thanks, Tom. These Swinging Stars really enjoyed themselves at this event: P. Amy, Bondis, and Evantos.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you’re a Swinging Star wanting to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered here, please submit it to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org no later than mid Sunday afternoon for inclusion here in that night’s newsletter. Try to include the names of fellow Swinging Stars who attended with you plus a few salient details (such as club, location, caller, cuer).

BANNER REPORT

We currently hold 8 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 3 Swinging Stars banners captured from us. Overall banner status is detailed below. Remember, if you visit a club whose banner we already hold, please do not accept another of their banners.

Other Club Banners Held by Us

Club	Date Captured
Lone Star Solos	10-Nov-2016
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016
Solitaires	02-Apr-2016
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015
Diamond Jubileers	14-Mar-2015
T Square Gadabouts	20-Feb-2015

Swinging Stars Banners Held at Other Clubs

Club	Date Captured
Kissin Kuzzins	11-Nov-2016
Texas Reelers	11-Nov-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Square + Round Dance – Double Deal

Friday 18 November – T Square Gadabouts – “Turkey Shoot”

Callers: Vernon Jones, Jon Jones

Cuer: Charles Crockett

Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March: 8:00

Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take “Anglin” exit), Fort Worth, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Dance + All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 16 November – Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Dance: 6:15 – 7:30

Plus Dance: 7:30

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

“A” Dance

Thursday 17 November – Model As

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

“A”: 7:00

Churchill Way Center

6906 Churchill Way (at Hillcrest), Dallas, TX

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 19 November – Rebel Rousers – “Toy Land” (Toy Drive)

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Early Rounds: 7:00, Plus: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Richardson Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson TX 75080

Refreshments Duty and Information

November 25: Closed due to Thanksgiving Holiday

December 9: **Evanto**, Bondi, Mosher, Stuart

December 22: Closed due to Holiday Season

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

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team

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

December 2, 2016 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party at Haggard Party Barn. (Linda Harris coordinator)

December 4, 2016 – NORTEX USO Dance. Free dance. All donations will go to the USO.

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance (Lorraine Burson coordinator)

September 22, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance (Something Special)

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 Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at llhamm45@gmail.com or phone her at 214-872-7219. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

Kathy & Bob Estep

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-618-3640

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:



Swinging Stars



Holiday Dance

Come Celebrate The Holiday Season With us!

December 9, 2016



Caller
Wayne Baldwin

Cuer
Walter Brewer



Sq. Workshop 7:00
Plus Dancing 7:45
Grand March 8:00
Hot Hash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, TX.

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied with a paying adult

Refreshment Banners Honey Pot Fun Dancing

For Info : 972-679-8572 or president@swingingstars.org

Visit our website: www.swingingstars.org



Swinging Stars

Happy
January

New Dancer Dance

January 13, 2017

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



Sq Workshop 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

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