



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 13, 2015

From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:

Thanks to all of you Swinging Stars who ventured out to Swingtime Center last Sunday for the USO fundraiser. What a success it was! There were about a dozen of us there, although no one actually counted. What really counts is that we had a bunch of fun and USO got a bunch of money to use right here in the DFW area.

Remember that the December 25th dance has been cancelled (for obvious reasons) so our next dance is January 8th. Be asking your non-square dancing friends to come see what it's all about from 7:00 to 8:00. After that, we'll have our regular dance.

Doug and Jan

Happening This Week

Friday, December 18 – Official Visit to Texas Reelers – Save the Last Dance for Me Dance: Early Rounds: 7:30PM. Grand March: 8:00PM. Last Dance: 10:00PM at the Richardson Senior Center.

Saturday, December 19 – Of Interest Visit to Rebel Rousers – Bacon Bowl Dance – Early Rounds: 7:00PM. All Plus: 7:30PM. Grand March: 8:00PM at the Richardson Senior Center.

Announcements

You are so generous!

You are such a generous club! Our USO "Money Tree" made of inflated surgical gloves with a gift card, two-fer, or cash in each branch, brought in \$150! And our Toys for Tots drive Friday night brought in \$200 worth of toys and another \$305 in cash and checks! Thank you so much!

Holiday Cash Gift for Miguel

Miguel (Shepard Custodian) sends his sincere 'thank you' for his holiday gift. It's extra for his two little ones.

NEWS REGARDING MAMA'S PIZZA!

The new owners (sorta new) informed us they can no longer accommodate our late night arrival. The cook doesn't want to stay past his 8pm leave time, etc. etc. So, we're trying a new place after the December 11th dance. It's on the SE corner of Custer and Parker, just across Custer from MaMa's. **Franchise Grill and Bar, 3000 Custer Rd Suite 345, Plano, TX 75075** <http://www.yelp.com/biz/the-franchise-grill-and-bar-plano>

They're open until 2am and have a large selection of beer and food. Menu>>> <https://locu.com/places/the-franchise-grill-and-sports-bar-plano-us/#menu>

From our Cuer

Dear Swinging Stars,

Just thought I'd pass along to you that Roundalab's round dance figure videos are on sale now. If you have any interest in getting these, now may be a good time. The videos are available as CDs and there is a computer software which is also available. Here is a link to the sale ad. <http://roundalab.org/sale.pdf>

Here is a link to sample videos (how the figures are demonstrated). There are a couple for examples each from phases 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6. http://roundalab.org/Figure_Videos/Sample_Figure_Videos.htm

Over the years, many dancers have used these videos as an aid to their round dance learning and development. These are great for the visual learner. If your learning style is more linguistically oriented, the written manuals are also on sale.

If you call in to order, kindly let Susan know that we let you know about the sale. And no, we don't get a kickback for any sales Roundalab makes. And in case you aren't aware - Roundalab is the round dance version of Callerlab. Eula and I are proud to be currently serving on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee for this amazing organization which works tirelessly for the benefit of round dancing.

Cheers, Walter & Eula Brewer

Round Dance Lessons

News Flash - Signup now for Round Dancing

Signup for both Linda and JL's classes is now open for all interested dancers. Log in to the Plano Parks and Rec Catalog and look for the following information:

Beginning Rumba and Cha - Course # 174456 - Starting Tuesday, January 12 (Carpenter Rec Center)

Refresher Workshop - Course # 175436 - Refresh your beginning level dancing - Starting Saturday, January 9 (Plano Senior Center)

Square Dance Lessons

Lessons Start – Tuesday January 12th

Thank you all for the 'leads' offered so far. We have a decent start, **but we do not have enough to fill the class so please keep recruiting and sending in the leads!** We're extending the **deadline until January 1st.** Additional leads should be forwarded to Mark/Karen Hawkins and/or Ralph/Lucy Hamm. This gives you another month to recruit. **Remember, please don't wait until the last day to send in the leads. The sooner we get them, the sooner we start contacting the potential new members.** Keep up the good work!! We want a large, fun, crowd for January lessons. **PLEASE CONTINUE DOING YOUR PART>>>>RECRUIT!!**

Anniversary Dance Update from Nina Lassiter

A big Thank You to so many of the Club members who signed up to bring food and work shifts on the various areas of responsibility for the Anniversary Dance.

If you have not signed up to bring food, please sign up to bring a salad. We have plenty of desserts. Also, we still really need help with the Food and Beverage service areas of responsibility.

And if we will miss seeing you at the Anniversary Dance, please let me know you are not coming if you did not sign the back of the card yet.

