



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for June 2, 2013*

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### **PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS**

The BALDWIN'S Annual Fish Fry was truly a success again this year. Thank you, Wayne and Jodie for the evening as it was delightful. Thank you to the fishermen three plus one... Wayne, Chuck and Charlie plus Bob (he caught two fish). Thank you to all of the cooks and those who helped set up and take down.

Dorinda and I had a good time calling for the new "assfault" dangle and I enjoyed calling the two pattern calls for the ducky dangle. Thanks to you all who participated whether you danced or lent your support laughing and applauding from the sideline. I believe that a good time was had by all.

We introduced one of our two new couples, James and Kendra Branden, and presented them with their new club badges. We are excited to have you join us and we all look forward to dancing with you guys.

Finally, thank you to the parking guides – you were most helpful.

Did we get an official head count? We estimated that we had around 110 in attendance. If you couldn't attend, we missed you and you missed really good food and a great time.

Our June 14<sup>th</sup> dance will be our first casual dance of the summer and it is our Gilligan's Island theme so put on your best island wear and come join the fun. Come as Gilligan, the "Skipper", the Professor, Ginger, Mary Ann, Thurston Howell or Lovey Howell. You might catch a glimpse of the Minnow lying on the beach.

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### **DANCE LESSONS**

If you intend to take PLUS lessons, please do not procrastinate as we only have five couples and we need ten couples (eight minimum) or we could lose the hall. So, stop what you are doing, right now, call Carpenter Recreation Center in Plano @ 972-208-8087 or go on-line at [www.PlanoParks.org](http://www.PlanoParks.org) and register today for course number 140245. Lessons start Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Carpenter Recreation Center in Plano.

Wouldn't it be great to see 100% of our club members on the dance floor during the PLUS tips. Wayne is the best instructors in the square dance world. 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 27<sup>th</sup> also at Carpenter Recreation Center in Plano. We plan to have an “open-house” dance on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Bring your friends who are interested in, or who maybe interested, in learning about Square Dancing. Timing is perfect as enrollment starts August 11<sup>th</sup>. Wayne Baldwin will be teaching and he is definitely the instructor that you want your friends to learn from.

**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.

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## 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. Dave and Lorraine have volunteered to make the Chair Back. Thanks !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The refreshment committee has asked that we provide 60 sandwiches and three dozen cookies.

Please let me know if you can:

1. Make 3 dozen cookies (any type)
2. We need 3 people to each make 20 sandwiches (cut them in quarters-any type)

This is going to be a fun dance and it is **FREE**.

\*\*\*\*\* If you can help let Jan know and we would be happy to pick the cookies or sandwiches up and take them if you are unable to attend. Jan's home phone is 972-325-1144 or email is JanLaree@sbcglobal.net.

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

Hello Swinging Stars. It was a busy week of dancing and partying starting with the fun Memorial Day Dance at Swingtime Center and closing with a relaxing afternoon at Wayne and Jodi's home for the annual Baldwin's Fish Fry – and there were two anniversary dance visits and a round dance boot camp in between. Many Swinging Stars visited Circle I's 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary and Texoma Squares' 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary dances. We were glad there were many visitors since there was also a cha and rumba boot camp in Ft. Worth all weekend. The Baldwin's Fish Fry is always an event not to be missed and this year was no exception. We hope everyone had a blast dancing and socializing this weekend.

Moving on, June is a month packed with big dance opportunities to meet other dancers beginning with the Texas state dance festival in San Marcos and ending the month with the national dance convention in Oklahoma. We hope to socialize and dance with some Swinging Stars at both. If you are going to be at either convention on Friday night let us know – I am sure we will be gathering for after parties and we don't want to miss letting you know about them. June also includes 4 official and 2 of interest dances. The 3 remaining official dances are: 1) a Rebel Rousers anniversary dance which is always a full up extravaganza you won't want to miss – this one is at All Saints Catholic Church, 2) a Texas Reelers Black and White Ball, and 3) the

NORTEX Officer Installation Dance – please come to Swingtime Center to support our club and NORTEX as the Swinging Stars are one of the host clubs for this year’s dance (and its FREE).

**Are you going to CHAPARRAL EVENING IN PARIS August 30-31<sup>st</sup>?** If so, email Bob & Terri ([bobp8211@gmail.com](mailto:bobp8211@gmail.com)) to let us know. There will be three dance halls to accommodate both mainstream and plus dancers with a fantastic group of callers and a cuer. New dancers: don’t hesitate to make this your first weekend dance. Very important: our club gets a \$100 rebate if three squares register early and \$50 if two squares register early. **To get the rebate all of the reservations must be sent in together. The Pitts will be collecting the registration forms and checks to send in as a group – please get them to us by July 31<sup>st</sup>.** Last year we had lots of Swinging Stars in attendance and had a GREAT time at the dance and had an organized dinner and Friday night after party. See the flyer at: [http://swingingstars.org/19thEvening\\_In\\_Paris.pdf](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
Kissin' Kuzzins	17-May-13
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
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13
Tri City Promenaders	26-Jan-13
T-Square Gadabouts	15-Feb-13
Yellow Rockers	18-Apr-13

**Swinging Stars Banners Captured**

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

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

**CASUL Annual Memorial Day Dance, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

A square’s worth of Swinging Stars went to Swingtime Center in Ft. Worth Monday night to the CASUL annual Memorial Day dance. The evening started with early rounds led by JL Pelton followed by an all beef hotdog and dessert dinner. After dinner there was a flag ceremony led by an area color guard and we honored the veterans at the dance and learned the meaning of each fold in the military folding of the American flag. The squares were led by the always funny Rick Smith who called to a mix of energetic and patriotic tunes. It’s always lots of fun dancing at Swingtime and the Memorial Day dance was no exception. The Swinging Stars at the dance were: the Amys, Bursons, Hamms, and the Pitts.

