



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for August 14, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Start thinking about Sept. Lessons: Our next set of beginner lessons will start in September. We need every member to start working on new student candidates NOW! Time to start wearing your T-Shirts again. If you did not pick up some business card size handouts at the last dance you can pick them up at the next dance.

Round Dance Lessons: NEED A RESPONSE ASAP!!! (Plano Parks and Rec magazine input deadline for January 2017 classes is **THIS week**) We really need your feedback!!! Which option (if any) do you prefer? Let us know either way. We need your thoughts. Please respond to peltondances@gmail.com

Option 1) Easy Level Round Dance Workshop to review and practice your skills from beginner lessons. Rhythm **possibilities:** Cha, Rhumba, Waltz, Two Step, Jive. **If time permits, introduce new rhythms for the class level and interest. Open to any and all options.**

Option 2) Beginner lessons Choices>>>>Bolero? Two Step? or Jive? **Others?**

Option 3) First session beginning lesson on one of the above and second session refresher workshop on maybe two rhythms. i.e.. Rumba/Cha and Waltz or something like that. Rumba/Cha we consider to be one rhythm as most of the figures are interchangeable.

Back To School Supplies For Shepard Elementary: The 'Back to School Dance' at Wilson Middle school last Friday was a success for gathering and donating school supplies for our home location, Shepard Elementary. In addition to many, Crayola's, glue sticks, spiral notebooks, markers, etc we collected \$55.00 in cash to contribute to their petty cash fund. Thank you for your contributions.

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

Wednesday, August 17 – Plus 4's – Charles Quisenerry

Friday, August 19 – Texas Reelers – Hawaiian Maui Wowie – Deborah Carrol Jones, Jon Jones & Chris Farabaugh

Saturday, August 20 – Log Cabin Swingers – Ron Mineau & Chris Farabaugh

Announcements

Please note that Swinging Stars will be back in our normal home location starting in August. We are using the Summer Dress Code for June, July and August.

General Club Meeting: August 28, 2016, 3:00 PM. Austin Grill, 935 W. Parker Rd #410, Plano TX 75023.

2nd VP Report – 14 August 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

FINAL CALL

Chaparral's 21st "Evening in Paris" Texas – Fri 02 Sep – Sat 03 Sep

We need just 2 more couples to earn a \$50 club rebate (or 6 more for \$100). Official deadline is this coming Mon 15 AUG ... but ...we've just been given a few days grace ... until about Fri 19 AUG. If you mail your registration by then and simultaneously let co-organizer Melba Jeffus (214-802-3225) know to count you in the pool of registered Swinging Stars, we can still earn a club rebate. See these links for form, hotels, & schedule.

http://www.acsquaredance.com/Paris_Flyer_Color_2016.pdf

<http://sjeffus.wixsite.com/eveninginparistexas>

Jim & Knarik Bondi

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RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

Square + Round Dance

Thursday 11 August – Lone Star Solos – "Back to School"

5 Swinging Stars joined the Lone Star Solos in Dallas Thursday evening for their "Back to School" dance. This time, the dance was held upstairs at the KC Hall, allowing dancers to enjoy its great wooden floor. On rounds, club cuer, Chris Farabaugh, cued an interesting mix of rhythms and phases during 30 minutes of early rounds and later during square-intermittent rounds. On squares, club caller, Dave Vieira, was at the "top of his game," calling some terrific tips with great patter and some nice singing calls. During one tip, Dave invited new callers Richard Covington and Bill Hinkley to perform patter and singing calls respectively. All in all, it was a very nice dance, enjoyed by all. A big thank you to these Swinging Stars who attended: Covingtons, Pitts, and C. Wolfe. Finally, special thanks to Richard Covington and Terry Pitts for much of this detail.

"A" Square + Dance

Thursday 11 August – Model As

7 Swinging Stars took part in the Model As weekly A1/A2 square dance in Dallas Thursday evening. Club caller, Wayne Baldwin, called 5 tips using a broad subset of A1/A2 calls, sometimes repeating/tutoring when appropriate. In several tips this evening, Wayne focused repeated attention on "Chain Reaction" and "Motivate," two calls that look intricate because they gradually form and then use a 4-person central star and 2 adjacent 2-person stars (couples). For the calls to work cleanly, dancers in the various pieces, must arrive where needed but then wait (if needed) for their piece to fully form before continuing. As is common these days, Wayne asked Charles Quisenberry to call one tip during the evening. Thank you to these Swinging Stars who participated: P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, and Evantos.

