



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for November 30, 2014*

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**Party, party, party!** The Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party is this Friday beginning at 6:00PM! We have over 100 members signed up – it's going to be fun! If you have not gotten your money in and would like to attend, contact Betty Wheaton at 972-475-1489 not later than tomorrow, December 1, to make arrangements and to enable an accurate headcount for the caterer. A flyer with all the information on the party and how to get the Haggard Party Barn is forwarded with this newsletter. Or click on the following link: [http://www.swingingstars.org/Holiday\\_Party2014.pdf](http://www.swingingstars.org/Holiday_Party2014.pdf)

We have lots of opportunities to dance this week. You can angel at lessons on Tuesday, plus dancers can go to Plus 4s on Wednesday, there will be lots of dancing at our Holiday Party on Friday night, we'll visit the Solitaires on Saturday night, and the annual NORTEX Toys for Tots dance is on Sunday. **Be sure to check out all the details in the Announcements and Coming Events sections below.**

**Our December 12<sup>th</sup> dance will be our annual Toys and Books for Kids Holiday Ball** to benefit the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center. We will be accepting cash, checks, new toy and book donations at the dance. **Please make plans to bring your donation on December 12.**

Ralph and Lucy

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### Happening This Week

Tuesday, December 2 – Mainstream lesson, Carpenter Rec Center, 7:15PM

Friday, December 5 – **Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party at Haggard Party Barn, 6:00PM**

Saturday, December 6 – Visit to Solitaires; see details in Coming Events below.

Sunday, December 7 – **NORTEX Toys for Tots Dance**, see details in Announcements below.

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### Announcements

**The refreshments duty assignments through March 2016 have been made and are listed under Refreshments Duty and Information below.** Check whether you are on the list, and if so, become familiar with or refresh your memory of the guidelines below the duty listing. The January 9 team will need to pick up bags at the December 12 dance since we will not have a dance on December 26.



**Just a reminder that the Toys for Tots Toy Drop-Off and Christmas Dance is coming up on Sunday December 7th.** We hope you will join us to help make this a successful dance and toy drop-off. The address is Civic Center, 411 W Arapaho, Richardson. The day's events will start at 2:30 and continue thru the evening until 8:00. **Schedule:**

2:30 - 4:00 Formula 51 Style Squares

4:30 - 5:30 Early Rounds and Plus Squares

5:30 - 8:00 Square and Round Dancing

**Admission:** This year we will be accepting donations in the form of cash, checks, credit cards, and/or new unwrapped toys. Although new unwrapped toys are accepted, the money donated to the Toys for Tots Foundation will go further to purchase toys than you could purchase in a retail store.

**Wreath Contest:** Be sure to bid on the Swinging Stars wreath. Our wreath was donated by Bob and Terri Pitts, and it is beautiful. The club whose wreath that raises the most money will receive a check for the equivalent of 12 one quarter page ads in the Promenade.

NORTEX and NTCA will be competing for the highest donation for their creative contribution. NORTEX will be holding a raffle for two Christmas trees. NTCA will hold a raffle for a wreath. Look at them carefully, both will be loaded with cash and/or gift cards. Wonder which will sell the most raffle tickets?

This is a **Double Deal Dance**, so remember to get your **visitation cards** signed.

We suggest you arrive before 6:00 to get a good parking spot!!!!

**Attention ladies:** Plans for the December ladies luncheon announced in last week's newsletter are changing. We will include the new plans in next week's newsletter.

**From Anne and Russ Nejd, anniversary dance chairmen:**

We have less than 2 months to prepare for the Anniversary Dance on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. I did hear from some of you after the last newsletter and I thank you for volunteering. I will bring the sign-up sheets to the club holiday party on Friday night. Please look over the jobs and food items and sign up for each. I am still looking for chair persons to be in charge of the various auctions – the money auction and the grand prize drawing. Committee chairs are basically responsible for seeing that the workers are at their stations at the designated times. Please contact me if you can chair one of these.

Russ has made a stained glass panel that depicts a duck in flight. We will be auctioning it off as the grand prize drawing. We will also bring it to the club party so everyone can ooh and aah. It will be on display at future club dances, and we hope to begin selling pre-dance raffle tickets for the stained glass at upcoming dances.

**Mainstream Lessons Angels:** Thanks to the following angels who helped at last week's lesson: Peggy Amy, Jim Bondi, Dave & Mary Colter, Richard & Jan Covington, Bob & Kathy Estep, Barry & Helen Feldman, Ralph & Lucy Hamm, Charlie & Linda Harris, Joel & Marilyn Kern, Jeff & Martha Lloyd, Mark & Roxana Mars, Russ & Anne Nejd, Bob & Terri Pitts, and Jeff & Anne Stuart. This was the largest group of angels we've had this year. Thank you, thank you Swinging Stars! If you can come out to help with the next lesson on Tuesday, please contact our Angel Coordinator, Lorraine Burson, at [Lorraine@Bursons.us](mailto: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!

