

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for April 13, 2014

We're sorry we missed dancing with you this weekend, but we don't get to see our daughter and grandson very often since they live in the San Francisco area. They were here this weekend, and we enjoyed a wonderful visit with them.

There were 63 Swinging Stars and 10 visitors at our club dance Friday night. Thank you to Wayne and to JL Pelton for what we are absolutely 100% certain were a terrific workshop, squares, and rounds that we wish we could have participated in. A huge thank you to George Loxsom for handling the emcee duties.

A group of 14 Swinging Stars returned home early last week following a most enjoyable square dance cruise of the Carribean. Featured caller on the cruise was the always entertaining Jerry Story. In addition to the dancing, the group enjoyed stops at several ports of call which included Jamaica, where they went on a three hour walking tour, and Grand Cayman, where they swam and snorkeled with sting rays. Here's a picture of the happy dance cruisers:



Ralph and
Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, April 15 – Ladies luncheon; see details in Coming Events below.

Tuesday, April 15 – Two step lesson.

Friday, April 18 – Visit to Kissin' Kuzzins; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, April 19– Visit to Rebel Rousers; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

Swinging Stars Club Meeting: Save your Spring Creek Barbeque two for one coupons! A club meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18 at 3:00PM at Spring Creek Barbecue, 270 North Central Expressway, Richardson. All Swinging Stars are encouraged to attend. We have quite a bit of club business to conduct – we'll send everyone an agenda after a May 4th executive board meeting. The club meeting shouldn't last much more than an hour, and then you'll have an opportunity to enjoy an early dinner with your friends. Please put this on your calendar and be there.

Dues for the second quarter are payable now. Most of you pay semiannually or annually, but if you haven't paid your second quarter dues, please mail your check payable to the Swinging Stars (\$35 per couple per quarter) to our Treasurer:

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NORTEX Round-Up, October 17 – 19, 2014. NORTEX has released full information on this year's Round-Up, and it promises to be a great weekend. The featured caller will be Ken Bower. Ken is a leading national and international caller and recording artist, and if you have ever been lucky enough to be at one of his dances, you know that we are definitely in for a treat. Local callers Jon Jones and Ray Savell will assist Ken, and Chris Farabaugh will handle the cuing. The grand prize will again feature an eight day Caribbean cruise for two with square and round dancing. We will have drawing tickets to sell for the grand prize. Ticket price will be \$1, and our club will get to keep half the proceeds from our sales. You can find out everything you need to know about Round-Up by following this link: www.roundup2014.com The web page includes links to forms for preregistration for Round-Up and the Callers Cavalcade and for making your lodging reservation if you want to stay in Grapevine that Friday and/or Saturday night.

* * * From Your 2nd VPs * * *

For those plus dancers looking for a great time and extra challenge, Monday, April 14, Friendship Plus will have Mike Bramlett calling squares at the Richardson Senior Center (7:00 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
Texas Reelers	04-Apr-14

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Lone Star Solos	28-Feb-14

Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13
Tri-City Promenaders	26-Jan-13

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Double Plus, Thursday, April 10th

Three Swinging Stars visited Double Plus at Swingtime Center in south Fort Worth on Thursday. The guest caller for the evening was the respected and beloved Joey Duhamel. Attending dancers expected great things from Joey ... and Joey did NOT disappoint. For example, during the preliminary workshop, Joey caught many dancers off guard with Load the Boat starting from inverted parallel lines (rather than the usual parallel lines of 4 all facing in). With inverted lines here, the 4 ends are facing out while the 4 centers remain facing in. This "wee starting difference" makes a big difference in exactly where the ends complete their circulation and face in. If, as an end, you danced this call BY THE CALLER LAB DEFINITION, you had no problem. However, if you took some common short cuts or "just stopped at your usual spot," you were in trouble. Joey patiently reworked this call several times, with extra hints and guidance, until all were proficient at it. And, during the main dance's second half, Joey finally broke into one of his cherished yodeling calls. Wow, did that get the dancers excited and charged! All attending had a terrific time. Swinging Stars present included Amys and J. Bondi. Thanks to Jim Bondi for the report.

Official, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, April 12th

Twenty Swinging Stars visited the Dixie Chainers in Farmers Branch for their annual "Luau" Dance. Rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide while squares were choreographed by Texas Hall of Fame guest caller Wayne Baldwin. Wayne was in top form, challenging dancers even during the non-plus tips with surprises such as, when in lines, repeated named-pair half sashays that ultimately moved end dancers from one end of the line to the other. Wayne also challenged dancers during one fabulous plus tip and entertained all with several terrific singing calls. The ambiance and atmosphere of the now famous "luau" dance was truly first-class, featuring a Hawaiian lei placed around your neck as you entered through a stand of simulated palm trees, plentiful food featuring numerous great salads, island-theme table decorations, and silent auction prizes. All present enjoyed a wonderful evening. Swinging Stars present were J. Bondi, Estes, Feldmans, Halvorsons, HARRISES, Hawkins, Kerns, Pitts, Shermans, Sherrells, and C. Wolfe. Thanks to Jim Bondi for the report.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

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)

Of Interest, Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, April 18th

Location: Garland Sr. Activity Center (600 Avenue A, Garland, TX)

Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / Workshop 7:30PM/ grand march – 8:00PM

Callers: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: J. L. Pelton

Theme: Easter Parade

Of Interest, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, April 19th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX)
Website: <http://www.rebelrouserswdallas.com>
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Theme: Blue Bonnet Trail End Dance
Notes: Formula 51 dance

Swinging Stars, Friday, April 25th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / square up – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Theme: Spring Fling
Notes: club dance, Formula 51

Refreshments Duty and Information

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, Stuart
June 27, 2014	Row, Amy, Smith/Harden, Whitaker

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer



Early Rounds: 7:00
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, 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 – 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 – see complete information and get registration and lodging reservation forms here: <http://www.roundup2014.com/>

Friday, October 31, 2014 – Halloween Dance (Fifth Friday)

Friday, December 5, 2014 – Swinging Stars annual holiday party

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.

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