



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 18, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas to each of you.

Club Dues: The Club voted to raise dues from \$35.00 per couple per quarter to \$45.00 per couple per quarter effective January 1, 2017

Read all the way to the end of the Newsletter as the “Important Dates” are starting to get filled in for the year.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Wednesday, December 21 – Plus 4’s – Charles Quisenberry

Friday, December 23 – Swinging Stars are closed for the Holidays

Saturday, December 24 – Open

Announcements

From Richard Covington: Please note that I am taking a break from square dance calling and will not be able to attend NTCA meetings and/or functions for the foreseeable future. I just don't have time to devote to calling. My mom died last year and dad is living in a house by himself. He is mostly blind from macular degeneration and mostly deaf. I am the closest child (he's in Sherman) the responsibility of taking care of him is on me. It has given me the opportunity to give back some of what he sacrificed in raising five children. Also, my job is more demanding, stressful and exhausting than when I went into caller training and as a result, I don't have adequate time to invest in preparing and staying sharp for an opportunity to call an occasional tip.

Jan and I got back into square dancing in order to have an activity to do together and as you know calling takes you away from being a dancer and leaves your partner without a partner.

The only exception to taking a break from calling is that I just finished teaching lessons for the Allen Parks and Rec Center and, before making this decision, I had agreed to Spring lessons. If the class makes, I will honor my commitment to teach lessons on Monday night.

Square Dance Lessons start January 10, 2017 at Carpenter Rec. Center. Start recruiting NOW!
Registration open.

Round Dancers: Linda and JL Pelton will be teaching a new beginning class of Bolero starting Tuesday, January 10 at Carpenter Rec Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano. This is an 8-week class from 7:30 to 9:30. A two-hour class gives plenty of time for practice and, just like square dancing, it's practice that makes you a good dancer.

Bolero is a fun Latin rhythm, very similar to Rumba. If you have had Rumba and Cha Cha class, this one will be really easy with similar figure names. If you haven't had Rumba or Cha Cha, it will make that Latin class easier to learn.

Registration is now open for everyone. You can call Carpenter Rec Center at 972-208-8087, or you can register online at www.planoparks.org. The name of the class in the Parks and Rec catalog is Choreographed Ballroom Bolero, Course #187430.

Thank you for serving our favorite activity. We look forward to another great year of dancing and friendship.

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Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

Square + Round Dance

Friday 16 December – Texas Reelers – “Candy Cane Christmas”

19 Swinging Stars traveled to Richardson, TX, Friday night to dance with our friends, the Texas Reelers, at their Candy Cane Christmas dance. Club cuer, Chris Farabaugh, kicked off the evening with 30 minutes of smooth early rounds, and continued later, during intermittent rounds, with a mix of rhythms and phases that offered something for round dancers of all experience levels. For her part, club caller, Deborah Carroll-Jones (accompanied on tip #4 by hubby, Jone Jones), delivered a highly entertaining evening of tips (including one Plus tip) that incorporated, as dancers now eagerly anticipate, several great singing calls delivered as only she can. She also paid close attention to her club's new dancers on the floor, patiently offering them a bit of extra guidance when needed. A grand Thank You to these Swinging Stars who participated: Bondis, Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, Harrises, Z. Kilejian, Nejdls, Nestors, Pitts, and Sees. With your support, we recaptured our banner and captured our host's banner as well.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 17 December – Rebel Rousers – “Bacon Bowl”

8 Swinging Stars visited our friends, the Rebel Rousers, in Richardson, TX, Saturday evening at their annual “Bacon Bowl.” Club cuer, Christine Hixson, delivered 30 minutes of very nice early rounds, including some requests from the floor, and continued later, during intermittent rounds, to skillfully cue a floor-engaging, well balanced mix of rhythms and phases that, given the season, included a couple great holiday tunes. Club caller, Mike Bramlett, countered with 30 minutes of great early Plus followed by ~ 2.5 hours of great Mainstream tips, including some terrific singing calls, and 2 more solid Plus tips, intermixing all with his patented, periodic light-hearted comical quips that help energize the floor. Near evening's end, Rebel Rouser David Toms won the “coveted” Golden Oinker award for his bacon-embellished dish, which received ~ \$37 worth of “votes.” Together with the other dishes “votes,” roughly \$275 dollars, all headed to local food banks, was collected. A grand Thank You to these Swinging Stars who participated: Bondis, Evantos, Kilejians, and Sees.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you're a Swinging Star wanting to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered here, please submit it to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org no later than mid Sunday afternoon for inclusion here in that night's newsletter. Try to include the names of fellow Swinging Stars who attended with you plus a few salient details (such as club, location, caller, cuer).

BANNER REPORT

We currently hold 10 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 2 Swinging Stars banners captured from us. Overall banner status is detailed below. Remember, if you visit a club whose banner we already hold, please do not accept another of their banners.

Other Club Banners Held by Us

Club	Date Captured
Texas Reelers	16-Dec-2016
Rebel Rousers	19-Nov-2016
Lone Star Solos	10-Nov-2016
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016
Solitaires	02-Apr-2016
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015
Diamond Jubileers	14-Mar-2015
T Square Gadabouts	20-Feb-2015

Swinging Stars Banners Held at Other Clubs

Club	Date Captured
Kissin Kuzzins	11-Nov-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Square + Round Dance – Double Deal

Thursday 22 December – Lone Star Solos – “Merry Christmas”

Callers: Bill Hinkley (guest), Dave Vieira (club)

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March: 7:30

Knights of Columbus

10110 Shoreview Rd., Dallas, TX 75238

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Dance + All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 21 December – Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Dance: 6:15 – 7:30

Plus Dance: 7:30

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

“A” Dance

Thursday 22 December – Model As

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

“A”: 7:00

Churchill Way Center

6906 Churchill Way (at Hillcrest), Dallas, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

None this week.

Refreshments Duty and Information

December 22: Closed due to Holiday Season

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc.) without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents [Russ and Ann Nejd] 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!):

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance (Lorraine Burson coordinator)

September 22, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance (Something Special)

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 Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at llhamm45@gmail.com or phone her at 214-872-7219. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

Kathy & Bob Estep

Swinging Stars Presidents

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:

Swinging Stars



New Dancer Dance

January 13, 2017

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



Sq Workshop 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

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

Refreshments Banners Honey Pot Fun Dancing

For Info: 972-618-3640 or president@swingingstars.org

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