



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for February 23, 2014*

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Swinging Stars traveled far and wide this past week to enjoy our favorite pastime – to Richardson, to Farmers Branch, to Garland, to Fort Worth, way down south to La Grange, and even all the way to Paris. We're continually amazed by your enthusiasm for dancing!

Here's a new important date to put on your calendar: January 23, 2015. Our anniversary dance for next year had been scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of January 31, 2015. A group not under the control of NORTEX for scheduling purposes scheduled a dance for that date, despite the fact that our dance had been on the NORTEX calendar for months. NORTEX could not resolve the conflict. Your executive board was very concerned that the competing dance would draw away a significant number of our potential visitors, so we voted to move our anniversary dance to January 23, 2015. Rick Smith has agreed to team up with Wayne to call the squares. These two are magical together – look forward to a truly great dance!

Anne and Russ Nejdil have volunteered to head up the anniversary dance committee, a job they have done before with great efficiency and spectacular results. They will be calling on YOU to help when the date draws near, so plan on jumping in and doing your part.

Ralph and Lucy

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### **Happening This Week**

Tuesday, February 25 – Bolero lesson.

Friday, February 28 – Swinging Stars dance; early rounds 7:00PM, square up at 8:00PM.

Saturday, March 1 – Visitation of interest to the Solitaires. See details in Coming Events below.

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### **Announcements**

We are saddened by the news that Linda Harris' dad (Ira D Rogers) passed away peacefully at 91 years of age on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 in Dallas, Texas. Please keep Linda and Charlie in your thoughts and prayers. Cards and condolences can be sent to:

Linda and Charlie Harris  
9434 Hilldale Drive  
Dallas, TX 75231

**Two Step Class** -- is Alive and Well! The Two Step class really is scheduled to start March 18, despite the Plano Parks and Rec Catalog misprint which has JL and Linda teaching a Bolero class. The website information has been corrected so if you go online, you will see Two Step under the Choreographed Ballroom Beginning headline.

You can **sign up beginning Saturday, March 1** if you are a Plano resident and Monday, March 3, if you live outside of Plano. We expect this class to fill quickly as many of the Bolero students are returning for Two Step. So be sure to sign up as soon as you can if you want to take this class. See flier here:

[www.peltondances.com/pdfs/ChoreographedBallroom\\_LessonFlyer-TwoStep.pdf](http://www.peltondances.com/pdfs/ChoreographedBallroom_LessonFlyer-TwoStep.pdf)

**Plus Lessons** -- Tuesdays, June 10 through August 12 in "our room" at Carpenter Rec Center. Put this on your calendar and watch for more information here as the time draws near.

**Club Roster for Your Mobile Device:** Would you like to keep a copy of the Swinging Stars roster on your mobile device? Andy Piziali likes to keep a copy on his PDA, so he periodically converts the published roster into a [CSV file \(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comma-separated\\_values\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comma-separated_values) that can be imported. If you would like a copy of this file to import into your phone, PDA or other mobile device, [click here](#) to download it to your device. Ralph and Lucy imported Andy's file to their cell phone, and it sure is handy – no need to take the printed roster along anymore.

**Rebel Rousers Bus Trip Has Seats Available:** Once again the Rebel Rousers and friends are planning a road trip to Wichita Falls for the Bramlett Palooza. If you haven't made the trip before it is lots of fun, great food and great dancing.

Date: March 29<sup>th</sup>

Cost: \$36.00 per person

Deadline to sign up: March 1<sup>st</sup>

The cost will include:

Bus fare (nice new chartered motor coach/bus)

Tip for driver

Entry into dance

\*\*\*\*\* We have opened this up to some of the other clubs already, so it will be first come basis only. To reserve your place on the bus we must have your check in hand. Get a check to John Hurst or Sheila Milliron-Alexander.

Any questions please do not hesitate to call us at [972-548-8057](tel:972-548-8057)

Bates and Sherry Richmond  
President, Rebel Rousers

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

For those plus dancers looking for an additional dance this week: Monday (Feb 24) has Mike Bramlett calling at Friendship Plus at the Richardson Senior Center (7:00 - 9:00pm).

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
Kissin' Kuzzins	21-Feb-14
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 \* \* \*

### Plus 4's, February 19<sup>th</sup>

Eighteen Swinging Stars enthusiastically danced at the Plus 4's at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch Wednesday night. Charles Quizenberry ("Quiz") lived up to his nickname by providing a high level of dancing-by-definition dance putting together calls in a challenging manner. Quiz even danced in the squares while calling the patter – and for some reason his square never broke down! Swinging Stars present included: Amys, Bondis, Bursons, Colters, Evantos, Hamms, Kilejians, Sees, and Shermans.

