



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 15, 2015

From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:

We would like to give a big thank you to Gary Amy for all his work in making our Chili/Dessert Cook-Off such a big success. Thank you too, to all you cooks out there that provided your best recipes.

The Holiday Party is coming up December 4th. Remember, you need to get your check in so you don't miss out.

Have you exhausted your list of people to invite to Square Dance lessons? Here's an idea – ask your service providers! This week I went to see my foot doctor and both he and his assistant voiced interest in attending lessons and are looking forward to receiving the information! Remember, your list is to be sent in by December 1st!

Doug and Jan

Happening This Week

Tuesday, November 17 – Ladies Luncheon at 11:30AM at the Cheesecake Factory, Stonebriar Mall, Frisco.

Friday, November 20 – Of Interest Visit to T Square Gadabouts – Turkey Shoot Dance – DD – Early Rounds: 7:00PM. Grand March: 8:00PM at the Swingtime Center

Saturday, November 21 – Of Interest Visit to Rebel Rousers – Follow the Yellow Brick Road Toy Drive Dance: Early Rounds: 7:00PM. All Plus: 7:30PM. Grand March: 8:00PM at the Richardson Senior Center.

Announcements

Cook-Off Results

We had a great turnout for our cook-off. Thanks to all who participated. The following are the winners:

Desserts

1st - Debbie Reid - No. 1 - Lemon and Mint/chocolate French Macarons

2nd - Colby Whitaker - No 2 - No dessert name on vote sheet

3rd - Kathy Estep - No 7 - Carmel Pecan Coconut Delight

Chilis

1st - Lorraine Burson - No 8. - Five Hour Beef Chili

2nd - J.L. and Linda Pelton - No 18. - Good Old Down Home Chili - Mild

3rd - Ann Lee - No. 5 - Beef/Turkey Chili - Medium Hot

Round Dance Lessons

Round Dance Lessons -- Don't Miss It in January!

Beginning Rumba and Cha Cha lessons start Tuesday January 12 at Carpenter Rec Center - 7:15-9:15. These rhythms are the easiest to learn and JL & Linda think they are also the most fun. Course #174456 in the Plano Parks and Rec Catalog which should be coming any day now.

Do you already round dance some? Well JL and Linda will also be teaching a Saturday Refresher Workshop class at Plano Senior Center starting in January from 9:45 to 11:45. If you sign up, you get to help set the curriculum. It's 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.)

Miguel's Cash Holiday Gift – THANK YOU!

A **BIG** 'Thank You' for your generous contributions of \$316.00 cash for **Miguel's Cash Holiday Gift!** Miguel works tirelessly for us by setting our requirements and taking it down each club dance, in addition, to cleaning up behind us! As you know we have several yearly events that require both rooms. We're very lucky to have custodial support, and a provider (Miguel) who is easy to work with and helpful. This cash gift will provide 'extra' for him, his wife and two little ones!! Thank you again for your generosity!!

Sympathies to the Bondis

Jim's brother passed away today. Please keep Jim and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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!

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 15, 2015

Visitation Report

***Thursday, November 12, Lone Star Solos
51st Anniversary Dance***

Nine Swinging Stars attended the Lone Star Solo's 51st Anniversary dance. Counting Walter Brewer we had 10. Walter cued a very nice mix of Rumbas Chas, Waltzes. He cued one particularly nice one at the end of the dance that was just a beautiful waltz called Sayanaro No Natso. Walter says he thinks it is a Japanese folk song. Thank you to all the Swinging Stars that attended, Bondis, Bursons, Harrises, Pittses, and C.Wolfe. I appreciate you representing our club.

***Saturday, November 14, Dixie Chainers
57th Anniversary Dance***

One shy of a dozen Swinging Stars attended the energetic Dixie Chainers anniversary dance Saturday night. Jack von der Heide expertly cued the early rounds and rounds between tips playing a variety of fun rhythms. Squares were called by club caller Vernon Jones and guest caller, Jon Jones, his father. All of the dancers had a blast from the first quick paced tip to the closing father and son duet. The Swinging Stars in attendance were the Bergesens, Harrises, Loxsoms, Pitts, Smith/Hardin, and C. Wolfe. A big thank you to Bob and Terri Pitts for making the report for me.

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 11 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 | May30-15 |
| Solitaires | Nov-7-15 |
| Trail Blazers | Sept-9-15 |
| T Square Gadabouts | Feb-20-15 |
| Triangle Squares | Sept-18-15 |
| Tri-City Promenaders | Jan-24-15 |
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Swinging Stars Banners Out

| Club | Date Captured |
|---------------|---------------|
| Rebel Rousers | Sept -23-15 |
| Texas Reelers | Oct.13-15 |

NOVEMBER VISITATION SCHEDULE AND COMING EVENTS
KEEPING SQUARE DANCING ALIVE

Check below for the details

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, November 17 Cheesecake Factory

The Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon for November will be on Tuesday 17th at 11:30. It will be held at the Cheesecake Factory in Stonebriar Mall in Frisco, 2601 Preston Road. It is located inside the south entrance, which faces Highway 121. (Dillards is to the west and JC Penney to the east so it is centrally located). Please contact Lucy Hamm at 214-872-7219 or email at llhamm45@gmail.com. by November 14th.

You can check the menu and for directions at www.thecheesecakefactory.com. In addition to wide choices of selections on the regular menu, there is also a Skinny Licious menu and gluten free items are marked on both menus. Valet parking is complimentary with your receipt and is available on the level directly below the restaurant. There is ample self-parking area in front of the restaurant.

Dance of Interest Double Deal Dance

Friday, November 20 T-Square Gadabouts

Turkey Shoot Dance

Turkeys will be invading the Swingtime Center. The T-Squares will be hosting their annual Turkey Shoot dance with a turkey shoot contest. No shooting of the callers and cuer allowed. They will not count in the contest. They are too easy of a shot. Calling will be Jon Jones and Rick Smith with Charles Crockett cueing the rounds. You will not want to miss this dance of the turkeys.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, Sq. workshop:7:30, Grand March: 8:00
Guest Caller: Jon Jones
Caller: Rick Smith
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 S. E Loop 820 Fort Worth

Official Dance

Saturday, November 21 Rebel Rousers

Follow The Yellow Brick Road Dance/Toy Drive

This is their annual toy drive 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

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!

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

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

Swinging Stars President

Email: president@swingingstars.org

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



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Swinging Stars New Dancer



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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

Hot Hash after the last tip

Banners Honey Pot Refreshments

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

Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by a paying adult



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

Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org



Square Dancin' With the Swinging Stars

41st Anniversary Dance



Caller

Wayne Baldwin



Guest Caller

Scott Bennett



Cues

Walter & Eula Brewer

Saturday, January 30, 2016

All Saints Catholic Church

5231 Meadowcreek Dr. Dallas

Early Rounds 7:00

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Dancing in the Fellowship Hall for better Acoustics

Salad Supper with Desserts in the Gym

Money Raffle

Honey Pot

Quilt Raffle

Dancers under 18 dance for free with a paying adult

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