

# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for March 17, 2013*

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### Presidential Ramblings

Swinging Stars, as we enter our second month as your Presidents we want you to know how much we appreciate your support. We have both served as Presidents for other organizations but never have we experienced the helpfulness and warm embraces as we have with the Swinging Stars. We want to thank the other members of the board and the contributions that they are making to the effort. It is those that preceded this board that laid the foundation for the success that Swinging Stars is experiencing.

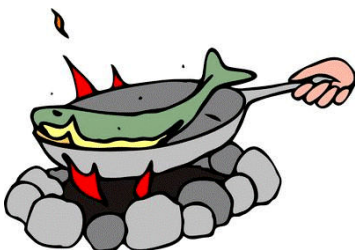
We will continue as a board to bring some new experiences to the club while honoring the traditions that have been established. We will work to share the enjoyment of dancing with all we meet and continue to bring new students and members into the club. We thank Wayne and Jodie, Walter and Eula, Dave and Lorraine and others that act as our special mentors, who we rely on to help us along our way.

We also want the board to know how much we appreciate all that you do. Mark and Karen, Bob and Terri, John and Ann & Gene and Phyllis, we appreciate all of your input and the work that you do. Also, we could not have the successful club that we have without the tireless hours of all of the committee chairmen and workers that cheerfully volunteer.

God Bless!  
Richard and Jan

p.s. If you have any suggestions related to the Swinging Stars please send me an email – [President@SwingingStars.org](mailto:President@SwingingStars.org). I will use discretion and my share it with the executive committee and or the club, however, I will ask your permission before doing so. Please indicate whether you wish to remain anonymous to anyone but Jan and me.

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### Swinging Stars Annual Fish Fry – Sunday, Jun 2nd

Save the date for this exciting annual Swinging Stars event hosted by our club caller and his spouse, Wayne and Jodie Baldwin. They invite all of the Swinging Stars to come to their home to eat all the fried fish you want. So please plan to attend. More details will be published soon.

## “Formula 51”

Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines..... We are quickly approaching the month of April, right after March. Are you ready? You all can dance mainstream but how well do you know the basic calls, the first 51 calls? Our callers in the NORTEX area promise a challenging month of Formula 51 calls.



Swinging Stars will offer “Formula 51” dances during the month of April on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. These dances will be great for our current students. The dance on the 26<sup>th</sup> will be "Out of this World."

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## NEED YOUR INPUT – Club Meeting

We will have a brief meeting following our March 22<sup>nd</sup> dance – I promise to keep it short. We need to approve a couple of expenditures for our January 31, 2014 Anniversary Dance... “Dancing with the Stars’ Season Two.”

## ROUND DANCE LESSONS

The minimum number of couples needed for the round dance lessons being taught by JL and Linda Pelton at the Carpenter Rec Center in Plano has been achieved. We have 10+ couples signed up. Lessons start March 19<sup>th</sup> so if you don’t want to miss out make reservations immediately. Contact Ralph and Lucy Hamm if you have any questions or concerns about the lessons (email: [rehamm45@gmail.com](mailto:rehamm45@gmail.com); Phone: 214. 872.7219). Register online at <https://parks.planotx.org/econnect>, or by phone at 972.208.8087, or in person at Carpenter Recreation Center at 6701 Coit Road. The course number is # 140236 CAR. For additional information, see the flyer on the Swinging Stars website: [http://swingingstars.org/ChoreographedBallroom\\_LessonFlyer.pdf](http://swingingstars.org/ChoreographedBallroom_LessonFlyer.pdf)

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## SWINGING STARS JACKETS

Thank you Ralph and Lucy Hamm for modeling your Swinging Stars Jackets at our dance Friday night... you both did a great job... have you considered taking up modeling?

I am sure you have seen a number of our members wearing their Swinging Stars Blue Jackets with Embroidery Lettering and some of you have asked about getting one of your own. Well....we are in luck.

