



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 16, 2014

Our dance Friday night was just plain fun! It was great fun to dance with the students and visitors from several clubs and to recognize the veterans who attended. Our visitors included 37 members of other clubs and 17 students, 7 of whom were our own. There were 73 Swinging Stars there, making a total of 127 attendees. Thanks to all of you for making the students and the rest of our visitors feel welcome. Thanks to Wayne and Walter for leading a dancing program which was lots of fun for students and seasoned dancers alike.

You probably noticed we kicked off the dance with a **Grand March**. We hope you liked it, because we'd like to continue having a Grand March. It helps us focus on the welcome remarks and introductions and the prayer and the pledge, but perhaps the most important benefit is that it helps get us mixed into squares with our visitors. We naturally like to dance with our Swinging Stars friends, but we should invite visitors into our squares. That's an important part of making them feel welcome, and if they feel welcome, they're more likely to come back.

It was **great to see Donita See** (sounds repetitive, doesn't it) at the dance – even if not dancing – following her recent hip replacement surgery!

We have **two good visitations coming up this weekend** to clubs we don't often visit often because they are not close by. The **T Square Gadabouts** will have a Double Deal dance at Swingtime Friday night with **Rick Smith** (who will be our anniversary dance guest caller) and **Jon Jones**. **They have a banner of ours, and we need to get it back.** The **Tri City Promenaders** who dance in Hurst are having a Double Deal dance on **Saturday night**. This dance will feature **all gospel singing tips (always lots of fun!)** by **Paul Kinsey and Bobby Willis**. This promises to be a most entertaining weekend!

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, November 18 – Ladies Luncheon, Café Del Rio, 11:30AM
Mainstream lesson, Carpenter Rec Center, 7:15PM

Friday, November 21 – Visit to T Square Gadabouts (Double Deal); **banner retrieval**; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, November 22 – Visit to Tri City Promenaders (Double Deal); see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

Holiday Party - Haggard Party Barn - Friday December 5, 2014. Cost of **\$30 per couple** includes a delicious barbeque dinner and a fun night of dancing, skits, and fellowship with your friends. Friday was our last club dance before the party, so if you were not able to get your payment to Betty, you'll need to mail it.

Deadline is December 1 to enable getting a headcount to the caterer. Checks should be made **payable to: Betty Wheaton**

6102 Lakeshore Drive

Rowlett, TX 75089

NO checks to 'Swinging Stars' treasury.

From Anne and Russ Nejdil, anniversary dance chairmen:

Our 40th Anniversary Dance is just around the corner on Friday, January 23rd. This takes an enormous effort from the entire club to make the dance successful and profitable. I have many things I need help with.

Each club member needs to sign up for a job and a food to bring. I will continue to bring the sign-up sheets to the club dances, and will highlight various things each week in the newsletter until the big day. Our theme this year is a disco dance and we will be serving a baked potato dinner and desserts to, we hope, 250 or more visitors and Swinging Stars. **This week I am asking for volunteers who will be kitchen angels.**

Kitchen angels are helpers who work a 30 minute shift in the dining area – setting out the potatoes in the potato boats, slicing them open and moving our guests along the serving lines. Kitchen angels will also bus the tables, refill the condiments and also help set up the dining area at the beginning of the evening. Kitchen angels also replenish the dessert area. Shifts start at 7 and end at 9:30. If you can give just 30 minutes of your time, please send me an email, and I will set you up with a time so you can dance the rest of the evening.

Speaking of baked potatoes, **I am looking for volunteers who will bring 10 baked potatoes** each to the dance. You would need to bake 10 medium baking potatoes in aluminum foil until done. Do not remove the foil after baking. Place a towel inside a cooler and add you baked potatoes, still wrapped in the aluminum foil. Be sure to mark you name on the cooler so you can retrieve your cooler at the end of the dance. The coolers keep the potatoes hot until we need to serve them. Please, please sign up to bring baked potatoes. Send me an email if you will bring potatoes: Yo_Red@verizon.net

From Mark and Karen Hawkins, lessons committee chair:

The following *Angels* came out to help us with instructing the students this last week: Jim Bondi; Lorraine Burson; Dave & Mary Colter; Bob & Kathy Estep; Ralph & Lucy Hamm; Mark & Karen Hawkins; Richard & Peggy Jung; and Jeff & Anne Stuart. Thank you very much for your participation and aid, for without you, instructions would have been much harder for Wayne. I know that this is a big commitment, but we need the help of more club members to help us by being *Angels*. If you can come out to help with this next lesson, please contact our Angel Coordinator, Lorraine Burson, at Lorraine@Bursons.us or [972-396-0941](tel:972-396-0941) and let her know that you are available. Thank all of you for your help.

