



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 16, 2014

What a great dance we had Friday night! Wayne's hour long square dance workshop was exceptionally well received. Eight squares were on the floor for most of the hour, including many of our newest members from the fall square dance class. Wayne worked a number of calls, helping new and seasoned dancers alike improve their square dance skills.

Walter cued, as he always does, an entertaining and challenging program of round dances. He included two boleros which provided valuable practice to students from our ongoing bolero class.

Thanks to Mark and Karen Hawkins for planning and conducting our cake raffle and to the members who provided the thirteen cakes that were raffled. The event raised \$110 for the NORTEX Teen Scholarship Fund.

Ninety-three dancers attended Friday night, including six visitors and eighty-seven Swinging Stars.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, February 18 – Ladies Luncheon. See details under Coming Events below.
– Bolero lessons

Friday, February 21 – Visitation to Kissin' Kuzzins Cupid's Delight dance – another chance to wear your red for Valentine's and win a cake in the cakewalk.

Sunday, February 23 – NORTEX Teen Scholarship Benefit Dance. See details under Coming Events below.

Announcements

Visit our website at <http://swingingstars.org/> to keep up with what's going on with our club and for information on events elsewhere in the dance world that might be of interest to you. Dave Burson has put together a GREAT website with very useful information and links. Check it out!

Beginning two step lessons start March 18 and continue on Tuesday night for ten weeks in "our" room at Carpenter Recreation Center. Registration begins March 1. See flier here:

www.peltondances.com/pdfs/ChoreographedBallroom_LessonFlyer-TwoStep.pdf

Last call for first quarter dues. If you have not paid, send your check payable to Swinging Stars to our Treasurer:

Dan Lassiter
1701 Gateway Blvd, Suite 403
Richardson, TX 75081
Email: Treasurer@swingingstars.org

*** * * From Your 2nd VPs * * ***

For those plus dancers looking for additional dances this week: Wednesday (Feb 19) has Charles Quizenberry calling at Plus 4's at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch(7:30-9:30pm); and Friday thru Sunday (Feb 21-23) the 21st Annual Texas Stampede has nationally known callers Tony Oxendine and Jerry Story at the Red River Valley Fair Association, Community Exhibit Center in Paris, Texas.

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
Rebel Rousers	15-Feb-14
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
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*** * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * ***

Official, Rebel Rousers, February 15th A large group (22) of Swinging Stars showed up to retrieve our banner AND capture a Rebel Rousers banner at the 2nd Annual Double Deal Dance at the Rebel Rousers in Richardson Saturday night. The dance's theme was "Black & White Ball", so everyone had a good excuse to dress up – some men even dressed up in hats and tails! Mike Bramlett (with the able accompaniment of his wife and son) called the squares and Christine Hixson cued rounds. Mike provided a high-energy dance packed with enthusiasm, putting together calls in a challenging manner. Dancers learned very early in the evening not to try to second guess what call he would be making next. Swinging Stars present included P. Amy, Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, Halvorsons, Hamms, Harrises, Heintzes, Pharrs, Sees, Smith/Hardin, and C. Wolfe.

*** * * Coming Events * * ***

Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, February 18th

Location: Mimi's (Allen, TX)

Website: <http://www.mimiscafe.com/>

Time: 11:30pm

Hostess: Lorraine Burson (Lorraine@bursons.us or 972-396-0941)

Of Interest, Kissin Kuzzins, Friday, February 21st

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

NORTEX Teen Scholarship Dance, Sunday, February 23rd

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX)
Website: <http://www.nortex.org/>
Time: Early rounds – 3:00PM / grand march – 4:00PM
Callers: Toby Thomason
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Theme: Mad Hatter
Notes: Funny hat contest, teen scholarship benefit

Swinging Stars, Friday, February 28th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Notes: club dance

Refreshments Duty and Information

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

If you need to change your scheduled date, please contact someone on the refreshment list to trade with you. Notify Jeff and Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email jwstuart@flash.net of the names/dates to change.

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances





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

June 12 – 15, 2014 – 52nd Texas State Square and Round Dance Festival, Tyler, TX – preregistration form:

www.squaredancetx.com/fest_reg_order.html

June 25 - 28, 2014 – 63rd National Square Dance Convention, Little Rock, AR – see www.63nsdc.com for info

Friday, September 26 – Chili Cook-Off/Double Deal Dance

October 17 – 19, 2014 – NORTEX Round Up

Friday, October 31, 2014 – Halloween Dance (Fifth Friday)

For information about weekend dances go to our Web Page 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.

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.

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