



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for May 25, 2014

Our Friday night dance was simply unbelievable! Visitors came from far and wide and in droves. The final count was 87 (**WOW!**). Add in the 72 Swinging Stars that were there, and the grand total was 159. Several dancers said that the dance had the feel of an anniversary dance, and it certainly did. Our banner inventory underwent major change with the Texas Reelers, Kissin' Kuzzins, Rebel Rousers, Decatur 8ers, and Tri-City Promenaders (only two visitors, but we had held their banner more than a year) taking their banners back. We gave our banners to The Reelers (24 visitors), Kuzzins (19 visitors), and Decatur 8ers, who brought 11 visitors, but they travelled far.

We welcomed our newest member, Mary Ann Cagle, to the Swinging Stars and presented her badge. When you see Mary Ann, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome her to the club.

John and Shirley Curry, our NORTEX Area Vice-President and NORTEX President pro Tem, presented Friendship Awards to Richard and Jan Covington (gold 75 and silver 75) and to Jim and Katie Halvorsen (silver 25). Way to go!

Thanks to all who did so much to make this a wonderful Salute the Troops Dance. Wayne called terrific squares that kept the dancers moving and in a patriotic spirit with songs such as "God Bless the USA". We had a real crowd of round dancers, and they enjoyed Walter's challenging and fun program of rounds, which included a teach of a beautiful new waltz in early rounds. Thanks to Richard Covington for the excellent tip he called, and to JL Pelton for a great pair of round dances. The decorations added greatly to the patriotic theme. Thanks to Lorraine Burson for bringing the banners displaying the seals of the five military services and to George Loxsom for bringing and overseeing the display of the big salute the troops banners. Finally, thanks to Anne and Russ Nejd and their refreshments team (Bergesens, Dennisons, and Loxsoms) for bringing enough goodies to satisfy the large crowd.

One reminder is in order – **we are not allowed to bring food or drink into the gymnasium area.** We'll add that to announcements at future dances to make sure everyone is aware.

Thank you to all the ladies who attended the luncheon on Tuesday at Posados. There were lots of visiting and good discussions. It was a very good group. Thanks to Mary Hardin for making the arrangements.

We have two good anniversary double deal dance visitations this weekend. Friday is Circle I who dances on the same night we do, so this is a rare chance to visit them often. Saturday night is Roadrunners with Wayne teaming up with Rick Smith for a preview of our own anniversary dance. Check the details in Coming Events below and go to either or both dances if you can.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Monday, May 25 – Extend your Memorial Day weekend by attending the Annual Memorial Day Dance at Swingtime with Rick Smith and JL Pelton; see details in Coming Events below.

Tuesday, May 29 – Final lesson of the two step class.

Friday, May 30 – **Official visit** to Circle I 62nd Anniversary Dance (Double Deal); see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, May 31 – Visit to Roadrunners 43rd Anniversary Dance (Double Deal); see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

Texas Reelers Bus Trip to Paris: The Reelers are taking a bus trip to the North Star 8 dance on June 14 – **Wayne is calling.** They have **six seats available** and are giving us first shot to fill them. Cost will be \$46 per couple which includes the bus ride, your meal at the dance (North Star 8 puts out a good spread), and admission to the dance. **Call Ralph and Lucy (214-872-7219) if you would like to go – we have to let them know by Tuesday.**

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.

Round-Up Grand Prize Tickets: Lucy and Ralph will have raffle tickets for the NORTEX Round-Up grand prize at our June 13 dance. The grand prize is a **seven night Caribbean cruise** January 11 – 18 from Galveston with stops in **Montego Bay, Jamaica; Grand Cayman, Cayman Island and Cozumel**, Mexico and featuring a **two hour square dance with rounds every afternoon.** **Tickets are only \$1 each, and you do not need to be present at Round-Up to win, and you do not need to be a dancer to enjoy the cruise.** See full details here: http://www.roundup2014.com/form/2014_Prize.pdf

Our club gets to keep one-half of our ticket sales proceeds. We encourage each Swinging Stars couple to take 10 tickets or more to afford your friends, your family, and yourselves the opportunity to enjoy this great cruise. **If 50 couples sell 10 tickets, the club earns \$250!** So please be sure to see Lucy and Ralph at the June 13 dance to get your tickets.

