



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for April 27, 2014

This is a big week for visitations. Plus dancers are in for a real treat on **Wednesday night with Wayne Baldwin and Charles Quisenberry pooling their formidable talents at the Plus 4s 28th Anniversary Dance**. For years, Quiz's challenging calling and patient tutoring have enabled Swinging Stars members to maintain and improve their plus skills. Let's show our support of Wayne and Quiz with a big turnout.

Our visitation on Friday is to the Texas Reelers "good ole fashioned square dance". We're sure Deborah Carroll-Jones has some fun calls planned for us

On Saturday, the Log Cabin Swingers will host their 39th Anniversary Dance and Cinco de Mayo celebration featuring our very own caller and cuer, **Wayne and Walter**. Yes, it's a long way to Tool, but how often do you get a chance to have a **great Mexican dinner** and a full night of top notch entertainment for \$8? So organize your carpool with your friends and take a fun trip to a great dance!

We had a good turnout for our club dance Friday night with 85 Swinging Stars attending. We had five visitors. Tom Evanto, NORTEX Liaison and Swinging Stars member, presented the club a patch commemorating 320 visitations. The patch will be proudly displayed on our club banner. He also presented Friendship dangles to Jim and Knarik Bondi for 175 Gold visits and to Bob and Kathy Estep for 25 Gold visits.

Please make sure you have our **club meeting** on your calendar for **May 18 at 3:00PM** at Spring Creek Barbeque, 270 North Central Expressway in Richardson. **If you have any business items you would like to suggest for discussion, please send them to us at president@swingingstars.org by May 2 for consideration at our executive board meeting on May 4.** Member input is, of course, always welcome at the club meeting.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, April 29 – Two step lesson.

Wednesday, April 30 – Plus 4s Anniversary Dance; see details in Coming Events below.

Friday, May 2 – Visit to Texas Reelers; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, May 3 – Visit to Log Cabin Swingers 35th Anniversary Dance; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

May Ladies Luncheon: The ladies of the Swinging Stars are all invited to our monthly ladies luncheon at Posados Mexican Café on Tuesday May 20 at 11:30. The address is 3421 N Central Expressway, Plano.



Mary Hardin is the hostess, and she requests that you let her know you plan to attend **by Sunday, May 18th**. Please RSVP to Mary at mrhardin39@gmail.com or her cell phone [214-632-4230](tel:214-632-4230).



This luncheon will be fun for all, visiting with and getting to know each other better. The Posados manager mentioned to Mary that, with your lunch, you will also receive free chips and salsa, hot tortillas, sopapillas, and best of all, free ice-cream. What could be better than that! So please join us. You can check out Posados' menu at <http://www.yelp.com/biz/posados-cafe-plano-2>

Plus Lessons: Wayne will be giving plus lessons from 7:15PM to 9:15PM on Tuesdays beginning June 10 and ending August 12. The lessons are a course of Plano Parks and Recreation and will be in "our" room at Carpenter Rec Center. Cost is \$45 per person. Registration begins May 3. Flyers with complete information will be available at our club dances.

Jodie will have a sign-up sheet at future club dances for a limited number of angels at each lesson. Since plus students are all experienced dancers, the primary need for angels is to fill squares. If you are possibly considering being an angel in the hope of improving your plus skills, we strongly recommend that you enroll in the course instead.

* * * From Your 2nd VPs * * *

For those plus dancers looking for a great time and extra challenge, Monday, April 28, Friendship Plus will have Mike Bramlett calling squares at the Richardson Senior Center (7:00 pm dance).

Our current Swinging Stars 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

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Lone Star Solos	28-Feb-14

Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Texas Reelers	04-Apr-14
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13
Tri-City Promenaders	26-Jan-13

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Lone Star Solos, Thursday, April 24th

Four Swinging Stars visited the Lone Star Solos in Dallas on Thursday evening. Rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh, and the night's square dancing tips were called by Dave Vieira. Chris cued a wide variety of enjoyable round dances, including a significant number of 2-steps and waltzes. And, as always, Dave offered square dancers a great mix of superior choreography, memorable singing calls (like "so Happy Together", made famous by the group "The Turtles" in 1967), and some surprising challenges. For example, when he told facing couples to Veer Left, then Veer Right, which leaves those same two couples back to back, there were more than a few pairs of glazed over eyes seen on the floor, even on a few experienced dancers. All in attendance had a great time. Visiting Swinging Stars were P. Amy, J. Bondi, and Esteps. Thanks to Jim Bondi for the report.

Tri-City Promenaders, Saturday, April 26th

Eighteen Swinging Stars visited the Tri-City Promenaders Saturday in Hurst. Squares were called by the great duo of Texas Hall of Fame caller Paul Kinsey and Toby Thomason, while rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh. The theme of the evening was an April Showers Gospel Singing Dance featuring all gospel, all singing calls. Chris Farabaugh cued a wonderful program of rounds and included several Two Steps and Boleros that our current Two Step students and recent Bolero graduates in attendance enjoyed. This is a favorite dance for many, and no one left disappointed or hungry, as they also put on a wonderful spread. All present enjoyed a terrific evening. Swinging Stars attending were P. Amy, J. Bondi, Brewers, Bursons, Esteps, Hamms, Hawkins, Kilejians, Pharrs, and Sees.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Of Interest, Plus 4s, Wednesday, April 30th

Location: Chapel Hill Methodist Church (12411 Templeton Dr., Farmers Branch, TX)
 Time: Dance – 7:30PM
 Callers: Wayne Baldwin and Charles Quisenberry
 Theme: 28th Anniversary Dance
 Notes: All plus dancing, no rounds, Double Deal, **wear aqua/turquoise if you have it**

Of Interest, Texas Reelers, Friday, May 2nd

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 West Arapaho, Richardson, TX)
 Website: <http://www.texasreelers.org>
 Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
 Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones
 Cuer: Jack von der Heide
 Theme: Just Ole Fashioned Square Dance

Of Interest, Log Cabin Swingers, Saturday, May 3rd

Location: Promenade Hall (1210 N. Tool Dr., Hwy 274, Tool, TX)
Website: <http://www.logcabinsquaredanceclub.com>
Time: Supper – 6:30 PM / early rounds – 7:00PM / dance – 7:30PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Theme: Cinco de Mayo
Notes: 39th Anniversary, Double Deal

Swinging Stars, Friday, May 9th

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

Refreshments Duty and Information

May 9, 2014	Foust, Branden, Bullock, Sherman
May 23, 2014	Meyer, Bergesen, Dennison, Loxsom
June 13, 2014	McGuire, Henneberger, Amy, Stuart
June 27, 2014	Row, Perrott, Smith/Harden, Whitaker

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

SWINGING STARS



Salute The Troops

Friday, May 23, 2014


Swinging Stars

SHOW YOUR TEAM COLORS



Caller 
Wayne Baldwin

Friday, June 13

 Cuer **GO RANGERS**
Walter Brewer

Work Shop 7:00

Square Up 8:00

Show Your Team
Spirit by Wearing
Your Favorite Team's Shirt
OR Dress Casual for Summer

Dancers Under 18 Free
When Accompanied
By An Adult

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.

Ralph and Lucy Hamm
Swinging Stars President

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