



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for May 5, 2013

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

Great Dances this weekend. If you did not dance this weekend you really missed some good ones. From the Texas Reelers Friday night to Log Cabin Swingers Saturday – Debra Carroll Jones, John Jones and Jack von der Heide to Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer – that is some of the best calling and cueing any square &/or round dancer could ask for.... Bar none. I hope you were out somewhere kicking your heels up and stealing banners. Remember that any time you are wearing that Swinging Stars badge you are representing our whole club and the more we are seen the better we are known as the club who visits. Nevertheless, we hope that you will make every effort to attend the Official Dances and the Dances of Interest as assigned by our 2nd VP. They work hard to coordinate our visitations in a fashion that meets the best interest of our club.

The trip to Tool took about one hour and fifteen minutes. It started at 6:30 PM with a very scrumptious Mexican spread and what a fete for a club of their size. One-hundred and thirty-four dancers of which only forty-eight Log Cabin Swingers; eighty-six visitors and when everyone had eaten their fill more than half of the food was still there. I know that we gave it a valiant effort but there was just too much food. See more about this dance in Bob & Terri's write up.

Today we had our Club meeting at Spring Creek BBQ. The current serving officers were re-elected for another six months of their term. I want to thank the Nominating Committee and Vicki Evanto for their work and service in this vital role. Also, the by-laws were amended to state that the Nominating Committee members could not serve as an officer of the club without first resigning from the Nominating Committee. This change was to relieve any fear a member might have in serving on the Nominating Committee and becoming an officer by default.

After some interesting discussion we appointed a committee to review the term that the treasurer can serve and whether an audit of the books should be added to the by-laws or just be an advisory suggestion.

Finally, we are looking for volunteers to serve on the new Nominating Committee for this fall as a new slate of officers needs to be re-elected at our November Club meeting. If you are interested, please let me or Jan know.

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.

Plans are in the making and I understand that decorations are pure fiesta---lots of papel picados as garlands around the gym and tables, lots of tissue paper flowers to adorn ends of garlands and as table center pieces, and brightly colored tablecloths. Food will be layer dip and chips, queso and chips, tortilla rollups, fruit and cookies.

Plus, we have a special individual that will be celebrating his birthday - one of the “BIGGIES”. So I bet we have a birthday cake of some kind.

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

ROUND DANCE LESSONS

The Dance Must Go On...or the show, maybe... the Covington's missed this week's round dance lessons. Nevertheless, JL & Linda had round dance lessons anyway. In the beginning lessons seems to go slow and every new step was confusing but now that we can dance a few very basic songs, not only is it a lot of fun but it is also going very fast – literally – here is the new dance step, any questions, practice it a couple of times and ok, let's dance it. It is so sweet when I get it right but not so when we miss it... As Bob & Terri have indicated in their reports, the cuers have been very good to cue some basic level rumba and cha songs. We have discovered that just as square dance callers are different and you have to learn to listen to each one's personal phraseology, the same is true for cuers. Trust me; it is harder than it looks.



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

Mark your calendar and 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 we 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).

Come ready to get your Ducky Dangle and the new Asphalt Dangle.

Location: 981 Timber Ln., Fairview 75069

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

Swinging Stars, there are lots of fun dance opportunities coming, as noted on our May calendar and below, including two more anniversary dances (Trailblazers and Circle I) – let’s get out there and have fun supporting our fellow NORTEX clubs – both anniversary dances are Official dances so please join us if you can. And the Trailblazer’s dance is a banner raid. Don’t forget to make plans if you are going to the state or national conventions as they are quickly approaching. We hope to see you at both.

The current banner status is shown below. Please do not take a club’s banner if we already have one of theirs.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	23-Mar-13
Dublin Cloverleaves	02-Jul-05
Kissin' Kuzzins	19-Apr-13
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Lone Star Solos	12-Jul-12
Lone Star Solos	30-Aug-12
Lone Star Solos	28-Mar-13
North Star 8	09-Feb-13
Roadrunners	07-Feb-13
Solitaires	03-Mar-12
Solitaires	03-Nov-12
Texas Reelers	05-Apr-13
Tri City Promenaders	26-Jan-13
T-Square Gadabouts	15-Feb-13
Yellow Rockers	18-Apr-13

Swinging Stars Banners Captured

Club	Date Captured
Rebel Rousers	26-Apr-13

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

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

Eighteen Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers for their Come Cruisin’ inaugural dance for their new club caller, Deborah-Carroll Jones. The dance was at the Richardson Senior Center. The center was nicely decorated for the cruise ship theme including a ship-like walkway at the entrance. Jack von der Heide, cruise director, entertained the round dancers with pre rounds and rounds between tips including a few numbers for our rumba and cha students. Deborah was our captain for the evening and she dressed the part in a captain’s uniform. Deborah’s calling was top notch with one tip organized to teach dancers how to quickly recover from a square breakdown – whenever she yelled ‘man overboard’ we had 5 seconds to form organized lines. And Jon Jones joined Deborah for a tip which included an excellent rendition of the duet, “Islands in the Stream”, a tune recorded by Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton. The visiting Swinging Stars were: the Archeys, Bursons, Covingtons, Fousts, McGuires, Moshers, Pharrs, Pittses, and the Sees.

Kissin' Kuzzins' – Friday, May 3rd

Also Twelve Swinging Stars visited the Kissin' Kuzzins' Friday night. JL Pelton cued a few chas and rhumbas aimed at giving our new round dancers some floor time, and our own caller Wayne Baldwin called the lively squares. The KK's recognized the new planners for their next year's KK's anniversary dance by awarding them a big commemorative trophy to remind them of their new roles. The Swinging Stars who attended were the Delukes, Giffords, Hamms, Starretts, Underwoods, and Whitakers. Thank you Gene Deluke for the dance details.

