



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 27, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

The new students will be ready to start going to some New Dancer Dances after the next lesson (3/29/16). The 2nd VP will plan several available ND dances over the next month or so and we need YOU to be part of that. Remember back to when you started dancing, some of you may have trouble with that, how great it was to go to a NDD and have Angles there that you knew? I know that was the case for us. Our sponsors went out of their way to go to several ND dances and when we graduated they took us to regular dances where there were lots of Swinging Stars waiting to help us through those first difficult months. Plan now to visit lots over the next month – we cannot do this without YOU!

Read all the way to the end of the Newsletter as the “Important Dates” are starting to get filled in for the year.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Tuesday, March 29 – Square Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Tuesday, March 29 – Round Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Wednesday – Plus 4’s

Friday, April 1 – Texas Reelers – “April in Paris” – Official Visitation – Dave Vieira (Guest) Caller and Chris Farabaugh Cuer -- [Wear Blue](#)

Saturday, April 2 – Solitaires – Bobby Willis Caller and J.L. Pelton Cuer

Announcements

Square Dance Lessons Update: -- Mark and Karen Hawkins

We had perfect attendance at last Tuesday’s lessons! The students have been introduced to most of the calls and enjoyed putting their new skills to use in several lively singing calls. They received the April Promenade and were shown the many opportunities they will have next month to attend New Dancer dances, including our own on April 22. We encourage all club members to support our new dancers by visiting these dances and especially by welcoming all new dancers when they visit us.

We thank all of the angels who helped out last Tuesday. We were able to put together five squares. It really helps when we have no more than two student couples per square. We always have room for more angels, so please consider joining us. We wish to thank last week's angels: J. Covington (Richard is co-teaching with Wayne), Williams, Sees, Lees, Bursons, Brockmans, Stuarts, Nejdls, Hamms, Esteps, Feldmans, Hawkins, M. Trujillo, J. Sobodka, and P. Amy.

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

Round Dance Lessons Update: -- Lucy Hamm

The round dance students had quite a variety of new cues and dances last Tuesday evening. New cues included were: Twirl Two and Cha, Reverse Two and Cha, Vine Two Face to Face, Vine Two Back to Back and Sand Steps. (There are some Two Step figures danced in Cha Cha because at the lower level of Cha, they often borrow from the Two Step rhythm. Two Step is not the easiest rhythm to learn because of variations in timing). Dances used in class included My Maria (rumba), and Tulsa Time (cha cha) which provided practice in the above figures. They also danced Beach Party (cha cha), Boogie Shoes (cha cha), Just Another Woman In Love (a favorite rumba) and Islands in the Stream (rumba).

Friday night at the Swinging Stars dance, new round dance students/visitors: Yifei and Greg Provin and Darlene and Steve Reid (closely related to Jim and Debbie) joined Swinging Stars new rumba/cha cha students Jan and Doug Bergesen and Knarik and Jim Bondi in practicing their dance steps. Special thanks to Walter Brewer for cueing several dances for the new students (and the continuing support of the Peltons) at the dance.

Joe Whitaker:

Please keep Joe and Colby Whitaker in your thoughts and prayers. Doctors discovered a lump on Joe's lung which has been diagnosed as non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Joe says his doctor tells him the prognosis for this type of cancer is good with a 75 - 80% remission rate following treatment. Joe began chemotherapy this past Monday and Tuesday.

Announcement From Our Friends at Rockwall Squares:

Our dear Claudine Bendorf went to be with our Heavenly Father last night. She had been with Rockwall Squares since we open. Her funeral is going to be at New Hope Funeral Home in Sunnyvale, TX, we are still waiting on date and time. Please keep her sons in your prayers.

Texas Reelers:

Please help spread the word the Texas Reelers will NOT have a plus dance on April 29 as stated in the April Promenade.

2nd VP Report – 27 March 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

“A” Lessons

Wednesday 23 March, 7:00 – 9:00 – Plus 4s –

6 Swinging Stars have been taking caller Charles Quisenberry's weekly A1/A2 square dance lessons since 06 January. Tonight, the class continued tackling A2 calls including “Scoot and Weave,” “Split Counter Rotate,” “Trade Circulate,” and “Motivate.”. Swinging Stars enrolled in these lessons include Bondis, Putnam/Heintz, and Sees. Angels helping out often include current Swinging Stars, Amys and Evantos, plus prior Swinging Stars, Capps and Morses.

