



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 23, 2014

We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! There will be **no Swinging Stars dance this Friday**, the day after Thanksgiving.

There is an **official visit to the Lone Star Solos 50th Anniversary Dance** scheduled for **Saturday**. The Lone Star Solos have accumulated a total of 41 person-visits to our dances so far this year. Only the Texas Reelers, the Rebel Rousers, and the Kissin' Kuzzins have given us more support. Since the Lone Star Solos normally dance on Thursday night, it has been understandably difficult to get many of our members to their dances. There isn't a lot else going on in NORTEX area dancing this weekend, and this is a great chance to reciprocate the Solos' support of our dances. **Please wear your purple and make this visit if you possibly can.**

Our holiday party is quickly approaching. December 5 is the date of the event which is always a memorable event and a highlight of our year. You don't want to miss it! Read the details in Announcements below, and **get your check to Betty Wheaton by December 1.**

Our next club dance will be our annual **Books and Toys dance on December 12**. Please plan to donate cash or a new children's book or toy to **support the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County**.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, November 25 – Mainstream lesson, Carpenter Rec Center, 7:15PM

Thursday, November 27 -- **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Friday, November 28 – **Not happening this week: NO Swinging Stars dance**

Saturday, November 29 – Official visit to Lone Star Solos 50th Anniversary Dance; wear **purple** if you have it; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

We are saddened to learn of the death of **Knarik Bondi's sister, Aida**, on Monday, November 17.

We are saddened to learn of the death of **Karen Hawkins' sister, Celia**, on Friday, November 20. Mass will be held in Celia's honor at 11:00AM on December 4 at St. Phillip Catholic Church, 1897 W. Main in Lewisville.

Please keep Knarik and Jim and Karen and Mark in your thoughts and prayers. Both the Bondis and the Hawkins have expressed gratitude for all the kind concern and support from Swinging Stars members during the past several months.

From Anne and Russ NejdI, anniversary dance chairmen:

We have **just 2 months until the Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance on Friday, January 23rd**. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, it takes the whole club working together to make this a success. **This week I am asking for volunteers who would like to bring a dessert to feed 24 to the dance.** Please bring on a disposable dish. Please be sure everything is cut up into serving pieces. If you have a special dish you would like returned after the dance, please label you dish with your name. We are not washing any dishes, so disposable would be best. **We are also asking for volunteers to man the beverage station.** Linda and Charlie Harris have graciously offered to chair this committee and will start the first pot of coffee. The main responsibility of these workers is to keep the cups filled with ice and make sure we have enough coffee, water or iced tea on hand. Volunteers will work 30 minute shifts starting at 7pm until 9:30 pm. **The entire club is involved in the clean-up before we head to the Lassiter's for a well-deserved after party.**

If you wish to volunteer to make baked potatoes or a dessert, or to volunteer either as a kitchen angel or to serve on the beverage committee, please contact me at Yo_Red@verizon.net. To date, not one club member has contacted me in response to my notice in last week's newsletter, so be prepared to receive a call from me after Thanksgiving.

From Linda Harris, Holiday Party chairman:

Holiday Party Fun!

The Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party is **Friday, December 5th, 2014.**

Get your money in early! \$30.00 per couple by December 1st, which includes a catered BBQ dinner with all the trimmings, beer and margaritas, square dancing with our own Wayne Baldwin and line dancing with our own Walter Brewer! **Send your \$30.00 check to:**

Betty Wheaton

6102 Lakeshore Drive
Rowlett, TX 75089

Deadline is December 1st for caterer headcount. - NO checks to 'Swinging Stars' treasury.

Note: Rutledge and Susan Haggard generously share their facility with us each year. A tip jar will be out for the bartender service and support. I know you will be generous. Thank you

Swinging Stars Holiday Ladies Luncheon (from Anne NejdI)

The Ladies Holiday Luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 23rd at noon at the home of Russ and Anne NejdI. Please let me know if you can attend. I am asking everyone to bring either a salad or a dessert to share. I will provide the paper goods and drinks. There will be games and prizes and the annual white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped item you wish to re-gift. Please be kind as most ladies try really hard to provide items of good taste. The gift exchange is totally optional, and you are not required to participate, but you would sure miss out on a lot of fun!

RSVP by Sunday, December 21st to Yo_Red@verizon.net or call [972-964-5979](tel:972-964-5979).

Mainstream Lessons Angels: Thanks to the following angels who helped at last week's lesson: Dave & Lorraine Burson; Dave & Mary Colter; Bob Estep; Ralph & Lucy Hamm; Richard, Peggy, and Jackie Jung; Russ & Anne NejdI; Mark & Marcy Sherman; and Jeff & Anne Stewart. 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. We can certainly use your help!

