



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 2, 2014

Lots of visitors came and helped us enjoy a great club dance Friday night. Many Swinging Stars and visitors enjoyed Walter's entertaining and often challenging hour long program of early rounds, which included fifteen minutes of useful instruction with help from Eula. Thanks, Walter and Eula! Thanks also to Wayne and Jodie for a great night of square dancing and to Richard Covington for calling a tip. We had a total of 30 visitors, and we gave away banners to the Lone Star Solos and the Dixie Chainers. We'll need to go get those back soon.

Here's a **new important date** to put on your calendar: **Swinging Stars Annual Fish Fry – Sunday, June 8.** Start time should be 5:00PM. The fishermen have been out fishing anywhere they can find enough water to float a boat (not easy this year), and they promise to have enough fish to go around. This event is held at Wayne and Jodie's home and is always a highlight of the year. Plan to be there!

The March Ladies Luncheon has been set for March 18. Details are in the Coming Events section below. If you'd like to attend, please contact Karen Hawkins.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, March 4 – Bolero lesson.

Friday, March 7 – Official visitation to Kissin' Kuzzins 41st Anniversary Dance. See details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, March 8 – Official visitation to Diamond Jubileers (Swingtime). See details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

Please keep Vicki Evanto's father, as well as Vicki and Tom, in your thoughts and prayers. Vicki's father has been seriously ill and in the hospital since last weekend. Vicki is staying with him round the clock. Comfort from friends helps in times such as this.

Plus Lessons: Wayne will be teaching plus lessons on Tuesday nights, June 10 through August 12 in "our room" at Carpenter Rec Center. If you're comfortable with mainstream, you're ready to move on up to plus, and being able to dance plus opens up lots of new dancing opportunities. So be sure this is on your calendar and plan to sign up. Registration for this Plano Parks and Recreation summer class should begin May 3.

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

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
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
Dixie Chainers	28-Feb-14
Lone Star Solos	28-Feb-14

*** * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * ***

Friendship Plus, February 24th

Six Swinging Stars visited Friendship Plus in Richardson on Monday evening. Texas Hall of Fame caller, Mike Bramlett was the caller. Mike entertained, challenged, and educated all who attended. One square started out the evening using a phantom couple adding to the challenge before there were enough to fill out the square. The final square ended up with six couples which showed how versatile Mike is in directing the dancers. Visiting Swinging Stars were Brandens, Moshers, and Sees.

Lone Star Solos, February 27th

Four Swinging Stars enthusiastically danced at the Lone Star Solos at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dallas Thursday night. Dave Vieira was the caller and Chris Farabaugh the cuer. This was their President's Day Dance, and Dave made it extra special with some patriotic music and singing. Swinging Stars present included: Bondis and Sees.

Of Interest, Solitaires, March 1st

Twelve Swinging Stars attended the dance at the Solitaires Saturday evening at the Webbs Chapel United Methodist church in Farmers Branch. Bobby Willis called the squares and J.L. Pelton cued rounds. The theme of the dance was "Go Fly a Kite". All in attendance had a great time dancing. Swinging Stars attending the dance included: Bursons, Esteps, Hamms, Hawkineses, Sees, and Smith/Hardin.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Official, Kissin Kuzzins, Friday, March 7th

Location: Garland Sr. Activity Center (600 Avenue A, Garland, TX)
Website: <http://www.solitaires1.com/>
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: J.L. Pelton
Theme: 41st Anniversary, double deal

Official, Diamond Jubileers, Saturday, March 8th

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Paul Kinsey, Rick Smith, Jon Jones
Cuer: Mel Neuman
Theme: 53rd Anniversary, double deal

Swinging Stars, Friday, March 14th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Time: Squares workshop – 7:00PM /square up – 8:00PM
Callers: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Theme: All Things Irish
Notes: club dance, wear green

Official, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, March 15th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 W. Arapaho, Richardson, TX)
Website: <http://www.RebelRousersDallas.com/>
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Theme: Kiss the Blarney Stone

Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, March 18th

Location: Cheesecake Factory (Frisco, TX)
Website: <http://www.thecheesecakefactory.com/>
Time: 11:30am
Hostess: Karen Hawkins (markt.karenl@gmail.com or 972-436-4868)
Notes: Let Karen know by March 16th if you plan to go

Refreshments Duty and Information

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.

The lead couple should contact all members on the team to be sure they know the following:

- What they are going to bring for refreshments.
- Arrive at dance at 6:45 pm. As per our contract with PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 6:45 pm
- Enter thru the Gym door.
- Refreshments shut down at 9:30 pm (no earlier)
- If you take home a refreshment bag, check that it has all the items listed on the Florescent Hang Tag on the bag.
- Be sure all items are clean
- Repack bags in a Tidy Manner

Refreshment Duty Reminders:

If you have a conflict with the Refreshment Schedule

- Please contact someone on the refreshment list to trade with you.
- Notify the refreshment schedulers: Jeff & Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email: jwstuart@flash.net the names of your schedule changes.
- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments and pick up the Four Bags. If unable to do so be sure that someone picks them up for you.
- Check refreshment Bags for the info regarding “Refreshment Duty Tips” and “List of Items Supplied by the Club”.
- Contact George and Mary Loxsom at 972-312-8513 or 1stVP@swingingstars.org for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. They may already have what you need.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances





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

Sunday, June 8 – Swinging Stars Annual Fish Fry

Tuesday, June 10 – Plus lessons begin

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)

Friday, January 23, 2015 – Swinging Stars 40th Anniversary Dance

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 that 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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