



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for May 31, 2015

From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:

We had a great meeting at Spring Creek BBQ. Thank you for your participation. All the “old” officers were elected for the next six months. Reports were actually engaging. New ideas abounded on how to swell the ranks of our lessons classes, including T-shirts, yard signs, house parties, and social media.

On a personal note, Doug’s surgery was a success and he is well on the road to recovery. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Doug and Jan

Happening This Week

Tuesday, June 2 – Waltz Round Dance Lessons; 7:15PM, Carpenter Rec Center, Plano

Friday, June 5 – Of Interest Visit to Triangle Squares – Workshop: 7:00PM. Meal: 7:30PM. Dancing: 8:00PM at the Denton Senior Center.

Saturday, June 6 – Of Interest Visit to Solitaire’s – Watermelon Bonanza Dance – Early Rounds: 7:00PM. Grand March: 7:45PM at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, Farmers Branch.

Sunday, June 7 – Nortex Installation Dance – Installation: 4:00PM, Free Dance (for Nortex members): 5:30PM. At Swingtime Center.

Announcements

CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR THE SUMMER STARTING THIS WEEK!

The Shepard Elementary School is getting new flooring this summer; therefore, we will relocate to Wilson Middle School Cafeteria, 1001 Custer Rd, Plano, TX 75075 for the June and July club dances.

If Shepard is not ready for our return in August, we will hold the August 14th dance at Jackson Elementary, 1101 Jackson Drive, Plano, TX 75075.

Remember we are now in our summer time casual dress mode.

Fish Fry – June 14th

If you haven’t signed up for the Annual Fish Fry, let Jodie know no later than June 10th. You can call her at 972-562-2174 or email her at jodie.baldwin@flash.net.

Sign-up Now For The Next Waltz Class

For anyone who already has some waltz experience, but would like to refresh that learning and learn a little more, you can sign up for the next waltz class which starts June 9. Signup is **now open** through Plano Parks and Rec. The class is listed on the website and in the catalog as Beginning Two Step -- Class # **169045**. Online it does say JL Pelton as instructor. As you know we were too late to get the class name corrected in the catalog once we knew that we would have two sessions and could offer Waltz. You are, however, signing up for the correct class.

JL and Linda also got permission to add two classes to the current Beginning Waltz at no cost to the dancers. Those dates are May 26 and June 2. If you have had some waltz experience and want to come out one or both of those two weeks to see what we are doing, come on out and join us.

Square Dance Exhibition Opportunity

On May 17th, even with all of the orientation of new NORTEX we still had a great showing at our multi-club exhibition. We had over two squares of Texas Reelers and a square & a half of Swinging Stars show up at the Frisco Heritage Museum. Thanks to all of the Dancers who came. We promoted square dance and had a great time. We had one tip where we included the by-standers to learn a quick tip and dance to a song. Everyone seemed to have a blast. We have another exhibition for the Frisco Heritage Museum, located at 6455 Page Street, Frisco, TX, coming up on July 19th from 1:30 – 3:30. It conflicts with the New Caller event at Swingtime. However, it is great timing for Swinging Stars to hand out lesson flyers as we have lessons starting in August. We need more than three squares – on-lookers tend to wander off after we finish dancing so we need additional people to walk around and visit with them during the exhibition. Hope you can make it – call Jan at 214-738-8322 or me at 214-675-6523 or email us at JanLaree@sbcglobal.net.

*** * * From Your 2nd VP's, Dave and Lorraine Burson* * ***
2nd VP Report for May 31th

Of Interest (Double Signature)

Friday, May 29th Circle I

Circle I 63rd Anniversary, Starry Starry Night Dance

Starry Starry Night indeed! This turned out to be such a fun dance. There were 25 squares on the floor for the grand march and 25 squares on the floor for the last tip. I enjoyed the cueing of Chris Farabaugh. He has some different rhythms. Not that I did any of them, but I did enjoy watching and listening to the cues. The calling was superb, with the duo of Dave Vieira and Ray Savell working together harmonizing calling the calls and adding a touch of their own personal style. Swinging Stars had 17 members attending. Thank you to all of you: P. Amy, Bullocks, Bursons, Evantos, Pittses, Schweers/Holleys, Sees, Sherrells, and Smith/Hardens for helping make this a fun dance. We did not get a banner as we dance on the same nights the Circle I dance. We did however, get a consolation prize of a large carton of instant tea for our club for having 2 squares attending. We scored 2 signatures toward our 480 visitation patch.

