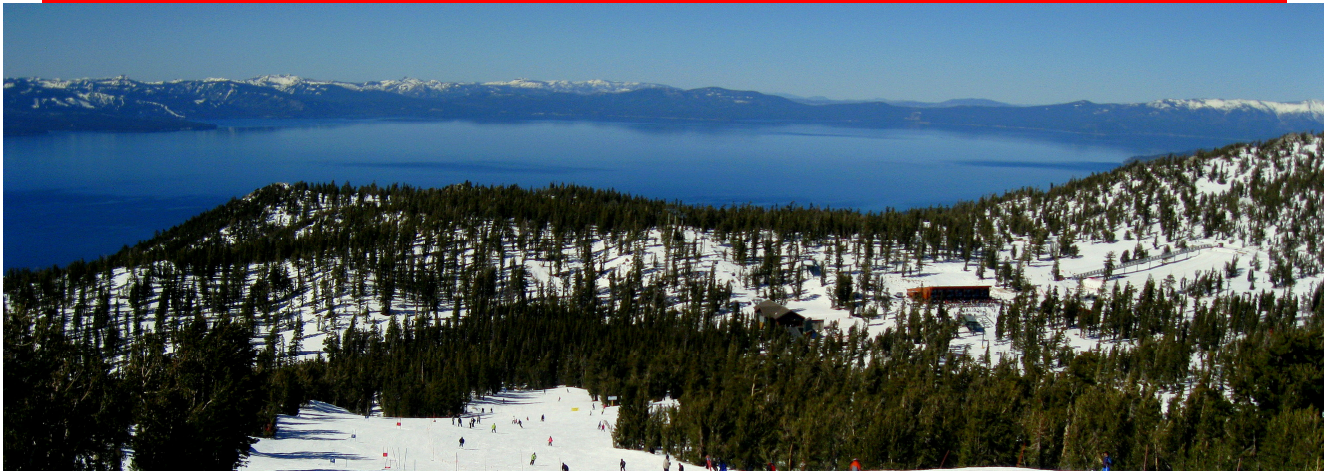


# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for February 9, 2014*



Your newsletter is coming to you from beautiful Lake Tahoe. We are sorry to have missed dancing with you this weekend, but we're very happy to have this wonderful time with our family.

Ralph and Lucy

(Disclaimer: This picture represents conditions two years ago and the way we wish conditions were now. However, this year, it is rainy, drizzly, and otherwise generally and genuinely crappy. However, we are still having a wonderful time with family.)

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## Happening This Week

Tuesday, February 11 – Bolero lessons

Friday, February 14 – Swinging Stars Let Me Call You Sweetheart Valentine and Teen Dance. Wear **red** if you like. **Be sure to get your cake raffle tickets as you come in. Proceeds go to the NORTEX Teen Scholarship Fund.**

Saturday, February 15 – Official visitation to the Rebel Rousers (Double Deal) -- see details under Coming Events below.

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## Announcements

Want to see some GREAT pictures of our anniversary dance? Follow this link: [39th Anniversary Dance](http://www.nortex.org/anniversary/clubdances/swingingstars2014.html)  
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Want to find out all you need to know about the Swinging Stars and find links to lots of other useful square and round dance information? Follow this link: <http://swingingstars.org/>

First quarter 2014 **dues are overdue**. Swinging Stars dues are due the first dance of each quarter - January, April, July and October. Dues are \$35 quarterly, \$70 semiannually, or \$140 annually (preferred) per couple. You may bring your payment to our next dance or send you payment to the following:

Dan Lassiter  
1701 Gateway Blvd, Suite 403  
Richardson, TX 75081  
Email: [Treasurer@swingingstars.org](mailto:Treasurer@swingingstars.org)

Please make your check payable to Swinging Stars.

Swinging Stars, we will be having a **cake raffle at our February 14th Valentine's Day Dance**. The proceeds will **benefit the Teen Scholarship Program**. Raffle tickets will be sold and the first winner drawn will have first choice of a cake, and so on. So the more cakes we have the more winners we'll have and, hopefully, the more tickets we will sell. **If you can donate a cake, call or email Mark and Karen Hawkins at [214-537-0446](tel:214-537-0446) or [markt.karenl@gmail.com](mailto:markt.karenl@gmail.com)**. You can also just bring your cake to the dance. We'll draw winners until we run out of cakes!



