



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for March 30, 2014*

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We are finishing up this newsletter at 10:30PM because we spent the afternoon and evening at the Harvest Holidays round dance mini-fest at Swingtime Center. Joe and Coleta Lewis were also there. During the afternoon, we learned a beautiful new waltz taught by Jack Kenny and a very challenging rumba taught by Christine Hixson. Then tonight, after a break for dinner, we danced for two and a half hours to the cueing of Jack, Christine, JL Pelton, Karen Gloodt, Jack von der Heide, and Chris Farabaugh. It was a very fun dance, but we are very tired now.

We had a great dance Friday night. Twenty-six visitors came and enjoyed the good times with us. Twenty Texas Reelers were on hand. They took home our banner and their own. Sixty-eight Swinging Stars were there. It was wonderful to have Tom and Vicki Evanto and Bob and Terri Pitts back dancing with us after a few weeks absence Thanks to Walter for the fun and challenging early rounds and for teaching us a beautiful new dance.

At our dance Friday night, Tom and Vicki Evanto, in their role as NORTEX Liaison, presented the club with a patch commemorating our 400<sup>th</sup> visitation as a club. This is the highest level achieved by any NORTEX club. We are so proud of the enthusiasm of the Swinging Stars! The 400 visits patch will be displayed proudly on our club banner.

Please mark **Sunday, May 18, 3:00PM** on your calendar for a **club general membership meeting**. We will provide details at a later date.

Ralph and Lucy

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### Happening This Week

Tuesday, April 1 – Two step lesson.

Friday, April 4 – Official visit to Texas Reelers – see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, April 5 – Of interest visit to Log Cabin Swingers – see details in Coming Events below.

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### Announcements

**We are missing Knarik Bondi.** She is in California to be with her sister who is seriously ill. We're thinking of you, Knarik, and hope your sister gets well, and you get back to dancing with us, quickly.

**The ladies luncheon for April** is being hosted by Peggy Amy and is one that you will not want to miss. Peggy has chosen Kathy's Choice located NW corner of Coit and Beltline. The address is 7989 Beltline Rd. suite #138, Dallas, Tx. It is in the corner of the shopping center. They have remodeled and are larger and have a beautiful patio. They also have a fashion show while we eat, put on by a boutique that is next door to Kathy's Choice. So mark the date **Tuesday, April 15 at 11:30** and please plan to attend. Please **contact Peggy Amy by Saturday April 12** and tell her you are planning to attend. Contact Peggy at [amybpeggy@verizon.net](mailto:amybpeggy@verizon.net) or phone [972-612-4934](tel:972-612-4934).

**Swinging Stars Roster on Your Mobile Device:** 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. (The link was removed for privacy; however, the link is in the version of the newsletter sent by email.)

**Correction to Texas Reelers Dance Information:** Our April 18<sup>th</sup>. dance will be a normal dance NOT a formula 51 dance as noted in the April Promenade and the NORTEX website. (From Nick Stewart, Texas Reelers president)

**\* \* \* From Your 2<sup>nd</sup> VPs \* \* \***

For those plus dancers looking for a great time and extra challenge, Monday, March 31, ADD Plus will have Mike Bramlett calling squares at the Richardson Senior Center (7:00 pm dance) and Wednesday, April 2, Plus 4s will have Charles Quisenberry calling squares at the Webb Chapel United Methodist church in Farmers Branch (7:30 pm 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
Dixie Chainers	22-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
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13
Tri-City Promenaders	26-Jan-13

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Lone Star Solos	28-Feb-14
Texas Reelers	28-Mar-14

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

**Friendship Plus, Monday, March 24th**

Eight Swinging Stars visited Friendship Plus in Richardson on Monday. Texas Hall of Fame caller Mike Bramlett was in his usual energetic, fun-loving, challenging mood as he guided the dancers around the floor. Swinging Stars present included Colters, Kilejians, Sees, and Smith/Hardin.

**Lone Star Solos, Thursday, March 27th**

Five Swinging Stars enthusiastically danced at the Lone Star Solos at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dallas Thursday night. Dave Vieira called squares and Chris Farabaugh called rounds. Swinging Stars present included: Esteps, Sees, and C. Wolfe.

**Of Interest, Rainbow Rounds, Saturday, March 29th**

Eleven Swinging Stars visited the Rainbow Rounds at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth Saturday night. Deborah Carroll-Jones was the guest caller (accompanied occasionally by her husband, Texas Hall of Fame caller Jon Jones) and Karen Gloodt the club cuer. The theme for this dance was "Over the Rainbow", and the center was elaborately decorated with a plethora of balloons and even a spinning tornado. There were also dancers dressed as characters from the movie "The Wizard of Oz". The combination of Deborah's calling and singing, and Karen's cuing, provided an exceptional and totally enjoyable evening for all who attended. Visiting Swinging Stars included: J. Bondi, Bursons, Halvorsons, Hamms, Perrotts, and Sees.

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

**Official, Texas Reelers, Friday, April 4th**

Location: Richardson Senior Center (890 W. Arapaho, Richardson, TX)  
Website: <http://www.texasreelers.org/>  
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM  
Caller: Vernon Jones  
Cuer: Jack von der Heide  
Theme: Blue Jeans and Boots  
Notes: They have our banner!!

**Of Interest, Log Cabin Swingers, Saturday, April 5th**

Location: Promenade Hall (1210 N. Tool Dr., Hwy 274, Tool, TX)  
Website: <http://www.logcabinsquaredanceclub.com/>  
Time: Supper – 6:30PM / grand march – 7:30PM  
Caller: Dave Vieira  
Theme: Back to 1984  
Notes: Double deal, dance plus from 2-4 pm for \$6 pp

**Swinging Stars, Friday, April 11th**

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

**Official, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, April 12th**

Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX)  
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM  
Callers: Vernon Jones, Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Jack von der Heide  
Theme: Annual Luau  
Notes: Island dress

**Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, April 15th**

Location: Kathy’s Choice (7989 Beltline Rd, Suite #138, Dallas, TX)  
Website: <http://kathyschoice.com/>  
Time: 11:30AM  
Hostess: Peggy Amy (amybpeggy@verizon.net or 972-612-4934)  
Notes: Let Peggy know by April 12th if you plan to go

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**Refreshments Duty and Information**

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!

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**Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances**



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

Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Walter Brewer

Early Rounds: 7:00  
Square Up: 8:00



# SWINGING STARS



## Salute The Troops

Friday, May 23, 2014

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

Sunday, May 18, 3:00PM – Swinging Stars general membership meeting

Sunday, June 8 – Annual Fish Fry at the Baldwins

Tuesday, June 10 – Plus lessons begin

June 12 – 15, 2014 – 52<sup>nd</sup> Texas State Square and Round Dance Festival, Tyler, TX – preregistration form:

[www.squaredancetx.com/fest\\_reg\\_order.html](http://www.squaredancetx.com/fest_reg_order.html)

June 25 - 28, 2014 – 63<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention, Little Rock, AR – see [www.63nsdc.com](http://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 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance

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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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Remember our Sunshine person is Debbie Piziali, and you can email her at [debbie@piziali.dv.org](mailto: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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