



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

### *Newsletter for February 1, 2015*

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#### **From Ralph and Lucy Hamm, Swinging Stars Past President:**

We wish to express our gratitude to all members of the Swinging Stars for making our past year as your President such a productive and rewarding one. It has truly been a pleasure. We are so happy and proud to be part of such an outstanding club. There was much to be done to keep the club running smoothly and to manage our relationship with NORTEX and with our neighbor clubs. We asked many of you, not only our fellow board members, to step forward (some of you several times) to work projects, and your response was always “yes, and what else can I do to help?” It’s clear that the dancing opportunities and the fellowship and friendships we find through the Swinging Stars are very important to all of us, and that all of us are willing to do whatever it takes to keep our club strong. Thanks to all of you for enabling us to step down as your President with the club in the same condition as it was a year ago. We would have liked to improve it, but it was already perfect!

Ralph and Lucy

#### **We have lost a club member this past week:**

Stephen Kopec's son called to let us know that his dad passed away on 1/25/15. He said there was only going to be a family service. He said his dad wanted the Swinging Stars to know of his passing. Stephen and his wife were life time members of the Swinging Stars.

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

Greetings, fellow Swinging Stars! We are honored to be your new Presidents and humbled by the outstanding job completed by those who have gone before us. We will do our best to uphold the fun and clean values associated with square dancing, and try our best to make this a joyful time for all.

Doug and Jan

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### **Happening This Week**

Tuesday, February 3 – Jive Round Dance lesson; 7:15PM, Carpenter Rec Center

Friday, February 6 – Of Interest Dance – Texas Reelers “Love is in the Air”, see details in Coming Events below. This is a Double Deal dance.

Saturday, February 7 – Official Visit to Buttons & Bows 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance.

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# Announcements

**First quarter dues are payable now.** You can mail your check payable to Swinging Stars to our new club Treasurer, Joe Whitaker at:

1104 Highedge Dr.  
Plano, TX 75075

**Can you help with a square dance exhibition?** Richard Covington will be calling a demonstration for the Heritage Association of Frisco on Sunday, February 15 at 2:00PM (dancers would need to be there at 1:30PM) at the Frisco Heritage Museum train depot, 6455 Page Street, Frisco. Two squares are needed. You may wear square dance or street clothing. So far we have the Hawkins, Rows, Bergesens, and Smith/Hardin signed up to help. If you told me you would help but your name is not listed here please send me an e-mail. **Your attendance will be appreciated and will help spread good will and attract dancers into the activity we love so much. If you can help, email [janlaree@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janlaree@sbcglobal.net) or call 214-675-6523.** Richard can answer any questions you may have.

**For those Swinging Stars, who have signed up for the Rebel Rousers bus trip, the bus is full.** The information is as follows:

Date: February 14, 2015 Where: Fairfield, TX Club: Barnstompers Square Dancers  
Cost: \$34 per person (\$68 per couple) Time: gather @ 4:00 PM (the bus will not wait)  
Note the following change:

Bus will leave at 4:30 from the bus depot at Greenville and Arapaho rather than the Senior Center as we previously reported. The cost includes bus ride, bus driver's tip, dinner and dance

Entertainment – Mike Bramlett's Trivia & Games for the trip down (prizes!!!)

Contact: Gina Nichols at [RebelRousers89@gmail.com](mailto:RebelRousers89@gmail.com) or Mike Bramlett.

If you didn't get a bus reservation and still want to come you can caravan. Your cost is the price of the dance and the loss of the GOOD TIMES BUS RIDE!!!!

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## \* \* \* From Your 2<sup>nd</sup> VPs \* \* \*

Visitation for the week passed

Twenty-five Swinging Stars attended the Triangle Squares' 40th Anniversary Dance Saturday evening in Denton, TX. To accommodate the anniversary-size crowd, the Triangle Squares moved this special dance "down the street a bit" to Denton's Civic Center. Hall of Fame club caller, Toby Thomason, teamed forces with guest caller, Rick Smith, to call squares and to cue rounds during the evening. On rounds, the two cued mostly 2-steps and waltzes but of sufficient variety and difficulties that all dancers found much to their liking. On squares, Toby and Rick called a great set of tips, including one plus set, that were both lively and sometimes intentionally challenging. Beyond providing this great dancing, our host Triangle Squares, known throughout NORTEX for their terrific food spreads, nearly outdid themselves for this anniversary dance, offering attendees a true feast of plenty. All attendees had a marvelous time. A big thank you to all Swinging Stars that attended: P. Amy, Bondis, Colters, Covingtons, Duncans, Esteps, Evantos, Feldmans, Halvorsons, Hawkins, HARRISES, Smith/Hardin, and (new members) Ron Schweers and Marcella Holley. With this great participation, we recaptured our banner and captured our host's banner as well. Thanks to Jim Bondi for making the report.

