



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club



Newsletter for December 21, 2014

We wish a **Merry Christmas** to all! We hope it is a joyous time for you.

We were thrilled with the participation for our visitations this weekend. Our club retrieved our one banner that was out (to the Texas Reelers) and captured the Reelers' and the Rebel Rousers' banners. On the weekend before Christmas when you wouldn't expect great participation due to family and other commitments, we had 20 members at the Reelers on Friday and 18 at the Rebel Rousers on Saturday. We LOVE your enthusiasm!

There will be NO SWINGING STARS DANCE THIS FRIDAY because it is the day after Christmas. As you can see in the Happening This Week section immediately below, we only have two events scheduled this week. We hope you have a joyous holiday with family and friends!

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, December 23 – Ladies luncheon, 11:30AM at the Bullocks' home.

Saturday, December 27 – Visit to Dixie Chainers; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements



HOW 'BOUT THEM COWBOYS!



* * * From Your 2nd VPs * * *

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
Cotton Pickin' Squares	13-Dec-14
Decatur 8ers	4-Oct-14
Diamond Jubileers	13-Sep-14
Kissin' Kuzzins	03-Oct-14
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Rebel Rousers	20-Dec-14
Roadrunners	17-Jul-14
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Texas Reelers	19-Dec-14
Tri-City Promenaders	23-Aug-14

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
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* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Plus 4s, Wednesday, December 17th

14 Swinging Stars visited Plus 4s in Farmers Branch on Wednesday for their Christmas dance. The evening's all-plus tips were called by veteran club caller Charles Quizenberry, aka "Quiz." As expected, Quiz treated dancers to a wide variation of plus maneuvers throughout the evening. He also periodically challenged dancers with a bit tougher calls including position-swapped recycles, some tricky "... and roll"s, and others. Despite the challenges, dancers were all well behaved, which is fortunate because, to everyone's surprise, Santa Claus appeared during the evening. Santa distributed some "sweet treat" gifts and even danced a full tip in one lucky square. All attendees had an enjoyable evening. Visiting Swinging Stars included Bondis, Esteps, Feldmans, Halvorsons, Hawkins, Lewises, and Sherrells. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

Texas Reelers, Friday, December 19th

Twenty (20) Swinging Stars enjoyed a festive night of square and round dancing to a variety of Christmas and non-Christmas tunes at the Texas Reelers on Friday night. We retrieved our banner AND captured theirs. Deborah Carroll Jones called the squares in her always excellent style. Her singing is always top-notch, but she was truly awesome on "Let It Go" from the Disney animated movie "Frozen". Jack von der Heide entertained the round dancers with an excellent variety of dances. Swinging Stars in attendance included P. Amy, the Bullocks, Bondis, T. Evanto, the Hamms, Harrises, Kerns, Lees, Lloyds, Pharrs, and Schweer/Holley.

Rebel Rousers, Saturday, December 20th

The Rebel Rousers hosted their soon-to-be traditional annual Bacon Dance on Saturday night. Eighteen (18) Swinging Stars were there for the fun. We captured their banner. There was a contest for the best bacon dish with the winner receiving the greatly coveted "Golden Oinker" trophy. The hosts gave away numerous door prizes consisting of bacon in widely varied forms. Many of our members feasted on the plentiful bacon dishes, but at least one of us, whose digestive system just wasn't ready for it, did not. Maybe next year. Mike Bramlett and Christine Hixson provided excellent programs of squares and rounds featuring many Christmas songs. The following Swinging Stars were there: P. Amy, the Bondis, T. Evanto, the Feldmans, Halvorsons, Hamms, Hawkins, Lees, Smith/Hardin (Mary had on a Solitaires badge, but we know she is REALLY a Swinging Star), and the Trujillos.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, December 23rd

Location: Vickie Bullock home (4076 Olympic Court, Plano, TX 75093)
Time: 11:30 am
Hostess: Ann Nejd (Yo_Red@verizon.net or call 972-964-5979)

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, December 27th

Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Theme: Holiday Party Dance
Notes: Double Deal

Of Interest, Rebel Rousers, Wednesday, December 31st

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX)
Website: <http://www.rebelrousersdallas.com>
Time: Early rounds – 8:00PM / grand march – 9:00PM
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Theme: Annual New Years Eve Dance

Refreshments Duty and Information

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

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

SWINGING STARS

40TH ANNIVERSARY

DISCO DANCIN'

With the Stars

Born In The Disco Age And Celebrating Our Disco Roots

Friday, January 23, 2015

LOVE IS STILL IN THE AIR

AT THE

Swinging Stars

February 27TH

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Early Rounds: 7:00

Grand March: 8:00



Important dates for the next year (you should have these on your calendar!):

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/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.

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