

# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for May 12, 2013*

**!!! HAPPY MOTHERS DAY !!!**

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**FIESTA**



**FRIENDSHIP**

**PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!**

And a GREAT TIME was had by all. Sorry if you missed Friday Night's Fantastic Fiesta Friendship Dance as it was really a very good dance. Two "Waynes" plus a Dave equaled a Fun Filled dance. Wayne Baldwin and Wayne Shoemaker teamed up for our Fiesta Friendship dance with Rockwall Squares and Dave Vieira joined in and tripled the fun for the square dancers.

Wayne Baldwin started the evening with thirty minutes of workshop and challenged the dancers with some DBD work on pass-the-ocean and swing through. He moved on to spin-chain-through. This was good review and everyone seemed to enjoy.

During first announcements we kicked off the dance by singing Happy Birthday to Wayne Baldwin the OLD Fashion way, you know "in-tune". Did anyone ever tell you that you guys sing pretty good? Dave Vieira closed the evening with Happy Birthday in the key of "naught", "out-of-tune". Did anyone ever tell you that you guys sing awful? LOL... Cards, Cards and more Cards... the fun continued at the Mama's after party. Wayne opened all of birthday cards that y'all gave him and he shared them with the rest of us. Some of you have as twisted humor as I do. HAHHAHA! We gave him a birthday that he will remember.... The following is from one of BD cards, the names have been changed to protect the innocent - A conversation was overheard on a boat on Lavon where three guys were fishing... Charlie said, "It's windy today", Chuck said, "no it's Thursday", Wayne said, "I'm thirsty too, let's have a beer."

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY Wayne!** We love you and you continue to amaze us with your calling. No wonder you are in the Texas Caller Hall of Fame. We appreciate that we have you as our caller and we wish you many more birthdays and many more years of calling.

Walter cued a number of tips to our new Round Dance students and he challenged the experienced Round Dancers with a number of interesting tips. Also, in attendance but not cueing were Michelle Vieira and JL & Linda Pelton.

We had sixty Visitors including fourteen Kissin' Kuzzins, fifteen Rebel Rousers, nineteen Texas Reelers, two Plus Fours, two Roadrunners, two from Will Rogers in Claymore Ok, two Trail Dusters from CA and four independents. We had fifteen Rockwall Squares and eighty-five Swinging Stars for a total of One-hundred and Sixty dancers. This Fiesta Friendship Dance with Rockwall Squares was definitely a success.

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## DANCE LESSONS

Round Dance lessons continue to roll as we continue to practice the dance moves we have learned. We have a few more moves to learn to complete the lessons with only three more lessons remaining.

Square Dance lessons with the Rebel Rousers also only have three more weeks and we already have an application from Don and Jeanne Denzin. We will introduce them to the club and present them with their Swinging Stars badges as soon as they complete lessons.

Plus lessons start just around the corner, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Carpenter Recreation Center in Plano. They are taking enrollment so please do not hesitate to sign up as the class might fill up.

Mainstream lessons are scheduled to start on August 27<sup>th</sup> also at Carpenter Recreation Center in Plano. Be sure to tell someone today how much you enjoy square dancing. Your lessons committee is thinking that window/bumper stickers might be in order. I have seen some window stickers in a few windows but don't we all need one on each of our vehicles? Also, we discussed some business cards with the square dance lessons on them, they are fairly inexpensive.

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## 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 – have you seen the signup sheet? If not, give her a call (972-562-2174) or send her an email ([jodie.baldwin@flash.net](mailto:jodie.baldwin@flash.net)).

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

Location: 981 Timber Ln., Fairview 75069

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### \* \* \* Note from Your 2<sup>nd</sup> VPs \* \* \*

We received our confirmation packets after having registered for both the state and national dance festivals and will be wearing our ribbons the next few weeks to help advertise those June events. Mother's Day and graduations made for a light visitations weekend but it's about to get busy again. We hope to see you in a square over the next few weeks and at the festivals. Happy Mother's Day to all of the Swinging Stars mothers!

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

### **Lone Star Solos, Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Four Swinging Stars visited the Lone Star Solos in Dallas on Thursday. Rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh and the squares were called by Dave Vieira. Dave challenged the dancers with interesting and lively sequences for both the patter and singing calls. All in attendance had a great time. Visiting Swinging Stars were the Bondis and Sees.

## \* \* \* SPECIAL DANCE OPPORTUNITIES \* \* \*

### **51<sup>st</sup> Annual Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival, June 6-9<sup>th</sup>**

Location: San Marcos, TX

Website: [http://www.squaredancetx.com/st\\_festival.html](http://www.squaredancetx.com/st_festival.html)

Notes: Fun for beginners and advanced square and round dancers

### **62<sup>nd</sup> National Square Dance Convention, June 26-29<sup>th</sup>**

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 – Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Garland Senior Activity Center (600 Avenue "A", Garland, TX)

Website: [www.kissinkuzzins.org](http://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 18<sup>th</sup>**

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: 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary, double deal, carpool with fellow Swinging Stars, join us for an official banner raid

### **Ladies Luncheon – Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

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 20<sup>th</sup>, if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there.

### **Swinging Stars Club Dance – Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

Website: [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org)

Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / dance – 8:00PM

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

### **Dance of Interest – Dixie Chainers, Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX)  
Website: [www.dixiechainers.com](http://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 27<sup>th</sup>**

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 31<sup>st</sup>**

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), 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary dance, double deal

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## **NORTEX Officer and Installation Dance**

June 23, 2013

Swingtime Center in Fort Worth

Swinging Stars was asked to help host this year's NORTEX Officer and Installation Dance. We will be responsible for labeling the Chair Backs. This is going to be a fun dance and it is free. More information to follow.

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## **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. The Gram Committee will be testing transmitter/receiver Hearing Enhancement systems at a square dance near you. FM signals generated by the transmitter easily cover the normal dance hall and place the caller literally in your ear through fairly inexpensive standard FM band transmitter (88 to 108 MHz). 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.

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## SWINGING STARS JACKETS

Due to the color and material used for making the most recent Swinging Stars jackets, we had to change to something different. It has been voted by those ordering jackets to go with black as it will complement all dress colors. The jackets will continue to have the Swinging Stars logo.

If you want to add your name to our order, call Mark Hawkins, First VP's, 972-436-4868 or [1stVP@swingingstars.org](mailto: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).

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## REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

May 24	Pitts, Rose, Starrett, Jung
June 14	Giaudrone, Perrott, Lassiter, Piziali
June 28	Ross, Harris, Archey, DeLuke
July 12	Burson, See, Sobotka, Colter
July 26	Anthause, Weckerly*, 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](mailto: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](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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## Schedule of advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances thru July 2013



June 12, 2013

Gilligan's Island



July 14, 2014

Celebrating Freedom

Swinging with the Stars and Stripes



May 28<sup>th</sup> – Students Graduate from Mike Bramlett's lessons

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Baldwin's Annual Fish Fry

**June 6-9<sup>th</sup> - 51<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>, Class # 140245

Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> NORTEX Officer and Installation Dance (Free & we are one of the Host Clubs)

Location - Swingtime Center in Fort Worth

**June 26-29<sup>th</sup> - 62<sup>nd</sup> National Square Dance Convention, Oklahoma City, OK**

**Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – Open House Dance, Bring your prospective students**

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

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - Stars Annual Holiday Party

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

### Themes:

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 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

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

Saturday, January 30, 2016 – 41<sup>st</sup> 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

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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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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.

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**Swinging Stars, President**

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