



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for June 15, 2014

Eighty-three Swinging Stars and eight guests enjoyed our club dance Friday night. Our theme was “Show Your Team Colors”, and most of those present wore the shirt of their favorite team. This proved to be a good conversation motivator and led to many of us getting to know more about each other. Thanks to Wayne and Walter for their always excellent calling and cueing. **Congratulations to Dave and Mary Colter and Harry and Zari Kilejian** who were presented their Gold 25 Friendship Dangles.

Thanks to all of you who bought or picked up tickets for yourselves or to sell for the **NORTEX Round-Up grand prize cruise**. Those of you who have not gotten your tickets, contact us (Ralph and Lucy) or see us at one of our club dances to get your tickets; and those of you who did get tickets, please feel free to get more. **This is a great prize, AND our club gets to keep 50 cents of every dollar of our ticket sales!**

It was a busy weekend with a visit to the Lone Star Solos on Thursday night, our own club dance on Friday night, a visit to the Dixie Chainers on Saturday night, and the 52nd Annual Texas State Square and Round Dance Festival in Tyler, which 14 of our members attended all or a part of, Thursday through this morning. We constantly get comments from members of other clubs about what a great visiting club the Swinging Stars are, and it is so true! We're extremely happy to be part of this club and to be among so many people who love our favorite pastime.

On Saturday night, the two of us joined the Texas Reelers and six Stone Steppers for a most enjoyable bus trip to Paris to dance with the North Star 8s. Wayne called a superlatively fun dance, and the hospitality and food were excellent and plentiful. Since one of North Star 8's banners had been in possession of the Swinging Stars since February 2013, we took it back to them. We hope that they can come get one of ours sometime.

We are one of the host clubs for the NORTEX officer installation and dance this coming Sunday. The installation is at 4:00PM, and the free dance follows at 5:30PM. One of our opportunities as a host club is to help with set-up. If you possibly can, please be there at 2:00PM to help.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, June 17 – Plus lesson – 7:15PM at Carpenter Rec Center.

Friday, June 20 – Visit to Kissin' Kuzzins; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, June 21 – Visit to Texoma Squares 62nd Anniversary dance; see details in Coming Events below.

Sunday, June 22 – NORTEX Officer Installation and free dance; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

Our condolences and prayers go out to Margie Loven on the loss of her brother this past Monday. He was 92.

We have been missing:

Frank and Maryann Starrett: Frank's heart rate has stabilized, and he is feeling much better and has moved to rehab. We hope to see you up and dancing soon, Frank. Please keep him and Maryann in your thoughts and prayers.

Nancy and Chuck Morse: Nancy is home and is up and walking. She is feeling better but still requires some pain medication. She wishes to thank everyone for their cards, food, thoughts, and prayers. Please continue to keep her and Chuck in your prayers.

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.Veneziarichardson.com You will also be able to find directions at this site.

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For those plus dancers looking for a great time and an extra challenge, Wednesday, June 18, Plus 4s will have Charles Quisenberry calling squares at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch (7:30 pm dance).

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
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

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

Official, Lone Star Solos, Thursday, June 12th

Twelve Swinging Stars visited the Lone Star Solos Thursday in Dallas to retrieve our banner. Squares were called by guest caller Charles Quisenberry (“Quiz”), and rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh. This dance was challenging, educational, and fun. All present enjoyed a terrific evening. Swinging Stars attending were Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, Harrises, Pitts, and Sees.

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, June 14th

Six Swinging Stars attended the Dixie Chainers Saturday evening in Farmers Branch. They danced to the very smooth and timely square dance calling of Jerry Gilbreath (visiting from New Mexico) as well as club cuer Jack von der Heide. Swinging Stars visitors were Evantos, Pitts, and Smith / Hardin. Thanks to Tom Evanto for the report.

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

Fourteen Swinging Stars attended the Texas State Festival in Tyler Saturday. There were 22 square dance callers and 9 round dance cuers. It was a very good event with DFW local callers including Mike Bramlett, Dave Vieira, Toby Thomason, Ronnie Hines and cuer Walter Brewer. Other callers from across the state included KO Jeans & Paul Cote of Houston, Les Hughes, Wayne Weston and Bill Wright of San Antonio, and Nelda Eaton of New Boston. The “intro to” workshops and dances were stimulating and fun, and most dancers went home totally spent. Attendees from Swinging Stars were Amys, Bergesens, Bursons, Bondis, Covingtons, Esteps, and Sees. Thanks to Richard Covington for helping with this report.

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

Of Interest, Kissin’ Kuzzins, Friday, June 20th

Location: Garland Sr. Activity Center (600 Avenue A, Garland, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / Workshop – 7:30PM/ grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: J L Pelton
Notes: Banner retrieval

Of Interest, Texoma Squares, Saturday, June 21st

Location: 929 Desvoignes Rd, Denison, TX (south 1 mile off Hwy 69 East)
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / dance – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Karen Gloodt
Notes: 62nd Anniversary, Double Deal

Official, NORTEX Officer Installation, Sunday, June 22nd

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 S.E. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX)
Time: Installation – 4:00PM / Dance – 5:30PM
Callers: Paul Kinsey, Bobby Willis
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Theme: 47th NORTEX Officer Installation Dance
Notes: Free

Ladies Luncheon, Monday, June 23rd

Location: Venezia Italian Cafe (908 Audelia, Richardson, TX)

Website: www.Veneziarichardson.com

Time: 11:30 am

Hostess: Janelle Row (flowerskid@sbcglobal.net or 972-235-4078 home, 214-732-4344 cell)

Notes: Let Janelle know by Friday, June 20th if you plan to go

Refreshments Duty and Information

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

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



Show Your American Pride By Wearing Red, White & Blue!



Friday, July 11, 2014

Swinging Stars

Wear Your Brightest Colors Dance

Get In The Swing For This Years
NORTEX ROUNDUP



Friday, August 25, 2014

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Early Rounds: 7:00

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Square Up: 8:00

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

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

June 25 - 28, 2014 – 63rd National Square Dance Convention, Little Rock, AR – see www.63nsdc.com for info

Friday, September 26, 2014 – 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, September 26, 2014 – Swinging Stars annual Chili Cook-Off and Double Deal dance

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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