### Roadrunners, February 20<sup>th</sup>

Six Swinging Stars showed up to dance at the Roadrunners Thursday evening at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth. Joey Duhamel called the squares and Karen Gloodt cued rounds. The theme of the dance was a "Blue Bayou Dance" so the caller was right at home (Joey is from Louisiana). Joey started the evening with a plus workshop and then continued with some really great Cajun callin', featuring his wonderful yodeling ability. Swinging Stars attending the dance included: Amys, Bondis, and Sees.

### Of Interest, Kissin' Kuzzins, February 21<sup>st</sup>

Twenty-two (or twenty-four?) Swinging Stars visited the Kissin' Kuzzins Friday evening at the Garland Sr. Activity Center. Our own Wayne Baldwin called the squares and JL Pelton cued rounds. The theme of the dance was "Cupid's Delight". All in attendance had a great time dancing, and we all got to sing a happy birthday to John Smith. Former Swinging Stars Don and Denice McGregor made a special trip from their current home in Connecticut just to come to this dance (and to go to some other places). Swinging Stars captured the Kissin' Kuzzins' banner, and those attending the dance included: Bullocks, Estes, Halvorsons, Hennebergers, Kerns, Lloyds, Pitts, Sees, Sherrills, Smith/Hardin, and Trujillos.

### **Dixie Chainers, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Six Swinging Stars attended a dance at the Dixie Chainers in Farmers Branch Saturday night. Ray Savell was the guest caller and Jack von der Heide the club cuer. Ray Savell provided his unique calling as a large contingent of his home club, Circle I, came to enjoy his calling. Swinging stars attending were Esteps, Sees, and Smith/Harden.

### **Texas Stampede, February 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**

11 Swinging Stars enjoyed the annual Texas Stampede dance at the Red River Valley Fair Association's Community Exhibit Center in Paris, TX from Friday evening until Sunday noon. Square/round dancers from Texas and many other states including Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma enjoyed the round dance cueing of Christine Hixson and the square dance choreography of beloved master callers Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine. Wow! Jerry and Tony did NOT disappoint. Plus dancers were treated to many hours of mixed difficulty plus tips, a couple of brief "tough" plus segments, and a one hour super-tough all-positions segment not for the faint of foot. Likewise, advanced dancers were offered two brief segments of A1-and-above tips to showcase their special prowess. Beyond the great calling, Jerry and Tony excited attendees often with wonderful singing featuring some great duets plus Sunday morning gospel and entertained them with antics such as side-by-side stereo Elvis imitations. As one promenade was finishing, Jerry even surprised Swinging Stars by lovingly teasing our own Deckard Pharr by asking him, by name, to swing partner Peggy Pharr over his head. Why?

The Pharrs are WELL KNOWN and recognized at the Texas Stampede ... as this stampede was their 31st consecutive stampede. Swinging Stars attending included Amys, Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, T. Evanto, and (of course) Pharrs. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

### **Texas Round Dance Teachers Association (TRDTA) Round Dance Festival, February 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Three Swinging Stars couples had a wonderful weekend of round dancing, eating, and socializing at the TRDTA Round Dance Festival in La Grange. There were dances (all rounds) on Friday and Saturday nights, and during the day on Saturday, round dance cuers taught the dancers new dances – a rumba, a waltz, a cha-cha, and a fox-trot and jive mixed rhythm dance. There were cuers from the Houston, San Antonio, Austin, and DFW areas. The local cuers there were Jack Kenny and JL Pelton. This was a great opportunity to get used to dancing to different cuers and dance all the rounds you could possibly want to dance in two short days. Swinging Stars making the trip to La Grange were the Hamms, Loxsoms, and Starretts.

### **NORTEX Teen Scholarship Dance, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Twelve Swinging Stars attended the NORTEX Teen Scholarship Dance at the Swingtime Center in Fort Worth Sunday afternoon. Toby Thomason was the caller and Chris Farabaugh the cuer. The theme was "Mad Hatter". There was a funny hat contest, a clogging demonstration, and lots of good dancing all done for the teen scholarship benefit (over \$1000 was collected). Swinging stars attending were P. Amy, Bondis, Esteps, Hamms, Pitts, Sees, and C. Wolfe.

## **\* \* \* COMING EVENTS \* \* \***

### **Swinging Stars, Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

## Of Interest, Solitaires, Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church (12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX)

Website: <http://www.solitaires1.com/>

Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM

Callers: Bobby Willis

Cuer: JL Pelton

Theme: Go Fly a Kite

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## 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](mailto:jwstuart@flash.net) of the names/dates to change.

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## Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances





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

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

[www.squaredancetx.com/fest\\_reg\\_order.html](http://www.squaredancetx.com/fest_reg_order.html)

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

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

October 17 – 19, 2014 – NORTEX Round Up

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

Friday, January 23, 2015 – Swinging Stars 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance

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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 that 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.

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**Swinging Stars President**

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