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/>

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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
T-Square Gadabouts	21-Nov-14

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Lone Star Solos	26-Sep-14
Texas Reelers	14-Nov-14

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

Plus 4s, Wednesday, November 19th

Nineteen Swinging Stars went to Plus 4s Wednesday night. They enjoyed great plus practice and learned some new skills courtesy of talented and always entertaining Plus 4s caller, Charles (Quiz) Quisenberry. We learned a new call, split square through. In this call, the two side or head couples start a square through with each other, and then finish it with the other two couples. For example, if "sides split square through four" is called, the sides pull by and turn to face the heads and finish the square through four. Quiz also called one A tip for the dancing pleasure of the A dancers present and the viewing pleasure of the rest of us. Swinging Stars there were the Bursons, Colters, J. Duncan, Evantos, Hamms, Kerns, Lewises, Lloyds, Shermans, and Sherrells.

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

Eleven Swinging Stars plus one (there was a Swinging Star there with a Rebel Rousers badge on) enjoyed a great night of dancing at the Swingtime Center on Friday, and we retrieved our banner. The T Square Gadabouts Turkey Shoot Dance featured great calling by Jon Jones and Rick Smith. They teamed up for wonderfully entertaining, challenging and fast paced duets. Jack Kenny entertained the round dancers and kept them on their toes with varied selection of waltzes, jives, two steps, rumbas, and cha-chas. In addition to the great dancing, there was an ample supply of great food! Swinging Stars making the trip across town were the Bursons, Estes, T. Evanto, Hamms, Harris, and Pittses.

Official Visit, Tri City Promenaders Square Gadabouts, Saturday, November 22st

Fourteen of our members braved the pouring rain on Saturday night to attend the Tri City Promenaders dance in Hurst. Paul Kinsey was joined by guest caller Bobby Willis for an all gospel singing event. Paul and Bobby were in great form as they sang a fast moving program of gospel songs that kept the dancers moving and smiling. They were joined on one tip by Jim Howard, a caller visiting from Oklahoma. Chris Farabaugh entertained the round dancers with an excellent selection of dances. The following Swinging Stars were in attendance: P. Amy, the Bergesens, Bursons, Estes, T. Evanto, the Hamms, Harris, and Pittses.

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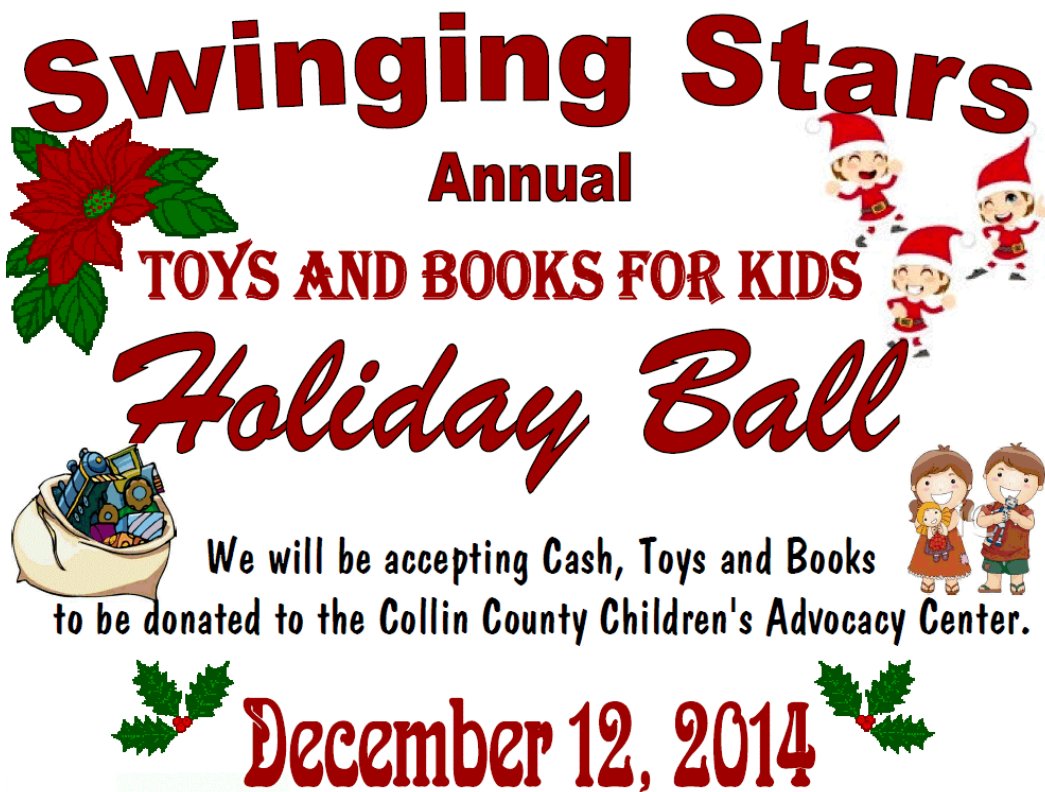
Official, Lone Star Solos, Saturday, November 29th

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

October 30 – November 1, 2015 – NORTEX Callers Cavalcade and Round-Up

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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