



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 27, 2014

Our club dance Friday night was most enjoyable. We had 21 visitors and 70 members present. We greatly appreciate the Diamond Jubileers who brought ten dancers from Fort Worth and retrieved their banner. Elizabeth Ziebel, Jubileers president, called Saturday morning to say thanks, especially to Wayne, Walter, and the refreshments committee for a great dance. We also enjoyed dancing with four dancers who came all the way from the Country Cuzzins in Marble Falls/Kingsland, Texas, near Austin. We gave each of the Country Cuzzins members one of our Texas shaped “I danced with the Swinging Stars of Plano” dangles.

Our mainstream lessons are just a month away! It’s time that you had your friends and neighbors convinced that they need to become square dancers. **During the workshop hour (7 – 8:00PM) of our next club dance on August 8th, we will have an introduction to square dancing fun dance time. Please invite your potential recruits.** Wayne will teach them some basic calls and call a couple of fun dances for them. This is intended to show them how much fun square dancing is and, naturally, what a great group of people the Swinging Stars are, and we hope it will help overcome any doubts they have that they really need to get into this wonderful activity. **Here’s a flyer you can print to help you pass along the information:**
http://swingingstars.org/You_are_invited_to_an_Intro_to_Sq_Dancing_2014.pdf

Our visitation scheduled for this Friday promises to be an event to be remembered and not to be missed. The **Triangle Squares are hosting a friendship dance with the Road Runners, the T Square Gadabouts, the Texas Reelers, and the Rebel Rousers.** When five clubs team up for a dance, you get **lots of callers and lots of cuers** (see Coming Events below for the star-studded list) **and absolutely for certain lots of fun!** This is a Schmidtz Family dance, and as those of you who have been to one of their dances before know, the Schmidtzes are country folk, and they wear overalls and always serve an excellent **country dinner and fixin’s.** On top of all that, it’s a **Double Deal** dance. Please get your carpools organized, leave your ties at home, and make the short drive to Denton. It’ll be worth the trip!

After all the excitement of Friday night, you will certainly want to relax with our good friends at the **Solitaires on Saturday night.**

***** Plus dancers – The Plus 4s are dancing this 5th Wednesday, and Wayne is calling. *****

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, July 29 – Plus lesson, -- 7:15PM.

Friday, August 1 – Visit to Triangle Squares Schmidtz Family Friendship Dance; recommend you wear your overalls or **royal blue** if you have them/it; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, August 2 – Visit to Solitaires; casual; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

Larry Giaudrone is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery and is expected to return home on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. He is doing great and feeling great! If you want to send notes or cards, Rosemary and Larry's address is below.

Larry Giaudrone
61 Hartley Rd
McAlester, OK 74501

A note from Kenneth and Sally Henneberger: Dear friends, Words can not begin to express our gratefulness to all of you for your continued prayers and many cards and words of encouragement and support for us and our family during our son-in-law's brave battle with cancer and his sudden death. Please continue to hold up our daughter, Chris and her children in your prayers as they go on to live their lives without their beloved husband and dad. Thank you all so very much.

Congratulations to **Jack and Mary Ann Duncan** on their marriage!

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

NORTEX Round-Up Grand Prize Cruise Ticket Sales: We only have 30 tickets left from the 500 we accepted for sale to/by our club members. **If you want to buy tickets or get some to sell, contact Lucy Hamm.** We will have the remaining tickets at our club dances.

* * * From Your 2nd VPs * * *

For those plus dancers looking for a great time and an extra challenge, Wednesday, July 30, Plus 4s will have Wayne Baldwin (filling in for Quiz) 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
Dixie Chainers	22-Mar-14
Kissin' Kuzzins	20-Jun-14
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Rebel Rousers	07-Jun-14
Roadrunners	17-Jul-14
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Texas Reelers	18-Jul-14
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Decatur 8ers	23-May-14

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Of Interest, Lone Star Solos, Thursday, July 24th

Ten (10) Swinging Stars visited the Lone Star Solos Thursday evening to retrieve our banner. Squares were called by the club caller Dave Vieira and rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh. The theme of the dance was "Hot July Dance" and, because it was a double deal dance, many clubs came to retrieve their banners. Dave wore three different shirts/shorts combinations and modified his calling based upon the dancers (mostly if the dancers tried to take short-cuts to his calls). Swinging Stars in attendance were J. Bondi, Esteps, Harris, Pitts, Sees, and S. Sherrell.

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, July 26th

Nine (9) Swinging Stars visited the Dixie Chainers Saturday evening. Squares were called by the club caller Vernon Jones and rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide. The theme of the dance was "Lazy, Crazy, Hazy Days of Summer". Vernon kept the dancers on their toes with his energetic and fast-paced calling. He ended the evening with his rendition of "Fisherman's Luck". Swinging Stars in attendance were J. Bondi, Esteps, Hamms, Sees, and Smith/Hardin.

Salado Stage Coach Weekend, Saturday, July 26th

Six (6) of our members had a great time in Salado at the 27th Stage Coach weekend dance with Callers Brad Caldwell and Scott Bennett. There were 9 1/2 squares present. Full capacity was limited to 10 squares. It was a fast moving DBD plus dance. Friday evening was a sort of warm up and get down to fast dancing. Saturday had two workshops. In one workshop session, Scott Bennett had made up a call he named "Slice". We were in ocean waves, the ends cross ran and traded at which time the centers slid out to the ends. When it was Brad Caldwell's turn at the workshop, he said that there were 8 slices in a pie so we needed to put something in between the slices. He added circulate between the slices and made that call "half a pie". Later Scott added a 1/4 slice, a 1/2 slice and a 3/4 slice. Saturday evening was even a faster pace and more challenging. Sunday morning we had some review of what we learned as well as some singing calls from tunes made popular by artists such as Lady Gaga. We all really had a great time at the weekend dance. Hope more Swinging Stars can attend next year. Swinging Stars attending: Amys, Bursons and Evantos. Thanks to Lorraine Burson for this report.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Of Interest, Triangle Squares, Friday, August 1st

Location: Civic Center (321 East McKinney Street, Denton, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Danny Blagg, Mike Bramlett, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Jon Jones, Rick Smith, Toby Thomason
Cuers: Charles Crockett, Christine Hixson, Jack von der Heide
Theme: The Schmitz Family Friendship Dance
Notes: Overalls or [royal blue](#) (no ties, please)

Of Interest, Solitaires, Saturday, August 2nd

Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church (12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:45PM
Caller: Bobby Willis
Cuer: J L Pelton
Theme: Back to School Dance

Swinging Stars, Friday, August 8th

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

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

Time: Intro to Square Dancing for potential students – 7:00PM / square up – 8:00PM

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Theme: Fun Dance Night

Notes: club dance

Refreshments Duty and Information

August 8, 2014	Evanto, Henneberger, Burson, McClure
August 22, 2014	Feldman, Whipple, Gifford, Trujillo
September 12	Pitts, Barber, Rose, Duncan
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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