

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for April 28, 2013

Presidential Ramblings

Have you put this on your calendar? Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 PM – Club Meeting at Spring Creek BBQ, 270 N Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080 - Phone: (972) 669-0505

– Elect/Re-elect officers, Vote on By-law change, Board Member Reports, Old & New Business

Hope you will plan to be there.

Our Area 51 and final installment of the Formula 51 was a success. We had such a great time as everyone seemed to get into the theme - we had lots of costumes. We had a couple of ghost busters, aliens of all sorts, aliens enforcers (Men in Black) and an aliens of different kinds (Frank Ramirez wore his sombrero). Of course, Jan and I came as Star Trek Enterprise crew. Many asked me who I was supposed to be – not enough hair for Captain Kirk, ears were not pointed so not Spock. Actually, I came as one of the shows “seconds” – you know, one of the “nobody” actors that are on the show for one purpose – they need someone that gets killed in a fight with a Klingon or some other bad guy. We also had a good representation of cowboys from Cowboys and Aliens. We did not have any Storm Troopers or Darth Vader. Walter, you would have made a great Darth Vader. You could put on the wireless mic under a black hooded helmet.... You could alter you voice... sorry, I digress... bottom line we had a great time.



Walter included songs for the Student Round dancers, who have learned about 25 of the rumba and cha-cha dance moves. Those songs included Just Another Woman in Love and On Blue Bayou. He also had many songs that challenged the experienced Round Dancers. I personally had a lot of fun with trying to keep my “hand-to-hand” from my “shoulder-to-shoulder” and my “New Yorkers” separate from the “spot-turns”.

Wayne had some new and interesting pattern tunes include the themes from Star Wars and Ghost Busters. Who knows maybe he will add them to his regular routine. He also did one of my favorite Garth Brooks songs, If Tomorrow Never Comes.

Our visitors included sixteen Rebel Rousers (recaptured their flags and captured ours), ten Dixie Chainers (recaptured their flag), nine Button & Bows (recaptured their flag), two Lone Star Solos, one Stone Stepper, one independent and NINE Students. We had Seventy-Nine Swinging Stars for a total of 127.

We had multiple visitors come up and tell us what a great dance it was. Thanks to all of you for your part in making our guests feel welcome and helping them have a good time. A special thanks to Bob and Terri Pitts, who already do so much for the club, for the decorations. It added a lot to the theme and the enjoyment of the dance. Thanks to Mel and Sondra Foust for bringing R2D2. Thanks to Andy and Debbie Piziali for subbing as our Treasurers – John and Ann Barber were away for their daughter's wedding.

You will note that we have Plus lessons coming June 11th. I hope that you plan to sign up for Plus lessons at the Carpenter Rec Center in Plano on Tuesday nights with Wayne Baldwin. Some reasons for taking Plus lessons can include learning the Plus calls or to improve your ability to dance Plus. By learning Plus you get to dance two more tips per night. Plus dancing helps make better dancers and as better dancers, your dance card will be full all night

THEME DANCE  **OF THE MONTH**

FIESTA FRIENDSHIP

Our Friendship Dance with Rockwall Squares is coming up Friday, May 10, 2013. We expect that it will be a night to remember as we will have two Waynes – Baldwin and Shoemaker – so we will have twice the fun. Walter will be the cuer of the night as Michelle plans to take the night off.

Our Theme is Fiesta Friendship and we are celebrating Fiesta which is a San Antonio annual event. Here is a little background on it:

By 1890, San Antonio, Texas, was a thriving trade center with population of 38,000. In 1891 a group of citizens decided to honor the heroes of the Alamo and Battle of San Jacinto with a Battle of Flowers. The first parade had horse-drawn carriages, bicycles decorated with fresh flowers and floats carrying children dressed as flowers. The Belknap Rifles represented the military. The participants pelted each other with blossoms. The Battle of Flowers Parade is the only one in the country to be planned and directed completely by women. Today it's the largest parade in Fiesta. It's second in size nationally only to the Tournament of Roses Parade.

