



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 17, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Summer is here and dancing is “HOT”! Thirty-six Swinging Stars attended the Rebel Rousers Anniversary dance Saturday night. See the 2nd VP’s report below for details. Thanks to everyone that joined us at the dance.

We still need to wrap up our Round Up ticket sales. If you have not turned in your ticket stubs please bring them to Kathy on Friday, July 22, 2016 (our next home dance). If you have not picket up your ten tickets (or more) to sell please do so this week. Half of the money raised from the sale of the tickets remains with our Club so this is a great fund raiser for the Club.

Start thinking about Sept. Lessons: Our next set of beginner lessons will start in September. We need every member to start working on new students NOW! Time to start wearing your T-Shirts again. At the next dance I will have some business cards that you can pick up to hand out when asked about lessons.

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

Happening This Week

Tuesday, July 19th – Ladies Luncheon – Dos Charros, Plano, TX

Wednesday, July 20th – Plus 4’s – Charles Quisenberry

Friday, July 22nd – Club Dance – Ice Cream Social – Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer

Saturday, July 23rd – Dixie Chainers – Vernon Jones & Jack von der Heide

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.

2nd VP Report – 17 July 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

SPECIAL “HEADS UP”

Reservations for Chaparral’s 21st “Evening in Paris” Texas – Fri 02 Sep – Sat 03 Sep

If you’ll be attending this great event, get your completed reservation form and accompanying \$80 check for a couple (payable to “Chaparral Paris Weekend”) mailed in ASAP (as early registration ends 15 Aug).

Preferably, give your form with check to Jim & Knarik Bondi this week and they will group and mail it with other Swinging Stars reservations. If you mail it directly yourself, PLEASE MAKE JIM & KNARIK AWARE THAT YOU’VE REGISTERED. Why? By ensuring that all of our club’s registrations get counted as a group, we may qualify for a \$50 - \$100 rebate for our treasury – a valuable boost to our bank account! You can hand over or communicate your registration to Bondis (or any club officer) at any visitation dance listed on our July calendar, at our next SS dance on 7/22/2016, or you can contact:

Jim & Knarik Bondi

4317 Brady Drive

Plano, TX 75024

email: j.bondi@ieee.org

cell: 214-226-5922 .

Thank you for your cooperation!

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

Square + Round Dance

Friday 15 July – Triangle Squares –

8 Swinging Stars partied with the Triangle Squares Friday evening at their “Retro Roaring 20’s” dance in Denton, TX. Glimpses back in time to America’s “Roaring Twenties” were seen all over the floor, whether it be the ladies’ tassled flapper-like dresses and period head pieces or the guy’s ganster-like hats and ties. Even guest caller, Mike Bramlett, wore a black suit and light-colored tie that reminded you of “infamous slick-sters” of the era. Handling both squares and rounds for the evening, Mike did his usual great job of thoroughly entertaining dancers on the floor. On rounds, offerings were mostly easy 2-steps and an occasional waltz ... but great fun nevertheless. On squares, he had early-workshopped the Mainstream call Spin Chain Thru that often takes square dancers by surprise, even experienced ones, and then worked it even more in one special tip during the main dance. Here, he patiently stepped dancers through this call from several starting positions including a.) parallel waves (common/typical), b.) Thar Star (unusual), c.) Alamo Ring (more unusual), and d.) parallel lines of 3 (+ 2 lone dancers who mostly watched / participated little) (downright weird, probably an original “extended application” a la Mike). A big thank you to these Swinging Stars who participated: Bondis, Hamms, Hawkins, and Sees. Thanks to your support, we took home our host’s banner.

