



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 6, 2014

Our **club dance theme** for this Friday is “**Happy Birthday America**” – another chance to wear your red, white, and blue and to celebrate the many blessings of being American. We are in the summer casual period for our club dances, so if you have red, white, and blue t-shirts and shorts, feel free to wear them. Your regular red, white, and blue square dance attire will be fine too. **We’ll begin with a one hour workshop**, so be there at 7:00PM, square dancers.

Our mainstream lessons begin in just eight short weeks. We’ll have packets of flyers and trifolds with information about lessons and square dancing in general at the dance Friday. This information is for you to give to your friends and neighbors to get them to come to the lessons. Be sure to pick up your packet. Feel free to take more than one packet if you have lots of friends and neighbors.

The **NORTEX Round-Up Kickoff Dance this Sunday at Senter Park** should be a great event. With a dozen NORTEX callers coming together for one dance, you know it will be fast moving and continuous fun! We hope to see lots of Swinging Stars there.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, July 8 -- Plus lesson.

Friday, July 11 – Swinging Stars club dance –Happy Birthday America.

Saturday, July 12 – Visit to Cotton Pickin’ Squares; see details in Coming Events below.

Sunday, July 13 – NORTEX Round-Up Kickoff Dance; see details below in Announcements and in Coming Events.

Announcements

NORTEX Round-Up Kickoff Dance will be this Sunday, July 13 at 1:45 at Senter Park Recreation Center, 901 S. Senter Road in Irving. NORTEX President Ray and Vicki Spray sent the following message: “There are about a dozen callers and cuers that have volunteered to keep us all entertained for the afternoon. Admission is CASH OR NON PERISHABLE FOOD!!! The food banks prefer CASH, since they can purchase about 5 times the amount of food that you and I can with the same money.”

This promises to be a really fun dance and will help out area food banks. Please plan to go. See the flyer for the dance here: http://www.roundup2014.com/form/2014_KickOffFlyer.pdf

ATTENTION SWINGING STARS LADIES: Some of you have expressed **interest in having a new club outfit**. We need to hear from you – do you want a specific set (blouse and skirt – long or short), just a long skirt, or would your preference be to stay with your own choices in the three club colors. **Send your comments to president@swingingstars.org** Thanks so much for your response.

Dues for the third quarter are payable now. If you haven't paid your third quarter dues, please bring your check payable to the Swinging Stars (\$35 per couple per quarter) to the dance Friday or mail it to our Treasurer:

Dan Lassiter
1701 Gateway Blvd, Suite 403
Richardson, TX 75081
Email: Treasurer@swingingstars.org

The **July Ladies Luncheon** will be hosted by Kathy Estep. Tuesday, July 22 at 11:30. All Swinging Stars ladies are encouraged to attend. The luncheon will be at Bonnie Ruth's Bistro in the Watter's Creek Shopping Center, 916 Garden Park in Allen. **Please let Kathy know by Saturday July 19 if you are planning to attend.** RSVP: Kathy Estep Phone: [972-618-3640](tel:972-618-3640)

Email: bob.estep@hp.com

You can view the menu and directions by going to www.bonnie Ruths allen.com/

30 couples have gotten **tickets for the NORTEX Round-Up grand prize cruise**. If you haven't gotten yours yet, please pick them up at the sign in table at our club dance Friday.

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

For those plus dancers looking for a great time and an extra challenge, Thursday, July 10, Double Plus will have Darryl Lipscomb calling squares at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth (7:00pm workshop, 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
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, July 2nd

Seventeen Swinging Stars visited Plus 4s Wednesday night and enjoyed the always entertaining and challenging calling of Charles Quisenberry. Although Quiz messed up our minds again with the left turning relay the deucey, a good time was had by all. Swinging Stars in attendance were Amys, Bergesens, J. Bondi, Bursons, Hamms, Hawkins, Kilejians, Lewises, and Shermans.

Of Interest, T Square Gadabouts, Friday, July 4th

Six Swinging Stars visited the T Square Gadabouts Friday evening in Fort Worth to celebrate the 4th of July. Rick Smith was the caller and Charles Crockett was the cuer. The theme of the dance was "All Beef Hot Dog Dance". Rick called a great dance and many hot dogs were consumed. Swinging Stars attending were Esteps, Kerns, and Sees.

Official, Solitaires, Saturday, July 5th

Twenty-five Swinging Stars visited the Solitaires Saturday evening in Farmers Branch. Club caller Bobby Willis called squares and JL Pelton cued rounds. The theme for this double deal dance was "America! Land That I Love". Bobby made it a fun dance for all who attended, and JL cued an enjoyable and challenging program for the round dancers. Swinging Stars in attendance were Amys, Bergesens, J. Bondi, Bursons, Esteps, Feldmans, Hamms, Kerns, Kilejians, Lloyds, Perrotts, Sees, and Sherrills.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Swinging Stars, Friday, July 11th

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: Celebrate Nation's Birthday
Notes: club dance

Of Interest, Cotton Pickin Squares, Saturday, July 12th

Location: L-3 Rec Center (10001 Jack Finney, Greenville, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson

Official, NORTEX 2014 Round-up Kick-off Dance and Food Drive, Sunday, July 13th

Location: Senter Park Recreation Center (901 S. Senter Road, Irving, TX)
Time: Dance – 1:45PM
Callers: 12 callers, names not published
Cuer: 1 cuer, name not published
Theme: 2014 Round-up Kick-off and Food Drive Dance
Notes: Cash preferred, food preference is jelly

Refreshments Duty and Information

July 11, 2014	Deluke, Harris, Hursey, Pharr
July 25, 2014	Meyer, Mosher, Bivins, Estep
August 8, 2014	Evanto, Henneberger, Burson, McClure
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

Wear Your Brightest Colors Dance

Get In The Swing For This Years
NORTEX ROUNDUP



Friday, August 22, 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!):

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 40th Anniversary Dance

Check out and Like our Facebook page at:

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

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

Swinging Stars President

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