



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for June 8, 2014

A wonderful time was had by all at the Baldwin's fish fry tonight. There was terrific food and fellowship. A **huge thanks to Wayne and Jodie** for inviting all of us to get together in their beautiful back yard! A huge thanks also to the fishermen and cooks. Much fun was had with the boat races (thank you to the new boat captains and racing judges!) and the square ducking (that new girl, Garyanna, is a great dancer). The meal was scrumptious with the fresh fried fish and hush puppies and all the tasty salads, desserts, and condiments the members brought, and of course the great margaritas. But the best thing of all was getting together and talking and getting to know each other better. Can we do this again next Sunday, Jodie?

If someone is missing a pair of sunglasses with large black frames, contact Jodie (972-562-2174).

Remember that our club decided at the club meeting on May 16 to **allow casual dress at our dances June through August**. Please use good judgement (no speedos or bikinis, please!), but **feel free to dress comfortably during the summer heat**.

Our **club dance this Friday** will feature a one hour workshop beginning at 7:00PM. The **theme** for this dance is **"Show Your Team Colors"**. We encourage everyone to **wear the jersey or t-shirt of your favorite team** of any sport, be it professional, college, high school, or youth league. Just show your colors and have fun! Also, **be sure to get your Round-Up grand prize tickets from us at the dance**. (See full details in Announcements below.)

Plus lessons start Tuesday night (7:15PM in "our room" at Carpenter Rec Center). Twenty-two dancers have registered, enough to make the class, but there are still spaces available. If you want to take the lessons and just can't remember to sign up, come Tuesday night, and you can register while you're at the rec center. You also can still register by calling the rec center at 972-208-8087 (course number 154589, Modern Plus Square Dance).

The **Lone Star Solos** won our banner on Valentine's Day, and it's time to get it back, so we've scheduled an **official visit/banner retrieval on Thursday** night. It's tough to get enough people to retrieve a banner on a week night. If you can possibly go, please consider doing so.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, June 10 – Plus lessons begin – 7:15PM at Carpenter Rec Center.

Thursday, June 12 – **Official visit** to Lone Star Solos – banner retrieval; see details in Coming Events below.

Friday, June 13 – Swinging Stars club dance – wear your favorite team jersey or t-shirt.

Saturday, June 14 – Visit to Dixie Chainers; see details in Coming Events below.

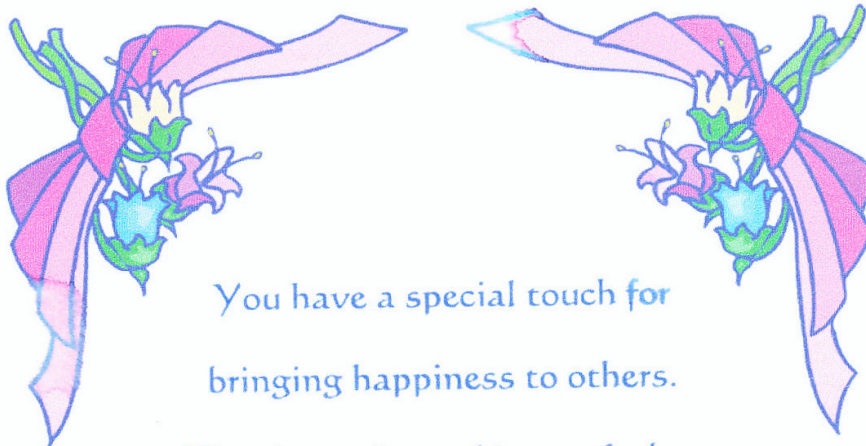
Announcements

We have been missing:

Frank and Maryann Starrett: Frank is still hospitalized due to an irregular heart rate and its effects. Please keep him and Maryann in your prayers.

Nancy and Chuck Morse: Nancy had her surgery as scheduled. She is recovering well and should get to go home in the next few days. Please keep her and Chuck in your prayers as well.

Thank you from Deckard and Peggy Pharr for helping make their 60th anniversary celebration special:



You have a special touch for
bringing happiness to others.

Thank you for making us feel so
special.

*Thanks for all the cards
gifts and best wishes
Deckard
to
Peggy*

Two decorative floral arrangements, each featuring a large pink ribbon bow, white flowers, and green foliage, positioned on either side of the handwritten text.

June Ladies Luncheon: This month the ladies luncheon will be **hosted by Janelle Row**. She has chosen to have our luncheon on a Monday in hopes that everyone will be able to attend. All the ladies of the Swinging Stars are invited for lunch at **Venezia Italian Cafe, Monday June 23 at 11:30AM**. The address is **908 Audelia, Richardson**. This location is close to Audelia and Buckingham. **Please RSVP to Janelle at: flowerskid@sbcglobal.net or [972-235-4078](tel:972-235-4078) home, [214-732-4344](tel:214-732-4344) cell by Friday, June 20.**

We look forward to your joining us for a yummy lunch and interesting conversation. You can view Venezia's menu at www.Venziarichardson.com You will also be able to find directions at this site.

