

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for May 26, 2013

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

Our RED, WHITE & BLUE dance was a lot of fun. We had a small but lively crowd. We had sixty Swinging Stars and eleven visitors including the three non-dancers. Wayne and Walter did their usually excellent jobs of calling and cueing. Walter cued the early rounds and worked in a lot of rumba and cha for the new dancers. Wayne started with a couple of patriotic songs and got us in the mood. JL Pelton cued a tip as well and yours truly got to do a tip - pattern and song.

The following came to me by way of email and you may have seen it but I thought it was worth reviewing again.

"IT IS THE VETERAN"

It is the Veteran, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the Veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the Veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the Veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

It is the Veteran, who salutes the Flag,

It is the Veteran, who serves under the Flag,

It is the Veteran, who is buried by the Flag.

It is the Veteran, who has given so we can enjoy what we have today,

It is we the People, who salute you the Veteran on this Memorial Day.



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

Hear ye, hear ye...come one, come all...the time is drawing nigh as the Baldwin's Annual Fish Fry is this Sunday at 5:30. Be there...you have absolutely no excuse...I have been reminding you for weeks now. If you have not signed up to bring a "dish" to go with the "fish", call Jodie (972-562-2174) or send her an email (jodie.baldwin@flash.net) and find out what you can bring.

"The Fishing Crew" members are Wayne Baldwin, Charlie Harris, Chuck Morse and other guests from time-to-time such as Bob Pitts. How would you like to be a fly on that boat? Sounds like the producers of "The Deadliest Catch" have missed the boat on what could be the best show on TV.

PARKING: "Wayne and Jodie ask that all fish fry attendees park in the back lot or on the road west of their house. There will be a parking guide to help. Their neighbors east of them are having a graduation party for their son Blake the same day and they promised to keep Timber Ln, the road south of the Baldwin house, free for their group to park."

Come ready to eat, drink (BYOB), get your Ducky Dangle and the new Asphalt Dangle. The dress is casual/pool attire.

It is held at the Baldwin home, 981 Timber Lane, Fairview 75069. We look forward to seeing you there.

DANCE LESSONS

Round Dance lessons come to a close this week. Tuesday night will be our final scheduled Rumba & Cha lessons. It has been fun and a hardy hand shake to JL and a yellow rock to Linda. Thanks for your time and understanding. Even though lessons are coming to a close, it is obvious that we will never stop learning it all.

Square Dance lessons with the Rebel Rousers also finishes this Tuesday. Don and Jeanne Denzin & James and Kendra Branden have applied to be Swinging Stars. Have you met them? If not, introduce yourself and get to know them, they are very good people and they are going to be a good addition to our club. We will introduce them to the club and present them with their Swinging Stars badges as soon as they complete lessons.

HAVE I TOLD YOU? Plus lessons start just around the corner, 7:00 PM , June 11th at Carpenter Recreation Center in Plano. They are taking enrollment so please do not hesitate to sign up as the class might fill up.

I would love to see 100% of our club members on the dance floor during the **PLUS** tips. Wayne Baldwin can help you get there.... He is the one of the best instructors in the square dance world and he will be teaching our **PLUS** lessons,. Have you signed up? Why not, registrations are open? Don't put it off, call them today.

There are lots of reasons to dance **PLUS** – it makes you a better dancer overall, you get to dance all of the tips during the night, you get more of what you pay for, you are recognized by the other dancers as one of the better dancers, you get the opportunity to go away and dance the **PLUS** weekends. We would love to see you at a **PLUS** weekend, they are the best fun you can have.

Mainstream lessons are scheduled to start on August 27th also at Carpenter Recreation Center in Plano. Our very own Texas State Hall-of-Fame Square Dance Caller, Wayne Baldwin will be teaching. He is definitely the instructor that you want your friends to learn from. 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? Do you have yours?

Why Do People Love to Square Dance - Square Dancing is fun! It's great physical and mental exercise. There's a friendly atmosphere at Square Dances, so naturally, Square Dances are a great place to meet people and make new friends.

Easy to learn - One of the first things we learn as children is how to walk. In next to no time you don't have to think about how to do it - you just do it. You don't worry about where your feet go - it's automatic. With most dance forms you then have to learn to place your feet in specific arrangements - you have to learn to walk in a different way which is unnatural. Not so with square dancing. Square dancing is based upon walking in defined directions for defined distances - exactly what walking is. And as walking is one of the most natural things we do - square dancing becomes so easy to learn.

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

Hello Swinging Stars. We hope you are having a wonderful Memorial Day weekend. There are 3 great dance opportunities this week. Come with us to Swingtime Center this Monday in Ft. Worth for an annual Memorial Day Dance. Early rounds start at 7:00PM and square dancing at 7:30PM. Hot dogs will be served. We also want to encourage you to join us at the two Official dances celebrating the 61st anniversary of both Circle I and Texoma Squares (double deal dances). The Circle I dance (theme: garden party) is at Senter Park East in Irving with early rounds at 7:00PM and grand march at 8:00PM. Circle I is one of the larger NORTEX clubs and we usually don't get to visit them at all because they dance 2nd and 4th Fridays just like the Swinging Stars – however this one is on a 5th Friday. Texoma Squares dance (theme: luau) at their facility in Denison with early rounds at 7:30PM and the grand march at 8:00PM. You don't want to miss the spread the Texoma Squares put on at this dance.

The Texas state dance festival in San Marcos is almost upon us – we hope to see some of you there. And everyone is getting excited about the national convention in Oklahoma City also. We have talked to numerous couples who plan to attend since it is so close this year! See details for these two June weekends below.