My email is ninalassiter@gmail.com. Since I will be out town this week, email or text is best.

NTCA Singing Call/Round Dance of the Year Ballot

The ballot that is in the Promenade is inaccurate. We have replacement ballots you can use to vote for favorite. They will be available at the next dance on the 8th of January. You may vote for as many callers and or cuers as you wish, but you may only vote once per caller/cuer. And this year the voting is FREE as is the dance on January 24th at Swingtime Center. We want to be unified in what we vote for so our favorite caller and cuer have the best chance of winning. Let us know YOUR favorite song for each and we'll pick the one that has the most votes and all vote for the same one. Be looking this week for the ballots and our picks if you want to vote early. Otherwise, get your ballot at the January 8th dance.

*** * * From Your 2nd VP's, Dave and Lorraine Burson* * ***
2nd VP Report for December 13, 2015

Official Visitation

Saturday, December 12 Cotton Pickin Squares

Santa's Helpers Dance

The turnout for the Cotton Pickin' Squares was not good; on their part as well as ours.

On a rainy, stormy Saturday night a square of Swinging Stars journeyed to Greenville to dance with the Cotton Pinkin' Squares for their annual Santa's Helpers Dance. They had a cookie tasting to raise money and the Wedding Cookie was the winner. As it should have been – it was great! Our own Wayne Baldwin was calling squares and Christine Hixson did rounds. Both presented a fun evening for those in attendance. Thank you to the Swinging Stars present: Esteps, Hamms, Harriss, and the Sees. A special thank you goes to Bob Estep for making this report for me.

Banner Report

The Kissin Kuzzins had 16 members visiting our club on Friday night. They captured our banner and retrieved theirs. We currently have 11 banners that we have captured and two that we need to retrieve. As usual if you are visiting one of the clubs listed in the captured banners below 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
Lone Star Solos	Mar-12-15
Rebel Rousers	Nov-21-15
Roadrunners	May 30-15
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

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Kissin Kuzzins	Dec-12-15
Texas Reelers	Nov-13-15

DECEMBER VISITATION SCHEDULE AND COMING EVENTS

LET'S STRIVE TO KEEP SQUARE DANCING ALIVE

Check below for the details

Official Visitation

Friday, December 18 Texas Reelers

Save The Last Dance For Me

Please don't miss this very special dance. This is going to be Jack and Ann's von der Heide's last dance for the Texas Reelers. Please come and bid farewell. Along with Jack cueing, Deborah Carroll and Jon Jones will be calling the squares. They will be having a "Last Dance" at 10:00 to commemorate 25 years of cueing with the von der Heides.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00
Callers: Deborah Carroll and Jon Jones
Cuer: Jack and Ann von der Heide
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 West Arapaho Road
Richardson

Dance of Interest

Saturday, December 19 Rebel Rousers

Bacon Bowl Bacon Recipe Contest

Ok all you bacon lovers get to it. Get your favorite recipe and "make some bacon". This dance is their 3rd annual bacon contest dance. Everyone is invited to bring his or her favorite bacon dish to enter in the contest. The dancer with the winning recipe will receive the traveling "Golden Oinker" award. Dancers will vote for their favorite recipe with whatever amount of cash they wish to donate. The money will be given to a local charity. Hope you all will visit with us and dance to Mike Bramlett and Christine Hixson. This has all the promise of a fun evening of dancing food tasting.

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



Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, December 22nd Swinging Stars Ladies Holiday Luncheon

The December Ladies Luncheon is a very special luncheon that the ladies of the Swinging Stars look forward to every year. Anne Nejdil so graciously volunteered to host this special luncheon for us. She has chosen December 22nd at 12:00, as it is the most convenient day and time for her. She will supply the turkey breast and drinks. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. She always has fun games and prizes. If you wish you can bring a white elephant gift for exchange. Wrap your trinket that you wish to re-gift for the white elephant re-gifting gift exchange game. It is really a lot of fun. It is optional to participate in the white elephant exchange. RSVP by December 18th to Anne Nejdil 972-954-5979 or email Yo_Red@verizon.net

Dance of Interest

New Years Eve

Thursday, December 31st Double Plus

Bring in the New Year

Come dance with Rick and Wayne on the final New Years Eve for Rick before his retirement. Finger food served all evening. Black Eyed Peas and Corn Bread at Midnight. See ad on Page 20 of the Dec Promenade.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00 to 9:00, Squares 9:00 to 1:00
 Callers: Rick Smith and Wayne Baldwin
 Cuer: Jack Kenny
 Location: Swingtime Center
 5100 Loop 820 Ft. Worth

New Years Eve.