Burson 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance

We would like to thank everyone that joined us in celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We had over 160 guests enjoying the fun and festivities. We had a wonderful time and were honored to have Wayne and Walter as caller and cuer. They did an out standing job. We also want to thank Charles for taking pictures to document the event. Thank you, thank you, thank you! We love you all.

### Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	13-Dec-14
Decatur 8ers	4-Oct-14
Rebel Rousers	20-Dec-14
Tri-City Promenaders	24-Jan-15
Triangle Squares	30-Jan-15

### Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Diamond Jubileers	23-Jan-15
Lone Star Solos	23-Jan-15
Roadrunners	23-Jan-15
Texas Reelers	23-Jan-15

## \* \* \* COMING EVENTS \* \* \*

### Visitation Schedule For February

Please take the time to read this schedule and plan to do the visitations with the Swinging Stars. I have always said "The more Swinging Stars that there are at a dance, the more fun the dancing is going be". I believe this is true. I feel that some of our members have given up the visitations. We are a fun group of dancers and enjoy dancing with each other. But we need to continue to be a strong visiting club. Visitation benefits other clubs, and this helps to keep these clubs running. Last year NORTEX lost 2 or maybe 3 clubs. LETS STRIVE TO KEEP SQUARE DANCING ALIVE. This year we will be encouraging you to visit with the club. We will be having reports from the scheduled club visitations only.

#### **Official DD** Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> TEXAS REELERS

Annual "LOVE IS IN THE AIR DOUBLE DEAL VALENTINE'S DANCE. This will be a fun dance that you won't want to miss. Every dance at their club is a very special event with Deborah Carroll -Jones calling the squares and Jack & Ann von der Heide cueing the rounds. When the music starts, the fun begins. **Wear RED.**

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

Quick Look Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Location: Richardson Senior Center 820 W Arapaho Road

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#### **Official DD** Saturday, February 7th BUTTONS AND BOWS

##### 50th ANNIVERSARY VALENTINES DANCE

We encourage you to join us in celebrating their 50th year of wonderful dancing and dancers at the Buttons and Bows annual "Valentines/Anniversary Dance". Caller Barry Hendricks, Guest Caller Jerry Gilbreath along with cuer Charles Crockett. It is always a load of fun and good dancing with lots of prizes. Early Rounds 7:00 and the Grand March at 8:00. **Wear RED.** The dance will be at the Georgia Farrow Rec Center 530 West Davis, Irving.

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

Quick Look Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Location: Richardson Senior Center 820 W Arapaho Road

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#### **Club Dance** Friday, February 13th SWINGING STARS.

**We want everyone to come to Wayne's Workshop. He always makes it interesting for everyone as we brush up on our square dancing skills. Workshop is at 7:00 and the Grand March starts at 8:00. Walter will be cueing and of course we have the yummy refreshments after the first tip. Don't forget to plan to go to Mama's after the dance for more fun and fellowship with our square dancing friends.**

Time: Workshop: 7:00 Grand March: 8:00

Quick Look Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

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**Of Interest** Saturday, February 14th. COTTON PICKIN SQ. VALENTINES DANCE

For our dancing pleasure they are having the one and only Charles Quisenberry calling and the talented Christine Hixson cueing the rounds. Dances are always fun at the Cotton Pickin' Squares. Early rounds are at 7:30 and the Grand March at 8:00. It isn't a bad drive, but we do suggest that you form carools. It makes the ride more enjoyable. They dance in the L-3 Rec Hall, 10001 Jack Finney in Greenville.

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

Quick Look Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Location: L-3 Rec Hall, 10001 Jack Finney Greenville, Texas

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**Ladies Luncheon The Egg & I**

This is a great opportunity to gather together with the ladies of the Swinging Stars to have some girl time to visit and enjoy lunch. Maryann Starrett is the hostess for February. She has chosen a little different venue, The Egg & I. You are going to love this one. You can order breakfast or lunch. The luncheon is going to be on February 17th at 11:30. 3131 Custer Road (Southwest corner at Parker Road) in Plano .

Please make your reservation with Maryann Starrett by February 14th.

Email [fmstar@swbell.net](mailto:fmstar@swbell.net) or phone 214-387-4799.

Check their menu at [www.theeggandirestaurants.com](http://www.theeggandirestaurants.com) . Maryann says they have a 10% senior discount.

Date: February 17th

Time: 11:30

Quick Look Address: 3131 Custer Road

Hostess: Maryann Starrett. Email [fmstar@swbell.net](mailto:fmstar@swbell.net)

Let her know by February 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**Of Interest** Thursday, February 19th. ROAR RUNNERS.