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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	10-May-14
Diamond Jubileers	8-Mar-14
Dixie Chainers	22-Mar-14
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
North Star 8	09-Feb-13
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Decatur8ers	23-May-14
Kissin Kuzzins	23-May-14
Lone Star Solos	28-Feb-14
Texas Reelers	23-May-14

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

Plus 4s, Wednesday, May 21th

Nine of our plus dancers made their way to Plus 4s on Wednesday night to enjoy Charles Quisenberry's relentless efforts to entertain us while improving our plus skills. It was a very enjoyable night of intense plus dancing with very short opportunities to catch your breath and get a sip of water. In addition to the numerous plus calls that Quiz workshopped, he introduced us to an A level call named Cross. It's a very simple call, but the hard part is staying put when you are supposed to. Swinging Stars attending were the Amys, J. Duncan, the Evantos, Hamms, and Kilejians

Lone Star Solos, Thursday, May 22th

Six Swinging Stars visited the Lone Star Solos in Dallas on Thursday. The night's rounds were cued by Chris and Maria Farabaugh while square dancing tips were called by popular guest caller Bobby Willis. Chris offered something for all round dancers by cueing a mix of 2-steps, waltzes, and cha-chas carefully chosen to feature various complexities. In a similar fashion, Bobby intentionally called everything from basic mainstream that the new dancers present could enjoy up to two serious plus tips that experienced dancers could thoroughly appreciate. All in attendance had a great time. Visiting Swinging Stars were Bondis, Kilejians, and Pitts. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, May 24th

The highlight of this visitation was seeing Ann von der Heide, wife of cuer Jack von der Heide, out and about and doing well following very serious surgery a few weeks ago. This was the first dance Ann has attended since the surgery, and Jack was cueing beautiful and happy waltzes and rumbas all night long. We're very happy for them. Vernon Jones kept the square dancers moving at a rapid pace, as he typically does. He threw in some old time squares, one of which featured lots of do paso practice. Eight Swinging Stars enjoyed this dance: Bursons, Hamms, Pitts, and J. Smith/M. Hardin.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Of Interest, Annual Memorial Day Dance, Monday, May 26th

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 S.E. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 6:30PM / dance – 7:30PM
Caller: Rick Smith
Cuer: JL Pelton

Official, Circle I, Friday, May 30th

Location: Senter Park Recreation Center (901 Senter Rd, Irving, TX)
Website: www.circlei.org
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Mike Bramlett, Ray Savell
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Theme: Spring Brings May Flowers
Notes: 62nd Anniversary, Double Deal

Of Interest, Roadrunners, Saturday, May 31st

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 S.E. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Rick Smith, Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Karen Gloodt
Theme: Barn dance and Quilt Show
Notes: 43rd Anniversary, Double Deal

Refreshments Duty and Information

June 13, 2014	McGuire, Amy, Loven, Stuart
June 27, 2014	Row, Perrott, Smith/Hardin, Whitaker
July 11, 2014	Deluke, Harris, Hursey, Pharr
July 25, 2014	Meyer, Mosher, Bivins, McClure
August 8, 2014	Evanto, Henneberger, Estep, Burson
August 22, 2014	Feldman, Whipple, Gifford, Trujillo

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

Swinging Stars

**SHOW YOUR
TEAM COLORS**



Caller 
Wayne Baldwin

Friday, June 13

 Cues **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

Swinging Stars
Happy Birthday
AMERICIA

Show Your American Pride By Wearing Red, White & Blue!



Friday, July 11, 2014

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

Sunday, June 8 – Annual Fish Fry at the Baldwins

Tuesday, June 10 – Plus lessons begin

June 12 – 15, 2014 – 52nd Texas State Square and Round Dance Festival, Tyler, TX – preregistration form:

www.squaredancetx.com/fest_reg_order.html

June 25 - 28, 2014 – 63rd National Square Dance Convention, Little Rock, AR – see 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 40th Anniversary Dance

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

Remember our Sunshine person is Debbie Piziali, and you can email her at 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.

Ralph and Lucy Hamm

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