



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 27, 2015

From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have suffered loss due to the tornados. We trust you are all safe.

May you all have a blessed and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing y'all next year.

Doug and Jan

Happening This Week

Thursday, December 31 – Of Interest Visit to Double Plus – New Year's Eve Dance – Early Rounds: 7:00PM.
Squares: 9:00PM, at the Swingtime Center.

Thursday, December 31 – Of Interest Visit to a New Year's Eve Dance w/ Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixson –
Plus Squares at 9:00PM with 2 rounds between tips at the Richardson Senior Center.

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 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

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.

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 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. May we suggest you vote for "You'll Never Find" for Singing Call by Wayne (he does such a good job on that Lou Rawls song) and "Little by Little" jive for the cueing song by Walter (which happens to be his favorite as well as ours). Be looking this week for the ballots if you want to vote early. Otherwise, get your ballot at the January 8th dance.

Update on Jerry Story

Tony Oxendine posted on Facebook – He spoke to Jerry after the surgery and he is doing fine. He was supposed to be home for Christmas. Jerry asked him to relay his gratitude to everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

If anyone would like to send Jerry a card - Here's his address:

2270 Marigold Blvd.
Fairfield, Iowa 52556

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@ieec.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

* * * From Your 2nd VP's, Dave and Lorraine Burson* * *
2nd VP Report for December 27, 2015

There is really nothing new to report for this week. We hope everyone had a joyous Holiday and we wish you a Happy New Year.

Banner Report

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

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 will be served 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 attached flyer for details

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

- * 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

JANUARY VISITATION SCHEDULE AND COMING EVENTS

LET'S STRIVE TO KEEP SQUARE DANCING ALIVE

Check below for the details

Dance of Interest

Saturday, Jan 2 Solitaires

Dancing Forward in 2016

It is going to be fun getting back into the swing of things dancing with our friends and enjoying the fun and fellowship we have together doing our favorite past time. We hope you will join us in the fun and fellowship dancing to Bobby Willis and JL and Linda Pelton. A quick reminder that the early rounds start at 7:00 with the Grand March starting at 7:45

See you in a square!

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March: 7:45
 Caller: Bobby Willis
 Cuer: JL Pelton
 Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church 12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch

Dance of Interest

Saturday, Jan 9 Diamond Jubileers

Snowman Dance

This is their annual Snowman dance. They don't guarantee that there will be snow or that it will even be cold. But they do really promise that it will be a fun dance dancing to Paul Kinsey and Chris Farabaugh.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, Workshop: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00
 Caller: Paul Kinsey
 Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
 Location: Swingtime Center 5100 E Loop 820, Ft. Worth

Official Visitation Dance

Friday, Jan 15 T Square Gadabouts

Rick Smith Retirement Dance.

Please make a point to make it to this special dance. Join the T Square Gadabouts as they celebrate 51 years of calling by one of the finest callers in the country who has supported all of the clubs in our area and throughout the state giving all of us many hours of great and happy dancing.

Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March: 8:00
Quick Look Caller: Rick Smith
 Cuer: Charles Crockett
 Location: Swingtime Center 5100 E Loop 820, Ft. Worth

Check back next Sunday for the rest of the month for January's visitations.

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@swingingstars.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



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



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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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