MOVIE STAR MADNESS/OSCAR NIGHT

Ok, this promises to be an exciting evening of dancing. Be sure to plan on dress up date night out when the Roadrunners will host their version of the Oscars. Joey Duhamel will have special red carpet square dance calls and Karen Gloodt promises Oscar winning cues for the rounds. Early rounds 8:45, workshop 7:00 and Grand March at 7:30. They dance at the Swingtime Center. 5100 E Loop 820 Ft Worth.

Time: Early Rounds: 6:45. Workshop: 7:00 Grand March: 7:30

Quick Look Caller: Joey Duhamel

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

Location: Swingtime Center. 5100 E Loop 820 Ft Worth.

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**Of Interest** Friday, February 20th T Square Gadabouts. MISS-MATCHED DANCE

You are invited to their third annual Miss-Matched Dance. They had so much fun last year that they are going to mix it up again this year. So, plan on wearing your most miss-matched square dance outfits. Put your plaids, stripes, pinks, reds, greens and prints or any combination together for the dance. Gee, what fun that will be. Rick Smith will call the squares and Charles Crockett will cue rounds. Early rounds are at 7:00pm, with a square dance workshop at 7:30pm and at 8:00pm the grand march will begin. They dance at the Swingtime Center. 5100 E Loop 820 Ft Worth.

Time: Early Rounds: 7:00. Workshop: 7:30. Grand March: 8:00

Quick Look Caller: Rick Smith

Cuer: Charles Crockett

Location: Swingtime Center. 5100 E Loop 820 Ft Worth.

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**Official DD** Saturday, February 21st Rebel Rousers. **BLACK AND WHITE BALL**

Everyone who is anyone is going to want to be seen at the Rebel Rousers' Black and White Ball. This is their Double Deal Dance and they like to get a little fancy for the evening. Please plan to join them for the evening with their staff of Christine and Theron Hixson and Mike and D' Bramlett. Early Rounds at 7:00, Food Served at 7:30 and the Grand March is at 8:00. Wear Black and White. Richardson Senior Center 820 Arapaho Rd Richardson.

Time: Early Rounds: 7:00. Food Served: 7:30 Grand March: 8:00

Quick Look Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Location: Richardson Senior Center 820 Arapaho Rd Richardson.

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**Official** Sunday, February 22nd NORTEX - MAD HATTER TEEN SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT DANCE.

The dance will be held directly after the NORTEX meeting. Bobby Willis and Jack von der Heide will ensure that we will have a full afternoon of squares, rounds and line dancing. The Grand March is at 4:30. So please plan to attend to help grow the Teen Scholar Fund. Start looking for your funny hat to wear at the Mad Hatter Dance. The dance is at the Swingtime Center. 5100 E Loop 820 Ft Worth.

Time: Grand March: 4:30

Quick Look Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Location: Swingtime Center. 5100 E Loop 820 Ft Worth.

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**Club Dance** Friday, February 27th Swinging Stars. **LOVE IS STILL IN THE AIR**

We hope all the round dancers will take advantage of the one hour of early rounds. Walter will have a fine selection of rhythms for your dancing pleasure. Early rounds at 7:00 and the Grand March is at 8:00. Be there or be square!

Time: Early Rounds: 7:00 Grand March: 8:00

Quick Look Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

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**Of Interest** Saturday, February 28th Dixie Chainers Regular Dance night.

Jack von der Heide will start of with early rounds at 7:00pm. And in addition, their caller, Vernon Jones, will hold a mainstream workshop session for new dancers or anyone wanting to brush up on their square dancing skills, The workshop is in an adjacent room. Don't be late the Grand March is at 7:30, Located 14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch.

Time: Early Rounds: 7:00 Grand March: 7:30

Quick Look Caller: Vernon Jones

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

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**Refreshments Duty and Information**

February 13	<b>Estep</b> , Dennison, Sobotka, Feldman
February 27	<b>Harris</b> , Lassiter, Reid, Row
March 13	<b>Loven</b> , Gifford, Jimison, Hardin/Smith
March 27	<b>Trujillo</b> , Lewis, Loxsom, Hamm

**Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!**

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

# 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



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# Swinging Stars

## Happy St. Patrick's Day

*Celebrating*

*All Things Irish*



March 13, 2015



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

Saturday, January 31, 2015 – Dave and Lorraine Burson’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance – everyone is invited

June 4 – 7, 2015 – 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival, Waco, TX

June 24 – 27, 2015 – 64<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA

October 30 – November 1, 2015 – NORTEX Callers Cavalcade and Round-Up

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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**

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