FEEDBACK NEEDED: Please email Bob & Terri (bobp8211@gmail.com) if you plan to go to the 19th annual Chaparral Evening in Paris weekend August 30-31st. Three dance halls accommodate both mainstream and plus dancers with a fantastic group of callers and cuer. Our club gets a \$100 rebate if enough couples register early. Send your reservation to Stan and Melba Jeffus by August 20th. Be sure to write Swinging Stars Bob's group on your registration form to help with the rebate accounting. Last year we had lots of Swinging Stars in attendance and had a GREAT time at the dance, at an organized dinner, and at a Friday night after party. And please be sure to let us know you have registered so we can make sure you are on the list. See the flyer at: http://swingingstars.org/19thEvening_In_Paris.pdf.

The current Swinging Star banner inventory is shown below.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	23-Mar-13
Dixie Chainers	25-May-13
Dublin Cloverleafs	02-Jul-05
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
Kissin' Kuzzins	17-May-13

Swinging Stars Banners Captured

Club	Date Captured
Rebel Rousers	26-Apr-13
Texas Reelers	10-May-13

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

Ladies Luncheon – Tuesday, May 21st

This past Tuesday, the Swinging Stars Ladies luncheon was hosted by Janelle Row at Chili Gordos Mexican Café. There were 9 ladies in attendance and all enjoyed the food and fellowship, and were delighted that newest Swinging Star member Kendra Branden was able to attend, and everyone enjoyed getting to meet and chat with her. Thank you, Janelle, for hosting our May ladies luncheon! Kathy Mosher will be hosting our June luncheon to be held Thursday, June 20th, at La Madeleine (Park & Preston in Plano). Hope to see you there.

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

Eleven Swinging Stars went to the Farmers Branch Senior Center Friday night for the Dixie Chainer's annual Olde Tyme Squares dance. The rounds were expertly cued by Jack von der Heide who, getting into the spirit of Olde Tyme, played the first ever cha which was choreographed to "Folsom Prison Blues" by Johnny Cash. Vernon Jones truly entertained the square dancers with at least one vintage call from the 30's, 40's, or 50's introduced in each tip including: ladies triple chain, triple allemande, red hot, grand star, Venus and Mars, and dip 'n dive. These were a lot of fun to learn and dance and made for higher energy than typical tips. The Chainers had delicious cobbler à la mode with many different flavored cobblers for the dancers. The following Swinging Stars were at the dance and captured a Dixie Chainers' banner: P. Amy, Barbers, Bursons, Feldmans, Pitts, and Smith / Hardin.

*** * * 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!

25th Annual Stagecoach Roundup, July 26-28th

Location: Salado, TX

Website: <http://www.acsquaredance.com/StagecoachRoundup2013.pdf>

Callers: Brad Caldwell and Scott Bennett

Notes: All plus square dancing including dance by definition

19th Annual Evening in Paris, August 30-31st

Location: Love Civic Center, Paris, TX

Website: http://swingingstars.org/19thEvening_In_Paris.pdf

Callers: Gary Shoemake, Mike Bramlett, Ken Bower, Marshall Flippo

Cuer: Patti Wheelington

Notes: 3 dance halls: plus, advanced, and singing calls

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

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 dogs

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 5th Friday 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

Official – Texoma Squares, June 1st

Location: Texoma Square Dancehall (929 DesVoignes Road, Denison, TX)
Website: n/a
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Theme: Luau
Notes: 61st anniversary dance, double deal, carpool with fellow Swinging Stars

Baldwin's Annual Fish Fry, June 2nd

Location: 981 Timber Lane, Fairview, TX
Time: Happy hour starts at 5:30PM
Notes: Come ready to earn your ducky and asphalt dangles

Ladies Luncheon – Thursday, June 20th

Location: La Madeleine @ Preston & Park (Southwest Corner) in the back room
Time: 11:30am
Website: www.lamadeleine.com
Hostess: Kathy Mosher (dmosher5@verizon.net)
Notes: Let Kathy know on or before Wednesday, June 19th, if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there.

NORTEX Officer and Installation Dance

June 23, 2013

Swingtime Center in Fort Worth

Swinging Stars are helping HOST this year's NORTEX Officer and Installation Dance. We will be responsible for labeling the Chair Backs. The refreshment committee has asked that we provide 60 sandwiches and three dozen cookies. So, we are looking for help to make the Chair Backs and the snacks. Look for the sign up sheet at the fish fry next Sunday. This is going to be a fun dance and it is **FREE**.

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

June 14	Ross, Perrott, Lassiter, Piziali
June 28	Harris, Rose, 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 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



June 14, 2013

Gilligan's Island



July 12, 2014

Celebrating Freedom

Swinging with the Stars and Stripes



May 28th – Students Graduate from Mike Bramlett's lessons

May 28th – Round Dance Lessons finish their final lesson

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

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

Location - Swingtime Center in Fort Worth

June 26-29th - 62nd National Square Dance Convention, Oklahoma City, OK

Friday, August 9th – Open House Dance, Bring your prospective students

Sunday, August 25th – NORTEX Pre-Roundup Kickoff & Food Drive, 4:30 – 6:30, Plymouth Park United Methodist Church in Irving

Tuesday, August 27th – Mainstream Lessons at Carpenter Rec. Center in Plano, 7:00

Friday, November 1st – Cavalcade at Roundup will run from 6:00 – 10:00 on November 1st

Friday, December 6th - Stars Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, NORTEX Toys for Tots dance will be Sunday, December 8th at the Richardson Civic Center

Friday, January 31, 2014 – Swinging Stars 39th 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 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.

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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