The **ladies luncheon for February** is being hosted by Lorraine Burson. We will be having lunch at **Mimi's Cafe at 11:30AM on Tuesday, February 18**. The address is 810 W. McDermott in Allen. We hope you will join the ladies and enjoy a lunch with a fun group of friends. They said they would be seating us in the backroom where the fireplace is located. Please **RSVP by February 16** if you plan to attend. Reply to [Lorraine@Bursons.us](mailto:Lorraine@Bursons.us) or Phone [972-396-0941](tel:972-396-0941).

You can check out Mimi's menu by going to [www.Mimiscafe.com](http://www.Mimiscafe.com).

Here is a little piece of information that you might like to take advantage of. You can obtain a "Mimi's for Me Premiere Club Card" which will earn you points toward free food with each purchase. It is free to join. Once you are at the Mimi's web site, follow the prompts to join the new Texas rewards program and click where it says click here. You can get a free pack of four muffins just for joining.

Hope to see you there!

**Assisted hearing device:** As you know, our club owns a Williams Sound transmitter that Wayne uses when he calls to enable dancers using corresponding portable receivers to better hear his calls as they dance. Our club now also owns one Williams Sound PPA-R37 receiver and one EAR-022 earpiece available for check out and use at our dances. If you'd like to try them at one of our dances, listen for a pre-dance announcement and/or see Jim Bondi.

**Someone left a nice white plate** measuring about 6 inches in diameter at the Anniversary Dance after party. Plate has scalloped edges. Let the Stuarts know and they will get it back to you.

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

For those Plus dancers looking for additional dances this week: Monday (Feb 10) has Mike Bramlett calling at Friendship Plus at the senior center in Richardson( 7-9pm); and Thursday (Feb 13) has guest caller Bobby Willis calling at Double Plus at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth (7pm workshop, 7:30-9:30pm dance).

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
Buttons and Bows	1-Feb-14
Cotton Pickin' Squares	23-Mar-13
Decatur 8'ers	5-Oct-13
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Lone Star Solos	28-Mar-13
North Star 8	09-Feb-13
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Texas Reelers	07-Feb-14
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13
Tri-City Promenaders	26-Jan-13

### Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Rebel Rousers	31-Jan-14

## \* \* \* Events from the Past Week \* \* \*

### Plus 4's, February 5<sup>th</sup>

17 Swinging Stars visited Plus 4's in Farmers Branch on Wednesday. Veteran club caller Charles Quizenberry ("Quiz") was in his usual top form, challenging dancers with what could be described as hard to imagine DBD Plus moves. If you ever tire of the ordinary plus calls, come try the extra-ordinary with Quiz. He is always fun and will work you through the more extra-ordinary positions for these calls. The Swinging Stars in attendance were Amys, Bondis, Brandens, Bursons, Colters, Jack Duncan, Evantos, Kilejians, and Sees.

### Official, Texas Reelers, February 7<sup>th</sup>

Wow, 23 Swinging Stars ventured out to visit the double deal dance at the Texas Reelers in Richardson Friday night. The dance's theme was "Stupid Cupid, Thanks for Pickin' on Me!" (Anyone remember Connie Francis?). Vernon Jones was the guest caller and Jack von der Heide the club cuer. Vernon Jones showed why he is considered by many an excellent caller – great singing and challenging patter. In the plus tip, he varied Tea Cup Chain by having the head ladies start by going to the sides, and then another time having ALL the ladies start by going to the center! The Swinging Stars not only retrieved our banner but also captured a Texas Reelers banner. Swinging Stars present included Amys, Bondis, Bursons, Covingtons, Esteps, Evantos, Halvorsons, Harrisers, Sees, Sherrills, Smith/Hardin, and Charles Wolfe.

### Dixie Chainers, February 8<sup>th</sup>

6 Swinging Stars attended a dance at the Dixie Chainers in Farmers Branch Saturday night. Vernon Jones was the club caller and Jack von der Heide the club cuer. Vernon Jones provided his high energy calling as usual and also taught us an old square dance call called "Grand Tour" (Grand Tour is similar to a Grand Square). Swinging stars attending were Bursons, Evantos, and Sees.