Congratulations to Tom and Vicki Evanto who were elected NORTEX Area Vice-President at the NORTEX business meeting this afternoon. As their home club, the Swinging Stars will be included in their area.

If you attended Round-Up, do your part to make next year's Round-Up even better. Follow this link and complete the survey to let NORTEX know what you liked or didn't like about this year's event and give your suggestions for future Round-Ups: <https://northtexassquaredance.wufoo.com/forms/nortex-roundup-2014/>

Another announcement from the NORTEX meeting: There will be a **Teen Scholarship Dance** following the NORTEX quarterly business meeting **on February 22, 2015.**

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For those plus dancers looking for a great time and an extra challenge, Wednesday, November 19, Plus 4s will have Charles Quisenberry calling squares at the Webbs Chapel United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch (7:30 pm dance).

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
T-Square Gadabouts	31-Oct-14
Texas Reelers	14-Nov-14

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

Of Interest, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, November 15th

On Saturday evening eight Swinging Stars visited the Rebel Rousers dance in Richardson and retrieved the Swinging Stars banner. Christine Hixson was on rounds and kept the dancers active with a variety of Christmas music. Mike Bramlett called a nice dance using lots of basic calls in a variety of different ways so the new dancers present could participate. Swinging Stars in attendance were: P. Amy, Esteps, T. Evanto, HARRISES, and Smith/Hardin. Thanks to Bob Estep for this report.

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

Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, November 18th

Location: Café Del Rio (401 Central Expressway, Allen, TX)

Website: www.cafedelrio.net/allen

Time: 11:30 am

Hostess: Lorraine Burson (Lorraine@Bursons.us or [972-396-0941](tel:972-396-0941))

Of Interest, T. Square Gadabouts, Friday, November 21st

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 S. E. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX)

Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM

Callers: Jon Jones, Rick Smith

Cuer: Jack Kenny

Theme: Turkey Shoot Dance

Notes: Double Deal, **Banner Retrieval**

Of Interest, Tri-City Promenaders, Saturday, November 22nd

Location: Brookside Center (1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Paul Kinsey, Bobby Willis
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Theme: Thanksgiving and All Gospel Singing Dance
Notes: Double Deal

Official, Lone Star Solos, Saturday, November 29th

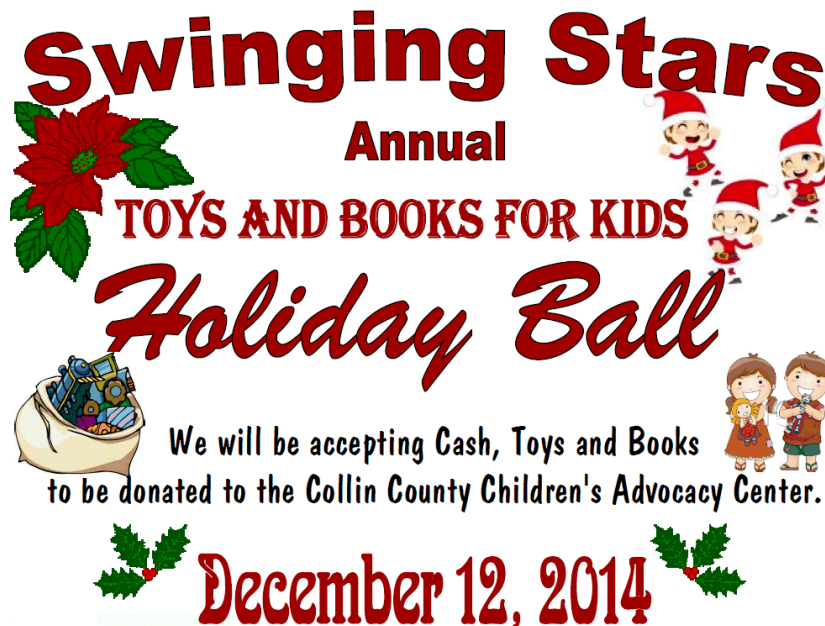
Location: Knights of Columbus Hall (10110 Shoreview Rd, Dallas, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Tim Tyl, Dave Vieira
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Theme: 50th Anniversary
Notes: Double Deal, **Banner Retrieval**, wear **purple**, if you have it

Refreshments Duty and Information

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
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



SWINGING STARS

40TH ANNIVERSARY

DISCO DANCIN'

With the Stars

Born In The Disco Age And Celebrating Our Disco Roots

Friday, January 23, 2015

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

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

Swinging Stars President

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