



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

### *Newsletter for May 4, 2014*

This Friday is the second Friday of May, so our club dance will feature a one hour square dance workshop led by Texas Hall of Fame caller, Wayne Baldwin. Come out and enjoy a full night of fun dancing with Wayne and Walter.

On Saturday night, we'll have a fun trip to Greenville for the Cotton Pickin' Squares 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic in the Cotton Patch. It's a Double Deal dance, so you Friendship Awards participants can get double credit. Get your carpools organized and go to Greenville for a great night of dancing to the calls of Mike Bramlett and the cues of Christine Hixson.

This past week was an amazing week for visitations. We had 28 Stars at Plus 4s' anniversary dance on Wednesday, 36 at the Reelers on Friday, and 22 made the trip to Tool Saturday for the Log Cabin Swingers anniversary dance. See all the details in Events from the Past Week below. You guys rock!

The **refreshments schedule** below has been **updated** to list refreshments teams through August 2014. Please **check for your name** there, and if you are listed, review the instructions below the listing.

Ralph and Lucy

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## Happening This Week

Tuesday, May 6 – Two step lesson.

Friday, May 9 – Club dance – one hour squares workshop at 7:00PM.

Saturday, May 10 – Visit to Cotton Pickin' Squares 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance; see details in Coming Events below.

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## Announcements

**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. **You can register now** – see registration at <http://swingingstars.org>. 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.

**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](mailto: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>

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

For those plus dancers looking for a great time and extra challenge, Thursday, May 8, Double Plus will have Ray Savell calling squares at Swingtime Center (7:00 pm workshop, 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
Texas Reelers	04-Apr-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

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

**Friendship Plus, Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Seven Swinging Stars visited Friendship Plus in Richardson on Monday evening dancing to Texas Hall of Fame caller Mike Bramlett. As always, Mike offered square dancers a great mix of superior choreography and singing calls. Mike challenged the dancers to several all-position and calls from unusual positions (i.e. an 8 chain 4 from a wave instead of a column). Visiting Swinging Stars were J. Bondi, Moshers, Sees, and Smith/Hardin.

### **Of Interest, Plus 4s, Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Twenty-eight Swinging Stars visited the Plus 4s Wednesday in Farmers Branch for their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Squares were called by the great duo of Texas Hall of Fame caller (and our very own) Wayne Baldwin and club caller Charles Quisenberry (“Quiz”). The duo was joined by international (and Rio Grande Valley) caller Darryl Lipscomb for one tip. The Plus 4s is a popular dancing venue for many Swinging Stars and plus dancers in general. This dance was challenging, educational, and fun. All present enjoyed a terrific evening. Swinging Stars attending were Amys, Bergesens, J. Bondi, Bursons, Colters, Dennisons, Evantos, Feldmans, Hamms, Hawkins, Kilejians, Lewises, Sees, Shermans, and C. Wolfe.

### **Of Interest, Texas Reelers, Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Wow !! Thirty-six Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers Friday in Richardson. Squares were called by club caller Deborah Carroll-Jones and her husband, Texas Hall of Fame caller Jon Jones, and rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide. The theme of the dance was “It’s a Good Ole Fashioned Square Dance Y’all”. There were alternating tips between mainstream dancing, which Deborah called, and the “introduction” to some very old square dancing calls, which Jon taught and called. Some of the older calls were named “Texas Star”, “Right Hand High, Left Hand Low”, and “Dip and Dive”. It was a very enjoyable evening dancing to two great callers. Swinging Stars attending were Amys, J. Bondi, Bullocks, Bursons, Esteps, Evantos, Feldmans, Hamms, HARRISES, Heintz/Putnam-Heintz, Kerns, Kilejians, Lloyds, Pharrs, Pitts, Sees, Sherrills, Smith/Harden, and C. Wolfe.

### **Of Interest, Log Cabin Swingers, Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Twenty-two Swinging Stars visited the Log Cabin Swingers for their 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday in Tool.

Squares were called by Texas Hall of Fame caller Wayne Baldwin and rounds were cued by Walter Brewer (where have I heard these two together?). The theme of the dance was “Cinco de Mayo”. The venue, dancing, and food were all exceptional. Swinging Stars attending were J. Bondi, Brandens, Covingtons, Esteps, Evantos, Fousts, Hamms, Hawkins, Pitts, Rows, Sees, and C. Wolfe.

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

### **Swinging Stars, Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Official, Cotton Pickin Squares, Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Location: L-3 Rec Center (10001 Jack Finney, Greenville, TX)

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

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Theme: Picnic in the Cotton Patch

Notes: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Double Deal

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## 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/Hardin, Whitaker
July 11, 2014	Deluke, Harris, Hursey, Pharr
July 25, 2014	Nejdl, Mosher, Bivins, Loven
August 8, 2014	Evanto, McClure, Estep, Burson
August 22, 2014	Feldman, Whipple, Gifford, Trujillo

If you need to change your scheduled date, please contact someone on the refreshment list to trade with you. Notify Jeff and Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email [jwstuart@flash.net](mailto:jwstuart@flash.net) of the names/dates to change.

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 at 6:45 pm. As per our contract with PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 6:45 pm
- 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 Florescent 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](mailto:jwstuart@flash.net) the names of your schedule changes.
- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments and pick up the Four 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 George and Mary Loxsom at 972-312-8513 or [1stVP@swingingstars.org](mailto: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!**

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

# SWINGING STARS



## Salute The Troops

Friday, May 23, 2014

Swinging Stars

# SHOW YOUR TEAM COLORS



Caller   
Wayne Baldwin

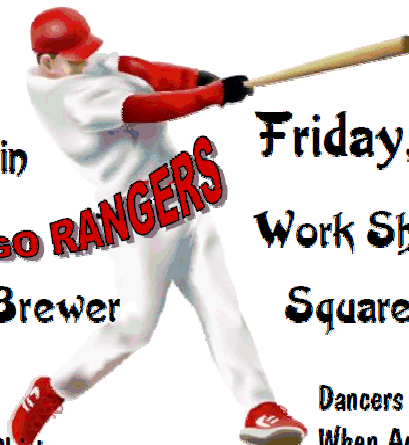
Friday, June 13

 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 – 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 – 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 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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