

# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for June 22, 2014*

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Your newsletter is a little late this week. This is primarily due to the event represented in the image above. **Our club was named NORTEX Club of the Year at the NORTEX installation and dance Sunday.** Most of us there stopped to celebrate on the way home after the dance, and we got home after 11:00PM last night, so the newsletter didn't get finished until Monday morning. It's just an excuse, but it seems like a reasonable one to us.

We greatly appreciate receiving Club of the Year recognition from NORTEX. This award shows that others recognize the enthusiasm all of you bring to our club and to square and round dancing – bringing your friends into our mainstream lessons so the club continues to grow, visiting other clubs in great numbers, pitching in to help make our own dances inviting and entertaining to our visitors, and supporting NORTEX in its efforts to keep square and round dancing thriving in the North Texas area. Quite a few of our members are NORTEX officers and NORTEX committee chairs/members. Thanks to all our members for making the Swinging Stars

such a fantastic club. And a special thanks to Richard and Jan Covington and the rest of the excellent 2013 club executive board and the members of the 2014 board for all the hard work you have given to the club.

NORTEX presented us a patch, which will be displayed on our club recognition banner, and dangles for each club member commemorating the NORTEX Club of the Year selection. We'll have the dangles at the dance Friday night and at future dances – be sure to get yours when you sign in. Our club was also presented a NORTEX Growth Achievement Award certificate and patch.

**Swinging Stars visited in great numbers this week** – 15 to Plus 4s on Wednesday, 32 to the Kissin' Kuzzins on Friday, 23 to the Texoma Squares on Saturday with 4 others going to the Triangle Squares the same night, and 32 to the NORTEX installation/dance on Sunday. That's 106 person-visits in a week. Your enthusiasm amazes us!

**We wish a safe and enjoyable trip and great dancing to all of you who will be going to Little Rock this week for the 63<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention.** We know you'll have a great time, and we'll be looking forward to hearing all about it.

**Our dance this Friday promises to be a good one.** Round dancers can look forward to dancing with **cuier extraordinaire Christine Hixson** who will be filling in while Walter and Eula are away at the National Convention in Little Rock. Christine will cue a full hour of early rounds beginning at 7:00PM. She is aware that we have **new round dancers** who have completed bolero and/or two-step lessons, and **she will be cuing some dances for you, so please be attentive and ready to dance.** And of course, the squares will be great, because Wayne always is.

Thanks to all of you who have already taken part in our **NORTEX Round-Up grand prize cruise raffle ticket sales.** Twenty-three couples took a total of 280 tickets at our last dance, which adds \$140 to our club treasury. **We'll have tickets available at the remaining June and July dances.** If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, be sure to get your opportunities to win this marvelous seven night Caribbean dance cruise, and help out our club's finances in the process.

Ralph and Lucy

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## Happening This Week

Monday, June 23 – Ladies Luncheon.

Tuesday, June 24 – Plus lesson.

Friday, June 27 – Swinging Stars club dance. Early rounds by Christine Hixson at 7:00PM.

Saturday, June 28 – Visit to Cotton Pickin' Squares; see details in Coming Events below.

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## Announcements

We learned on Sunday that **NORTEX President Ray Spray has had some medical issues** in recent days that included hospitalization. Ray and Vicki, we know you read this newsletter, and we want you to know that the prayers of the Swinging Stars are with you. Get well quick, our friend!

**Maryann Starrett reports that Frank came home on Wednesday.** He starts out-patient rehab this week at Baylor Rehab Center in Frisco. His knee is improving but he is still using a walker. He is very weak and has lost a lot of weight. He is also scheduled to see the cardiologist next week to see what medications will help keep his heart rate and blood pressure under control. Maryann had cataract surgery on Tuesday, so she can't

see and Frank can't walk, but they are blessed to have very helpful kids and friends. Maryann says "We want to thank all our dancing friends for the cards, phone calls, plants, food and prayers. Please keep up the prayers. Frank still has a long haul ahead of him."

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**\* \* \* From Your 2<sup>nd</sup> VPs \* \* \***

Our current Swinging Star 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
Kissin' Kuzzins	20-Jun-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

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

**Plus 4s, Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Fifteen 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. This dance is always challenging, educational, and fun. Quiz taught us the call "cross trail thru" which was an old call that is now a more advanced call (A-1). All present enjoyed a terrific evening.

Swinging Stars attending were Brandens, Bursons, J. Duncan, Hamms, Hawkins, Kilejians, Sees, and Shermans.