The Battle of Flowers was an immediate success. Within a few years, more events were taking place on or near April 21—a carnival, balls and coronations of "royalty." The Fiesta tradition had been born. Other early events included street dancing, children's fetes, a Trades Display Parade and an orphans party. Fiesta has taken place every year except for 1918 during World War I and 1942 through 1945.

We had discussed having the theme as Fiesta Texas but Six Flags in San Antonio absconded with the name a few years ago. Nevertheless, the origin of name Texas, Tejas, means Friendship – note the following:

The name Texas, based on the Caddo word *tejas* meaning "friends" or "allies", was applied by the Spanish to the Caddo themselves and to the region of their settlement in East Texas.

During the Spanish colonial rule, the area was officially known as the *Nuevo Reino de Filipinas: La Provincia de Texas*. Antonio Margil de Jesús was known to be the first person to use the name in a letter to the Viceroy of Mexico in July 20, 1716. The name was not popularly used in daily speech but often appeared in legal documents until the end of the 1800s.

Finally, the Texas state motto is Friendship and since we are having a Friendship Dance with our good friends, Rockwall Square, we felt the name would be appropriate.

Fiesta Friendship!!! Come ready to party with your friends. We are going to have a great time.

ROUND DANCE LESSONS

Update email from Cuer to Cuer says it all.

Hi Walter,

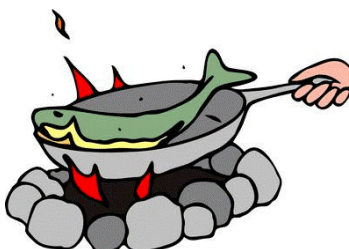
The Rumba/Cha Cha students are doing great on Tuesdays. Here's an update of figures/dances that the class can do.

We've taught most of the Phase III Rumba figures except for Kiki Walks, Open Break, Sand Steps, Serpiente. Easier to list that way than the approx. 25 steps they have been taught. We taught the Alemana this week, added in the extra chase peek-a-boo variations, and also introduced Cha Cha rhythm.

They've had two weeks on practice of Just Another Woman in Love, Nolen, Rumba 3+1. This week the class also danced On Blue Bayou (Kennedy, Rumba 3+1), Love is Strange (Filardo, Cha 3+1), and Beach Party (Williams, Cha 3+1).

We hope to make the dance Friday.

JL and Linda



BALDWIN'S Annual Fish Fry – Sunday, Jun 2nd

Save the date for this exciting annual Swinging Stars event hosted by our club caller and his spouse - Wayne and Jodie Baldwin. They invite all of the Swinging Stars to come to their home to eat all the fried fish you want. In fact they indicate they have enough fish for two fish fries, so please plan to attend. Jodie is organizing the side dishes and desserts – did you see the signup sheet Friday night? If not, see the last page of this newsletter and give her a call (972-562-2174) or send her an email (jodie.baldwin@flash.net).

Location: 981 Timber Ln., Fairview 75069

NOMINATIONS

Our club by-laws require that officers be nominated and re-elected after the first six months. The nominations committee remained unchanged with Vickie Evanto, Jack Duncan, Peggy Amy and Fran Bivins. The nominees are as follows:

President: Richard & Jan Covington

1st Vice President: Mark & Karen Hawkins

2nd Vice President: Bob & Terri Pitts

Treasure: John & Ann Barber

Secretary: Gene & Phyllis Deluke

Please note the time change of the meeting:

Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 PM – Club Meeting at Spring Creek BBQ on Hwy 75

Estimated Time: 1 hour

Re-election of officers, Vote on By-law change, Board Member Reports, Old & New Business

* * * Note from Your 2nd VPs * * *

It was great to see Jim and Knarik Bondi, graduates of the most recent mainstream class, each awarded their 25th Gold dangle at our club dance Friday night by the NORTEX Friendship chair Peggy Amy. Peggy was awarded her 325th Gold dangle. Information on the Friendship Fun program is available on the NORTEX website.

