



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 13, 2014

What a weekend of dancing we have had! Swinging Stars members visited Double Plus, Cotton Pickin' Squares, Dixie Chainers, and the NORTEX Round-Up Kickoff Dance (22 of our members went to this one) on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. In addition, six of our members (Brewers, Jungs, and Pitts) were in Waco for the weekend for the International Choreographed Ballroom Dance Association (ICBDA) convention.

Of course, the biggest link in the four-day chain of dancing was **our own club dance** on Friday night. We were blessed to have **49 visitors in addition to our 68 members for a total of 117 dancers!** Twenty-four Texas Reelers came, including many of their new dancers who, we are sure, got a lot out of Wayne's excellent workshop and regular dance tips. Walter made the trip all the way from Waco and back to cue the rounds for us. Now that's dedication! Thanks, Walter. The Reelers took our banner and retrieved their own. We also gave our banner to the Lone Star Solos (7 visitors) and returned banners to the Road Runners (9 visitors all the way from Ft. Worth) and the Buttons and Bows (7 visitors).

Congratulations to Jim and Katie Halvorson who were presented their Gold-25 Friendship dangle at our dance **and to Bob and Kathy Estep** who were presented their Gold-50 Friendship dangle.

You might choose to camp out at Richardson Senior Center this weekend for our visits to the Texas Reelers and the Rebel Rousers on Friday and Saturday nights. Note that the Reelers do NOT have summer casual and the Rebel Rousers do.

There's lots of important news in the Announcements below. Please read the announcements and do what you need to do for any that apply to you.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, July 15 -- Plus lesson.

Friday, July 18 – Visit to Texas Reelers; suggested color: [turquoise/aqua](#); see details in Coming Events below..

Saturday, July 19 – Visit to Rebel Rousers; dress casual; see details in Coming Events below.

Sunday, July 20 – Round dancers – Harvest Holiday Summer Fun Rounds; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

We are saddened to learn of the death of Rita Putnam-Heintz's sister on Tuesday, July 8. Please keep Rita and Tim in your prayers.

George Loxsom will be having knee replacement surgery on Tuesday. We wish him an uneventful surgery and a speedy recovery and return to dancing.

Are you planning on going to the Chaparral Evening in Paris weekend on August 29 and 30? If you are, **you can help the club get a \$50 or \$100 bonus.** If eight of our couples register, we can get \$50, and if twelve couples register, we can get \$100. To get one of these club bonuses, the registration forms and fees have to be sent in a single mailing/envelope. If you don't have a flyer/registration form, print one from here: <http://garyshoemake.com/Flyers%202014/Paris-%208-29-2014.pdf> We (Ralph and Lucy) will be happy to consolidate registrations and make sure they get to the event coordinators by the August 20 advance registration deadline. If you haven't already sent in your registration and would be willing to help the club qualify for a club bonus, **please email us at president@swingingstars.org by July 25.** After that date, we will contact you and let you know whether at least eight couples have responded and if so, make arrangements to get your registration form and check.

ATTENTION SWINGING STARS LADIES – Update on selection of club dance outfit: Pictures of skirts and blouses and actual examples of skirts and blouses were shown to members at Tuesday night's plus lessons and our Friday night club dance. Printed website and email contact information on four skirt options and blouses in our three club colors were available at the dance Friday night, and 20 copies were taken. If you are interested in receiving this printed information sheet, email Lucy Hamm at president@swingingstars.org. So far there is no consensus on one skirt, so you can make your own choice if you wish to get a new club outfit.

Dues for the third quarter are payable now. If you haven't paid your third quarter dues, please mail your check payable to the Swinging Stars (\$35 per couple per quarter) 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.bonnieruthsallen.com/

NORTEX Round-Up Grand Prize Cruise Ticket Sales: Thirty-four Swinging Stars couples have bought and/or sold 400 tickets, making our club \$200. A special thanks to Fran and Gary Bivins who bought and sold a total of 40 tickets!

We set a goal of 500 ticket sales, a very modest goal for a club of our size. The fact that thirty-four couples have taken tickets means that about as many haven't. Lucy will have the tickets at our club dances until the remaining 100 tickets are gone (we can, of course, get more if needed). If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, please take ten or more soon.

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

For those plus dancers looking for a great time and an extra challenge, Wednesday, July 16, 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 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
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
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Decatur 8ers	23-May-14
Lone Star Solos	11-Jul-14
Texas Reelers	11-Jul-14

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

Double Plus, Thursday, July 10th

Four Swinging Stars visited Double Plus Thursday night and enjoyed the talented and challenging calling of Darryl Lipscomb. Darryl kept us on our toes by incorporating DBD into the workshop and dance. He included several left-handed calls. Swinging Stars in attendance were Bergesens and Sees.