### **Official – Circle I, Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Eighteen Swinging Stars enjoyed the rare opportunity to visit Circle I for their 61st anniversary dance Friday night. It was rare because Circle I usually dances the same nights we do but they took advantage of a 5th Friday in May enabling us to visit them. The theme was “garden party” which was reflected in the decorations at Senter Park in Irving. All of the dancers had a great time to the cueing of Chris Farabaugh, who opened with nearly an hour and a half of early rounds, and their club caller, Ray Savell, and guest caller, Vernon Jones. Both called terrific tips to great tunes. We enjoyed the nice roomy wood dance floor and the great acoustics. A delicious salad spread was enjoyed by all. Normally the Swinging Stars would have captured their banner, but since our clubs dance the same nights we don’t exchange banners. However, Circle I most thoughtfully awarded the Swinging Stars a large tin of coffee – thank you Circle I! The Swinging Stars who attended were: the Barbers, Brewers, Bursons, Covingtons, Feldmans, Pitts, Sees, Starretts, and the Underwoods.

### **Latin Dance Boot Camp, Friday – Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 02<sup>nd</sup>**

Five Swinging Stars couples participated in the 3-day Latin Boot Camp long weekend at Swingtime Center in Ft. Worth that began Friday morning, May 31st. The dignitaries of the weekend, and our accomplished teachers, were professional round dance instructors, Curt and Tammy Worlock, who hail from Florida. We were tutored on the finer styling of the rumba and cha rhythms during the teach sessions. Hopefully, you will see some of what we learned at our club dances. There were round dances Friday and Saturday nights cued by Curt Worlock including many advanced (V-VI level) dances, as well as other dances to showcase our new styling. And we got to see a beautiful demo dance by the Worlocks to “Tango Argentina”, a mixed tango and cha rhythm. Many thanks to Glen and Helen Arceneaux and JL and Linda Pelton for organizing and executing the event at Swingtime Center. For those unable to attend, you will have another opportunity to see the Worlocks this year at the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Harvest Holidays Festival Thanksgiving weekend. The attending Swinging Stars couples included: the Amys, Hamms, Jungs, Loxsoms, and the Pitts.

### **Official – Texoma Squares, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

A covey of Swinging Stars trekked north to Denison for the Texoma Squares 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary luau dance. Christine Hixson cued challenging early rounds and round dances between tips while our own Texas Hall of Fame caller, Wayne Baldwin, called the squares. Wayne opened with one of his new favorites, the Ghostbuster theme song, and closed the evening with the crowd pleasing “Wave On Wave”. The Texoma Squares shared some of the history of their club and recognized some of their charter members. As usual, they had a full chuck wagon of good food and desserts. The Texoma Squares’ dance was attended by the following Swinging Stars who captured their banner: Bursons, Colters, Covingtons, Fousts, HARRISES, Lewises, Pharrs. Thanks to Lorraine Burson for the dance details.

## **\* \* \* 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!

### **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Stagecoach Roundup, July 26-28<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Evening in Paris, August 30-31<sup>st</sup>**

Location: Love Civic Center, Paris, TX  
Website: [http://swingingstars.org/19thEvening\\_In\\_Paris.pdf](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 mainstream (singing calls)

## **\* \* \* COMING EVENTS \* \* \***

### **Dance of Interest – Kissin’ Kuzzins, Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Garland Senior Recreation Center (600 Avenue “A”, Garland, TX)  
Website: <http://www.kissinkuzzins.org/>  
Time: Workshop – 7:30PM / Grand march – 8:00PM  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: JL Pelton  
Theme: Lazy Days of Summer  
Notes: We have one of their banners so don’t get another

### **Swinging Stars Club Dance – Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)  
Website: [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org)  
Time: Workshop – 7:30PM / dance – 8:00PM  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Theme: Gilligan’s Island  
Notes: Look-A-Like island character contest

### **Official – Rebel Rousers, Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Location: All Saints Catholic Church (5231 Meadowcreek Dr., Dallas, TX)  
Website: <http://www.rebelrousersdallas.com/>  
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / Grand march – 8:00PM  
Caller: Mike Bramlett  
Cuer: Christine Hixson  
Notes: **24<sup>th</sup> anniversary double deal dance**, let’s get our SS banner back AND get theirs

### **Ladies Luncheon – Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Official – Texas Reelers, Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 W. Arapaho, Richardson, TX)  
Website: <http://www.texasreelers.org/>  
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / Grand march – 8:00PM  
Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones  
Cuer: Jack von der Heide  
Theme: Black & White Ball  
Notes: Let's get our banner back and get theirs

### **Official – NORTEX Officer Installation Dance, Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)  
Website: [www.nortex.org](http://www.nortex.org)  
Time: Installation – 4:00PM / Dance – 5:30PM  
Callers: Paul Kinsey and Bobby Willis  
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh  
Notes: **The Swinging Stars Club is a host club so let's make a good showing, this dance is FREE**

### **Dance of Interest – Dixie Chainers, Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX)  
Website: <http://www.dixiechainers.com/>  
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / Grand march – 7:30PM  
Caller: Vernon Jones  
Cuer: Jack von der Heide  
Notes: We have one of their banners so don't get another

### **Swinging Stars Club Dance – Friday, June 28<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: JL Pelton

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## **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](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.

**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



**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, 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**

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

**Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – Mainstream Lessons at Carpenter Rec. Center in Plano, 7:00**

**Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – Cavalcade at Roundup will run from 6:00 – 10:00 on November 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> NORTEX Toys for Tots dance will be at the Richardson Civic Center**

**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 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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Dave and Lorraine have agreed to head the 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 the Bursons, Jan or me know.

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