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Ladies Luncheon – Thursday, Apr 25th

We had a very enjoyable luncheon with great food and fellowship at Into My Garden Tearoom in Old Plano. Thanks go to Lorraine Burson, our hostess for this month's luncheon. Next month's luncheon will be Tuesday, May 21st, at Chili Gordos Mexican Café in Richardson – the hostess is Janelle Row.

Dance of Interest – Tri-City Promenaders, Saturday, Apr 27th

The Swinging Stars made an appearance at Brookside Center in Hurst for a visit to the Tri-City Promenader's annual Gospel Singing Dance. A full hour of early rounds was cued by Chris Farabaugh. He included a rapid paced Cha called "Moves Like Jagger" just before the grand march that got the round dancers' hearts a pumping. Chris also threw in some gospel numbers and a nice cha line dance between the square tips. The callers for the evening were Paul Kinsey and guest caller, Toby Thomason. They belted out a bevy of gospel duets that invigorated the crowd. There were 14 squares for the first tip and the dance floor stayed full the entire evening – almost no one left this dance early. As usual, the Promenaders were great hosts providing good eats and a well decorated hall for their guests. The visiting Swinging Stars were the Bursons and the Pittses.

Dixie Chainers, Saturday, Apr 27th

Four Swinging Stars visited the Dixie Chainers in Farmers Branch on Saturday. Rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide and squares were called by long time club caller, Vernon Jones. Even though the dance was billed as Formula 51, with permission from the students present, Vernon drew from most of "Formula 68" for some tips to keep things really interesting. All in attendance had a great time. Visiting Swinging Stars were the Bondis and Smith / Hardin. Thanks Jim Bondi for the report.

Harvest Holidays Round Dance Mini-Fest, Sunday, Apr 28th

Harvest Holidays hosted a round dance mini-fest at Swingtime Center in Ft. Worth on Sunday. There were two teaches: a rumba, "Bali Hai", taught by Karen Gloodt accompanied by her husband, Ed, and a foxtrot, "Come Dance with Me", taught by JL and Linda Pelton. Afterwards nearly all of the dancers and cuers had a fun dinner together at Luby's. We reconvened after dinner for early rounds cued by Christine Hixson and the dance program cued by many of our area cuers: Jack Kenny, Chris Farabaugh, JL Pelton, Karen Gloodt of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Jack von der Heide, and Christine Hixson. The Swinging Stars who enjoyed the afternoon of round dancing included: the Hamms, Lewises, Pittses, and the Starretts.

*** * * SPECIAL DANCE OPPORTUNITIES * * ***

51st Annual Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival, June 6-9th

Location: San Marcos, TX

Website: http://www.squaredancetx.com/st_festival.html

Notes: Fun for beginners and advanced square and round dancers

62nd National Square Dance Convention, June 26-29th

Location: Oklahoma City, OK

Website: <http://www.62nsdc.com>

Notes: For beginners and advanced square and round dancers, national conventions don't get much closer!

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

Dance of Interest – Texas Reelers, Friday, May 3rd

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 W. 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: Come Cruisin'

Notes: We have their banner

Official – Log Cabin Swingers, Saturday, May 4th

Location: Promenade Center (1210 N. Tool Dr., Tool, TX)

Website: <http://www.logcabinsquaredanceclub.com>

Time: Dinner – 6:30PM / Early rounds – 7:30PM / Grand march – 8:00PM

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Theme: Cinco de Mayo, 38th anniversary

Notes: Double deal dance, official banner raid, RV parking available

Swinging Stars Business Meeting, Sunday, May 5th

Location: Spring Creek BBQ – Richardson

Website: <http://www.springcreekbarbeque.com/richardson.htm>

Time: 4:00PM / dinner afterwards

Swinging Stars Club Dance – Friday, May 10th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)

Website: www.swingingstars.org

Time: Workshop – 7:30PM / Dance – 8:00PM

Callers: Wayne Baldwin and Wayne Shoemaker

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Theme: Friendship Fiesta with the Rockwall Squares

Ladies Luncheon – Tuesday, May 21st

Location: Chili Gordos Mexican Café (1151 N. Jupiter, Richardson, TX)

Website: <http://www.chiligordos.com/>

Hostess: Janelle Row (flowerskid@sbcglobal.net)

Notes: Let Janelle know on or before Monday, May 20th, if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there.