### **Log Cabin Swingers, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

Eight Swinging Stars visited Tool, TX and The Log Cabin Swingers for their "FUTURE STAR Callers Dance" Saturday night to dance to the sometimes inspired (and sometimes not) calling of three of our newest FUTURE STAR Callers. The turnout was light (three squares plus a few stragglers) but we had a great time. In addition to Ronnie Hines, the club caller and winner of the "song of the year", "greenie" callers James Alexander, Ray Lowry and our own Richard Covington each got to do three tips.. All in all it was a fun dance. The family of Mike & Pat Powell showed up with cake to honor the couple's 50 years of marriage. Saturday was their anniversary, and their kids knew they would be spending it with their square dance family participating in their favorite activity, square dancing. Oh, and Gary Amy was invited to call (he's trying to begin calling and had a singing call sorta ready) but he refused (repeatedly) the invitation. Swinging Stars included Amys, Covingtons, Halvorsons, and Sherrells.

Thanks to Gary Amy and Richard Covington for providing details.

## **\* \* \* Coming Events \* \* \***

### **Swinging Stars, Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)  
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>  
Time: Squares workshop – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM  
Callers: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Theme: Let Me Call You Sweetheart  
Notes: club dance

### **Official, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Richardson Senior Center (890 W. Arapaho, Richardson, TX)  
Website: <http://www.RebelRousersDallas.com/>  
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM  
Callers: Mike Bramlett  
Cuer: Christine Hickson  
Notes: Double deal dance

### **Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Mimi's (Allen, TX)  
Website: <http://www.mimiscafe.com/>  
Time: 11:30pm  
Hostess: Lorraine Burson ([Lorraine@bursons.us](mailto:Lorraine@bursons.us) or 972-396-0941)

### **Of Interest, Kissin Kuzzins, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

Location: Garland Sr. Activity Center (600 Avenue A, Garland, TX)  
Time: Dance – 7:00PM  
Callers: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuers: J.L. Pelton  
Theme: Cupid's Delight

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# Refreshments Duty and Information

February 14	Covington, See, Ross, Schumacher
February 28	Starrett, Trujillo, Rose, Archey
March 14	Hawkins, Kilejian, Morse, Jung
March 28, 2014	Barber, Shinavar, Jimison, Colter
April 11, 2014	Bondi, Maier, Lewis, Sobotka
April 25, 2014	Kendrick, Ryder, Piziali, Pitts

The lead couple should contact all members on the team to be sure they know the following:

- What they are going to bring for refreshments.
- Arrive at dance by 7:00 pm. As per our contract with PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 7:00 pm
- Enter thru the Gym door.
- Refreshments shut down at 9:30 pm (no earlier)
- If you take home a refreshment bag, check that it has all the items listed on the Florescent Hang Tag on the bag.
- Be sure all items are clean
- Repack bags in a Tidy Manner

## Refreshment Duty Reminders:

If you have a conflict with the Refreshment Schedule

- Please contact someone on the refreshment list to trade with you.
- Notify the refreshment schedulers: Jeff & Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email: [jwstuart@flash.net](mailto:jwstuart@flash.net) the names of your schedule changes.
- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments and pick up the Four Bags. If unable to do so be sure that someone picks them up for you.
- Check refreshment Bags for the info regarding “Refreshment Duty Tips” and “List of Items Supplied by the Club”.
- Contact George and Mary Loxsom at 972-312-8513 or [1stVP@swingingstars.org](mailto:1stVP@swingingstars.org) for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. They may already have what you need.

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

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## Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



February 14, 2014

Teen Scholarship

Let Me Call You Sweetheart Dance

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

June 25 - 28, 2014 – 63<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention, Little Rock, AR – see [www.63nsdc.com](http://www.63nsdc.com) for info  
October 17 – 19, 2014 – NORTEX Round Up  
Friday, September 26 – Chili Cook-Off/Double Deal Dance  
Friday, October 31, 2014 – Halloween Dance (Fifth Friday)  
Saturday, January 31, 2015 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

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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.  
Go to our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club> - "like us,"  
view picture, post pictures, comments about anything what you enjoy about square dancing or a specific dance.

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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.

**Ralph and Lucy Hamm**  
**Swinging Stars President**  
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