



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for May 8, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Happy Mother's Day to all Swinging Stars Mothers!

Yes, this is a repeat; it is that important! For those that have not picked up your tickets, we will have them at the next Club Dance (May 13, 2016). Please come and pick up your tickets. See below for details: Round Up raffle tickets have arrived. We were able to pass out a couple of hundred tickets at the dance last week. We are asking each couple to take a minimum of ten (10) tickets to sell. Remember anyone can win. You do not need to be a Square Dancer. You do not need to be present. Anyone with the winning ticket wins the cruise. We had about 200 tickets picked up Friday - only 500 to go. We have an opportunity to raise significant money for the Club since half (50%) of each ticket sold stays with the Club.

We had two great visitations this week – details follow below in the 2nd VP Report.

Read all the way to the end of the Newsletter as the "Important Dates" are starting to get filled in for the year.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Friday, May 13 – Swinging Stars Dance -- Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer

Saturday, May 14 – Dixie Chainers – Mother's Day Dance – Vernon Jones and Jack von der Heide

Announcements

Square Dance Lessons Update: -- Mark and Karen Hawkins

This was Mark and Karen Hawkins last class of lessons. They have been doing an outstanding job for many years and they deserve all of our thanks for a job well done. This last class we had 100% of the students joining a Club. Thank you Mark and Karen!

Round Dance Lessons Update: -- Lucy Hamm

Dark this Tuesday; Only one lesson remains-- May 17th.

Texas Reelers Dance: A silvery light weight sweater was left in "our Swinging Stars" section of chairs at the Richardson Senior Center. It wasn't there when we got there at 7:25. We, ladies remaining, tried to make a guess as to whom it could belong but drew a blank. Anyway it is at the desk of the Senior Center with a note indicating that it was left at the Texas Reelers dance.

2nd VP Report – 08 May 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

“A” Lessons

Wednesday 04 May, 6:15 - 7:30 – Plus 4s

This week, Charles Quisenberry (“Quiz”) introduced “A” students to A2 calls Remake, Switch to an Hourglass, and Diamond Chain Thru. He also continued drilling them on previously introduced calls. Swinging Stars students taking these lessons include Bondis, Heintz/Putnam, and Sees. Swinging Stars angels attending to help them included Amys, Bergesens, and V. Evanto.

All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 04 May, 7:30 – 9:30 – Plus 4s

22 Swinging Stars journeyed to Plus 4s in Farmers Branch Wednesday for their biweekly all-plus dance. In his inimitable fashion, beloved, long-time club caller, Charles Quisenberry (“Quiz”), entertained dancers while also educating them. Tonight’s unusual call was LEFT Spin Chain and Exchange the Gears. With a little tutoring from Quiz as needed, most squares were getting it by the second repetition. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars for turning out: Amys, Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, V. Evanto, Hawkins, T. Heintz, Kerns, Kilejians, Sees, and Shermans.

Square + Round Dance

Friday 06 May – Texas Reelers -- “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”

32 Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers in Richardson, TX Friday night for their “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” dance. Popular club cuer, Chris Farabaugh, delivered a very nice evening of early and square-intermittent rounds featuring several rhythms and phases. For intermediate level dancers, the highlight was a phase IV waltz, “A Run for the Roses.” On squares, guest caller, Jon Jones, entertained new and experienced dancers alike with a host of clever patter and a couple great singing calls including one great blues tune. Consistent with the evening’s baseball theme, Jon Jones had on display some truly great collector-quality baseball memorabilia including a bat and several balls signed by MANY (former) baseball greats. Signatures included those of Mickey Mantle, Stan Musial (as a St. Louis boy, my personal favorite), and many, many more. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars for turning out: P. Amy, Bondis, Esteps, V. Evanto, Feldmans, Hamms, Harris, Heintz/Putnam, Kilejians, Lees, Mulvins, Nejdls, Nestors, Perrotts, Sees, Smith/Hardin, and Williams.

Official Visit – Square + Round Dance

Saturday 07 May – Log Cabin Swingers – 41st Anniversary – “Cinco de Mayo”

17 Swinging Stars partied with the Log Cabin Swingers at their 41st “Cinco de Mayo” Anniversary Dance in Tool, TX on Saturday. A total crowd of over 140 came to enjoy this event, many sporting colorful Mexican-style attire. The evening began with a great Tex-Mex food supper. It continued with early rounds from skilled cuer, Walter Brewer. Walter offered a great mix of rhythms both during early rounds and during square-intermittent rounds. On squares, Hall of Fame caller, Wayne Baldwin, kept the floor hopping with smooth patter, some great singing calls, and two interesting Plus tips. A big thank you to these Swinging Stars who participated: P. Amy, W. Baldwin, Bondis, Brewers, Esteps, Harris, Pitts, Sees, Trujillos, and C. Wolfe. We took home our host’s banner, bringing our banner inventory now to 10!

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you're an active Swinging Star who visits frequently and wants to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered here, you can submit it to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org by no later than mid Sunday afternoon for inclusion here in that night's newsletter. Please include the names of fellow Swinging Stars who attended with you plus a few salient details (such as club, location, caller, cuer).

