



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 16, 2014

We had another great hour long workshop Friday night. There were six squares on the floor from the start, and there were eight squares for most of the hour. Everyone really enjoyed learning that grand whatever it was. Thank you, Wayne, for a fun and educational workshop and for calling great squares throughout the night. Also, thanks to Walter for the great cueing and for including the nice boleros for the benefit of our new bolero dancers.

The dance was well attended with 75 dancers present. We had two guests from Little Rock, and we gave them dangles to remember us by. The dangles are in the shape of Texas and say "I danced with the Swinging Stars of Plano, Texas".

Beginning Two Step lessons start Tuesday night. As of this writing, we have 22 students registered for the class. That leaves room for four more couples. This is a great opportunity to get into the fun and rewarding world of round dancing. Two step is cued a lot at square dances, so there is ample opportunity to practice and to perfect your skills outside of class. If you are interested, please see the flyer at this link for registration instructions: http://www.peltondances.com/pdfs/ChoreographedBallroom_LessonFlyer-TwoStep.pdf

The refreshments duty schedule for May and June has been added to Refreshments Duty and Information below. Check to see if your name is there.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, March 18 – First two step lesson.

Tuesday, March 18 – Ladies Luncheon – see details in Coming Events below.

Friday, March 21 – Of interest visit to Texas Reelers – see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

Thank You from Anne Nejd! Thank you to all who sent me cards, emails, phone calls and food. Thank you especially to the bunco girls who sent me a wonderful card to cheer me up. Please know I am doing well and will see the doctor on March 28th when I expect to be released from my homebound status. I will see you all in April for dancing, bunco, and ladies luncheons.

Keep Your Swinging Stars With You: Andy Piziali likes to keep a copy of the Swinging Stars roster 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 into his PDA. 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.

Swinging Stars Website: Our club website at www.swingingstars.org has a TREMENDOUS amount of information. It has virtually everything you could ever need to know about the Swinging Stars (with pictures!). It has links to a veritable gold mine of information about square and round dancing and upcoming dance festivals around Texas and beyond. If you haven't looked at it lately, you don't know what's there, because Dave Burson just keeps updating and adding stuff. It's a wonderful resource – check it often!

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There are two new dancer dances (NDD) coming up the next two Thursdays. On March 20 the Roadrunners at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth will have a NDD featuring Mike Bramlett (7:30PM dance). And on March 27 the Lone Star Solos at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dallas will have a NDD featuring Dave Vieira (7:30PM dance). The Lone Star Solos captured our banner, and this would be a great opportunity to get it back.

There are no dances scheduled for March 22, but since the Dixie Chainers captured our banner and they are holding a dance that night with Vernon Jones calling, we would like to encourage all who do not have other plans to attend to help retrieve our banner (7:30PM dance).

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
Diamond Jubileers	8-Mar-14
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 * * ***

Double Plus, Thursday, March 13th

Four Swinging Stars visited Double Plus at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth on Thursday evening. Jeff Holley out of Oklahoma City was the guest caller. This was a rare opportunity to dance to a great caller who made it a real challenge by making calls from out-of-the-ordinary positions (i.e., think DBD with partners sashayed or starting the call in a different line than normal). Visiting Swinging Stars were Bondis and Sees.

Official, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, March 15th

Fourteen Swinging Stars enthusiastically danced at the Rebel Rousers at the Richardson Senior Center Saturday night. Texas Hall of Fame caller Mike Bramlett called squares, and Christine Hixson was the cuer (her program included two boleros). As an added feature, Dave Vieira accompanied Mike on several tips. The theme for this dance was "Kiss the Blarney Stone". Everyone dressed up in their Irish green outfits, and the new dancers attending were featured in several of the dances. Swinging Stars present included: P. Amy, J. Duncan, Esteps, Hamms, HARRISES, Sees, Smith/Harden, and Underwoods.

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

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

Of Interest, Texas Reelers, Friday, March 21st

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 W. Arapaho, Richardson, TX)
Website: <http://www.texasreelers.org/>
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Theme: Spring Equinox

Swinging Stars, Friday, March 28th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Notes: Club dance

Of Interest, Rainbow Rounds, Saturday, March 29th

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 S. E. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX)
Time: Request rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones
Cuer: Karen Gloodt
Theme: Over the Rainbow
Notes: 22nd Anniversary, double deal

Refreshments Duty and Information

March 28, 2014	Bondi, Shinavar, Jimison, Colter
April 11, 2014	Barber, Maier, Ryder, Sobotka
April 25, 2014	Kendrick, Lewis, Piziali, Pitts
May 9, 2014	Foust, Branden, Bullock, Sherman
May 23, 2014	Meyer, Bergesen, Dennison, Loxsom
June 13, 2014	McGuire, Henneberger, Perrott, Ramirez
June 27, 2014	Row, Amy, Smith/Harden, Whitaker

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



Swinging Stars
SPRING FLING
Formula 51

Honey Pot *Banners*
Fun Dancing **April 25, 2014** *Refreshments*

Caller: Wayne Baldwin **Early Rounds: 7:00**
Cuer: Walter Brewer **Square Up: 8:00**



SWINGING STARS



Salute The Troops

Friday, May 23, 2014

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

Sunday, June 8 – Annual Fish Fry at the Baldwins

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.

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.

Ralph and Lucy Hamm

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