Note the following details & pricing:

- Satin jacket - kasha lined (as before) with (2) slash pockets
- Color - solid royal blue shell, knit collar & cuffs
- Embroidery - left chest with small logo and first name personalization

Pricing: (includes sales tax - f.o.b. swinging stars)

	<u>15 units</u>	<u>20 units</u>	<u>25 units</u>
Sm – XL	\$59.34 unit	\$58.89 unit	\$56.35 unit
2XL	\$62.32 unit	\$61.86 unit	\$61.35 unit

Now, you may be one of those that have asked, why would I want a club jacket, it just hangs on the back of a chair when we are dancing. The answer is simply that you want to show your Club colors and that you are proud to be a “jacket-wearing-member” of the Swinging Stars. That, and they look great. Just to clarify, you do not have to buy as a couple, you can buy one for yourself, but I would not recommend leaving your spouse out, unless you enjoy sleeping on the couch.

Please contact Mark & Karen Hawkins, First VP’s, [972-436-4868](tel:972-436-4868) or [1stVP@swingingstars.org](mailto:1stVP@swingingstars.org) to place your order – the size can be confirmed when they come out with samples – as soon as we have 15 units committed, we will arrange for the vendor to come to a club dance for sizing. We have twelve committed and need three more.

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### **\* \* \* Note from Your 2<sup>nd</sup> VPs \* \* \***

The theme for our note this week is dance attire, and specifically, club colors.

You may have noted lately, that we have not been suggesting wearing our club colors to visitations – the reason is that we do not want to not conflict with the natural colors for various themes by the host clubs (e.g. Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, etc.) but we want to make you aware of the visitation colors the Swinging Stars use. These colors may be used at both visitations and home dances. The colors are aqua, royal blue, and deep purple and all three are planned for use in April – see the calendar when it gets published for details.

The aqua official club dress is manufactured by Square Up in California, and it is part of their Fiesta line of square dance attire. The order number for the official skirt is Fiesta #636 in aqua and the official blouse is Fiesta #136R in aqua. They are pictured on website [www.squareupfashions.com](http://www.squareupfashions.com) and can be ordered at 1-800-834-4222.

Wearing the same color can be useful at big functions like the Houston Hoedown and other dances to make it easier to locate club members and also to make a show of club spirit and participation at an event. Buying the official dress is not required; you should ALWAYS feel welcome and definitely attend, even if you don’t happen to have a matching outfit or color. We want you there having fun and dancing and that is always priority one.

Cheers,  
Bob & Terri

## \* \* \* EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK \* \* \*

### **Dance of Interest – Kissin’ Kuzzins, Friday, Mar 15<sup>th</sup>**

Just between you and me, the obscene amount o’ green seen by the keen eye was not routine in the pristine crowd that did convene this March 15 – if you were at the scene you know what I mean. Ha Ha...

The many Swinging Stars had a lively time at the Kissin’ Kuzzins Celebrating Everything Green dance. Cueing was provided by the effervescent JL Pelton who guided the dancers thru early rounds and between the tips. JL even offered the opportunity for DBD rounds asking if any of the couples wanted to switch positions on one of the numbers. Wayne Baldwin called the squares including an exciting workshop where the focus was on dixie chain to a wave and recycle, both DBD-style. As usual, Wayne’s repertoire of great dance tunes kept the dancers thoroughly engaged – that’s why we love him so much. The Kissin’ Kuzzins were great hosts for the evening. And many of us enjoyed a refreshing social gathering at Dos Banderas after the dance. The 28 Swinging Stars in attendance were: Barbers, Bivins, Bursons, Hamms, HARRISES, Hennebergers, Pittses, Rickerts, Roses, Sees, Smith / Hardin, Starretts, Stuarts, and the Underwoods.

### **Dance of Interest – Rebel Rousers, Saturday, Mar 16<sup>th</sup>**

Another night of visitation dancing was on order with the Rebel Rousers Saturday night for their St. Patrick’s inspired Riverdance themed evening. Rounds were expertly cued by Christine Hixson and squares were called by Mike Bramlett who continues to challenge the squares with his challenging versions of numbers choreographed with the first 51 calls in prep for Formula 51 April. Mike was joined in several tunes by his wife, Dee, and their son, Drew. The trio ended the evening with a dancer favorite – their rendition of Fisherman’s Luck. The Swinging Stars present included: Z. Kilejian, Maiers, Pittses, Rows, Rickerts, Ricketts, Sees, Smith / Hardin.

