



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

### *Newsletter for June 19, 2016*

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**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.

Round-Up Tickets: Kathy and I will miss the next scheduled Club dance night to attend the National Square Dance Convention. Please plan to turn in your ticket money in early July. If you have not picket up your tickets for Round-Up you can still do so in early July.

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

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### **Happening This Week**

Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – Friendship dance with Rebel Rousers – Wayne Baldwin, Christine Hixson and JL Pelton

Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Dixie Chainers – Bobby Willis & Jack von der Heide

65<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention – June 22 – 26, 2016, Des Moines, IA

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### **Announcements**

**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.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report – 19 June 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

### RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

#### Early “A” Dance + All-Plus Dance

##### *Wednesday 15 June, Plus 4s*

This was the first of several planned, special Plus 4s evenings providing 75 minutes of early all-A1/A2 dancing for recent graduates of Quiz’s 2016 “A” class. New graduates (including Swinging Stars Bondis & Sees) were joined by numerous, experienced angels to do some real “A” dancing. This format will be repeated for several weeks/months, offering the new “A” dancers very badly needed “floor time.” Afterward, in the main, all-PLUS dance, 16 Swinging Stars participated. As always, Quiz had some educational “twists” up his sleeve for this dance. Tonight’s “twists” focused on some serious Load the Boat training including: a.) from parallel lines of 4 with all facing in, “All do the Centers Part of Load the Boat” and b.) from parallel inverted lines with ends facing out and centers facing in, “Load the Boat.” The first tests your detailed understanding of the centers part, requiring you to really focus on who your partner is at every step of the way, especially during the initial pass through and the subsequent trade. The second tests your detailed knowledge of the ends part, and makes it clear why it really is important to count, as you circulate, how many other ends you pass and to turn/face in just after the 3<sup>rd</sup> pass. Good job, Quiz. It’s this patented combination of fun with some spurts of real training that makes Plus 4s unique. Many thanks to this set of Plus-4s-supportive Swinging Stars participating: P. Amy, Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, Evantos, Kerns, Sees, Shermans, and M. Hardin.

#### Square + Round Dance

##### *Friday 17 June – Texas Reelers – “Teddy Bear Dance”*

20 Swinging Stars joined our friends, the Texas Reelers, in Richardson, TX Friday evening for their “Teddy Bear” Dance, aimed at collecting new Teddy Bears to donate to Children’s Hospital. Attendees obviously embraced this theme as Teddy Bears literally filled a large table, some decorated with eye glasses, some colored in military-style camouflage, some huge, some tiny. Many of us drifted back in time to recall our own childhood Teddy Bears ... an almost transcendental experience. New club cuer, Chris Farabaugh, delivered a very nice, balanced set of dances during both early and intermittent rounds that kept the many round dancers present engaged and beaming with appreciation. For her part, Deborah Carroll called a highly entertaining and energetic evening of squares including one Plus tip, some great singing calls, and a duet with hubby, Jon Jones. She also paid special attention to the Reelers new dancers on the floor, occasionally offering on the spot tutoring when appropriate. A big thank you to these Swinging Stars who joined in the fun: Bondis, Bursons, Feldmans, Giffords, Hamms, Kilejians, Mulvins, Nejdls, Phars, and Reids. With this attendance, we recaptured our banner and captured our hosts’. The Reelers openly noted that we’d only let them keep our banner one week before coming to get it back. Yea. Go Swinging Stars ... the club that knows how to visit!

#### Square + Round Dance with Early All-Plus Session

##### *Saturday 18 June – Log Cabin Swingers*

4 Swinging Stars journeyed to Promenade Hall in Tool, TX, Saturday afternoon/evening to dance with the Log Cabin Swingers. Calling & cueing duties were handled respectively by beloved caller, Joey Duhamel, and popular area cuer, Chris Farabaugh. Joey couldn’t make the afternoon session so club President and student caller, Frank Stokes, filled in. Considering that Frank had absolutely no time to prepare/plan a calling routine, he did a fantastic job at keeping afternoon dancers entertained. For example, we practiced dancing entire tips with a.) no (use of) hands or b.) all couples sashayed. It was both fun and provided good training. In the evening, during both early and square-intermittent rounds, Chris cued a very nice mix of rhythms and phases, performing many songs upon request. For his part, Joey delivered an evening of high-paced mainstream squares, 2 nice PLUS tips, and, of course, a bit of his famous yodeling that got everyone smiling. Joey added an extra tip at evening’s end: a long, fast-paced DBD session that one square attempted and enjoyed. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars attending this dance: Bondis and Evantos.

## 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](mailto: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 11 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
Texas Reelers	17-Jun-2016
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
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

### Official Visit – Square + Round Dance

#### Thursday 23 June – Lone Star Solos

Caller: Dave Vieira

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

*focus*: banner raid (retrieve our banner)

Early Rounds: 7:00

Grand March: 7:30

KayCee Club Hall

10110 Shoreview Rd., Dallas, TX

### Our Dance

#### Friday 24 June – Friendship Dance: Swinging Stars & Rebel Rousers – “Hot & Beachy”

Caller: Wayne Baldwin (SS)

Cuers: J.L. Pelton (SS), Christine Hixson (RR)

Early Rounds: 7:00, Early Plus: 7:45, Grand March: 8:00

Wilson Middle School

1001 Custer Road, Plano, TX

← *Note different location for*

← *SS June & July dances!*

## UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

### Square + Round Dance

#### *Saturday 25 June – Dixie Chainers – “Cool Guest Caller”*

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Early Rounds: 7:00, Mainstream Workshop (separate room): 7:00, Grand March 7:30

Farmers Branch Senior Center

14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, 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](http://www.intomygarden.com) to check out their menu and find directions to their new location plus hints about parking. RSVP by June 18<sup>th</sup> to Lorraine at [Lorraine@Bursons.us](mailto:Lorraine@Bursons.us) or 972-396-0941 so that I can give them our headcount a few days in advance.

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## Refreshments Duty and Information

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 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents [Russ and Ann Nejd] to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team

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

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)

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Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

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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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Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at [llhamm45@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)**

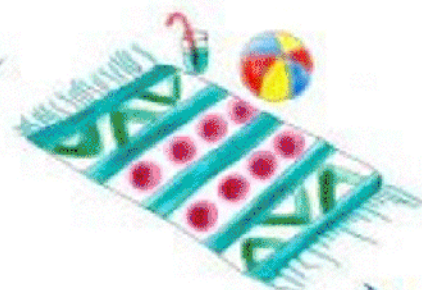
**Phone: 972-618-3640**

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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](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)

Visit our Web page: [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org)



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