



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 28, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

March 4, 2016 we are scheduled to attend the Kissin Kuzzins 43rd Anniversary Celebration as our Official DD Visitation. The Williams' have invited us to an after party at their home located at 408 Brookmere Lane, Murphy, TX. Theme will be a follow on to the Kissin Kuzzins theme for the dance. All are requested to bring a favorite dip, snack, chips and drink. There is a map attached to this newsletter.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Tuesday, March 1 – Square Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Tuesday, March 1 – Round Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Friday, March 4 – Official Visitation – Kissin Kuzzins 43rd Anniversary – DD – Garland, TX

Saturday, March 5 – *Solitaires – Rounds at 7:00 PM – Grand March 7:45 PM* - Farmers Branch, TX

Announcements

Square Dance Lessons Update: -- Mark and Karen Hawkins

We are happy to report that we have a great group of friendly, enthusiastic students this session. We appreciate all of the club members who have given their time to help make our lessons a success. But we still need Angels so we would appreciate more of you coming to the Rec Center and spending some time helping our new students and giving them a chance to meet our great club members. Angeling is an important position that frequently determines if a student completes the course and joins our club. In light of this we would like to highlight some articles from 'Guidelines for Class Angels' by Wayne Baldwin.

1. An Angel guides the new dancer and if done properly, only two people know that the guidance was given – the one who guided and the one who was guided. Guidance is subtle.
2. An Angel does not attempt to explain a movement during the time the instructor is talking. A new dancer cannot listen to two people at the same time. Ask the instructor for help or answer any questions between tips.
3. An Angel is careful not to say anything even in jest that may hurt a new dancer's feelings or make him feel inferior or humiliated.
4. An Angel will offer his place in a square to a student who comes in late.

5. An Angel calmly regroups if the square breaks down.
6. An Angel tries to be a slow learner while new movements are being taught. He does not do the movement until the instructor asks for it to be done.
7. An Angel does not do any trick movements (shortcuts) – gimmicks, bumps, kicks etc. that might confuse the new student's ability to grasp the movement.
8. An Angel responds quickly to get squares set up and ready to go. He encourages the new dancers to get to the floor quickly.
9. An Angel dances the calls the way they are being taught not as they would like.
10. An Angel does not gripe or complain about how the club is run or other general problems about other club members, officers or the instructor.

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

Round dance classes are proceeding nicely. JL and Linda introduced the cha cha rhythm Tuesday night. The students are learning basic cha cha phase 3 figures now. They worked on various options of "chase" such as the Latin cross. Rumba and cha cha have many dance cues that overlap but the weight changes are different. Dances "Just Another Woman In Love" and "On Blue Bayou" were reviewed and "Chattanooga Cha Cha" was introduced. Dancers were invited to this weeks early Rounds at Swinging Stars dance to give them some actual dance experience.

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Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING

Our Dance

Friday 26 February – Swinging Stars –

85 dancers, 61 Swinging Stars plus 24 visitors, enjoyed our club dance Friday night at Shepard Elementary School in Plano. We had more than 2 squares of visitors from the Texas Reelers, allowing them to recapture their banner and capture ours as well. Squares were handled by our Hall of Fame caller, Wayne Baldwin, and rounds by our great cuer, Walter Brewer. Walter started the evening with 45 minutes of select early rounds that included some easy dances enjoyed by several students now taking our Pelton-taught Cha/Rhumba class. (Special thanks to our past president, Jan Bergesen, for offering them free entry Friday and to Walter for making them glad they came.) Between squares in our main dance, Walter cued a broad mix of rhythms and phases that engaged all round dancers. On squares, Wayne began with our new early Plus tip at 7:45 and then followed with a host of mainstream and one additional Plus tip during our main dance. His new singing call to the music "Fire It Up" really excited the floor. It was also encouraging to see some of our recently graduated square dancers putting their new "diplomas" to good use. A surprise highlight of the evening was our own Zari Kilejian's "give away" of several excess items of lady's square dance clothing. Most were gone in a heartbeat. To top off this great evening, 16 attendees, including 4 visiting Texas Reelers, partied together afterward at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse.

Plus Square + Round Dance Weekend

Friday 26 – Sunday 28 February – Texas Stampede

14 Swinging Stars enjoyed the annual Texas Stampede weekend dance event in Paris, TX from Friday evening through Sunday morning. Experienced DFW-area cuer Christine Hixson entertained round dancers on Friday & Saturday evenings with a wide variety of rhythms in early and intermittent rounds. She also taught a specific two-step and a rhumba in Saturday morning and afternoon “teaches,” respectively. On squares, the world famous duo of Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine kept square dancers energized and hopping all weekend long. Main dances Friday and Saturday evenings featured a wealth of high-paced strong Plus dancing, each ending with a special half hour comprising a tough DBD Plus first and then an A1/A2 tip. In between, on Saturday morning and afternoon, Jerry and Tony helped dancers enhance their skills with two workshops and a 1-hour DBD Plus dance. The best singing call of the weekend had to be Tony’s stirring rendition of “I’ve Got You Under My Skin”. Wow! “Old Blue Eyes” himself couldn’t have sung it better. Outside the dance hall, we enjoyed a couple dinners together and the Pharr’s traditional first-night after-party. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars who participated in this terrific weekend: Bondis, Covingtons, Evantos, Heintz/Putnam, Pharrs, Pitts, and Sees. And, Bob & Terri Pitts, lucky winners of Texas Stampede tickets during last year’s Nortex RoundUp dance, enjoyed this great dancing event for free.

