



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for May 22, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

We are coming into the summer season of Square Dancing and that means there will be lots of opportunities for you to attend large events. We encourage you to take in as many of the large events as you can. You should especially consider the Texas State Festival (June 16 – 19) since it is so close (Waco, TX). If you cannot go for the entire weekend, consider going down on Saturday for the main dance. You will not regret it!

For those that can make the trip, we also encourage you to enjoy the National Square Dance Convention (June 21 – 26). Dancing to a live band is not something you will quickly forget.

Also, you should schedule our own NORTEX Callers Cavalcade and Round-UP (October 28 -30) here in the Metroplex.

PUT THESE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW BEFORE SOMETHING ELSE BLOCKS THE DATES!

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 27 – Swinging Stars Dance – Wayne Baldwin and Walter Brewer – Early Rounds.

Saturday, May 28 – Tri City Promenaders – New Dancer Dance – Bobby Willis and Chris Farabaugh

Announcements

Fish Fry: June 12th will be Wayne Baldwin’s annual fish fry. As a Swinging Stars member you are invited. All Wayne and Jodie ask is that each couple bring a dish of food to share (Hors D’ Oeuvres, Salad, Dessert, sliced tomato plate, Hushpuppies, ect.. For you new dancers (and old ones too) you can obtain a “DUCK” dangle for your badge by dancing in the swimming pool. Please bring swim suit or cut offs for this event. The sign up sheet will be at the next Club Dance or you can call Jodie at 972-562-2174 – Jodie.baldwin@flash.net – to tell her what you plan to bring. I also included a copy of the sign up sheet with full details at the end of this Newsletter.

Memorial Day weekend is May 28 – 30, 2016. We wish that each of you are able to enjoy time with family and friends this holiday.

Please note that Swinging Stars will be dancing at Wilson Middle School, 1001 Custer Road, Plano, TX for the months of June and July. This is the same location we used last summer and is located right beside the normal location. For the curious minds, our normal location is having a new roof put on during June and July this year.

Update from Russ Nejd:

I'm doing great, I've had two PT sessions and my second visit to the Dr. I can fully straighten my leg and I can flex it 135 degrees. No pain feeling great.

2nd VP Report – 15 May 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

“A” Lessons

Wednesday 18 May, 6:15 - 7:30 – Plus 4s

This week, “A” instructor, Charles Quisenberry (“Quiz”), focused largely on reviewing / “burning in” calls that were already introduced earlier. Tonight, among other calls, students were drilled on Motivate. Quiz wants students to understand that, to do such intricate maneuvers well, they must not only know their specific part, but must stay synchronized with others, not getting behind or ahead, as the maneuver progresses. Only in this way can the overall 8-person structure stay properly shaped and have its various parts interact properly (e.g., for Motivate, have its 3 stars that appear be well-formed and interact properly as they rotate). Swinging Stars students taking these lessons include Bondis, Heintz/Putnam, and Sees. Swinging Stars angels helping out this week were: P. Amy. Quiz now anticipates finishing the current lessons by end of May.

All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 18 May, 7:30 – 9:30 – Plus 4s

13 Swinging Stars visited Plus 4s in Farmers Branch Wednesday for their biweekly all-plus dance. In his inimitable fashion, club caller, Charles Quisenberry (“Quiz”), entertained dancers while occasionally throwing them a “pop quiz” maneuver. This evening, Quiz’s “pop quiz” maneuver to enhance dancers’ education was LEFT Spin Chain and Exchange the Gears. After a bit of help with the potentially tricky LEFT-handed nature of this move, dancers were starting to master it. A big thank you to these Swinging Stars for turning out: P. Amy, Esteps, Hamms, Hawkins, Kerns, Kilejians, and Sees.

“A” Dance

Thursday 19 May – Model As

7 Swinging Stars visited Model A’s in Dallas on Thursday evening for their weekly “A” dance. Attendance tonight was a bit light but the 2 – 3 squares dancing enjoyed the experience. Swinging Stars present were P. Amy, Bondis, Evantos, and Shermans. When newcomers (e.g., new “A” dancers such as Bondis) sometimes needed help, experienced dancers present were always ready to lend a gracious helping hand.

Hi-Level DBD Plus Dance

Wednesday-Thursday 18-19 May – Jerry Story

4 Swinging Stars headed to Speegleville, TX (just west of southern end of Waco, TX) for the annual high-level DBD Plus dance called there by Jerry Story. (Until recently, this dance was held in the “Treehouse” venue at Marble Falls, TX.) Dancers came to “be tested” by Jerry’s inventive choreography ... and tested they were ... during four 2-hour DBD sessions over Wed afternoon to Thu afternoon. Wow! Some of Jerry’s testing this time included a host of trickier-than-typical Linear Cycles starting from non-wave lines (e.g., from 2-faced lines with couples on each end having to begin by first facing for a Partner Hinge; and also from inverted lines with couples on each end oriented to hinge with opposite rotations (one right, one left) and ultimately peel in opposite directions). He also drilled dancers on some intricate sequences that began with the “first part of Crossfire” (centers trade while ends cross-fold) and then continued on with other moves. Overall, the dancing was always fast-paced, moderately difficult on up to square-busting tough, often educational, and always exhilarating. “A” dancers were treated to one Advanced tip following each 2-hour session. Swinging Stars participating in this event were Bondis and Evantos.

