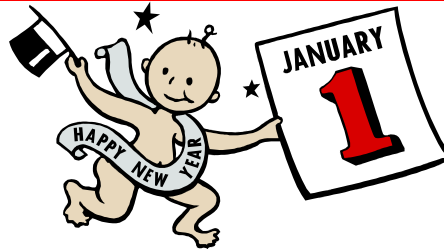


Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 28, 2014



We hope all of you are having a wonderful holiday season and that you have had a great 2014. We wish you a spectacular and joyous 2015! **It has been a great year for the Swinging Stars** – we were named NORTEX Club of the Year, we zoomed past the 400 club visitations milestone, and many of our members received Friendship Program visitation awards. Our club membership has remained steady at about 140 dues-paying members, the largest club in NORTEX. Many of our members completed plus lessons and/or round dance lessons, and we welcomed four new members following our fall mainstream lessons. Most importantly, we've enjoyed a lot of fun dancing and a lot of sincere friendship!

Dancing opportunities have been fairly slim through the holidays, but this week we get back into full swing. The New Years Eve dance of choice is the Rebel Rousers. Early rounds start at 8:00PM, and the Grand March is at 9:00. Then we have two visitations scheduled for the weekend. On Friday, we're going to the Kissin' Kuzzins. This is a new dancer dance, and we have five members who completed mainstream lessons this month – let's go support them. The Saturday visit is to the Solitaires Winter Wonderland dance. We hope to see lots of you out and dancing this week!

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Wednesday, December 31 – Rebel Rousers New Years Eve dance; see details in Coming Events below.

Friday, January 2 – Visit to Kissin' Kuzzins; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, January 3 – Visit to Solitaires; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

Register for Jive (round dance) lessons starting Saturday. Plano residents can register beginning Saturday, **January 3**, and nonresidents can register beginning Monday, **January 5**. **Classes begin January 20** in “our room” at Carpenter Rec Center and will be taught by JL and Linda Pelton. Start time is 7:15PM, and lessons will continue on Tuesday nights through March 10. Our website (swingingstars.org) has instructions for registering and a link to the Plano Parks and Rec web page for online registration. Jive is a very fun and active dance and is similar to jitterbug you may have done in the days of your youth. A couple of jives are cued at

most area square dances. So round dancers and would-be round dancers, make your plans to register. Jive should be an integral part of your round dance repertoire.

Anniversary Dance (from Anne and Russ NejdI, Anniversary Dance chairmen)

We have less than a month to put all the pieces together for the Anniversary Dance on Friday, January 23rd at the school. I am in desperate need of baked potatoes and desserts. I will be calling all of you until we have enough of each. We also need workers for all jobs. It was suggested we combine the table for the Honey Pot Tickets with the Money Auction and move some people around to make sure we have coverage for all the open times. If you already volunteered, I will let you know how this will affect you and which table you will be sitting at.

Hope you had a great holiday and thank you for the support you have given Russ and me as chairs for the Anniversary Dance.

Eddy's Pizza Restaurant



This message is for all Swinging Star Ladies, new members and seasoned members alike. This month the luncheon is being hosted by Margie Loven. If you are like me and could live on Italian food, you will not want to miss the luncheon this month.

The luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 20th at 11:00AM at Eddy's Pizza Restaurant, 2108 W. 15th St. Plano, TX. (Custer and 15th). They have a large menu of Appetizers, Salads, Pastas, Hot Subs, Cold Subs, a variety of Entrees, and oh yes, DESSERTS. Check out their web site at www.eddypizzarestaurantplano.com

Please contact Margie Loven at margieloven@yahoo.com, no later than Saturday, January 17th, if you are planning to attend.

*** * * 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 * * ***

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, December 27th

Eleven (11) Swinging Stars visited the Dixie Chainers Saturday night to attend their Holiday Party Dance. Swinging Stars attending this dance were the Bursons, Bushell/Dvorak, Halversons, Harrises, Perrotts and C Wolfe. Thanks to Lorraine Burson for this report.

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

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

Of Interest, Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, January 2nd

Location: Senior Activity Center (600 Avenue A, Garland, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Theme: A New Beginning
Notes: New Dancer Dance

Of Interest, Solitaires, Saturday, January 3rd

Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church (12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:45PM
Caller: Bobby Willis
Cuer: JL Pelton
Theme: Winter Wonderland Dance

Refreshments Duty and Information

January 9	Whipple , Bullock, DeLuke, Stuart
January 23	Club Anniversary Dance - All Members Help
February 13	Estep , Dennison, Sobotka, 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

Early Rounds: 7:00

Cuer: Walter Brewer

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.

Ralph and Lucy Hamm

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