**Of Interest, Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

Thirty-two Swinging Stars successfully retrieved our banner and captured the Kissin' Kuzzins' banner at the Kissin' Kuzzins/Swinging Stars dance Friday in Garland. There were actually more Swinging Stars than Kissin' Kuzzins on the dance floor. Squares were called by Texas Hall of Fame club caller Wayne Baldwin and rounds were cued by JL Pelton. JL cued early rounds from 7:00 to 7:30PM, and Wayne held a workshop prior to the dance, and then both led the dancers to an enjoyable evening. Swinging Stars in attendance were Bullocks, Bursons, Esteps, Giffords, Halvorsons, Hamms, Harrisers, Hawkins, Jimisons, Kerns, Pharrs, Pitts, Sees, Sherrills, Smith/Hardin, and Trujillos.

**Of Interest, Texoma Squares, Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

Twenty-three Swinging Stars attended the Texoma Squares Anniversary dance Saturday in Denison. Squares were called by Texas Hall of Fame guest caller Wayne Baldwin and rounds were cued by Karen Gloodt. These two made a great combination for the dance – as both are renowned for their expertise. Swinging Stars in attendance were Amys, Bursons, Covingtons, Esteps, Evantos, Halvorsons, Hamms, Harrisers, Perrotts, Pitts, Sees, and C. Wolfe.

### **Triangle Squares, Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

Four Swinging Stars visited the Triangle Squares in Denton on Saturday evening. After first partaking of the Triangle Squares' well know "smorgasbord-style array of home cooked dishes," 5+ squares of dancers took eagerly to the floor to burn off some of their excess calories. Long-time club caller, Toby Thomason, admired throughout north Texas, exhibited his multiple talents by both calling squares and cueing rounds for the evening. Dancers were treated to energetic squares, one great plus tip, masterfully performed singing calls, and a host of cued 2-step and waltz rounds. Swinging Stars attending included P. Amy, J. Bondi, and Kilejians. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

### **Official, NORTEX Officer Installation, Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Thirty-two of our members were on hand at Swingtime on Sunday to witness the installation of next year's (July 2014 – June 2015) NORTEX officers and the announcement of the Swinging Stars selection as NORTEX Club of the Year and to participate in a great dance called by Paul Kinsey and Bobby Willis and cued by Chris Farabaugh. Then most of us stopped at Chili's on the way home for food and fellowship. It was a festive and most enjoyable day. Those attending were (an asterisk (\*) by a name indicates those who serve as NORTEX officers and committee leaders – thank you for your selfless dedication to the advancement of square and round dancing in our area!): \*P. Amy, Baldwins, \*Benedetto/Giaudrone, Bondis, Bursons, \*Covingtons, Esteps, \*Evantos, Halvorsens, Hamms, \*Harrises, Hardin/Smith, Hawkins, Heintz/Putman-Heintz, Pitts, Roses, \*C. Wolfe.

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

### **Ladies Luncheon, Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

Website: [www.Veneziarichardson.com](http://www.Veneziarichardson.com)

Time: 11:30 am

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

### **Swinging Stars, Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / square up – 8:00PM

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Notes: club dance

### **Of Interest, Cotton Pickin' Squares, Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Location: L-3 Rec Hall (10001 Jack Finney Blvd, Greenville, TX)

Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM

Caller: Wayne Shoemaker

Cuer: J L Pelton

### **National Square Dance Convention, Wednesday - Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Little Rock, Arkansas

Callers: many

Cuers: many

Notes: Live band – The Ghost Riders, many workshops, lots of dancing

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## 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

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

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## Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



The graphic features a patriotic theme with a red, white, and blue wavy border at the top. The text "Swinging Stars" is in a bold, blue, sans-serif font with a white outline. Below it, "Happy Birthday" is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. At the bottom, "AMERICA" is in a very large, bold, blue, sans-serif font. The entire text is surrounded by small, stylized American flags. Below the main text, there is a line of smaller American flags and the text "Show Your American Pride By Wearing Red, White & Blue!" in a blue, sans-serif font. At the very bottom, the date "Friday, July 11, 2014" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

Swinging Stars  
*Happy Birthday*  
**AMERICA**

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

**Friday, July 11, 2014**

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# 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**

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

June 25 - 28, 2014 – 63<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention, Little Rock, AR – see [www.63nsdc.com](http://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, October 31, 2014 – Halloween Dance (Fifth Friday)

Friday, December 5, 2014 – Swinging Stars annual holiday party

Friday, January 23, 2015 – Swinging Stars 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance

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Check out and Like our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/518717944880222>

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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 Debbie Piziali, and you can email her at [debbie@piziali.dv.org](mailto: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.

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