



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 8, 2015

From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:

Well, this past week taught me a lesson I thought I should pass along to all of you. Be sure you check your wallet before you leave the house, and make sure you have enough cash for the dance you are going to. After a “quick” stop at an ATM we were dancing and having a GREAT time. Make like a Boy Scout and ALWAYS be prepared (and have money).

Doug and Jan

Happening This Week

Tuesday, March 10 – Jive Round Dance lesson; 7:15PM, Carpenter Rec Center, Plano

Thursday, March 12 – Official Visit – Lone Star Solos, St. Patrick’s Day Dance. Early Rounds 7:00PM, Grand March 7:30PM at Knights of Columbus Hall 10110 Shoreview Rd. Dallas

Friday, March 13 – Club Dance – Celebrating All Things Irish, Workshop: 7:00PM. Grand March: 8:00PM at the Shepard Elementary School. **DON’T FORGET HOT HASH AT THE END OF THE EVENING!**

Saturday, March 14 – Official Visit to Diamond Jubileers – 54th Anniversary Dance. Early Rounds: 7:00PM, Grand March 8:00PM at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth.

Announcements

An update about our round dance class:

Registration for Waltz I class is now open! Everyone can register for the Waltz I class now. See our web page, www.swingingstars.org for registration information. You can register in person at Carpenter Rec Center or by calling Carpenter Rec Center. You can register online by following the course number 164592 link on our web page to Plano Parks and Rec Leisure Programs page, clicking Adult under Browse for Courses, clicking Dance on the next page, and scrolling down to Choreographed Ballroom. **The listing online and in the printed Parks and Rec catalog says Slow Two Step, but Waltz I (beginning waltz) will be taught.** Questions? -- contact Ralph Hamm at 214-872-7219.

Mobile Version of Swinging Stars Roster:

Have you ever wanted to take your Club Roster with you wherever you go? Good news....if you have a smartphone or tablet now you can by importing a comma-separated values version. Dave Burson and Andrew Piziali have worked together to create this file. Contact them for the file.

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

Report from this past week visitations

Friday March 6th

Official Anniversary Kissin' Kuzzins, 50'S SOCK HOP AND 52ND ANNIVERSARY.

The Fifty's and Sock Hops are always fun, especially when it is a square dance and when the caller is Wayne Baldwin. Both he and JL Pelton made the evening of dancing most enjoyable with the tunes from the 50's. One high light of the dance was when JL put on the Twist. The floor was full with everybody twisting. What a sight!

The Swinging Stars were proud to have 35 members in attendance. Thank you to: Bergesens, Bullocks, Bursons, Duncans, Esteps, Feldmans, Halversons, Hamms, Harrises, Hawkins, Lees, Pitts, Rickerts, Schweers/Holley, Sees, Smith/Hardin, Starretts, and our own Mr. Flasher, C Wolfe. Well Jodie and Wayne are truly Swinging stars too. We captured their banner and collected 2 more signatures for our next visitation patch (#460).

Saturday March 7th

Of Interest Banner Raid Solitaire's, ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE.

With 14 Swinging Stars we captured the Solitaires banner and added to the number of signatures toward our next visitation patch. We say thank you the couples that attended and enjoyed the fun of dancing to Bobby Willis and JL Pelton. These two are a good combination of talent that made the evening a pleasure to be dancing. Thank you to the Bursons, Esteps, Hamms, Hawkins, Perrotts, Pitts, and Sees. We appreciate you for attending. Our members, John Smith and Mary Hardin were there, but are Presidents of the Solitaires.

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
Kissin Kuzzins	Mar-6-15
Rebel Rousers	Dec-20-14
Solitaires	Mar-7-15
T Square Gadabouts	Jan-20-15
Texas Reelers	Feb-6-15
Tri-City Promenaders	Jan-24-15
Triangle Squares	Jan-30-15

Swinging Stars Banners Out

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

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

MARCH VISITATION SCHEDULE
LET'S STRIVE TO KEEP SQUARE DANCING ALIVE
We have TWO visitation planned for this week.
Both are Banner Retrieval.

Friday March 20th

Of Interest Texas Reelers MAY THE LUCK OF THE IRISH BE WITH YOU DANCE.

Every dance at the Texas Reelers is a special event with Deborah Carroll-Jones calling and Jack von der Heide cueing the rounds. Please remember that the early rounds on the 3rd Friday of every month start at 7:15 and the Grand March is at 7:45.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:15. Grand March: 7:45
 Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones
 Cuer: Jack von der Heide
 Location: Richardson Sr. Center 820 W. Arapaho, Richardson

Saturday March 21st

Of Interest Trail Blazers JUNGLE DANCE. Imagine yourself in a warm tropical place with the musical beat and dancing to Bobby Willis calling and with Jack Kenny cueing the rounds. The evening will begin with the plus rounds at 6:30 followed by square dance level rounds at 7:00. The square dance workshop is at 7:30 and the Grand March at 8:00. A light supper will be served starting at 7:15. This all sounds like there will be lots of dancing, fun and fellowship. Please plan to attend. Car pool! It makes the ride more fun and feel shorter.

Quick Look Time: Plus Rounds: 6:30. S/D Rounds: 7:00
 S/D Workshop: 7:30 Grand March: 8:00
 Caller: Bobby Willis
 Cuer: Jack Kenny
 Location: Swingtime Center 5100 E Loop 820 Ft. Worth

Friday March 27th

Club Dance Swinging Stars Regular dance night. 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** (so all you square dancers come early), and the Grand March is at 8:00. Be there or be square!

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00 Line dance at 7:45 Grand March: 8:00
 Caller: Wayne Baldwin
 Cuer: Walter Brewer

Saturday, March 28th

Of Interest Dixie Chainers Regular Dance night.

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.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00 Grand March: 7:30
 Caller: Vernon Jones
 Cuer: Jack von der Heide
 Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center 14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch

Refreshments Duty and Information

March 13	Loven, Gifford, Jimison, Hardin/Smith
March 27	Trujillo, Morse, Loxsom, Hamm
April 10	Covington, P. Amy, Barber, Bivins
April 24	Lewis, Bondi, J&MA Duncan, Evanto
May 8:	McClure, Perrott, Rickert, Rose

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.

Swinging Stars Refreshment Duty Reminders

New Club Members will be assigned refreshment duty after six months and as a Lead Couple after one year. 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 by 6:45 pm thru the gym door
- Refreshments shut down at 9:30 pm
- When you take home a refreshment bag, check that it has all the items listed on Fluorescent Hang Tag on the bag
- Be sure all items are clean and repack the bags in a Tidy Manner

Refreshment Duty Reminders

- If you have a conflict with the Refreshment Schedule:
 - Please contact someone to try to switch with you.
 - Notify the refreshment schedulers: Jeff & Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or jwstuart@flash.net with the name of couple taking your place.
- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments, Pick up one of the **four** Refreshment Bags. If unable to do so, be sure that someone else picks up the bag for you.
- Check your Refreshment Bag for the info regarding “Refreshment Duty Tips” and the “List of Items Supplied by the Club”.
- Contact our First VP’s Bob & Kathy Estep at bob.estep@hp.com or at 972-679-8572 for needed supplies prior to purchasing by the Monday prior to the club dance. They may have what you need.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

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Happy St. Patrick's Day



*Celebrating
All Things Irish*



March 13, 2015



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SWINGING STARS

April 24, 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

January 30, 2016 – Swinging Stars 43rd 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 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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