Thursday, December 31st

This dance is sponsored by Mike Bramlett and Christine Hixson. It is all plus with 2 rounds between tips.

See flyer at the end of this newsletter. (or http://www.swingingstars.org/New_Years_Eve_2015.pdf)

This New Years Eve Dance is not in the December Promenade.

- * Date - Thursday Night December 31st
- * Location - Richardson Senior Center - 820 W Arapaho Richardson, TX
- * Dance Time - 9:00 PM till Midnight
- * Cost is \$10 per person (\$20 per couple)
- * Advanced Ticket Sales Only / No tickets sold at the door
- * Only 10 Squares / First come first serve
- * Black-Eyed- Peas and Cornbread and other snacks will be served during the dance

Dance Level will be Plus with 2 Rounds between tips

Quick Look Time: **All Plus** & Rounds: 9:00 to 12:00
 Caller: Mike Bramlett
 Cuer: Christine Hixson
 Location: Richardson Senior Center
 820 West Arapaho Road
 Richardson

A Message from Swinging Stars 2nd VP Elect, Jim & Knarik Bondi

As 2nd VP-elect, we'd like to promote a great square dancing opportunity that we're excited about. Please try to include this short write-up below in all SS newsletters between now & 01 FEB 2016 (when tour registration closes).

SEP 2016 Germany/Austria Square Dance Tour

If you like to travel and to square dance, you don't want to miss this tour. The featured callers are Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine! Yes, it costs \$5570 per person but you get a whole lot for that money, including:

- round trip air (with hotel transfers)
- 2 weeks (13-27 September 2016) of hotel
- virtually all meals

- exciting daily tours in Germany & Austria

(see long itinerary <http://crisptours.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Intinerary-SD-Long-2016-NEW2.pdf>)

- evening square dancing (almost all featuring Jerry & Tony).

Although there is still room on the second tour bus, the organizers are confident it will sell out (as it's done with previous tours). You have until 01 FEB 2016 to make a \$250 deposit per person (all but \$50 of which is refundable by that date). As your main portal to a wealth of info on this tour, visit <http://crisptours.com/2016-square-dance-tour/> .

We (Jim & Knarik Bondi) have reserved our spot and are beginning to get excited about what awaits us next September. We really hope several of you will join us on this adventure. If you have questions, I'll be glad to answer them as best I can (j.bondi@ieee.org, cell: 214-226-5922). But, also feel free to email tour organizer **Tom Crisp at tom@crisptours.com** for expert answers to any of your questions. I did. He responded quickly and was very helpful.

Jim & Knarik Bondi

Refreshments Duty and Information

January 8 - Stuart, Gifford, Ross, Jung

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!):

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@swingingsstars.org

Phone: 972-834-3097



Dance in the New Year

Casual Attire Welcome

Thursday, December 31, 2015



Your Host for the Evening

The Bramlett's

&

The Hixson's



Plus Dancing / Rounds
Games, Surprises and Much More!



Richardson Senior Recreation Center
820 W Arapahoe Richardson, TX 75081

Dancing Starts at 9:00 PM till Midnight

\$10 per Person

Advanced Tickets Only

You Can't get in without a
TICKET

Reserve Your Space on
the Guest List

Don't Be

10 Squares

ONLY

\$10 per Person

Advanced Tickets Only



For More Information Call
Mike Bramlett
214-402-8540

SqDncClr@aol.com

**New Year's
Eve**

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

 **Swinging Stars**
Square and Round Dance Club

 **FUN DANCE NIGHT** 

**Introduce your Family and Friends
to Square Dancing**

Square Dancing is Friendship Set to Music

Mark you calendar for

 **Friday, January 8, 2016** 

 **Introduction To Dancing 7:00 to 8:00PM** 

**Grand March at 8:00 PM Rounds between tips
and Hot Hash after the last tip**

Caller: Wayne Baldwin Cuer: Walter Brewer

Shepard Elementary 1000 Wilson Dr. - Plano

- You will learn Basic Square Dance calls taught by our caller.
- Between tips we'll have some Line Dancing cued by our cuer.
- Dress casual and wear comfortable shoes.
- Everyone is welcome to stay and experience the fun we have at our dances
- Free to everyone interested in learning how much fun it is to square dance.

Fun Food Fitness Friendship

 **Square Dance Classes Start Jan.12, 2016**

At Carpenter Rec. Center 6701 Coit Rd., Plano

For Info: 972-834-3097 president@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

For info: 972-834-3097 or president@swingingstars.org

Visit our Web Site: www.swingingstars.org



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