



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 14, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Our first dance as Club Presidents has come and gone. We survived. Hope you feel that way also! Thank you for the 82 members that attended this week.

This coming week our Official Visitation is with the Rebel Rousers in Richardson. It is their Black and White Ball and always a lot of fun. Please come join your fellow members on this visitation.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Tuesday, Feb. 16 – Round Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Tuesday, Feb. 16 – Square Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Wednesday, Feb. 17 – Ladies Lunch – Chocolate Angel, 800 N Central Expy, Plano, TX 75074

Wednesday, Feb. 17 – Plus 4's – 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM - Quisenberry

Saturday, Feb. 20 – Official DD – Rebel Rousers – Richardson Senior Center

Announcements

Dance Format:

Effective immediately our Dance Format will be as follows:

2nd Friday: Square Dance Workshop from 7 - 7:44 pm – at 7:45 the first Plus Tip – 8:00 PM will be the Grand March and first Mainstream Tip – The Second Tip will be Plus – the remainder of the dance will be Mainstream

4th Friday: Round Dance Workshop from 7 - 7:44 pm – at 7:45 the first Plus Tip – 8:00 PM will be the Grand March and first Mainstream Tip – The Second Tip will be Plus – the remainder of the dance will be Mainstream

The Hot Hash which follows the last regular Tip will be maintained as long as there is sufficient dancers wishing to participate.

Square Dance Lessons Update: -- Mark and Karen Hawkins

Lessons continue in a very positive manner. We are changing the Mentor program a little this year. I have brave members that have agreed to Mentor all of our new students. Mentoring will begin this coming Tuesday (we will not wait until the end of lessons this year). Thank you to each of you that have agreed to work with our new students and lead them into this wonderful experience we call Square Dancing.

We continue to need Angels this Tuesday, please see if you are able to help!

Round Dance Lessons Update: -- Lucy Hamm

The Swinging Stars sponsored beginning rumba and cha cha lessons are off to a good start. JL and Linda Pelton welcomed a group of 24 students including Swinging Stars members Doug and Jan Bergesen, Jim and Knarik Bondi, Gene and Phyllis Deluke and Ron and Marcela Schweers. Texas Reelers David and Peggy Edwards and 7 other dancer couples are taking round dancing for the first time. (Those 7 couples do not square dance yet--recruiting possibilities??) Rumba cues, which the students are currently working on, include the "Chase" family, "double peek-a-boo", "New Yorker" and "Lariat". First dances to be learned later in lessons are "Just Another Woman In Love" (rumba), "Blue Bayou" (rumba), and "Beach Party" (cha cha).

Demonstration Dance Opportunity: Richard Covington (richard.covington@sbcglobal.net)

February 21 is the official Sunday birthday party for the City of Frisco. We are going to have square dancing demos in the depot from 2 - 4 p.m Please contact me if you are interested. It's going to be at the Frisco Heritage Museum located at 6455 Page Street, Frisco, TX. The best part is the dance is FREE. Yours Truly will be calling. Please come help show Frisco how much fun Square Dancing can be!

*** * * From Your 2nd VP's, Jim and Knarik Bondi* * ***
2nd VP Report for February 7, 2016

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING

Our Dance

Friday 12 February – Swinging Stars –

90 dancers, 82 Swinging Stars plus 8 visitors, enjoyed our club dance Friday night at Shepard Elementary School in Plano. Our visitors included dancers from Triangle Squares, Texas Reelers, Rebel Rousers, Model A's, and 2 independents. Squares were handled by our Hall of Fame caller, Wayne Baldwin, and rounds by our masterful cuer, Walter Brewer. The evening started with a 45 minute squares workshop that stressed basics such as various circulates. It was fun and educational, especially for our club's newer dancers, who participated and did quite well, needing only occasional guidance from "angels" in their squares. Per our new dance format, the last 15 minutes left before main dance kickoff at 8 PM featured a Plus tip. This plus and one more Plus tip after 8 PM, allowed more mainstream floor time, a format designed to give our newer dancers more experience more quickly. After the last regular tip, Wayne drilled one eager square of volunteers with really energetic "hot hash" that left them smiling ... and breathless. In between squares during the evening, Walter cued a very nice mix of rhythms and difficulties, He even offered one simple rhumba especially for our students learning rhumba now from club instructors J.L. and Linda Pelton. To complete this great evening, 20 Swinging Stars partied together afterward at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 13 February – Dixie Chainers – “Bring Your Valentine” Dance

