



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

### *Newsletter for December 20, 2015*

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**From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:**

We would like to remind everyone, one more time, that it is extremely important to turn in your leads for new dancers. Send them in to Mark/Karen Hawkins and/or Ralph/Lucy Hamm. We really want/need to have a good sized class in January and can't do it without your help.

We would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah. If you are traveling, drive safely, (not like we did coming home from Tool), enjoy family and friends and count your blessings. We are truly blessed to live in this great country.

Doug and Jan

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### **Happening This Week**

Tuesday, December 22 – Ladies Luncheon – 12:00PM at the home of Anne NejdI. (see below for details)

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### **Announcements**

#### **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 12<sup>th</sup>**

**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**

We are almost out of volunteer opportunities for the Anniversary Dance. Still needed are people to work on the Food and Beverage Committees (15 minute shifts- about 6-7 people needed). And we still need a few more salads.

Thank-you to all who have signed up for multiple task especially. The club is aware everyone comes to dance, but if we all pitch in, everyone gets to dance more. Please contact me if you have not signed up for something. You can text or call 214-769-632 or you may email me at [ninalassiter@gmail.com](mailto:ninalassiter@gmail.com).

Again thank you to all who are helping make the Anniversary Dance a rousing success. So much so that everyone will want to unwind at the After Party at Zari and Harry Kilejian's, 4212 Lorimar Dr., Plano 75093. Please make your plans to include this time for fellowship.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> dance.

## **News about Jerry Story**

This is Jerry Story Ok folks,,, here we go! I've just returned home from 3 days in the UNI hospital. This past week I experienced 2 mini strokes with near 100% recover. However, I am scheduled next week for surgery on my right carotid artery. Yup, looks like Christmas in the hospital. Oh well,,, I am very thankful,,, it could have been a lot worse. I have some very good consultants, Tony & Kim, went thru this very same thing this same time last year. Kim will keep everyone posted and up to date. They say I won't be able to drive or call for a few weeks. So, at this point, we have no idea when we will be able to begin our winter program in S. Texas. We are simply in a holding pattern. Our apologies for any inconvenience and Merry Christmas to all our dear friends and family.

If anyone would like to send Jerry a card - Here's his address:  
2270 Marigold Blvd.  
Fairfield, Iowa 52556

## **Thank you from the Covington's**

Jan and I would like to thank you for your prayers during this difficult time. Mom is in a better place and her passing was very peaceful. She always said when it was her time to go she hoped that she would be asleep and that she would go quickly. The doctors said that is what she did. Thank You again. May God grant you a very happy holiday season!!!!

Richard

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\* \* \* **From Your 2<sup>nd</sup> VP's, Dave and Lorraine Burson** \* \* \*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report for December 20, 2015**

**Official Visitation**

***Friday, December 18 Texas Reelers***

22 Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers to their "Save The Last Dance for Me" in Richardson on Friday night. The attendance was significant at well over 100, largely because this was Jack and Ann von der Heide's last appearance as cuers for this club. Jack's 24-year, respected tenure as Texas Reelers cuer even attracted fellow cuers, such as Christine and Theron Hixson, to attend and demonstrate their round dancing prowess this night. Squares during the evening were masterfully called by Deborah Carroll Jones, sometimes accompanied by hubby Jon Jones. Especially exciting was their duet involving yodeling in two-part harmony. At evening's end, we were treated to "Jack's last (Reelers) waltz". All who could waltz were encouraged to participate, whether round dancers following Jack's cues or free-style waltzers doing their own thing. Wow! What a memorable event. A big thank you to all the Swinging Stars in attendance P. Amy, Bondis, Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, Harris', Heintz', Jimisons, Sees, Smith/Hardin, B. Wheaton, and the Williams' (newly graduated SS students). Thank you also to Jim Bondi for writing this interesting report for me.

**Dance of Interest**

***Saturday, December 19 Rebel Rousers***

***Bacon Bowl Bacon Recipe Contest***

Seventeen (17) Swinging Stars attended the Bacon Bowl in Richardson Saturday evening – contributing to the Spirit of Giving, which benefited the Little Elm Food Bank. Club caller Mike Bramlett called squares and Christine Hixson cued rounds. Mike Bramlett won the coveted Oinker award with his bacon apple pie and dancing was done to a lot of Christmas music for both squares and rounds. It was a festive dance that was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to all the Swinging Stars in attendance P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Covingtons, Esteps, Evantos, Putnam-Heintz, Sees, and Smith/Hardin.

Dave and I want to extend our appreciation to Ron See for making this report for us. We hope to be back to square dancing soon.

**Banner Report**

*I am assuming that we retrieved our banner from The Texas Reelers and captured one from the Reelers. We currently have 12 banners that we have captured and one 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
Texas Reelers	Dec-18-15
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



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## SEP 2016 Germany/Austria Square Dance Tour

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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](mailto:j.bondi@ieee.org), cell: 214-226-5922). But, also feel free to email tour organizer [Tom Crisp at tom@crisptours.com](mailto:tom@crisptours.com) for expert answers to any of your questions. I did. He responded quickly and was very helpful.

Jim & Knarik Bondi

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### 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 !st Vice Presidents to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

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### 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 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dance

June 22 – 25, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

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Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

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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

**Doug & Jan Bergesen**

**Swinging Stars President**

**Email: [president@swingingsstars.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 your 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](mailto: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**

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