Our Square + Round Dance

Friday 12 August – Swinging Stars – "Back to School"

103 dancers, including 18 Texas Reelers and 1 Solitaire, visited our dance on Friday evening. Again, our dynamic duo of Walter Brewer and Wayne Baldwin teamed up to keep all attendees fully engaged and well entertained. Per our first dance of the month format, Wayne began with a 45-minute square workshop. However, acknowledging that we had one "brand new" couple interested in learning square dancing (hopefully, at our upcoming lessons starting on 06 SEP), Wayne purposely offered a couple workshop tips just for these new folks, quickly giving them a taste of the beginning basics of Allemande Left, Right and Left Grand, Promenade, etc. Judging from the broad smiles on the couple's faces, they really enjoyed themselves. Wayne also invited our own Richard Covington to call one full tip and, as expected, Richard did a fine job. For his part, Walter countered with a very nice evening of intermittent rounds comprising a nicely balanced mix of rhythms and phases. With their throng of 18, the Texas Reelers both recaptured their banner and captured

hours. Afterward, about 20+ attendees, with 4 of our Texas Reeler friends included, partied a bit longer at Austin Avenue Grill in Plano.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 13 August – Diamond Jubileers – “Luau”

13 Swinging Stars journeyed to Swingtime Center in Fort Worth, TX, Saturday night to dance and celebrate a faux Luau with the Diamond Jubileers. After a free lei was draped around each attendee’s neck upon arrival, some did look as if they were ready for a real Hawaiian luau. Caller Paul Kinsey’s outfit was surely the most “memorable” (not necessarily in a nice way) of the evening. His attire featured a grass skirt, straw hat, and 2 half-coconuts strapped across his chest. What a site! Striking ... and almost a bit scary. That said, he did a fantastic job calling, especially during the early workshop featuring Crossfire from just about every conceivable starting configuration. He tutored us on versions that end in a column (common), in quarter tag (unusual), and in 2 parallel waves (more unusual). The evening’s rounds, both early and square-intermittent, were handled ably by Chris Farabaugh, who delivered a nice mix of rhythms (2-step, cha, rhumba, waltz, and one quickstep). A great big thank you to these Swinging Stars who came: P. Amy, Bondis, Brewers, Esteps, Evantos, Pitts, and Sees. We declined another Diamond Jubileers banner ... but ... were thanked numerous times for our attendance ... and ... promised repeatedly by Jubileers president, Elizabeth Ziebell, of a return visit to our club being planned. Yea! That’ll be great.

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	12-Aug-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Square + Round Dance

Friday 19 August – Texas Reelers – “Hawaiian Maui Wowie”

Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones & Jon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

ER: 7:30, Grand March 8:30

Richardson Senior Center

830 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Dance + All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 17 August – Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Dance: 6:15 – 7:30

Plus Dance: 7:30

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

“A” Dance

Thursday 18 August – Model As

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

“A”: 7:00

Churchill Way Center

6906 Churchill Way (at Hillcrest), Dallas, TX

Square + Round Dance

Thursday 18 August – Roadrunners – “Let’s Luau”

Caller: Joey Duhamel

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

ER: 6:45, WS: 7:00, Grand March 7:30

Swingtime Center

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

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 20 August – Log Cabin Swingers –

Caller: Ron Mineau

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Early Plus: 2:00 – 4:00

Early Rounds: 7:00, Main Dance: 7:30

Promenade Hall

1210 N. Tool Dr. (Hwy 274), Tool, TX 75143

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday 17 August, 11:30 AM – Bonnie Ruth's Bistro

Attention Swinging Star Ladies – come join us! We are so very grateful to Mary Hardin for volunteering to host the luncheon once again. For August, she has chosen BONNIE RUTH'S BISTRO, located at 916 Garden Park Drive in Watters Crossing in Allen near the corner of Bethany and 75. Please reply to Mary Hardin by August 16th mrhardin39@gmail.com or 972-517-8691 or 214-632-4230 to let her know how many will be attending. You can check out their lunch menu at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** This is really a fun place to have lunch with the Swinging Stars Ladies, not only because of the fellowship and great food but also because of all the shopping you can do in the beautiful Watters Crossing center. Hope to see you all there!

Refreshments Duty and Information

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

September 9: **Colter**, Jimison, Sherman, Bivins

September 23: **Lee**, Covington, Kern, Peggy Amy

October 14: **Hamm**, Bergesen, Schweers, Feldman, Kilejian, Reid (Double Deal Dance)

October 28: Closed due to NORTEX Cavalcade

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!):

August 21, 2016 – NORTEX Quarterly Meeting – Swingtime Center, Fort Worth, TX

August 28, 2016 – Swinging Stars General Meeting – Austin Grill – Plano, TX – 3:00 PM

October 14, 2016 – Swinging Stars DD Dance – Oktoberfest theme since the end of the month is Round-UP.

October 28, 2016 – Swinging Stars Dance cancelled to support Callers Cavalcade

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

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

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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

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

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



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Double Deal Dance

Friday October 14, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



Early Rounds: 7:00

Plus Dancing: 7:45

Grand March: 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Banners Honey Pot Fun Fellowship Refreshments

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adult

For info: 972-834-3097 or president@swingingstars.org



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