14 Swinging Stars visited the Dixie Chainers in Farmers Branch Saturday for their “Bring Your Valentine” dance. Squares were called by fun and funky veteran club caller, Vernon Jones, while rounds were cued by revered, long-time club cuer, Jack von der Heide. As always, Vernon kept square dancers on their toes with a good mix of well-choreographed mainstream patter, exciting singing calls encompassing some blues, rock, and near-gospel, and one Plus tip. For his part, Jack delivered a nice mix of rhythms and difficulties, including at least a couple of his own published and well received choreographies. When not dancing, we were able to chow down on tasty hot dogs adorned with all the fixin’s including mustard/ketchup, pickles, onions, and chili. Although our attendance merited capture of a Dixie Chainers banner, we declined, since we already hold one. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars attendees: Bondis, Esteps, Harris, Heintz/Putnam, Pitts, Sees, and Smith/Hardin.

Banner Report

We currently hold 4 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	05-Feb-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
Rebel Rousers	30-Jan-2016
Kissin Kuzzins	12-Dec-2015

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Official Visit – Double Deal Dance

Saturday 20 February – Rebel Rousers – “Black & White Ball”

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Dress: “black & white” attire suggested

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

Richardson Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING OF INTEREST

Square + Round Dance

Thursday 18 February – Roadrunners – “Valentine’s Day” Dance

Caller: Joey Duhamel

Cuer: Karen Glodt

Early Rounds: 6:45, Square Workshop: 7:00, Square Dance 7:30

Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take “Anglin” exit), Fort Worth, TX

New Dancer Dance (NDD)

Friday 19 February – T Square Gadabouts – “Boot Scootin” NDD

Caller: Vernon Jones

Cuer: Charles Crockett

Early Rounds: 7:00, Square Workshop: 7:30, Square Dance 8:00

Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take “Anglin” exit), Fort Worth, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday, 17 February -- Chocolate Angel

Mary Hardin will host the ladies luncheon this month on Wednesday 17 February. She has chosen the Chocolate Angel Café & Tearoom inside the High Street Antiques Mall at 800 North Central Expressway, Plano, Texas 75074. This is one of our favorite places to meet for our monthly luncheons. We hope you join us for a fun afternoon visiting with the ladies of the Swinging Stars.

Please reply to Mary Hardin at mrhardin39@gmail.com or phone 972-517-8691 by Feb. 15th, so she can tell the Chocolate Angle how many are coming.

You can check out Chocolate Angle’s menu and get directions at www.chocolateangel.com.

Refreshments Duty and Information

February 26 - **Henneberger**, Row, Kern, Loxsom

March 11 - **Feldman**, Sobotka, Sherrell, Rose

March 25 - **Deluke**, Bivins, Harris, Stuart

April 8 - **Reid**, Mosher, Starrett, Trujillo

April 22 - **Nejdl**, Pharr, Sherman, Schweers

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!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

Swinging Stars

Mid Winter Warm Your Heart Dance

February
26, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



Early Rounds: 7:00

Grand March: 8:00

Hot Flash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Drive., Plano

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by paying adults

Banners Honey Pot Great Dancing Good Food

For info: 972-467-4973 or president@swingingstars.org



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Swinging Stars



Celebrate



MARCH MADNESS



Caller:



Wayne Baldwin

Friday, March 25, 2016

Cuer:



Walter Brewer

Square Dance Attire
OR
Show Your Team
Spirit By Wearing
Your Favorite
Team Shirt



Early Rounds 7:00
Square Dance 8:00
Hot Hash after last tip

Honey Pot



Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, Tx
For Info: 972-681-3640 or President@swingingstars.org

Visit our Web Site: www.swingingstars.org

Teens Dance Free When Accompanied By A Paying Adult



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

June 16 – 19 – Texas State Square Dance Festival – Waco, TX

June 22 – 25, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

October 27 - 30, 2016 – Callers Cavalcade and NORTEX Oktoberfest (Round-UP)

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance

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

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