Official (Double Signature)

Saturday, May 30, Roadrunners

44th Anniversary Dance. Barn Dance and Quilt Show

Twenty Swinging stars attended the Barn Dance and quilt show. Everyone had an exciting time as Mike Bramlett called a dance where everyone was able to dance. There were several new dancers attending. The dance was not only fun it was interesting and didn't get dull because it was mainstream. Mike saved the last tip for plus so that all the dancers could enjoy dancing all night long. The cueing was done with the grace and excellence as only Kaaren Gloodt can do. She has the timing just right and her selection of tunes and rhythms are a good mix of dance levels, so that all round dance levels had a chance to round dance. Thank you to the

Swinging Star members that attended Amys, Bursons, Covingtons, Duncans, Hamms, Hawkins, Heintz/Putnam, Pittses, Sees, and Smith/Hardin. You are appreciated for supporting the club. Your efforts have earned us two more signatures toward the 480 visitation patch. Good Job!

If you happen to visit one of the clubs that we already have their banner, don't except a banner from them.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Buttons and Bows	Feb-7-15
Cotton Pickin' Squares	Dec-15-14
Decatur 8ers	Oct-4-14
Diamond Jubileers	Mar-14-15
Dixie Chainers	Mar-28-15
Log Cabin Swingers	May-2-15
Lone Star Solos	Mar-12-15
Roadrunners	May 30-15
Solitaries	Mar-7-15
T Square Gadabouts	Feb-20-15
Tri-City Promenaders	Jan-24-15
Triangle Squares	Jan-30-15

Club	Date Captured
Rebel Rousers	May-24-15

JUNE VISITATION SCHEDULE AND COMING EVENTS
LETS STRIVE TO KEEP SQUARE DANCING ALIVE

Notice: We have two club visitations this week, and also the Installation and Free Dance on Sunday.

Check below for the details

Of Interest

Friday, June 5th Triangle Squares Club Dance.

We haven't visited this friendly club for sometime. You will enjoy dancing to the smooth calling of Toby Thomason. He is one of the members of the Texas Callers' Hall of Fame. They have workshop at 7:00, a meal at 7:30 and then cool dancing from 8:00 to 10:00. Their format consists of mainstream, a plus tip, rounds and lines, all with their caller Toby. They always have a fun dance and great food. Please mark your calendar for this dance.

Time: Workshop: 7:00, Meal: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00
 Quick Look Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason
 Location: Denton Sr. Center, 509 N. Bell, Denton, TX

Of Interest

Saturday, June 6th Solitarie's Water Melon Bonanza

Please plan to join the Solitaire's if you are not going to attend the State Festival. They are going casual attire for anyone that wishes so they can keep cool while enjoying dancing with this small but friendly club. All manners of dress are welcome. Just be dressed in something,,,,,Hmmm. We always enjoy dancing to Bobby Willis, as he is a young and innovative caller. And of course we love JL and Linda Pelton doing the cueing.

Time: Early Rounds: 7:00 Grand March: 7:45
 Quick Look Caller: Bobby Willis
 Cuer: JL Pelton
 Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
 12411 Templeton Trail. Farmers Branch

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Sunday, June 7th 48th NORTEX Officer Installation Free Dance

Let's Get This Party Started

We strongly encourage you all to join us at the Installation and the Free Installation Dance that follows. The Swinging Stars have several members being honored as Outgoing and or Appointed Officers. Come and show your support for both the Incoming and Outgoing Officers of NORTEX.

