



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 13, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Rain, rain, rain = small dance Friday. However, those of us that attended had a wonderful time dancing to Wayne's Square Dance Workshop and challenging calling. Walter kept the Round Dancers going with a mix of levels and styles.

Next month we have a Friendship dance on April 8, 2016 so start planning for it now.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

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

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

Wednesday, March 16 – Ladies Luncheon – Romano's Macaroni Grill – 7205 N. Central Expy, Plano

Friday, March 18 – T-Square Gadaouts – Swingtime Center – Ft. Worth

Announcements

Square Dance Lessons Update: -- Mark and Karen Hawkins

We have passed the halfway point in our lessons. Our students are a friendly, enthusiastic group. We are hopeful that most of them will join our club. Come be an angel and show our students what a friendly, welcoming group we are.

This past week we received help from the following angels: Peggy Amy; Dave & Lorraine Burson; Jan Covington; Bob & Kathy Estep; Barry & Helen Feldman; Mark & Karen Hawkins; Jean Sobotka; Jeff & Anne Stuart; Merry Trujillo; Doug & Donna Williams. Thank you all for your assistance. If another one of our student couples had been in attendance this week, we would not have been able to complete another square for them to dance with angels. Also some of the angels that have been helping us regularly will not be able to attend next week, so we would appreciate your help if you could make it to the class next Tuesday.

Normally, we need more Angels than we have attending so please try to help this Tuesday!

Round Dance Lessons Update: -- Lucy Hamm

No update this week.

2nd VP Report – 13 March 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING

Our Dance

Friday 11 March – Swinging Stars –

Roughly 60 dancers, including 6 visitors, enjoyed the Swinging Stars dance on Friday evening at Shepard Elementary School in Plano. Per our new 1st-Friday format, Wayne started the evening of squares with a great workshop followed at 7:45 by our early Plus tip. The workshop offered something of interest for all dancers present, from beginners to well-seasoned, including Follow Your Neighbor from quarter-tag formation (all do just the 270 degree arm turn part) and (fractionalized) Swing Through 1½. On rounds, Walter entertained round dancers between squares with a good mix of rhythms and phases but also purposely included several easy Rhumbas and Cha Cha's that Peltons' current students could enjoy. As one of his singing calls, Wayne repeated "Fire It Up" that he'd introduced at our prior dance. Wow! Again the floor loved it and responded with great enthusiasm. To complete the evening, 19 Swinging Stars partied afterward at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse.

Official Visit – Square + Round Anniversary Dance

Saturday 12 March –Diamond Jubileers – “Mardi Gras” Dance

7 Swinging Stars journeyed to Swingtime Center in Fort Worth Saturday to join in the Diamond Jubileers 55th anniversary dance. Traditional Mardi Gras colors of purple, green, and gold were seen in the hall's decorations and in the attire of many dancers. On rounds, popular area cuer, Chris Farabaugh, delivered a captivating hour of early rounds followed by a terrific mix of intermittent rounds throughout the evening. On squares, Hall of Fame club caller, Paul Kinsey, was joined by double guest callers, Ray Savell and Bobby Willis. This combo entertained square dancers with a great evening of energetic patter calls, inspiring singing calls, and one very good Plus tip. Food was plentiful and, of course, featured Creole-style red beans and rice. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars who attended: P. Amy, Bondis, Evantos, and Sees. Numbering only 7, we could not get a club visitation signature ... but ... we had GREAT FUN.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you're an active Swinging Star who visits frequently and wants to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered here, you can submit it to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org by no later than mid Sunday afternoon for inclusion here in that night's newsletter. Please include the names of fellow Swinging Stars who attended with you plus a few salient details (such as club, location, caller, cuer).

BANNER REPORT

We currently hold 5 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 1 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
Kissin Kuzzins	04-Mar-2016
Rebel Rousers	20-Feb-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

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Lessons, All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 16 March – Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Lessons: 6:15 – 7:30

All-Plus Dance: 7:30 – 9:30

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

Square + Round Dance

Friday 18 March – T Square Gadabouts – “Leapin’ Leprachauns” Dance –

Caller: Vernon Jones

Cuer: Charles Crockett

Early Rounds: 7:00, Square Workshop: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take “Anglin” exit), Fort Worth, TX

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Saturday 19 March – Rebel Rousers – “Pi R Square” Dance –

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Early Rounds: 7:00, All Plus: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Richardson Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX

Square + Round Dance with early All-Plus session

Saturday 19 March – Log Cabin Swingers –

Caller: Gary Bates

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

All-Plus: 2:00-4:00, Early Rounds: 7:00, Main Dance: 7:30

Promenade Hall

1210 N. Tool Dr., Hwy 274, Tool, 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 25: **Reid**, Stuart, Harris, Bivins

April 8: **Deluke**, 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!):

April 8, 2016 – Friendship dance with Rockwall Squares – our dance location

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

June 24, 2016 – Something special is "cooking" for this Club Dance – plan now to be there

October 28 - 30, 2016 – Callers Cavalcade and NORTEX Oktoberfest (Round-UP)

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance

September 22, 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.

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

Swinging Stars

Celebrate



MARCH MADNESS



Caller:



Friday, March 25, 2016

Cuer:



Wayne Baldwin

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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NEW DANCER DANCE



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

Friday April 22, 2016

Caller:

Wayne Baldwin

Cuer:

Walter Brewer

Early Rounds 7:00 Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00 (All Mainstream)

Rounds and Line Dancing between tips

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

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