



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for April 10, 2016*

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**From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:**

On Friday, April 8, 2016 we had our first Friendship dance in a long time. It was a tremendous success. 140 plus in attendance. Rockwall Squares had 26 dancers in attendance. Everyone left with smiles!

On April 22, 2016 we will have a New Dancer dance. We currently plan for a clothing give away for our Students. After they finish we will open the remaining item up to anyone else in attendance. For everyone other than our students there may be a small fee for items. The perfect excuse to clean out your closets! Please bring any items that you wish to donate to the dance on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and we will set them up on a table or two or three for our students.

Since this Friendship dance was so successful we plan another one for June 22<sup>nd</sup> – more details when it gets closer.

**Special Announcement from Peggy:** We are having a Surprise Birthday Party for Deckard's 90<sup>th</sup>. He does not read the newsletter so he will not see this. If you do not tell him it will be a surprise. The party (as you may have seen on Facebook) is Sunday, April 24, 2016 At Bear Creek Ranch on FM6 Nevada, Tex. from 2-6. There will be some square dancing and a few other activities. More info can be found on Facebook and most have seen it, just didn't want anyone to feel they were not invited.

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

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### Happening This Week

Monday, April 11 – Ladies Luncheon – Bonnie Ruth's Bistro, Watters Creek, Allen, TX

Tuesday, April 12 – Square Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Tuesday, April 12 – Round Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Friday, April 15 – in addition to the T Sq Gadabouts Anniversary which is on the Calendar, the Texas Reelers are having a New Dancer dance in Richardson. Many of our student dancers plan to attend so if you are not going to the T Sq Gadabouts please consider coming to the NDD and dancing with our students – they will appreciate all the support they can get for their first "real" dance!

Saturday, April 16 – Rebel Rousers NDD. Again we have several students indicating they will attend this dance. We need lots of supporting Starts to be there and assist them.

Sunday, April 17 – NORTEX Quarterly Meeting; Swingtime Center.

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## Announcements

### **Square Dance Lessons Update:** -- Mark and Karen Hawkins

Two more lessons and then Graduation! Only three Tuesday's to go for our new students. This Friday they will start attending New Dancer dances; including our own NDD on April 22, 2016. We are now dancing a lot more than earlier when more time was spent on learning moves. That means we need more Angels to dance so we have can put up more squares. Please come help the students and your Club these last few lessons!

### **Round Dance Lessons Update:** -- Lucy Hamm

Intermediate round dance students had a review night last Tuesday-no new figures were taught. The new dance was Black Horse and the Cherry Tree cha cha. It has great music and a good opportunity to practice and review some of the more recently introduced figures. There are 5 lessons remaining in the intermediate round dance session.

One note of interest: Barbara Yeargan, one of the guest cuers for last Friday's Swinging Stars club dance and cuer for the Rockwell Squares was once a member of Dance Arounds (JL and Linda Pelton's Thursday night round dance club).

### **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.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report – 10 April 2016 Jim & Knarik Bondi

### **RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING**

#### **“A” Lessons & All-Plus Dance**

***Wednesday 06 April, 6:15-7:30, 7:30 - 9:30 – Plus 4s –***

This week, Charles Quisenberry (“Quiz”) introduced “A” students to A2 calls “Pass and Roll,” “Scoot Chain Through,” and “Out Roll Circulate.” He also drilled them on recently introduced calls such as “Scoot & Weave,” “In Roll Circulate,” “Split Counter Rotate,” and “Single Wheel.” In the following all-Plus dance, 22 Swinging Stars enjoyed Quiz’s clever patter choreography and occasional singing calls. During tonight’s patter, Quiz challenged dancers with a few “lefty” variations, including Spin Chain Exchange the Gears (starting from a left-handed wave). Some squares got it immediately, some needed a little help. As is always the case at a Quiz-led dance, all present had a good time and, by evening’s end, had solidified or even improved their plus dancing skills. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars who attended: P. Amy, Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, T. Heintz, Kerns, Kilejians, Perrotts, Sees, and Shermans.

## **Our Dance – Special Friendship Dance with Rockwall Squares**

### ***Friday 08 April – Swinging Stars & Rockwall Squares***

This was our first “friendship dance” co-hosted with another club in a long time ... but what a success it was! We had 140 total dancers comprised of 66 Swinging Stars, 26 Rockwall Squares, and 48 visitors. Among these many visitors, the Texas Reelers brought enough to recapture their banner & capture ours, the Lone Star Solos captured ours, and the Kuzzins captured the Rockwall Squares’ banner (since they already have ours).

Attendees were treated to a WEALTH of great entertainment featuring 4 callers total (Wayne Baldwin (SS), Wayne Shoemaker (RS), Dave Vieira (LSS), and Richard Covington (SS)) and 2 cuers (J.L. Pelton (SS) and Barb Yeargan (RS)). The dancing needs of all square and round dancers were thoroughly met and, as they ultimately departed, most were wearing broad smiles. A large subset reportedly went on to after-party at BJ’s, our new “watering and nourishing” hole.