Square + Round Anniversary Dance

Saturday 16 July –Rebel Rousers – “Kaleidoscope of Color” – 27th Anniversary Dance

A whopping 36 Swinging Stars celebrated at the 27th anniversary dance of our Richardson, TX, friends, the Rebel Rousers, Saturday evening. Christine Hixson, renowned area cuer, masterfully managed both early and intermittent rounds, delivering a nice mix of rhythms and phases that successfully engaged round dancers of all levels. On squares, club caller extraordinaire, Mike Bramlett, was joined by terrific guest caller, Wade Driver. Together, this dynamic duo kept square dancers hopping all evening long, with a great 30 minutes of early Plus, many tips of marvelous Mainstream, sometimes featuring bits of their patented humor and hijinks, and some great singing duets. Counting the first early round to the last square of the evening, dancers could “strut their stuff” for almost 3.5 hours! When not dancing, many attendees chowed down on our host’s vast array of salads and desserts or tried their luck at prizes arrayed in the “silent auction.” Many thanks to these Swinging Stars for attending: Bergesens, Bondis, Brewers, Esteps, Feldmans, Hamms, Harrises, Jungs (Richard, Peggy, Jackie), Lassiters, Lees, Mulvins, Nejdls, Pharrs, Pitts, Sees, Smith/Hardin, Trujillos, and C. Wolfe. With this terrific turnout, we easily captured our host’s banner.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you’re a Swinging Star wanting to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered here, please submit it to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org no later than mid Sunday afternoon for inclusion here in that night’s newsletter. Try to 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 12 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 2 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
Rebel Rousers	16-Jul-2016
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016
Kissin Kuzzins	01-Jul-2016
Lone Star Solos	23-Jun-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
Texas Reelers	24-Jun-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Our Dance

Friday 22 July – Swinging Stars – “Crazy Daze of Summer”

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

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

Wilson Middle School

1001 Custer Road, Plano, TX

← **Note different location for
← both SS July dances!**

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Dance

Thursday 21 July – Model As

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

“A”: 7:00

Churchill Way Center

6906 Churchill Way (at Hillcrest), Dallas, TX

Wednesday 20 July – Plus 4’s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Thursday 21 June – Roadrunners – “Ice Cream Social”

Guest Caller: Vernon Jones

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

Early Rounds: 6:45, Square WS: 7:00, Grand March: 8:00

Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take “Anglin” exit), Fort Worth, TX

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 23 July – Dixie Chainers – “Let’s Rock and Roll”

Caller: Vernon Jones

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Early Rounds .. or .. Square WS: 7:00 (take your pick)

Grand March: 7:30

Farmers Branch Senior Center

14055 Dennis Ln., Farmers Branch, TX

ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday 19 July, 11:30 AM – Dos Charros

Attention Swinging Star Ladies. SAVE THIS DATE/TIME: JULY 19TH AT 11:30 AM. If you enjoy Tex-Mex, you are going to love this month’s dining experience. Mary Hardin has volunteered to host the luncheon for July. She has chosen DOS CHARROS Mexican Restaurant. This is a new location in Plano. It is fresh, light and friendly. They offer a Lunch menu from \$6.95 up. They are located at the intersection of Park and Chisholm Place, just before you go over central expressway going east. The address is listed as 1915 N. Central Expressway, Suite 100. Please reply to Mary Hardin, mrhardin39@gmail.com or 972-517-8691, by July 16th to let her know how many will be attending.

Refreshments Duty and Information

July 22, 2016 **Burson**, Perrott, Putnam-Heintz, Williams

August 12, 2016 **See**, Gifford, Rose, Ross

August 26, 2016 **Loxson**, Pitts, Jung, Kern

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc.) without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents [Russ and Ann Nejd] to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team

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

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)

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

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at 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

Phone: 972-618-3640

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:

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

Visit our Web page: www.swingingstars.org



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SWINGING STARS



We will be accepting Donations of School Supplies for the Shepard Elementary School. Supplies Requested: Kleenex Boxes, Glue Sticks, Crayons, Markers, Sandwich Bags, Blunt Scissors and Post-it Notes

In Addition To Our Back To School Dance We Are Having An Introduction to Square Dancing Dance



Bring your Friends, Family and Neighbors.
Dance is free to everyone interested in learning to square dance

Friday, August 12, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Casual Attire

Intro to Sq. Dancing 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

FUN FOOD FELLOWSHIP BANNERS HONEY POT

Shepard Elementary 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, Tx.



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Dancers under the age of 18 dance for free with paying adults

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Autumn Leaves



Friday September 23, 2016



Caller Wayne Baldwin

Early Rounds 7:00

Cuer Walter Brewer

Plus Squares 7:45

Grand March 8:00



Hot Hash after last tip

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