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

Six Swinging Stars visited the Cotton Pickin' Squares dance in Greenville on Saturday. Squares were called by Texas Hall of Fame caller Mike Bramlett (occasionally accompanied by either his wife D' or Dave Vieira) and rounds were cued by Michele Vieira. Mike called his usual fun, high-energy, and occasionally challenging dance including his signature "Fisherman's Luck". Mike also made his cueing debut with a very good two step and also led a line dance. Swinging Stars in attendance were Esteps, Hamms, and Sees.

Dixie Chainers, Saturday, July 12th

Six Swinging Stars attended the Dixie Chainers dance in Farmers Branch on Saturday. Rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide while squares were called by the club's Texas Hall of Fame caller, Vernon Jones. Jack cued a well balanced mix of rounds for the evening, including 2-steps, waltzes, and rhumbas. Vernon called an unusual plus-free evening of squares specifically so that the many new dancers present could dance every tip. Even without the usual 1 or 2 plus tips, Vernon still made things entertaining for all by offering plenty of lively, high-energy choreography and spirited songs including the Rolling Stones' famous "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction." All attending had a great time. Swinging Stars in attendance were Bondis, Kilejians, and Smith/Hardin. Thanks to Jim Bondi for the report.

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

Twenty-two Swinging Stars made their way to Senter Park Rec Center in Irving Sunday afternoon for the NORTEX Round-Up Kickoff Dance and Food Drive. It was a really great dance with eight callers doing solo tips and teaming up for terrific duets. Our own Wayne Baldwin and Deborah Carroll-Jones did one of the duet tips. Other callers donating their talents and time were Mike Bramlett (also the emcee), Jon Jones, Paul Kinsey, Wayne Shoemaker, Dave Viera, and Bobby Willis. Cuers Chris Farabaugh and Jack von der Heide handled the rounds in excellent fashion. There were three honey pot drawings and a \$100 bill drawing, and all four winners donated the money won to the food drive for Tarrant and Dallas County food banks, bringing the total raised to well over \$2000 cash plus an undetermined amount of donated food. It was a most enjoyable and worthwhile afternoon. Swinging Stars participating included Amys, Bondis, Covingtons, Feldmans, Esteps, Halvorsons, Hamms, Kilejians, Perrotts, Pitts, and Smith/Hardin.

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

Of Interest, Texas Reelers, Friday, July 18th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Theme: Mustache Mania Dance
Notes: Wear [turquoise/aqua](#) if you have it; wear square dance attire – Reelers do not have summer casual period. BANNER RETRIEVAL.

Of Interest, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, July 19th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX)
Website: <http://www.rebelrousersdallas.com>
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / food served – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Theme: Summer Camp
Notes: wear casual camp attire

Of Interest for Round Dancers, Harvest Holiday Summer Fun Rounds, Sunday, July 20

Location: Swingtime Center
Time: 2:00 – 5:00PM
Cuer: Several area cuers
Dance Level: Phase II - IV

Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, July 22nd

Location: Bonnie Ruth's Bistro in Watter's Creek Shopping Center (916 Garden Park, Allen, TX)
Website: www.bonnie Ruthsallen.com
Time: 11:30 am
Hostess: Kathy Estep (bob.estep@hp.com or [972-618-3640](tel:972-618-3640))
Notes: Let Kathy know by Saturday, July 19th if you plan to go

Refreshments Duty and Information

July 25, 2014	Meyer, Mosher, Bivins, Estep
August 8, 2014	Evanto, Henneberger, Burson, McClure
August 22, 2014	Feldman, Whipple, Gifford, Trujillo
September 12	Pitts, Barber, Rose, Duncan/Cagle
September 26	Ross, Friesen, Archey, Rickert*
(*note: Gary Amy will head up this Chili/Dessert cookoff; others will assist)	
October 10	Hawkins, Kilejian, Halvorson, Reid
October 31	See, Kern, Bondi, Jung
November 14	Sherman, Lloyd, Covington, Bushell/Dvorak
November 28	Dance cancelled (day after Thanksgiving)
December 12	Stuart, Sherrell, Colter, Kendrick
December 26	Dance cancelled (day after Christmas)

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



Chili 
and  **Dessert**
COOK OFF
Double Deal Dance
Prizes for Best Chili and Best Dessert
Friday, September, 26 2014

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

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