### **Teen Scholarship Dance, Sunday, Mar 17<sup>th</sup>**

The NORTEX hosted Teen Scholarship Dance was held at Swingtime Center in Ft. Worth with almost 120 attendees who raised more than \$1000 for the teen scholarship fund from donations at the entrance (there was no normal entrance fee). Crazy hats were everywhere as many dancers supported the Mad Hatter theme including prizes for best hats. Rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh and Mike Bramlett led the squares. Chris and John Pryor also led some fun line dances. The audience was also treated to a cool demonstration by the North Star Cloggers led by John – if you are interested in clogging classes start in Grapevine Monday, Mar 18<sup>th</sup> (see the Promenade for details). The Swinging Stars were represented by the Pittses and the Sees.

## \* \* \* SPECIAL CLUB OPPORTUNITIES \* \* \*

### **ETSRDA “It’s GOLDen East Texas – 50 Years of Square Dancing” Festival – Mar 22-24<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Mineola Civic Center (Mineola, TX)

Website: <http://etsrda.com/ETSRDAannualfestivals.html>

Caller: Headline caller – Dave Viera, several area callers Friday night, Ron Mineau Saturday afternoon

Cuer: Michelle Viera

Notes: Some of us will be dancing in Mineola Saturday morning and afternoon and driving to Greenville for the Cotton Pickin’ Square anniversary dance Saturday night

### **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Swing into Spring Plus Weekend with the Log Cabin Swingers, Apr 5-7<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Promenade Hall (1210 N. Tool Highway 274, Tool, TX)  
Website: <http://www.logcabinsquaredanceclub.com/swingintospring2013.pdf>  
Caller: Jerry Storey  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Notes: Breakfast Sunday morning, postmark registration by Mar 24<sup>th</sup> to get discounted rate

### **51<sup>st</sup> Annual Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival, June 6-9<sup>th</sup>**

Location: San Marcos, TX  
Website: [http://www.squaredancetx.com/st\\_festival.html](http://www.squaredancetx.com/st_festival.html)  
Notes: Fun for beginners and advanced square and round dancers

### **62<sup>nd</sup> National Square Dance Convention, June 26-29<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Oklahoma City, OK  
Website: <http://www.62nsdc.com>  
Notes: For beginners and advanced square and round dancers, national conventions don't get much closer than this!

## **\* \* \* COMING EVENTS \* \* \***

### **Ladies Luncheon – Wednesday, Mar 20<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Breadwinners Café (4021 Preston Road, Plano)  
Website: [www.breadwinnerscafe.com](http://www.breadwinnerscafe.com)  
Time: 11:30AM  
Hostess: Peggy Amy ([amypeggy@verizon.net](mailto:amypeggy@verizon.net) / Ph. 972.612.4934)  
Notes: Let Peggy know by Monday, Mar 18<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend

### **Swinging Stars Club Dance – Swinging Stars, Friday, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)  
Website: <http://swingingstars.org/>  
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / Dance – 8:00PM  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Theme: March Madness – wear your favorite college team sport jersey

### **Official Visitation – Cotton Pickin' Squares, Saturday, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Location: L-3 Recreation Center (10001 Jack Finney Blvd. Greenville, TX)  
Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/in2/CottonPickinSquares/>  
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / Grand march – 8:00PM  
Caller: Mike Bramlett  
Cuer: Christine Hixson  
Notes: 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary dance – Picnic in the Park

### **Student Hoedown – Lone Star Solos, Thursday, Mar 28<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall (10110 Shoreview Road, Dallas, TX)  
Website: <http://www.lonestarsolos.com/>  
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / Grand march – 8:00PM  
Caller: Dave Viera  
Cuer: Christine Hixson  
Notes: New dancer dance, calls 1-40, students FREE

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## **EXHIBITION**

Ruth Murphy, the daughter of Al and Jean Jesse, previously served a number of positions in NORTEX. Ruth has a group that does riding therapy for special needs kids program near Scurry, TX. They are holding a fund raiser on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> and she is interested in having a square dance demonstration sometime during the day - probably the afternoon. We need at least one but preferably two squares. We will be dancing inside on a stage and the room is the size of a bar. Scurry is about 10 miles southwest of Kaufman off of Hwy 175. I have asked for more details which I will share when received.