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**\* \* \* From Your 2<sup>nd</sup> VPs \* \* \***

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
T-Square Gadabouts	21-Nov-14

**Swinging Stars Banners Out**

Club	Date Captured
Texas Reelers	14-Nov-14

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

**Official, Lone Star Solos, Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

Nineteen (19) Swinging Stars attended the Lone Star Solos 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance Saturday night, and we retrieved our banner. It was a very fun night. Guest caller Tim Tyl and club caller Dave Vieira teamed up for very energetic and fast paced calling and interjected lots of entertaining banter between and during tips. Chris Farabaugh kept the round dancers entertained with an excellent selection of dances and his always excellent cuing. The dance was an great success for the Lone Star Solos with well over 200 guests attending. Three students from our mainstream lessons attended, including Phil and Ann Lee who have submitted their application to join the Swinging Stars and are included in the count of 19 Swinging Stars attending. Here's the full list of our attendees: P. Amy, J. Bondi, the Esteps, T. Evanto, the Feldmans, Hamms, Lees, Perrotts, Pittses, J. Smith (M. Hardin was there in her official duty as president of the Solitaires), the Sobotkas, and C. Wolfe.

**\* \* \* COMING EVENTS \* \* \***

**Swinging Stars Holiday Party, Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Haggard Party Barn, Plano, TX  
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>  
Time: Party – 6:00PM

**Of Interest, Solitaires, Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church ( 12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX)  
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:45PM  
Caller: Bobby Willis  
Cuer: J L Pelton  
Theme: Jingle Bell Rock Dance

## **NORTEX, Toys for Tots Dance, Sunday, December 7th**

Location: Richardson Civic Center  
Time: Formula 51 Squares- 2:30PM  
Early Rounds and Plus Dancing- 4:30PM  
Square and Round Dancing – 5:30PM  
Callers: Area callers  
Cuers: Area cuers  
Host: Chip Waggoner (and Marine Toys for Tots Foundation)  
Notes: Admission – cash (preferred) and/or unwrapped toys

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## **Refreshments Duty and Information**

December 12	<b>Stuart</b> , Sherrell, Colter, Kendrick
December 26	Dance cancelled (day after Christmas)
January 9	<b>Whipple</b> , Branden, Bullock, DeLuke
January 23	<b>Club Anniversary Dance - All Members Help</b>
February 13	<b>Estep</b> , Dennison, Foust, Feldman
February 27	<b>Harris</b> , Lassiter, Reid, Row
March 13	<b>Trujillo</b> , Gifford, Jimison, Hardin/Smith
March 27	<b>Loven</b> , Lewis, Loxsom, Hamm

If you need to change your scheduled date, please contact someone on the refreshment list to trade with you. Notify Jeff and Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email [jwstuart@flash.net](mailto:jwstuart@flash.net) of the names/dates to change. The lead couple should contact all members on the team to be sure they know the following:

- What they are going to bring for refreshments.
- Arrive at dance at 6:45 pm. As per our contract with PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 6:45 pm
- Enter thru the Gym door.
- Refreshments shut down at 9:30 pm (no earlier)
- If you take home a refreshment bag, check that it has all the items listed on the Florescent Hang Tag on the bag.
- Be sure all items are clean
- Repack bags in a Tidy Manner

Refreshment Duty Reminders:

If you have a conflict with the Refreshment Schedule

- Please contact someone on the refreshment list to trade with you.
- Notify the refreshment schedulers: Jeff & Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email: [jwstuart@flash.net](mailto:jwstuart@flash.net) the names of your schedule changes.
- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments and pick up the Four Bags. If unable to do so be sure that someone picks them up for you.
- Check refreshment Bags for the info regarding “Refreshment Duty Tips” and “List of Items Supplied by the Club”.
- Contact George and Mary Loxsom at 972-312-8513 or [1stVP@swingingstars.org](mailto:1stVP@swingingstars.org) for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. They may already have what you need.

**Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!**

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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 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance

Saturday, January 31, 2015 – Dave and Lorraine Burson's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance – everyone is invited

June 4 – 7, 2015 – 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival, Waco, TX

June 24 – 27, 2015 – 64<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA

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

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Check out and Like our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/518717944880222>

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For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org) and click on Weekends.

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Remember our Sunshine person is Debbie Piziali, and you can email her at [debbie@piziali.dv.org](mailto: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**

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