



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 21, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Thank you to all who got out and visited with us this weekend!

March 4, 2016 we plan to attend the Kissin Kuzzins 43rd Anniversary Celebration and instead of going out to eat after the dance as we normally do we have someone that has volunteered to host an after party. They are located on the route back home so it sounds like fun. More details to follow but put this one on your calendar.

We need your help: Our club is in need of a couple to replace the Hawkins who have chaired the lessons committee for several years now. The Hawkins have done a wonderful job and have agreed to mentor the new lessons coordinators. The club will host lessons in the fall at Carpenter Rec Center. Linda Harris has agreed to continue to advertise and promote our classes. This is a team effort necessary to the life of our club. Without lessons we cannot continue to grow and promote our love of dancing. Please consider stepping up and volunteering for this position.

Please contact Russ and Anne Nejdil if you are interested.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Tuesday, Feb. 23 – Square Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Tuesday, Feb. 23 – Round Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Friday, Feb. 26 – Swinging Stars – Early Rounds at 7 PM – first Plus Tip at 7:45 PM -- Grand March at 8 PM

Saturday, Feb. 27 – Several Swinging Stars that visit a lot will be attending the Texas Stampede in Paris, TX this weekend so we do not have an Official Visitation scheduled for Saturday.

Announcements

Maryann Starrett – Maryann reports that she is home from the hospital and rehab center and doing very well in the recovery process after her broken leg. She thanks all for the prayers, cards, and get well messages.

Jack Duncan – Jack said he had revision surgery Tuesday morning to remove and replace the broken rod in his left femur. Surgery went well with no problems. He was discharged Wednesday and is at home now and will be taking it easy for the next month or so before beginning physical therapy.

Square Dance Lessons Update: -- Mark and Karen Hawkins

Thank you to all that have agreed to work with our new students and lead them into this wonderful experience we call Square Dancing. Thank you to all our Angels that were there Tuesday -- **We continue to need more Angels than we have attending so please try to help this Tuesday!**

Round Dance Lessons Update: -- Lucy Hamm

The Swinging Stars sponsored beginning rumba and cha cha lessons are moving forward and all are reporting a great time dancing to JL and Linda.

Linda Harris – Will be the Chairperson for our Holiday Dance on December 2, 2016 at Haggard Party Barn. Please start thinking about your skirts now as Linda tells me she needs a couple of new ones for this year. We plan for Dickey's to cater the event again this year.

Lorraine Burson – Will be the Chairperson for our next Anniversary Dance. It is scheduled for March 31, 2017 (a 5th Friday), All Saints Catholic Church (same as this year) has been reserved, the Guest Caller will be Paul Cote.

Debbie Anderson – Our Area Vice President -- Thank you Debbie for continuing to drop by lessons and for bringing us handouts for the new dancers. We really appreciate all that you do!

Charles Wolfe – Some have asked “who is the guy with the camera” – that is our Club Photographer and fellow Club Member Charles Wolfe. Thank you Charles – sometimes you post the pictures from our dance before we leave the dance facility. No one can compare with the wonderful job you do in this area. Thank You!

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Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING

All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 17 February – Plus 4s –

15 Swinging Stars enjoyed the Plus 4s all-plus dance at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch on Wednesday. A good crowd, 6+ squares, enjoyed the calling expertise (and occasional hijinks) of veteran club caller, Charles Quisenberry (aka “Quiz”). Quiz threw just enough of his patented “surprises” at the floor to keep us challenged while still allowing all to participate. (Those on the floor now taking Quiz's A(dvanced) square dance class are beginning to see that some of Quiz's “surprises” are, in fact, actually just A calls that he is “step calling” so that anyone can do them.) Many thanks to these Swinging Stars who attended: Bondis, Heintz/Putnam, M. Trujillo, Esteps, Kerns, Sees, Evantos, Shermans.

Square + Round Dance

Friday 19 February – Texas Reelers – “Black & White Ball”

17 Swinging Stars attended the Texas Reelers “Black & White Ball” in Richardson on Friday night. Rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh. This was Chris' 3rd “gig” as trial, guest cuer for the Reelers and, given how favorably round dancers have responded, we hope and expect that he'll become their new full-time cuer. (Presidents: This happened after the Dance on the 19th – Congratulations to the Farabaugh's). Squares were called by California-grown, and now Texas beloved, caller Deborah Carroll-Jones. When she was joined by hubby, Jon Jones, for a rendition of their Duet of the Year, “Hallelujah” (from the movie Shrek), the crowd was (as usual) mesmerized. Wow! A big thank you to these attending Swinging Stars: Amys, Bondis, Esteps, Heintz/Putnam, Kerns, Perrotts, Sees, Smith/Hardin, and C. Wolfe.

Square + Round Dance – Double Deal

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

24 Swinging Stars visited the Rebel Rousers 4th annual “Black & White Ball” in Richardson on Saturday night. 180 dancers thoroughly enjoyed a full evening of square and round dancing. Cuer Christine Hixon offered 30 minutes of early rounds and a balanced mix of rhythms between squares throughout the evening. Caller Mike Bramlett challenged experienced dancers with 30 minutes of early all-plus tips but then held the rest of the evening to Basic (1st 50) calls so the Rebel Rousers’ many students present could participate. Despite this, Mike injected plenty of his patented “twists & surprises” into the Basic to keep things interesting for all. With the help of the following Swinging Stars present, we not only recaptured our club’s banner but also captured their banner: P. Amy, Bondis, Covingtons, Esteps, Feldmans, Harrises, Jimisons, Lees, Nejdls, Rows, Sees, Smith/Hardin, and C. Wolfe. Rebel Rousers president, John Nichols, personally thanked us for bringing a large crowd ... and promised to come retrieve their banner from us soon.

Square Dance Demo

Sunday 21 February – Frisco Heritage Museum

15 Swinging Stars helped Frisco celebrate their 104th birthday by demonstrating square dancing to the calling of Richard Covington. At times, our demonstration room was packed with onlookers ...but... admittedly, there was free cake being offered by the City of Frisco as part of the celebration activities. Richard, who is growing rapidly in his newfound avocation, did an excellent job, offering both clever patter with some strong Plus and some terrific singing calls. A few onlookers asked Richard for his “caller business card” so we did stir up real interest. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars for taking time in their Sunday afternoon to help imbue others with interest in our favorite pastime: P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Covingtons, Feldmans, Hammas, Nejdls, and Pizialis.

Presidents Comment: Thank you to all who attended this event. Events like this are very important to our Club and Square Dancing. We were representing you at the NORTEX Quarterly Meeting or we would have been there with you.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Banner Report

We currently hold 5 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 1 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
Rebel Rousers	20-Jan-2016
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
Kissin Kuzzins	12-Dec-2015

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Our Club Dance

Friday 26 February – Swinging Stars – “Mid-Winter Warm Your Heart” Dance

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Early Rounds: 7:00, Early Plus Tip: 7:45, Grand March: 8:00

Shepard Elementary School

1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

Official Visit – Anniversary Dance

Friday 4 March – Kissin Kuzzins – “South of the Border”

Callers: Ray Savell (guest), Wayne Baldwin (club)

Cuer: J.L. Pelton

Dress: “Swinging Stars Purple” (add Mexican flare if possible)

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

Garland Senior Center

600 Avenue “A”, Garland, TX (Mapsco 19Z)

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING OF INTEREST

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 5 March – Solitaires

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: J.L. Pelton

Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March 7:45

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

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 [Russ and Ann Nejdl] to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

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

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

June 21 – 24, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

October 28 - 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.

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:

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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