BEHIND THE SCENES

At our first Executive committee meeting Bob & Terri Pitts brought the idea of researching ALD (Assisted Listening Devices) and they volunteered to head this up. I mentioned this to Mike Bramlett and discovered that the GRaM committee was working on this very issue. They want to standardize the broadcasting units so that dancers can purchase their own receiver. The GRAM committee caller and cuer members purchased a transmitter and 6 receivers in order to run a test at a live dance within the next couple of weeks. Bob, Terri, Jan and I hope to attend the dance to observe.

SWINGING STARS OFFICIAL DRESS

Our official colors will continue to be Aqua, Purple, or Royal Blue. However, the company that was making our Aqua skirts and tops will no longer be able to offer that option. Their supplier no longer is able to provide the material. With that being said, we formed a committee and are researching options for adding an additional club skirt and top. We will continue to wear each of our three colors as a group when we go out visiting based on the calendar submitted by our 2nd Vice Presidents. Matching Purple and Royal Blue shirts may be found through Mondiki or other companies. Aqua or a close match might be found through other dancewear providers.

We would like our new outfit to be a blend of maybe 1-2 of the colors so it would be within our color scheme. If you would like to provide input please contact one or more of the committee members - Lorraine Burson, Terri Pitts, Sondra Foust, or myself. We want dancers to be able to choose a “Poofy” outfit or a longer skirt. We will keep you updated.

Thanks so much.

Jan Covington

SWINGING STARS JACKETS

We were fitted for Swinging Star jackets Friday night. If you failed to get your order in, call Mark Hawkins, First VP's, 972-436-4868 or 1stVP@swingingstars.org. The price has yet to be nailed down but they gave us the following: S-L @ approximately \$50, XL – XXL @ approximately \$55 (you may get back a little or have to pay a little more).

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not already done so, the dues for the first quarter of 2013 are due. Swinging Stars dues are due the first dance of each quarter - January, April, July and October. If you are not sure whether your dues have been paid, please contact the John and Ann.

You may bring your payment to our next dance or send you payment to the following:

John and Anne Barber
4905 Hackberry Lane
Parker, Texas 75002-5627
Treasurer@swingingstars.org

Dues are: \$35.00 per quarter per couple
 \$70.00 per half year per couple (preferred)
 \$140.00 per year per couple

Please make your check payable to Swinging Stars

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

May 10	Hawkins, McClure, Whitaker, Bondi*
May 24	Pitts, Rose, Starrett, Jung
June 14	Giaudrone, Weckerly*, Lassiter, Piziali
June 28	Ross, Harris, See*, DeLuke
July 12	Burson, Archey*, Sobotka, Colter
July 26	Anthause, Perrott, Henneberger, Ryder
August 9	Reid, Rickert*, Kendrick, Trujillo
August 23	Bullock, Hardin/Smith, Jimison, Foust
September 13	Sherman, Schumacher*, Pharr, Ramirez
September 27	Dennison, Rickett*, Underwood, Maier

*New Club Members – can be leaders after one year as club member

The lead couple should contact all members on the team to be sure they know the following:

- What they are going to bring for refreshments.
- Arrive at dance by 7:00 pm. As per our contract with PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 7:00.
- Enter thru the Gym door.
- Refreshments shut down at 9:30 pm (no earlier).
- If you take home a refreshment bag check that it has all the items listed on the Fluorescent Hang Tag on the bag.
- Be sure all items are clean.
- Repack bags in a Tidy Manner.

