



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 25, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas to each of you. Yesterday (24th) many of you celebrated the beginning of Hannukkah. For others of you today (25th) is Christmas Day. Whichever holiday you celebrate Kathy and I wish you the best wishes possible. We pray that your Holiday Season has been the best ever for you and your family.

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

Friday, December 30 - Plus Dance – no DBD – Mike Bramlett and Jack von der Heide – Richardson Senior Center

Saturday, December 31 – Rebel Rousers -- New Year’s Eve Dance – Mike Bramlett and Christine Hixson – Richardson Senior Center

Announcements

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.

2nd VP Report – 25 December 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

“A” Square Dance followed by Plus Square Dance

Wednesday 21 December – Plus 4s

During the early “A” dance, for 75 minutes, Quiz patiently directed both squares present through a variety of A1/A2 calls, providing sorely needed floor time for 2016 “A” students/graduates. During the main Plus dance that followed, a total of 10 Swinging Stars participated. The preferred “brain tickler” from Quiz this evening was Left Spin Chain and (sometimes Double) Exchange the Gears. A grand Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: P. Amy, Bondis, T. Evanto, Peltons, Perrotts, and Sees. It was very nice to see J.L. & Linda Pelton among the Stars attending this time.

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 -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

Square + Round Dance

Friday 30 December – ADD+ – “Let’s Party” (just good Plus, No DBD)

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Early Rounds: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Richardson Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson TX 75080

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 31 December – Rebel Rousers – “New Year’s Eve”

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Early Rounds: 8:00, Plus: 8:30, Grand March: 9:00, New Year’s Toast: Midnight
Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson TX 75080

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 31 December – Log Cabin Swingers – “New Year’s Eve”

Caller: Joey Duhamel

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Early Rounds: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00, After Party: 10:15, New Yr Toast: Midnight
Promenade Hall
1210 N. Tool Drive (Hwy 274), Tool, TX 75080

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Square + Round Dance

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Refreshments Duty and Information

January 13 – Will be available next week.

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)

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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

Email: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-618-3640

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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

Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org



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