Bonus Question: Can you name these 3 people? (Hint: all have attended virtually every Texas Stampede since its inception.) Email replies to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org. Winner’s prize = your personal satisfaction!



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
Rebel Rousers	20-Jan-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
Texas Reelers	26-Feb-2016
Kissin Kuzzins	12-Dec-2015

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

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)

SS After Party: Doug & Donna Williams’ house (details available at dance)

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday, 16 March – Romano’s Macaroni Grill

Linda Harris will host the ladies luncheon this month on Wednesday 16 March at 11:30 AM. She has chosen

Romano’s Macaroni Grill

7205 N. Central Expwy

Plano, TX 75025

Ph: 972-527-8829 .

*On southbound outer road,
just north of Legacy Dr,
“in front of” Cinemark theaters.*

We hope you join us for a fun afternoon visiting with the ladies of the Swinging Stars. Please reply to Linda Harris at LindaHarrisTX@hotmail.com by March 14th, so she can tell the Restaurant how many are coming. You can check out the menu and get directions here:

<http://www.macaronigrill.com/locations/31229#> .

Refreshments Duty and Information

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

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

April 8 - **Reid**, Mosher, Covington, 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 12, 2016 – Wayne Baldwin’s Annual Fish Fry

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

September 30, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance (Something Special)

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

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingstars.org

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

Swinging Stars

Celebrate



MARCH MADNESS



Caller:



Friday, March 25, 2016

Wayne Baldwin

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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Swinging Stars

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NEW DANCER DANCE



Club Officers and Members: Bring Your New Dancers and Students
Students: Please Wear Your Students Badges For Free Admission

Line Dancing and Rounds Between Tips

Friday April 22, 2016

Caller:

Wayne Baldwin

Cuer:

Walter Brewer

Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after last tip

Banners Honey Pot Fun Food Fellowship

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, Tx

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied by adults

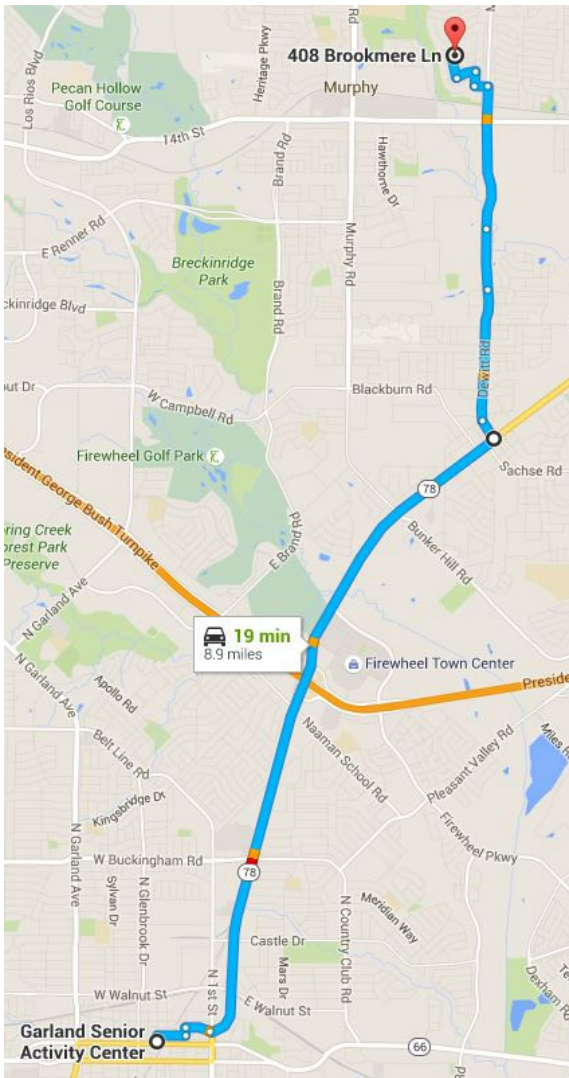
For Info: 972-618-3640 OR president@swingingstars.org

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MAP FROM KISSIN KUZZINS TO WILLIAMS AT 408 BROOKMERE LN, MURPHY, TX

PHONE: 214-842-2818



- N/Lavon Dr
- i** Continue to follow TX-78 N
- 10 min (5.2 mi)
- Take Dewitt Rd, Maxwell Creek Rd and McCreary Rd to Brookmere Ln in Murphy
- 8 min (3.2 mi)
- ↩** Turn left onto 5th St
- 0.2 mi
- ↑** Continue onto Dewitt Rd
- 1.0 mi
- ↑** Continue straight onto Maxwell Creek Rd
- 0.5 mi
- ↑** Continue onto McCreary Rd
- 1.1 mi
- ↩** Turn left onto Creekside Dr
- 0.1 mi
- ↪** Turn right onto Royal Oak Dr
- 0.1 mi
- ↩** Turn left onto Candlewood Trail
- 0.2 mi
- ↪** Turn right onto Brookmere Ln
- i** Destination will be on the right
- 0.2 mi