BANNER REPORT

We currently hold 10 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 2 Swinging Stars banners captured from us. Overall banner status is detailed below. Remember, if you visit a club whose banner we already hold, please do not accept another of their banners.

Other Club Banners Held by Us

Club	Date Captured
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016
Roadrunners	30-Apr-2016
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016
Rebel Rousers	16-Apr-2016
Texas Reelers	15-Apr-2016
Solitaires	02-Apr-2016
Tri-City Promenaders	26-Mar-2016
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015
Diamond Jubileers	14-Mar-2015
T Square Gadabouts	20-Feb-2015

Swinging Stars Banners Held at Other Clubs

Club	Date Captured
Lone Star Solos	08-Apr-2016
Kissin Kuzzins	25-Mar-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Our Dance

Friday 13 April – Swinging Stars – “May Flowers”

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Square Workshop: 7:00, Early Plus: 7:45, Grand March: 8:00

Shepard Elementary School

1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Lessons

Wednesday 11 May – Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Lessons: 7:00 – 9:00

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

All-Plus Dance

Thursday 12 May – Double Plus

Guest Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: n/a

Workshop: 7:00

Plus Dance: 7:30

Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take “Anglin” exit), Fort Worth, TX

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 14 May – Dixie Chainers – “Happy Mother’s Day”

Caller: Vernon Jones

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Early Rounds: 7:00, Mainstream Workshop (separate room): 7:00, Grand March 7:30

Farmers Branch Senior Center

14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX

ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Monday 16 May, 11:30 AM – Fish City Grill

Nina Lassiter has volunteered to host the May Ladies Luncheon on Monday May 16th at 11:30. She has chosen Fish City Grill, a *brand new* restaurant for us to enjoy. Although it is a fish restaurant it also has a variety of other foods to choose from. You can Google fishcitygrill.com to see their menu and get directions at this site. The address is 1415 E. Renner Road, Suite 260 Richardson, Texas 75082. There are lots of new restaurants in this area. Fish City Grill is on the North East Corner Shopping Center at the Renner and Plano Road intersection. Turn in by Whole Foods off Plano Road or near Pei Wei if driving on Renner. Fish City Grill is on the back strip of the center about halfway down. It is next to Taco Diner. If you go to the Fish City Grill website and register, there is a \$5 Coupon you can print or show on your phone. Hope you all like it.

Please reply to Nina Lassiter by May 15th so she will know how many will be attending.

To new members. The ladies of the Swinging Stars have a luncheon every month. We take turns hosting the luncheon by volunteering to be the hostess for a month. The hostess gets to choose the date, place and time (usually 11:30). If you are the hostess, you call the restaurant of your choice and make a reservation for the date and time. Then everyone that wants to attend the luncheon contacts the hostess to let her know they want to be included in the fun. Usually the hostess calls the restaurant back at a date close to the day of the luncheon to confirm the number of ladies coming. Yes, it is that easy. If you are interested in hosting the luncheon sometime in the future, please contact Lorraine Burson at lorraine@bursons.us and let her know.

Refreshments Duty and Information

May 13, 2016 **Stuart**, Colter, Kilejian, Amy

May 27, 2016 **McGuire**, Bergesen, Evanto, Starrett

June 10, 2016 **Row**, Hardin\Smith, Whipple, Rickert

June 24, 2016 **Halvorson**, Dennison, Hawkins, Kendrick (Plus representatives from Rebel Rousers)

July 8, 2016 **Bondi**, Maier, Pharr, Whitaker

July 22, 2016 **Burson**, Perrott, Putnam-Heintz, Williams

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc.) without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents [Russ and Ann Nejd] to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team

Important dates for the next year (you should have these on your calendar!):

June 12, 2016 – Wayne Baldwin’s Annual Fish Fry – If the weather allows the fish to bite!

June 16 – 19 – Texas State Square Dance Festival – Waco, TX

June 21 – 26, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

June 24 – Friendship Dance – Rebel Rousers – Our Location – Wayne Baldwin – J.L. Pelton & Christine Hixon

July 8, 2016 – There will be a short Club Meeting following the Dance on this night. Main agenda item will be election of Officers for second half of year. Please stay as we need your vote for this important business.

October 14, 2016 – Swinging Stars DD Dance – Probably an Oktoberfest theme since the end of the month is Round-UP. Details still being worked out.

October 28 - 30, 2016 – Callers Cavalcade and NORTEX Oktoberfest (Round-UP)

December 2, 2016 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party at Haggard Party Barn.

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance

September 22, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance (Something Special)

Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

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

Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at llhamm45@gmail.com or phone her at 214-872-7219. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

Kathy & Bob Estep

Swinging Stars Presidents

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:



Flowers Dance

May 13, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Square Workshop: 7:00

Plus Dancing: 7:45

Grand March: 8:00 w/2nd Tip Plus

Rounds Between Tips

Hot Hash After Last Tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Banners Honey Pot Fun Fellowship Refreshments

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by paying adults

For info: 972-618-3640 or president@swingingstars.org



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