The Installation and Dance is at the Swingtime Center 5100 E Loop 820, Ft. Worth. Installation is at 4:00 the dance is at 5:30 to 7:00

Outgoing Swinging Stars being honored are:

Friendship—Peggy Amy

Promenade Editor Rosemary Benedetto and Larry Giaudrone

Incoming Swinging Stars Officers are:

Club Coordinator—Dave and Lorraine Burson.

Lessons and Promotions—Richard and Jan Covington

Liaison—Tom and Vicki Evanto

Photography East—Charles and Anna Wolfe

Quick Look Time: Installation 4:00 Dance 5:30
 Caller: Mike Bramlett
 Cuer: Christine Hixson
 Location: Swingtime Center 5100 E Loop 820, Ft. Worth

Club Dance

Friday, June 12th Swinging Stars Club Dance

We will be meeting at the Wilson Middle School located at 1001 Custer Rd. for June and July. Enter the parking lot on the north side of the school. There is always a workshop at 7:00 on the 2nd Fridays and the last 10 minutes or so we will have Line Dancing. We have been enjoying the Grand March because it is be a better way of getting the dance off to a good start. Please be aware of the visitors and invite then to Grand March with you. Wayne will be doing a Hot Hash tip at the end of the evening after the last tip. Plan to stay for the hot hash. If you have never participated in this activity, this would be a good time to try. Remember we will be going to Mama's Pizza after the dance for more fun and fellowship with your square dancing friends. **Remember it's summer time casual dress.**

Quick Look Time: Square Work Shop 7:00, Line Dancing: 7:50, Grand March 8:00
 Caller: Wayne Baldwin
 Cuer: Walter Brewer
 Location: Wilson Middle School
 Hot Hash after the last tip
 After Party at Mama's Pizza

Of Interest

Friday, June 19th T Square Gadabouts All Singing Calls Dance

Rick Smith will call to our favorite singing calls and Charles Crockett will cue the rounds. The music will surround the Swingtime Center and notes will be flying. Early rounds are at 7:00pm with a square dance workshop at 7:30pm and the Grand March at 8:00pm. This is sure to be a great time dancing to all our favorites.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00 Sq. Workshop 7:30 Grand March: 8:00
 Caller: Rick Smith
 Cuer: Charles Crockett
 Location: Swingtime Center 5100 E Loop 820, Ft. Worth

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Saturday, June 20th Rebel Rousers 26th Anniversary Dance

Dreaming of a White Christmas

We hope to have a large turnout for this exciting dance. You will not want to miss their Guest Caller, Hunter Keller. He is from Menifee, California and is very popular in the square dance caller scene. Hunter along with their club caller Mike Bramlett, you know the evening is going to be full of fantastic dancing and fun. Top this off with Christine Hixson cueing the Rounds and you have the perfect combination of an over abundance of talent. They have picked one of the nicest facilities, the All Saints Catholic Church, to have their 26th Anniversary Dance. If you miss this dance you will miss a great evening of dancing. Let's wear our **royal blue** to show our presence at this dance.

Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, Refreshments 7:30, Grand March: 8:00
Guest Caller: Hunter Keller
Quick Look Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Location: All Saints Catholic Church
5231 Meadowcreek Dr., At Arapaho, Dallas

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday June 23rd

I have decided it is my turn to host the Ladies Luncheon. I have chosen Kathy's Choice Tea Room for the luncheon this month. The time is 11:30. Kathy's Choice is a lovely restaurant but it can be a little hard to find. The address is 7989 Beltline Rd. suite#138. Dallas, TX. You will find Kathy's Choice nestled in the courtyard of Spring Creek Village Shopping Center located on the northwest corner of Coit and Beltline Rd. The restaurant is in the corner of the shopping center. Reply to Lorraine Burson by **June 19th** to give ample time for the restaurant to know how many will be attending. RSVP to Lorraine@Bursons.us or Phone 972-396-0941. You can check out their menu by going to www.kathyschoice.com click on Tea Room and scroll down to the bottom and click on Tea Room Menu.