Refreshment Duty Reminders:

If you have a conflict with the Refreshment Schedule

- Please contact someone on the refreshment list to trade with you.
- Notify the refreshment schedulers: Jeff & Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email: jwstuart@flash.net with the names of your schedule changes.
- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments to pick up the three bags. If unable to do so be sure that someone picks them up for you.
- Check refreshment Bags for the info regarding “Refreshment Duty Tips” and “List of Items Supplied by the Club”.
- Contact **Mark & Karen Hawkins at 972-436-4868 or 1stVP@swingingstars.org** for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. They may already have what you need.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team.

Schedule of advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances thru July 2013

May 10, 2013



Fiesta Friendship

June 14, 2013



Gilligan's Island

July 12, 2014



Celebrating Freedom

Swinging with the Stars and Stripes



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Tuesday, June 11 – Plus Lessons at Carpenter Rec. Center in Plano Enrollment - May 4th, Class # 140245

June 26-29th - 62nd National Square Dance Convention, Oklahoma City, OK

Tuesday, August 27 – Mainstream Lessons at Carpenter Rec. Center in Plano

Friday, December 6th - Stars Annual Holiday Party

Friday, January 31, 2014 – Swinging Stars 39th Anniversary Dance at All Saints Catholic Church

Themes:

May 10, 2013 - Fiesta Friendship

June 14, 2013 - Gilligan's Island

July 12, 2013 - Swinging with the Stars and Stripes

August 23, 2013 - Take Me Out to the Ballgame

September 27, 2013 - Burnin' Big Tex Chili Cookoff

October 25, 2013 - Boot Scootin' Show Your Colors Pre Round Up Ball – Double Deal Dance

November 22, 2013 – Shake Your Tail Feathers Dance (Thanksgiving falls on November 28, 2013)

December 13, 2013 - Toys & Books for Tots Fairytale Ball

February 14, 2014 - Valentine's Day Dance

Future Dates Reserved with NORTEX:

Friday, October 31, 2014 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Friday)*

Saturday, January 31, 2015 – 40th Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

Saturday, October 31, 2015 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Saturday)*

Saturday, January 30, 2016 – 41st Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

Saturday, October 29, 2016 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Saturday)*

*provided these dates do not conflict with the NORTEX Round Up Dance weekend

For information about weekend dances go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

RICHARD & JAN COVINGTON

Swinging Stars, President

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FISH FRY FOR SWINGING STARS IS AT BALDWIN'S 981 Timber Ln., Fairview 75069

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND - Happy Hour STARTS AT 5:30

Hosts & Fishermen Extrordinaire, Wayne, Charlie & Chuck will prepare the crappie. . Sign up deadline is May 27th and sign up sheets will be at dances April 26, May 10 and May24 or you may call Jodie at 972-562-2174. Please bring only ONE of the following:

HORS D' OEUVRES
(should be here about 5:00)

SALADS (SERVES 10}
(most needed item)

DESSERTS

<u>Linda Harris</u>	<u>Lorraine Burson</u>	<u>Eula Brewer</u>
<u>Rosemary & Larry</u>	<u>Peggy & Richard Jung</u>	<u>Jan Covington</u>
_____	<u>Jeanne Rickert</u>	<u>Sondra Foust</u>
_____	<u>Knarik Bondi</u>	<u>Mary Colter</u>
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MARGARITAS (be here about 5:00)

<u>Linda Harris</u>	<u>SLICED TOMATO PLATE</u>
<u>JoAn & Tommy Meyer</u>	<u>RALPH & LUCY HAMM</u>
<u>Bob & Terri Pitts</u>	<u>Helen & Barry Feldman</u>

ONE GALLON UNSWEETENED TEA EA

Peggy & Deckard Pharr

ONE BAG OF ICE EA

ONE 12 PACK SODAS cooled ea

If you want to earn a square duck
Badge bring your swimsuit.

COKE

Peggy Amy Dr.Pepper

HUSHPUPIES(any kind-about 30ct.bag) diet COKE

diet dr.Pepper

Parking is in the back and will be adequate if some of you will share
The ride with another couple. We will have a parking guide in theback.

Any questions? Call Jodie 972-562-2174 or
jodie.baldwin@flash.net