Our Dance

Friday 25 March – Swinging Stars – “March Madness” Dance

90 dancers, including a whopping 46 visitors, enjoyed the Swinging Stars dance on Friday evening at Shepard Elementary School in Plano. Among the throng of visitors, Kissin Kuzzins recaptured their banner and captured ours while the Rebel Rousers recaptured their banner. Per our new 2nd-Friday format, club cuer, Walter Brewer, started the evening with 45 minutes of early rounds with many dances specially targeted at students now taking Peltons’ Intermediate Rhumba/Cha class. Club caller, Wayne Baldwin, followed this at 7:45 with our early Plus tip. During the main dance, Walter cued many more great rounds including a few more easy Rhumbas/Chas for the students. And, for his part, Wayne offered tips with a wide variety of patter and singing, one challenging Plus tip, and our new “hot hash” closing tip. This time, 4+ squares of eager hot-hash “wanna be”s gave it a whirl. To complete the evening, more than 40 dancers, about half Swinging Stars and half visitors (mostly Kissin Kuzzins) partied afterward at BJ’s Restaurant & Brewhouse.

Official Visit -- Square + Round Dance

Saturday 26 March – Tri City Promenaders –New Dancer Dance (NDD)

6 Swinging Stars visited the Tri-City Promenaders in Hurst, TX Saturday for their new dancer dance. Popular area cuer, Chris Farabaugh, handled rounds all evening while veteran Texas Hall of Fame club caller, Paul Kinsey, handled squares. Even though he had to call most of the evening from a chair while breathing some oxygen supplementation, Paul did a masterful job. In both the pre-dance workshop and in the main dance itself, he made basic calls interesting for all dancers on the floor, both new and seasoned, by issuing them from interesting/unusual starting configurations. The overall experience was educational and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars who attended: Bursons, Esteps, and Williams. Even though we were one couple short of a square, Tri-City gave us their banner anyway.

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 4 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 2 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
Tri-City Promenaders	26-Mar-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
Kissin Kuzzins	25-Mar-2016
Texas Reelers	26-Feb-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Official Visit – Square + Round Dance

Friday 01 April – Texas Reelers – “April in Paris” Dance

Caller: Dave Vieira (guest)

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Richardson Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX

Special Goal: Retrieve our banner + capture theirs. Want 16+ Swinging Stars attending.

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

Student Dancer “A” Dance, All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 30 March – Plus 4s --

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

6:15 – 7:30: Student Dancer “A” Dance (along with students, want numerous angels in squares)

7:30 – 9:30: All-Plus Dance

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 02 April – Solitaires

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: J.L. Pelton

Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March 7:45

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Monday, 11 April, 11:30 AM – Bonnie Ruth’s Bistro

Peggy Amy has graciously volunteered to host Ladies Luncheon for April at 11:30 on the 11th (Monday). She has chosen Bonnie Ruth’s in Allen, located in the Watters Creek Center, 916 Garden Park Drive. Watters Creek Center is located on the south west corner at Central and Bethany Dr. Peggy would like for you to make your reservations with her by April 9th so she can give Bonnie Ruth’s ample time to know how many are coming for lunch. Reply to Peggy Amy at amybpeggy@verizon.net or 972-612-4934.

Bonnie Ruth’s is a great place for lunch not only because of the atmosphere and good food, but there are so many nice shops to browse after lunch. Hope you will come and enjoy a fun time with the ladies of Swinging Stars. You can check out Bonnie Ruth’s by going to www.bonnie Ruthsallen.com to see a menu and get directions. See you there!

Refreshments Duty and Information

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. 2 Club Callers – 2 Club Cuers – good food – what more can you ask for.
- June 5, 2016 – General Club Meeting – CANCELLED -- Meeting is being rescheduled to early July
- 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 – Friendship Dance – Rebel Rousers – Our Location – Wayne Baldwin – J.L. Pelton & Christine Hixon
- October 14, 2016 – Swinging Stars DD Dance – Probably an Oktoberfest theme since the end of the month is Round-UP. Details still being worked out.
- October 28 - 30, 2016 – Callers Cavalcade and NORTEX Oktoberfest (Round-UP)
- December 2, 2016 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party at Haggard Party Barn.
- 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.

Kathy & Bob Estep

Swinging Stars Presidents

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


Swinging Stars
Square and Round Dance Club
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

For Info: 972-618-3640 OR president@swingingstars.org

Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org



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