## **Square + Round Dance**

### ***Saturday 09 April – Dixie Chainers – 55<sup>th</sup> Annual “Luau” Dance***

Three quarters of a dozen Swinging Stars donned colorful Hawaiian garb and headed to Farmers Branch for a fun packed evening at the Dixie Chainers' annual luau dance. Jack von der Heide cued the early rounds and rounds between tips and kept dancers on their toes with some of his unique selections that had unique choreography. And square dancers were treated to an evening of fun patter and singing calls by club caller Vernon Jones and guest caller Ray Savell. They entertained the dancers with many of our favorites, included fun choreography, and invited audience participation. Swinging Stars at the dance were: P. Amy, Esteps, H. Feldman, Hawkins, Pitts, and C. Wolfe. A great big thank you to Bob Pitts for creating and submitting this report.

## **All-Plus + Round Dance Weekend**

### ***Friday-Sunday 08-10 April – Log Cabin Swingers – 16<sup>th</sup> Annual “Swing Into Spring”***

11 Swinging Stars journeyed to the Log Cabin Swingers’ Promenade Hall in Tool, TX to enjoy a weekend of squaring to the world-renown calling of Jerry Story and masterful cueing of Walter Brewer. And enjoy it they did! Round dancers got a weekend of varied rhythms and phases featuring early rounds before evening dances, a Saturday morning teach, and a Saturday afternoon request hour. Walter made an appreciated effort to honor requests throughout the weekend. On squares, Jerry was ... uh ... Jerry, drilling dancers through rapid-paced and inventive patter choreography, slowing or pausing to tutor only as required, and periodically belting out some terrific singing calls. Square dancers often come from afar to get a dose of Jerry, as evidenced by one couple from Sweden. (OK, they were spending a few weeks in Texas & Louisiana, vacationing and dancing to more than just Jerry, but he WAS part of the reason for their trip.) Saturday morning and afternoon workshops helped prepare square dancers for the special half-hour, mid-afternoon DBD dance session. That was a real experience, often challenging dancers to their limits even though largely focused this time on varieties / sequences of circulates, trades, and runs. When choreographed cleverly by Jerry, sequences of these typically simple calls often become extraordinary ... exactly what his fans love and eagerly anticipate. Saturday evening featured the traditional “in-house” after-party while Sunday morning featured Log Cabin’s pancake & sausage breakfast, Jerry’s beloved gospel singing, and a closing square/round dance session. Special thanks to these Swinging Stars who attended: Bondis, Bursons, V. Evanto, Heintz/Putnam, Sees, and Smith/Hardin.

## **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](mailto: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 3 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
Solitaires	02-Apr-2016
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
Lone Star Solos	08-Apr-2016
Texas Reelers	08-Apr-2016
Kissin Kuzzins	25-Mar-2016

## UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

### Official Visit – Square + Round Dance

#### *Friday 15 April – T Square Gadabouts – 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dance – “Let’s Do It in Style”*

Callers: Vernon Jones (club), Ray Savell (guest)

Cuer: Charles Crockett

Dress: Black & White

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

Swingtime Center

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

## UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

### Double Deal All-Plus & DBD Square Dance

#### *Monday 11 April – ADD+*

*Note: This is sponsored by an ADD Club but this is advertised as a Plus Dance*

Caller: Tom Roper (guest)

Dance: 7:00

Richardson Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX

### “A” Lessons

#### *Wednesday 13 April – Plus 4s Location – no plus dancing--*

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

7:00 – 9:00

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

*Current Focus: Continue A2*

### New Dancer Square + Round Dance

#### *Saturday 16 April – Rebel Rousers – “Checker Board Squares”*

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

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

Richardson Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, 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. 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.bonnieruthsallen.com](http://www.bonnieruthsallen.com) to see a menu and get directions. See you there!

### NORTEX Meeting

#### *Sunday 17 April – NORTEX Quarterly Business Meeting*

Start: 2:00

Agenda: Typical business, officer elections, Round-Up 2016 Planning (& Style Show), etc.  
Swingtime Center -- 5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take "Anglin" exit), Fort Worth, TX

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### Refreshments Duty and Information

April 22:        **Nejdl**, Hamm, Sherman, Schweers  
May 13, 2016   **Jimison**, Colter, Kilejian, Amy  
May 27, 2016   **McGuire**, Bergesen, Evanto, Feldman  
June 10, 2016   **Row**, Hardin/Smith, Whipple, Rickert  
June 24, 2016   **Halvorson**, Dennison, Hawkins, Kendrick  
July 8, 2016     **Bondi**, Maier, Pharr, Whitaker  
July 22, 2016   **Burson**, Perrott, Putnam-Heintz, Williams

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc., etc.) without first checking with the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents [Russ and Ann Nejdl] to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team

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

April 22 – New Dancer Dance. After Party at Anne and Russ Nejdl's.  
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  
July 10, 2016 – General Club Meeting – Spring Creek Barbeque, Frisco, TX – 3 – 5 PM  
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)

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Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

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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 Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at [llhamm45@gmail.com](mailto: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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**Phone: 972-618-3640**

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

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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](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)**

**Visit our Website: [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org)**



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