



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for August 3, 2014

Our mainstream lessons start in just over three weeks! During the workshop hour (7 – 8:00PM) of our club dance this Friday, 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

What an event the five club friendship dance in Denton on Friday night was! It was a Schmidt family reunion of epic proportions with well over 300 dancers in attendance and a resounding tribute to Toby Thomason in honor of his induction into the Texas Callers' Hall of Fame. We were thrilled with the support the Swinging Stars gave to this event – 39 of our members attended. See all the details in Events from the Past Week below.

All the 500 NORTEX Round-Up grand prize cruise tickets have been sold. Thank you to all of our members who supported this effort.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, August 5 – Plus lesson, -- 7:15PM.

Friday, August 8 – Club dance; introductory fun dance for potential students 7 – 8:00PM.

Saturday, August 9 – Visit to Dixie Chainers; casual; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

It was great to see Nancy and Chuck Morse dancing at Plus 4s Wednesday. Nancy is recovering nicely from her spinal surgery and is feeling much better than before her surgery. Welcome back to dancing, Nancy and Chuck!

Dues for the third quarter are overdue. 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



Sandra Rose has graciously volunteered to host the ladies luncheon for August. She will be starting school in August and decided that Friday the 15th would suit her best for her schedule to host the luncheon. **Please make your reservations with Sandra by August 13** to give Sandra ample time to let the restaurant know how many to expect for lunch. Contact Sandra at Sandra.rose@risd.org or 973 434 0377.

The date is August **15 at 11:30**. The address is 2701 **Custer Parkway, Suite 700 Richardson**. **Marcus Café** is a hidden treasure found nestled in II Creeks Shopping Center. It's easy to find -- just ¾ of a mile south of George Bush Freeway on the west side of Custer Road between Renner Road & Lookout Drive. Marcus Cafe offers a full lunch menu with a wide variety of sandwiches, salads, soups, pizza, pasta, fish and even a little Tex-Mex. Their lunch specials change every month and include original recipes. Their entire lunch menu is \$10 or less. You can view their menus by going to www.marcuscafe.com and click menu. Lady Stars have not had our luncheon at Marcus Cafe before. Viewing the web site, it looks like a fun and good place to visit.

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

For those plus dancers looking for a great time and an extra challenge, Wednesday, August 6, Plus 4s will have Charles Quisenberry (“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 * * *

Becky Page's Birthday Bash, Sunday, July 27th

Three (3) Swinging Stars visited Swingtime Center in Fort Worth for Becky Page's special birthday dance last Sunday afternoon. Rounds were cued by Jack Kenny while squares were called by Deborah Carroll-Jones with occasional assistance from veteran caller Jon Jones. Jack cued a nicely balanced mix of material so that round dancers of all levels could have fun. For her part, even without any plus tips at this unique dance, Deborah Carroll still kept dancers highly entertained. Particularly enjoyable were tips choreographed to classical music and a singing call featuring a variation of "Georgy Girl" with wording changed for Becky's birthday. Finally, to dancers delight, she teamed up with hubby Jon for a fabulous duet of "Hallelujah" from the movie "Shrek." As the dance ended, the typical big-circle "Thank You" was accompanied by Becky Page running the circle's inside perimeter to "high five" everyone goodbye. Visiting Swinging Stars were J. Bondi and Perrotts. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

Plus 4s, Wednesday, July 30th

Twenty-two (22) of our members visited Plus 4s Wednesday night. This number included seven of our newest plus dancers who will complete lessons next week, and they are dancing plus marvelously! Wayne was filling in for Charles Quisenberry, and his calling was continuously entertaining and challenging. Our new plus dancers met the challenge most competently. Swinging Stars attending were Amys, J. Bondi, Bursons, J. Duncan, Esteps, T. Evanto, Halvorsons, Hamms, Hawkins, Kerns, Kilejians, Morses, and S. Sherrell.

Of Interest, Triangle Squares, Friday, August 1st

Thirty-nine (39) Swinging Stars visited the Triangle Squares Friday evening in Denton. Squares were called by the club caller and new Texas Hall of Fame inductee Toby Thomason; Texas Hall of Fame callers Mike Bramlett and Jon Jones; and popular callers Danny Blagg, Deborah Carroll-Jones, and Rick Smith while rounds were cued by Charles Crockett, Christine Hixson, and Jack von der Heide. The theme of the dance was "The Schmitz Family Friendship Dance" and was hosted by five clubs: Triangle Squares, Road Runners, T Square Gadabouts, Texas Reelers, and Rebel Rousers. This dance is an annual favorite among square dancers, and it ended much too soon. Getting to see the much deserved induction of Toby into the Texas Hall of Fame was the icing on the cake. Swinging Stars in attendance were Amys, J. Bondi, Bursons, Colters, Covingtons, Duncans, Esteps, Evantos, Feldmans, Hamms, Hawkins, Kerns, Kilejians, Lassiters, McGuires, Perrotts, Pitts, Rosses, Sees, and Underwoods.

Of Interest, Solitaires, Saturday, August 2nd

Fourteen (14) Swinging Stars visited the Solitaires in Farmers Branch on Saturday for their monthly club dance. Rounds were cued by J.L. Pelton while squares were handled by club caller, Bobby Willis. The dance was well attended with 6 squares on the floor following the grand march. Most of these square dancers came back for square dance segments all evening long as Bobby offered up an entertaining, well-choreographed, and sometimes challenging, evening of tips. Not to be outdone, during round dance segments, J.L. cued a well balanced mix of rhythms and difficulties that allowed appreciative round dancers of all levels to enjoy themselves. All dancers present, both square and round, had a terrific evening of fun and fellowship. Swinging Stars attending were J. Bondi, Bursons, Duncans, Esteps, Hamms, Jimisons, Pitts, and C. Wolfe. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

Decatur 8ers, Saturday, August 2nd

Tom and Vicki made a long drive to Decatur Saturday night, even after making the long drive to Denton on Friday night, to attend the Decatur 8ers Pink Dance. All proceeds from the dance benefit the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center of Houston. Thanks to Tom and Vicki for representing the Swinging Stars.

Cotton Pickin' Squares, Sunday, August 3rd

Six of our club's round dancers traveled to Greenville for an Afternoon of Rounds with Christine Hixson sponsored by the Cotton Pickin' Squares Sunday afternoon. They were treated to three hours of nonstop fun round dancing. Swinging Stars making the trip were Perrotts, Pitts, and Underwoods.

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

Swinging Stars, Friday, August 8th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Time: Workshop (fun dance for potential students) – 7:00PM / square up – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Theme: Fun Dance Night
Notes: club dance

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, August 9th

Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Theme: Back to School Dance
Notes: casual dress

Refreshments Duty and Information

August 8, 2014	Evanto, Henneberger, Burson, McClure
August 22, 2014	Hawkins, 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	Feldman, Kilejian, Halvorson, Reid
October 31	See, Kern, Bondi, Jung, Mars, Underwood
(*note: Board added two extra couples for 5 th Friday dance – extra visitors anticipated.)	
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)

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

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

June 4 – 7, 2015 – 53rd Annual Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival, Waco, TX

June 24 – 27, 2015 – 64th National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA

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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