Club Dance

Friday, June 26th Swinging Stars Honoring Our Fathers

We will be dancing at the Wilson Middle School located at 1001 Custer Rd. for June and July. Enter the parking lot on the north side of the school. Christine Hixson will be Guest Cueing for this dance. As usual we will be having Early Rounds. We have been enjoying having the Grand March, as it seems to be a better way of getting the dance off to a good start. Please be aware of the visitors and invite them to Grand March with you. We will be going to Mama's Pizza for our after the dance fun and fellowship with our square dancing friends.

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Grand March 8:00
Quick Look Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Guest Cuer: Christine Hixson
Location: Wilson Middle School
Hot Hash after the last tip
After Party at Mama's Pizza

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Saturday, June 27th Tri City Promenaders Show Your Club Colors Dance

Wear your **TURQUOISE (aqua)** club color (and if you have the club dress) proudly to the Tri-City Promenaders "Show Your Colors Dance". Chris Farabaugh will cue early rounds beginning at 7:00pm. Paul Kinsey will conduct a workshop at 7:30pm leading to the 8:00pm grand march. They dance at the Brookside Center in Hurst, 1244 Brookside Drive, They always have a fun dance and lots of yummy food.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds:7:00, Sq. Workshop 7:30, Grand March: 8:00
 Caller: Paul Kinsey
 Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
 Location: Brookside Center in Hurst, 1244 Brookside Drive,

Refreshments Duty and Information

June 12 Meyer, Starrett, Rose, Jung
June 26 Kilegian, Bullock, Colter, Halvorson
July 10 Ross, Pharr, Kendrick, Piziali
July 24 Pitts, Reid, Lassiter, Row

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

Swinging Stars Refreshment Duty Reminders

New Club Members will be assigned refreshment duty after six months and as a Lead Couple after one year. 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 6:45 pm thru the gym door
- Refreshments shut down at 9:30 pm
- When you take home a refreshment bag, check that it has all the items listed on Fluorescent Hang Tag on the bag
- Be sure all items are clean and repack the bags in a Tidy Manner

Refreshment Duty Reminders

- If you have a conflict with the Refreshment Schedule:
 - Please contact someone to try to switch with you.
 - Notify the refreshment schedulers: Jeff & Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or jwstuart@flash.net with the name of couple taking your place.
- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments, Pick up one of the **four** Refreshment Bags. If unable to do so, be sure that someone else picks up the bag for you.
- Check your Refreshment Bag for the info regarding “Refreshment Duty Tips” and the “List of Items Supplied by the Club”.
- Contact our First VP’s Bob & Kathy Estep at bob.estep@hp.com or at 972-679-8572 for needed supplies prior to purchasing by the Monday prior to the club dance. They may have what you need.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

Honoring Our Fathers



**NOTICE: OUR DANCES ARE AT A DIFFERENT
LOCATION FOR ALL OF JUNE AND JULY
Wilson Middle School 1001 Custer Road, Plano**

Friday June 26, 2015



**NOTICE: OUR DANCES IN JULY WILL BE AT
Wilson Middle School. Corner of Grandview and
1001 Custer Road, Plano. This location is on the same block
as Shepard Elementary School (our regular dance place)**

Friday July 24, 2015

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Early Rounds: 7:00

Line Dancing: 7:50

Grand March: 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

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

June 4 – 7, 2015 – 53rd Annual Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival, Waco, TX

June 14, 2015 – Annual Fish Fry at the Baldwin's

June 24 – 27, 2015 – 64th National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA

September 25, 2015 Swinging Stars Pre-Round-up Double Deal Dance

October 30 – November 1, 2015 – NORTEX Callers Cavalcade and Round-Up

November 13, 2015 Swinging Stars Chili Cook-Off Dance

December 4, 2015 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party – Haggard Party Barn

January 30, 2016 – Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance

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 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.

Doug & Jan Bergesen

Swinging Stars President

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