



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 22, 2015

From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:

SQUARE DANCERS and ROUND DANCERS UNITE! This Friday, our own Walter will perform some of his Line Dance magic at about 7:45pm – just before the Grand March. Round Dancers will already be there for the pre rounds. Square Dancers come a little early. We'll call it **W**alter's **E**nchanting **L**ine **D**ance – or WELD. He will weld us together as a diverse club. Besides, it should be a lot of fun!

Doug and Jan

Happening This Week

Tuesday, February 24 – Jive Round Dance lesson; 7:15PM, Carpenter Rec Center, Plano

Friday, February 27 – Club Dance – Love is Still in the Air, Early Rounds: 7:00PM. Line Dance: 7:45PM.
Grand March: 8:00PM at the Shepard Elementary School.

Saturday, February 28 – Of Interest Visit to Dixie Chainers. Early Rounds: 7:00, New Dancer Workshop: 7:00PM The dance begins: 7:30PM at Farmers Branch Senior Center 14055 Dennis Lane at Valwood Parkway, Farmers Branch.

Announcements

An update about our round dance class:

ATTENTION CURRENT AND ASPIRING ROUND DANCERS: WALTZ LESSONS BEGIN MARCH 17. JL and Linda Pelton will present beginning waltz (Waltz I) lessons in ten sessions beginning March 17 and ending May 19 in "our room" at Carpenter Rec Center. This class will be followed by Waltz II during the summer session. These two classes will enable you to dance any waltz that may be cued at a square dance, and LOTS of waltzes are cued at square dances. No round dance rhythm is cued more than waltz at square dances or at round dance festivals. You need to take these waltz classes!

See Flyer: http://www.swingingstars.org/Waltz_LessonFlyer-2015.pdf

Due to the number of cues used in waltz, it can't be taught adequately in a session of 8 to 10 lessons. We don't have enough candidates to make a plus square dance class this summer. This opened up the opportunity to offer waltz lessons in the Plano Parks and Rec spring and summer sessions (20+ lessons). Before we knew the summer session would be available for round dance, we had planned to offer slow two step lessons in the **spring session starting on March 17. The Plano Parks and Rec catalog lists the class as Choreographed Ballroom - Slow Two Step, class number 164592. This is the class you need to sign up for; beginning waltz will be taught, not slow two step.** Plano residents can register beginning at 8AM on February 28 (this Saturday), and non-residents can register beginning March 2 (next Monday).

*** * * From Your 2nd VP's, Dave and Lorraine Burson * * ***

Of Interest Thursday, February 19th ROADRUNNERS.

MOVIE STAR MADNESS/OSCAR NIGHT

Eight Swinging Stars attended and enjoyed dancing with the other 52 visitors. The dance was as we expected Joey Duhamel called an exciting dance and Karen Gloodt cued to a fantastic collection of movie tunes. Both Joey and Karen had a wide selection of movie tunes. Some were from movies that had actually won and Oscar. We especially want to thank all the Swinging Stars that were able to attend. With eight dancers we were able to retrieve our banner from the Roadrunners and score another signature toward another visitation award. Thank you to: Bondis, Bursons, Perrotts and the Sees. We know it is a little difficult to get to Swingtime on a Thursday evening, so this report comes with an extra big THANK YOU.

Of Interest Friday, February 20th T SQUARE GADABOUTS

MISS-MATCHED DANCE.

I guess we are on a roll. With only one square we captured a banner from the T Square Gadabouts. We really appreciate the Sees that visited with Dave and I for a second night in a row at Swingtime in Fort Worth. We were also delighted and grateful that the Bergesens and Esteps were there to complete the square. We were also able to collect another signature toward our next visitation patch, which will be our 440 patch. The dance was lots of fun and we enjoyed dancing to Rick Smith and to Charles Crockett. I would also like to say that we are disappointed to learn that Rick is going to be retiring at the end of this year.

Official DD Saturday, February 21st REBEL ROUSERS

BLACK AND WHITE BALL

Swinging Stars were well represented at the Black and White Ball. Out of 112 visitors we had 28 members attending. Thank you Swinging Stars for being loyal members and supporting our club and square dancing. There was a lot fun and laughter on the floor while we were dancing trying to not mess up too much. Some times it seems like the more we mess up the more fun there is. There were several students at this dance and there was quite a lot of messing up. But that's what it's all about, having fun and fellowship. We were all new dancers at one time and with the help of the experienced dancers we were able to become good dancers. Thank you P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Duncans, Esteps, Feldmans, Harrisese, Lees, Pitts, Rows, Sees, Smith/Hardin, Sobotkas, and C. Wolfe for being supportive with the new dancers and helping to keep square dancing alive. We did not get their banner because we already have their banner, but we did collect 2 more visitation signatures. Way to go Swinging Stars!

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Buttons and Bows	Feb-7-15
Cotton Pickin' Squares	Dec-15-14
Decatur 8ers	Oct-4-14
Rebel Rousers	Dec-20-14
Texas Reelers	Feb-6-15
Tri-City Promenaders	Jan-24-15
Triangle Squares	Jan-30-15
T Square Gadabouts	Jan-20-15

Swinging Stars Banners Out

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

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Visitation Schedule For February

We just have one visitation planned for this week. Hope you all can make it!

This one will be a banner raid.

LETS STRIVE TO KEEP SQUARE DANCING ALIVE.

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, Line dance at 7:45, and the Grand March is at 8:00. Be there or be square!

Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, Line Dance 7:45, Grand March: 8:00

Quick Look Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

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

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.

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Location: 14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch.

Refreshments Duty and Information

February 27 Harris, Lassiter, Reid, Row

March 13 Loven, Gifford, Jimison, Hardin/Smith

March 27 Trujillo, Lewis, Loxsom, Hamm

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

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AT THE

Swinging Stars

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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!):

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

June 24 – 27, 2015 – 64th National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA

September 25, 2015 Swinging Stars Pre-Round-up Double Deal Dance

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

November 13, 2015 Swinging Stars Chili Cook-Off Dance

December 4, 2015 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party – Haggard Party Barn

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 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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