



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for June 5, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

The first dance in July is time to pay dues, if you have not already done so. This one is important as we will have a Club Meeting the first dance in July and you must be a paid up member to vote. We need all members to be eligible to vote. If possible, please pay your dues in June.

Fish Fry is this coming Sunday (June 12th). If you have not yet signed up for what you are bringing please do so by this coming Thursday as Jodie needs a headcount for ordering tables and chairs.

We will have Round-Up tickets at this Friday night dance (June 10th). If you have not gotten your tickets please see Kathy at the dance. This is an important fund raiser for the Club so we are asking each Couple to take and sell a minimum of ten (10) tickets.

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, June 10th – Swinging Stars dance

Saturday, June 11 – Cotton Pickin' Squares – Welcome Summer – Charles Quisenberry and Christine Hixson

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. PLEASE SIGN UP BY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH, IF POSSIBLE.

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 on Custer Road. For the curious minds, our normal location is having a new roof put on during June and July this year. We are using the Summer Dress Code for June, July and August.

2nd VP Report – 05 June 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

“A” Lessons

Wednesday 1 June, 6:15 - 7:30 – Plus 4s

“A” students completed the already extended set of weekly lessons this week. To give students more badly needed “floor time,” instructor “Quiz” will now call, for the near future, a 75-minute “student A dance” before each Plus 4s regular dance. As a show of gratitude for all this extra training provided over and above the original plan, students presented Quiz a “Thank You” card chocked full of \$20 bills. Swinging Stars “A” students taking these lessons include Bondis, Heintz/Putnam, and Sees. Swinging Stars angels helping out this week were: P. Amy, Bergesens, and T. Evanto.

All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 1 June, 7:30 – 9:30 – Plus 4s

17 Swinging Stars visited Plus 4s in Farmers Branch Wednesday for their biweekly all-plus dance. In his inimitable fashion, club caller, Charles Quisenberry (“Quiz”), entertains dancers while also educating them, sometimes through a special designed “surprise” move. Tonight, however, the evening’s biggest “surprise” was more entertaining than educational. In one tip, Quiz called a series of moves that had lines from two adjacent squares interact, often leaving the lines swapped into each other’s square. After trying for a while to get all the original squares rebuilt, he gave up, and we all had a good laugh together. A big thank you to these Swinging Stars for turning out: P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, T. Evanto, Hamms, M. Hardin, Heintz/Putnam, Kerns, Kilejians, and Sees.

Square + Round Dance

Friday 3 June – Triangle Squares

6 Swinging Stars journeyed to Denton, TX, Friday evening to dance with the Triangle Squares. The evening began, following this club’s tradition, with sharing a veritable feast of home cooked dishes brought by their members. What a warm way to welcome guests, although all that food bouncing in your belly does perhaps make you a bit sluggish through the first tip. After the grand march, club cuer and Texas Hall of Fame caller, Toby Thomason, entertained all with a terrific evening of squares, including one Plus tip, a host of 2-step and waltz rounds, and one set of line dances. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars participating: Bondis, Colters, and Sees.

New Dancer Square + Round Dance

Saturday 4 June – Solitaires – “Watermelon Fest”

29 Swinging Stars visited the Solitaires in Farmers Branch, TX, Saturday evening to enjoy their new-square-dancer “Watermelon Fest” dance. Club cuer, J.L. Pelton, kicked things off with 45 minutes of early rounds, followed by intermittent rounds featuring a wealth of rhythms and phases during the main dance. On squares, club caller, Bobby Willis, was, as always, entertaining and enthusiastic, dishing up two hours of good square dancing, including one Plus tip. What surprised me a bit, and probably our new dancers, was that these squares didn’t cut the new dancers much “slack.” Rather than being purposely a bit easy in terms of difficulty and pace, they were fairly fast and sometimes tricky. In short, our new dancers got a real taste of typical, club-level square dancing. Hopefully, all enjoyed the experience and grew as dancers. Our very own new caller, Richard Covington, did one nice tip alone and joined Bobby for a second. A huge thank you goes to this throng of Swinging Stars attending: Bondis, Brewers (new members), Bursons, Covingtons, Esteps, Hamms, Harrisers, Heintz/Putnam, Kilejians, Mulvins (new members), Perrotts, Smiths, Trujillos, D. Wolfe, and Zhang/Chen (new members). We earned another club visitation signature (completing our 600 club card!!!) but said “no thank you” to their banner (since we already have one).

49th NORTEX Officer Installation + Square/Round Dance

Sunday 5 June – “Party On!”

25 Swinging Stars traveled to Swingtime Center in Fort Worth, TX, Sunday afternoon/evening to take part in the 49th annual NORTEX officer installation and dance. Guest cuer, J.L. Pelton, cued a very well balanced set of intermittent rounds to keep smiles on the faces of appreciative round dancers. For their part, guest callers, Wayne Baldwin and Ray Savell, countered with a very nice and highly energetic set of squares, including one Plus tip and some great singing duets. This terrific dancing, paired with some great eats, made for a very memorable event overall. Congratulations to our “sister club,” the Kissin’ Kuzzins, who were recognized as this year’s “NORTEX Club of the Year.” Our club was well represented at the event by these participating Swinging Stars: Baldwins, Bondis, Bursons, Covingtons, Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, HARRISES, Heintz/Putnam, Peltons, Sees, Smith/Hardin, and C. Wolfe.

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 10 June – Swinging Stars –

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Square Workshop: 7:00, Early Plus: 7:45, Grand March: 8:00

Wilson Middle School

1001 Custer Road, Plano, TX

← *Note different location for
← both SS June dances!*

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

All-Plus Dance

Thursday 9 June – Double Plus

Guest Caller: Nelda Eaton

Cuer: n/a

Workshop: 7:00

Plus Dance: 7:30

Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take “Anglin” exit), Fort Worth, TX

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 11 June – Cotton Pickin’ Squares – “Welcome Summer”

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Early Rounds: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

L-3 Recreation Center

10001 Jack Finney Blvd, Greenville, TX

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@Bursons.us or 972-396-0941 so that I can give them our headcount a few days in advance.

Refreshments Duty and Information

June 10, 2016 **Row**, Hardin\Smith, Whipple, Rickert

June 24, 2016 **Harris**, 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

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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

MARGARITAS (be here about 5:00)

SLICED TOMATOE PLATE

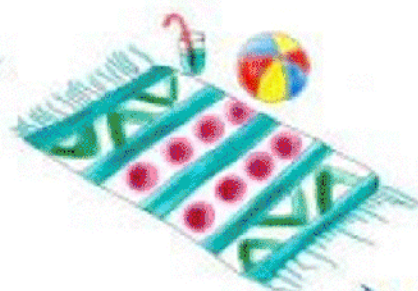
HUSHPUPIES(ANY KIND 24 TO 30 CT)

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 THE BACK WHERE WE HAVE A LOT OF ROOM

Any questions? Call Jodie 972-562-2174

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

Cuer: J L Pelton

Grand March 8:00

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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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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