



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for August 10, 2014

Two weeks from Tuesday! That's when our **mainstream lessons** start. It's time to get your friends and relatives signed up! Plano residents can enroll now, and nonresidents can enroll beginning Monday morning (Aug 11). Registration information is on the lessons flyer which you can read/print from here: http://swingingstars.org/Mainstream_square_dance_lessons_2014.pdf If you have iffy potential students, the first two lessons are free – they can come and see how it goes and register at the first or second lesson should they decide to go ahead. **New students are what keep our club going – let's round 'em up!!**

Thanks to all of you who brought your friends, neighbors and kinfolk to our Intro to Square Dancing Fun Dance on Friday night. They seemed to have a good time, and we know all our members had a good time showing them how to square dance. Yes, it took a little time away from more advanced dancing, but that's a very small price to pay for helping to expose people to square dancing and hopefully get some of them into our lessons. We are so thankful to have Wayne as our caller. He is truly great at getting people with little or no idea how to square dance up and dancing within minutes! Thanks, Wayne. And thanks too, Walter, for your great cueing and for encouraging our newest round dancers by cueing rounds they can dance. We had a great crowd at the dance with 82 Swinging Stars, at least 25 guests for the square dance intro, and 30 guests from other clubs, 24 of whom were Texas Reelers (love those Reelers!). Thanks to Sam and Mary Stephens, NORTEX Secretary, for coming to accept our Round-Up door prize.

This coming weekend is a great one for visiting with the Texas Reelers 39th Anniversary Dance on Friday and the Rebel Rousers Summer Sundaes dance on Saturday. The Reelers have a Hollywood Premiere Red Carpet theme, so we recommend black and white attire (not casual) or formal if you have it and want to wear it. The Reelers president says they'll have a delicious salad supper and a tin can auction with lots of merchandise gift cards. See additional details in Coming Events below.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, August 12 – Plus lesson, -- 7:15PM.

Friday, August 15 – Texas Reelers Anniversary Dance; recommend black and white; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, August 16 – Visit to Rebel Rousers; casual; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

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 * * *

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
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Decatur 8ers	23-May-14
Texas Reelers	08-Aug-14

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Plus 4s, Wednesday, August 6th

Twenty-three (23) Swinging Stars visited the Plus 4s in Farmers Branch on Wednesday and enjoyed the talented and challenging calling of club caller Charles Quisenberry (“Quiz”). The Plus 4s is a popular dancing venue for many Swinging Stars and plus dancers in general. All who attended found this dance challenging, educational, and fun. Swinging Stars attending were J. Bondi, Bursons, Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, Jacobs, Kerns, Kilejians, Lewises, Morses, Sees, and Shermans.

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, August 9th

Sixteen (16) Swinging Stars visited the Dixie Chainers Saturday evening. Squares were called by the club caller Vernon Jones (with one set of tips called by Ray Savell) and rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide. The theme of the dance was “Back to School Dance”. It was vintage Vernon with his energetic and fast-paced calling. He ended the evening with his rendition of “Fisherman’s Luck”. Swinging Stars in attendance were P. Amy, Bursons, Esteps, T. Evanto, Feldmans, Lassiters, Pitts, Sees, and Smith/Hardin.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Official, Texas Reelers, Friday, August 15th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones, Jon Jones, Ray Savell
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Theme: 39th Anniversary Hollywood Premier Dance
Notes: Double Deal, Wear formal attire if you wish or black/white square dance attire, **Banner Retrieval**

Of Interest, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, August 16th

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 Sundaes
Notes: wear casual attire

Refreshments Duty and Information

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)

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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