Round-Up Grand Prize Tickets: Lucy and Ralph will have raffle tickets for the NORTEX Round-Up grand prize at this Friday's 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 Friday night to get your tickets.

Swinging Stars is a host club for NORTEX officer installation and dance. This event will take place on **Sunday, June 22**, with the NORTEX 2014 – 2015 officers **installation ceremony at 4:00PM** followed by a **free dance open to all members of NORTEX at 5:30PM**. As a host club, we have been asked to provide the sandwiches that six loaves of bread will make (about 60). We have volunteers for three of the six loaves. We will also need to have several members there at 1:30 to help with set up. If you can make sandwiches and/or help set up, please contact Ralph and Lucy Hamm (214-872-7219, rehamm45@gmail.com).

*** * * From Your 2nd VPs * * ***

Our current Swinging Stars 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
Rebel Rousers	07-Jun-14
Roadrunners	31-May-14
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Texas Reelers	06-Jun-14
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Decatur 8ers	23-May-14
Kissin' Kuzzins	23-May-14
Lone Star Solos	28-Feb-14

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

Plus 4s, Wednesday, June 4th

Twenty-one Swinging Stars visited the Plus 4s Wednesday in Farmers Branch. Squares were called by club caller Charles Quisenberry (“Quiz”). The Plus 4s is a popular dancing venue for many Swinging Stars and plus dancers in general – we had 5 squares Wednesday night. This dance was challenging, educational, and fun. We all learned the “easy” call of cross and its associated call triple cross. All present enjoyed a terrific evening.

Swinging Stars attending were P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Colters, Delukes, J. Duncan, T. Evanto, Kilejians, Lewises, Sees, and Shermans.

Of Interest, Texas Reelers, Friday, June 6th

Fifteen Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers Friday in Richardson. Squares were called by Deborah Carroll-Jones (occasionally accompanied by her husband, Texas State Hall of Fame caller Jon Jones), and rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide. Deborah called her usual lively, high-energy dance keeping all dancers on their toes. Swinging Stars retrieved their banner and captured the Reelers’ banner. Those Swinging Stars in attendance were Bondis, Duncan/Cagle, Hamms, HARRISES, Pharrs, Pitts, Sees, and C. Wolfe.

Log Cabin Swingers, Saturday, June 7th

Six Swinging Stars visited the Log Cabin Swingers Saturday afternoon in Tool for a plus dance. Squares were called by guest caller Paul Cote from the Houston area. Paul called an entertaining and energetic dance. He even called to the dancers in a hexagon – where there were two couples as heads and just one couple on each side. Swinging Stars in attendance were Amys, Bursons, and Sees.

Official, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, June 7th

Thirty-seven (that’s 37!!!) Swinging Stars visited the Rebel Rousers Saturday in Dallas for their 25th Anniversary Dance. The theme of the dance was “Silver Explosion”. Squares were called by Texas State Hall of Fame caller Mike Bramlett and guest caller Mike Seastrom, while rounds were cued by Christine Hixson. This dance drew many clubs from the area – filling up the dance floor with many enthusiastic dancers. The Swinging Stars who helped capture the Rebel Rousers’ banner were Bergesens, Bondis, Bullocks, Colters, Covingtons, Dennisons, Duncan/Cagle, Evantos, Feldmans, Halvorsons, Hamms, HARRISES, Lloyds, Perrotts, Pharrs, Pitts, Sees, Smith/Hardin, and C. Wolfe.

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

Official, Lone Star Solos, Thursday, June 12th

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall (10110 Shoreview Rd, Dallas, TX)

Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Theme: Father’s Day Dance

Notes: Banner retrieval

Swinging Stars, Friday, June 13th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)

Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>

Time: Workshop – 7:00PM / square up – 8:00PM

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Theme: Show Your Team Colors –wear your favorite team’s jersey or t-shirt

Notes: club dance

Texas State Square & Round Dance Festival, Saturday, June 14th

Location: Harvey Convention Center (Tyler, TX)
Time: 9:00AM - 10:00PM
Callers: many
Cuers: many
Theme: Stars & Stripes Over Texas
Notes: 52nd annual state festival

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, June 14th

Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis, Farmers Branch, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM
Caller: Jerry Gilbreath
Cuer: Jack von der Heide

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

If you need to change your scheduled date, please contact someone on the refreshment list to trade with you. Notify Jeff and Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email jwstuart@flash.net of the names/dates to change.

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 at 6:45 pm. As per our contract with PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 6:45 pm
- 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 Florescent 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 the names of your schedule changes.
- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments and pick up the Four 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 George and Mary Loxsom at 972-312-8513 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!


Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

Swinging Stars

**SHOW YOUR
TEAM COLORS**



Caller  **Wayne Baldwin**


Cuer  **Walter Brewer**

Friday, June 13

Work Shop 7:00

Square Up 8:00

GO RANGERS



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

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

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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