Square + Round Dance

Friday 20 May – Kissin Kuzzins -- “Red, White, & Blue – Honor Vet’s”

35 Swinging Stars visited the Kissin Kuzzins in Garland on Friday night for their “Red, White, & Blue” dance. Early dancing began at 7:00 PM with popular cuer, J.L. Peton, offering 30 minutes of early rounds that included a few challenging dances. At 7:30, club caller, Wayne Baldwin, work-shopped dancers through 30 minutes of basic square dance moves. Following the grand march at 8:00, Wayne and J.L. alternated between squares and rounds for the remainder of the dance. Via their combined efforts, both square and round dancers were afforded many opportunities to exercise and improve their skills. Throughout the evening, dancers adorned in various forms of patriotic red, white, & blue apparel weaved and bobbed across the floor, smiling as they enjoyed their craft and each other’s company. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars attending: P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Brewers (new members), Covingtons, Esteps, T. Evanto, Feldmans, Giffords, Hamms, Harrisers, Hawkins, Lassiters, Pharrs, Pitts, Sees, Smith/Hardin, Smiths (new members), and C. Wolfe. With this tremendous turnout, we recaptured our banner and captured our host’s as well.

Official Visit – Square + Round Dance

Saturday 21 May – Trail Blazers – 46th Anniversary – “Seems Like a Fairy Tale”

8 Swinging Stars journeyed to Swingtime Center in Fort Worth to enjoy the Trail Blazer’s 46th Anniversary Dance on Saturday evening. A total crowd of over 120 came to enjoy this event. As you stepped into the hall, because of the children’s fairy tale books opened on table tops and the fairy-tale like paintings adorning the walls, you felt almost as if you’d stepped into an actual fairy tale. 90 minutes of early dance activities kicked off at 6:30. First up, cuer Jack Kenney delivered 30 minutes of sometimes sophisticated rounds including his own waltz, “After Winter,” and K. Gloodt’s new bolero, “Mi Vida Sin Tu Amor” (My Life Without Your Love). Next, Jack continued with 30 more minutes of more-typical “square dance level” rounds before yielding the floor. Finally, club caller, Bobby Willis, and guest caller, Jim Howard of Oklahoma, presented a 30 minute squares workshop before dancers fell into formation for the grand march. From that point on, attendees enjoyed 2+ more hours of dancing, including 2 Plus tips and a wide variety of rounds, and a great spread of food prepared by our hosts. A big thank you to these Swinging Stars who participated: Bondis, Hamms, Perrotts, and Sees. We brought home our host’s banner, bringing our banner inventory up to 12!

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 12 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 1 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
Trail Blazers	21-May-2016
Kissin Kuzzins	20-May-2016
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

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Our Dance

Friday 27 May – Swinging Stars –

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Early Rounds: 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 25 May – Plus 4s

Caller/Instructor: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Lessons: 7:00 – 9:00

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 28 May – Tri-City Promenaders – “Memorial Day”

Guest Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Early Rounds: 7:00

Square Workshop: 7:30

Grand March: 8:00

Brookside Center

1244 Brookside Dr., Hurst, TX 76053

ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday 21 June, 11:30 AM – Into My Garden Tea Room

This month the luncheon will be at the new “Into My Garden Tea Room” on Tuesday, June 21 at 11:30 AM. We have not been to this cozy little restaurant for a while because they were closed. They have moved to a new location and are now open with a beautiful new fresh atmosphere. I am looking forward to dining there for lunch and hope you will join the ladies of the Swinging Stars for an afternoon of fellowship while enjoying a delicious lunch.

“Into My Garden Tea Room” is located at 1726 Avenue K in Plano. See www.intomygarden.com to check out their menu and find directions to their new location plus hints about parking. RSVP by June 18th to Lorraine at Lorraine@Burons.us or 972-396-0941 so that I can give them our headcount a few days in advance.

Refreshments Duty and Information

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
Email: president@swingingstars.org
Phone: 972-618-3640

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



Come join the fun

**SWINGING STARS
REBEL ROUSERS
HOT AND BEACHY
FRIENDSHIP DANCE** 

Friday June 24, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Early Rounds 7:00

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Cuer: J L Pelton

Hot Hash After Last Tip



NOTICE: Swinging Star dances in June and July will be at Wilson Middle School, at Grandview and 1001 Custer Rd, Plano

Banners Honey Pot Fun Fellowship Refreshments

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by paying adults



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www.swingingstars.org



SWINGING STARS



CRAZY DAZES OF SUMMER



Ice Cream Social



HERE'S THE
SCOOP

Friday July 22, 2016

Caller Wayne Baldwin

Cuer Walter Brewer

Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Squares 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after last tip

NOTICE: CHANGE OF VENUE FOR JULY DANCES

Wilson Middle School 1001 Custer Road at Grandview, Plano

Next Door To Shepard Elementary (where we usually dance)

July and August Casual Attire

Banners Honey Pot Fun Fellowship Refreshments

Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by adults

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

Visit our Web page: www.swingingstars.org



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

SUNDAY, JUNE 12th- Happy Hour STARTS AT 5:30

SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE AT DANCES MAY 27TH AND JUNE 10TH. YOU MAY ALSO SIGNUP BY CALLING Jodie at 972-562-2174 or by e-mail at jodie.baldwin@flash.net. We ask you to sign up ASAP so we will know how many to prepare for. PLEASE BRING ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

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

SALADS (SERVES 8}

DESSERTS

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MARGARITAS (be here about 5:00)

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SLICED TOMATOE PLATE

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HUSHPUPPIES(ANY KIND 24 TO 30 CT)

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IF YOU WANT TO EARN A SQUARE
DUCK BADGE BRING YOUR
SWIMSUIT OR CUT-OFFS

PARKING IS IN THE BACK AND WE WILL HAVE SOMEONE PARKING CARS IN
IN THE BACK WHERE WE HAVE A LOT OF ROOM

Any questions? Call Jodie 972-562-2174