Official – Log Cabin Swingers, Saturday, May 4th

Eight Swinging Stars visited the Log Cabin Swingers in Tool Saturday for their 38th anniversary Cinco de Mayo dance. The trek to Tool was definitely worth the drive as the Log Cabin Swingers know how to host a dance. The cuer was our own Walter Brewer who, in addition to entertaining the veteran dancers, included numbers for our aspiring rumba and cha students and a few easy two steps for participants in his afternoon teach. We also had a familiar caller, Wayne Baldwin, who opened the dance with the "Ghostbusters" theme song which has a nice beat. He kept the mainstream and plus dancers hopping all night. As usual, the Log Cabin Swingers put on a magnificent Tex-Mex spread and delicious desserts. We are so fortunate to have a fun sport to help work off all those calories. The Swinging Stars who attended were the Bursons, Covingtons, Fousts, and Pittses.

Solitaires, Saturday, May 4th

Also six Swinging Stars visited the Solitaires' Cinco de Mayo dance in Farmers Branch on Saturday. Rounds were cued by JL Pelton and squares were called by visiting caller, Wade Morrow, from Lawrence, Kansas. Wade was the winner of a 2013 Caller Lab Chairman's Award. Wade led dancers through some interesting and fun choreography. Our area caller, Vernon Jones, was in attendance and spent the evening dancing. All in attendance had a great time. Visiting Swinging Stars were the Bondis, Hawkins, and Kilejians. Compliments to Jim Bondi for the dance details.

*** * * 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 * * ***

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

Dance of Interest – Kissin’ Kuzzins, Friday, May 17th

Location: Garland Senior Activity Center (600 Avenue “A”, Garland, TX)
Website: www.kissinkuzzins.org
Time: Workshop – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Notes: New dancer dance, we already have their banner

Official – Trailblazers, Friday, May 18th

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)
Website: n/a
Time: Early rounds – 6:30PM / workshop – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Dave Viera
Cuer: Jack Kenny
Theme: Bloomin’ Good Dance
Notes: 43rd anniversary, double deal, carpool with fellow Swinging Stars, [join us for an official banner raid](#)

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.

Swinging Stars Club Dance – Friday, May 24th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: www.swingingstars.org
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / dance – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer

Dance of Interest – Dixie Chainers, Friday, May 25th

Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX)
Website: www.dixiechainers.com
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Theme: Olde Tyme Squares
Notes: Don’t miss this fun dance, [let’s get their banner](#)

Annual Memorial Day Dance, Monday, May 27th

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)
Website: n/a
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / dance – 7:30PM
Caller: Rick Smith
Cuer: JL Pelton
Theme: Memorial Day
Notes: Hot dog meal

Official – Circle I, Friday, May 31st

Location: Senter Park East (228 Chamberlain, Irving, TX)

Website: <http://www.circlei.org/>

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

Callers: Ray Savell and Vernon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Theme: The Garden Party

Notes: **Rare opportunity to dance with Circle I** (they dance same nights as the Swinging Stars so don't capture their banner), 61st anniversary dance, double deal

BEHIND THE SCENES

For those of you who may not know, the GRaM Committee stands for Growth, Retention and Motivation. It is a Square & Round Dance committee of NORTEX & NTCA. Formula 51, for example, was an idea that came from the GRaM committee and they are continually looking for ways to improve our square and round dancing experience. Note the following email:

Hearing Enhancement for Square & Round Dancers

The Gram Committee has been looking into transmitter/receiver Hearing Enhancement systems which literally place the speaker (caller) at the ear of the listener. There are many individuals who can benefit from such a system. Even state-of-the-art hearing aids do not reduce background noise to the same extent as a hearing enhancement system. FM signals generated by the transmitter easily cover the normal dance hall.

Available now is a fairly inexpensive standard FM band transmitter (88 to 108 MHz) - we have purchased and are now evaluating. The biggest detail is in getting and verifying the proper signal level from the amplifier to the transmitter. The greatest benefit in using the standard FM band is that the sound can be picked up on any pocket FM radio receiver - and even a cell phone, if it is so capable. Once we have completed our evaluation, we will let you know the outcome. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments.

The GRaM Committee

SWINGING STARS JACKETS

We need to have a quick meeting of everyone that has ordered or would like to order a new Swinging Stars Jacket following the dance. The current color is unavailable and everything we have come up with clashes with the blue jackets. Today we discussed changing to the neutral color of basic black. It is felt that this will go with any outfit and though it will not match the current jackets worn it will not clash. Regardless of the color, the Swing Stars logo will remain unchanged.

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).

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, Archey, DeLuke
July 12	Burson, See, 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 12, 2013



Gilligan's Island



**July 14, 2014 Celebrating Freedom
Swinging with the Stars and Stripes**



Sunday, June 2nd – Baldwin’s Annual Fish Fry

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

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.

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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)

Linda Harris

Rosemary & Larry

MARGARITAS (be here about 5:00)

Linda Harris

JoAn & Tommy Meyer

Bob & Terri Pitts

ONE BAG OF ICE EA

HUSHPUPIES(any kind-about 30ct.bag)

SALADS (SERVES 10}

(most needed item)

Lorraine Burson

Peggy & Richard Jung

Jeanne Rickert

Knarik Bondi

ONE GALLON UNSWEETENED TEA EA

Peggy & Deckard Pharr

ONE 12 PACK SODAS cooled ea

Peggy Amy

DESSERTS

Eula Brewer

Jan Covington

Sondra Foust

Mary Colter

Donita See

SLICED TOMATO PLATE

RALPH & LUCY HAMM

Helen & Barry Feldman

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