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## **FRIENDSHIP DANCE**

A Friendship Dance with the Rockwall Squares is planned for Friday, Mar 10<sup>th</sup>, at Shepard Elementary. This is our normal dance night which we will be sharing with the Rockwall Squares and the theme will be Fiest Friendship. Plans are in development and will be communicated soon.

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## **MAINSTREAM LESSONS**

The Swinging Stars have four couples that are taking lessons at the Richardson Senior Center. We have had a number of Swinging Stars volunteer to help angel these new students including Bursons, Fousts, Rows, Ramirez, Delukes, Barbers, Bondis, Pittses, Kilejians and others. If you have an opportunity, go by and introduce yourselves. Tell them how happy we are that they are future Swinging Stars. Lessons are on Tuesdays at 7:00 and last till 9:00.

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## **SWINGING STARS MENDING**

Vicki Evanto is recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

Keep Mel and Sondra Foust in your prayers – Mel's mom passed away Mar 17<sup>th</sup>.

Let's rally around and give these folks some love. If you know of any Swinging Stars' on the mend, contact Debbie Piziali: 214-552-9802; [debbie@piziali.dv.org](mailto:debbie@piziali.dv.org); 6616 Estados Dr., Parker, TX 75002-6800

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## **ROUND DANCE LESSONS**

The Swinging Stars Round Dance Lessons start Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM with instructors JL and Linda Pelton at Carpenter Recreation Center. Lessons will last eleven weeks and will include –cha and rumba. This will be a great opportunity for interested couples to enter the tremendously enjoyable activity of round dancing.

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# Roundup Theme for 2013 "Celebrating Texas' Heritage - The Yellow Rose of Texas"



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## REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

(Note there have been changes. Please review)

March 22	<b>Whipple</b> , Meyer, Row, Pharr
April 12	<b>Stuart</b> , Feldman, Shinavar, Bivins
April 26	<b>Loven</b> , Hursey, Hamm, Carter
May 10	<b>Hawkins</b> , Harris, McClure, Whitaker
May 24	<b>Pitts</b> , Rose, DeLuke, Jung

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 7:00 pm. As per our contract with PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 7:00.
- 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 Fluorescent 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](mailto:jwstuart@flash.net) with the names of your schedule changes.
- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments to pick up the three 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 **Mark & Karen Hawkins at 972-436-4868 or [1stVP@swingingstars.org](mailto: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.

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## Schedule of advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances thru May 2013

March 22, 2013  March Madness

April 26, 2013  Area 51

May 10, 2013  Fiesta Friendship

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Swinging Stars 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance is in the planning.

Chairpersons Dave & Lorraine Burson

The date is set for 01/31/2014 at All Saints Catholic Church in Richardson, TX

Caller: Brad Caldwell

(pending approval of the club)

We will have a quick Club meeting following our March 22<sup>nd</sup> dance. Your board needs your approval for the expenditures. This will be an exciting anniversary dance. It should be well attended with it being held on a fifth Friday; at a great venue and with great callers and callers.

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Tuesday, March 19 Swinging Star Round Dance Lessons

Friday, March 22 – Brief club meeting following our March Madness Dance (expenditures approvals requested)

Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 PM – Club Meeting at Spring Creek BBQ on Hwy 75

Tuesday, June 11 Plus Lessons

Tuesday, August 27 Mainstream Lessons

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For information about weekend dances go to our Web Page [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org) and click on Weekends.

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