



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for August 24, 2014

Mainstream lessons start Tuesday! Please have all your recruits in our room at Carpenter Rec Center by 7:15PM and make sure they've signed up for lessons before you let them go home!

Our Friday night dance was great fun! We had 19 visitors and 69 Swinging Stars there for a total of 88 dancers. We returned banners to the Kissin' Kuzzins and the Cotton Pickin' Squares. Bright colored attire abounded, creating a very festive atmosphere and reminding us all that Round-Up is just around the corner, AND Life's Just a Dance. Congratulations are in order for the club and several of our members who were presented Friendship program awards. The club received our 360 visitation patch (You are such enthusiastic dancers!), and the following members were presented Friendship dangles: Jim and Knarik Bondi (Gold 200 and Gold 225), Jack Duncan (Gold 150), and Steve and Debbie Sherrell (Gold 25 and Silver 25). It was great to see George and Mary Loxsom back and dancing some after George's recent knee replacement surgery.

Yes, **Round-Up is less than eight short weeks away.** Early registration will save you some money. You can register online and pay with PayPal here: <http://www.roundup2014.com/registration.html> Alternatively, you can register by mail using the form printed on page 6 of your August *Promenade*. Mail-in registrations must be postmarked no later than October 1.

Marshall Flippo is calling for the Lone Star Solos on Thursday night. You should go if you possibly can, because with Flippo calling, a tremendously fun night is guaranteed!

The coming weekend (August 29 – 30) is a 5th Friday and Saturday, and we have no visitations scheduled after the Lone Star Solos on Thursday night. Many of our members will be going to the Chaparral Evening in Paris plus weekend, and some will be going to the Texas Round Dance Teachers Association (TRDTA) North round dance weekend at Swingtime. If you are plus dancers and are not going to Paris, you may be interested in the Tri-City Promenaders all plus, no frills dance on Saturday night with Vernon Jones calling – see ad on page 29 of your August *Promenade* for details. Otherwise, it looks like a weekend off since no regular club dances are scheduled. We'll get back into visitations big time the next weekend with the Kissin' Kuzzins on September 5 and the Solitaires 32nd anniversary dance on September 6.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, August 26 – **Mainstream lessons start**, Carpenter Rec Center, 7:15PM.

Thursday, August 28 – Visit to Lone Star Solos; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

We are saddened to learn of the death of Maxine Chambers, immediate past president of the Triangle Squares. She was hospitalized on Thursday with pancreatitis and died of complications on Friday morning. We have not received word on service arrangements.

* * * 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
Dixie Chainers	22-Mar-14
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Rebel Rousers	07-Jun-14
Roadrunners	17-Jul-14
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Texas Reelers	15-Aug-14
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13
Tri-City Promenaders	23-Aug-14

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Decatur 8ers	23-May-14

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Plus 4s, Wednesday, August 20

Fourteen (14) Swinging Stars visited the Plus 4s on Wednesday night. Charles (Quiz) Quisenberry was at his entertaining and instructional best as he took the dancers through fast-paced tips packed with plus calls and challenging the dancers to complete them from unusual positions. Seven of our recent plus graduates were there, and they danced great! Swinging Stars attending were Amys, J. Bondi, Esteps, Hamms, Halvorsons, Lewises, Lloyds, and S. Sherrell.

Of Interest, Tri-City Promenaders, Saturday, August 23rd

Ten (10) of our members visited the Tri-City Promenaders Saturday evening, and they were nice enough to give us their banner. Paul Kinsey was great, as usual, on the squares. Ray Savell was visiting with his Circle I friends, and he joined Paul for a couple of wonderfully fun tips and called another one on his own. The round dancers in attendance enjoyed the excellent cuing of Chris Farabaugh. Swinging Stars in attendance were Bondis, Brewers, Esteps, Hamms, and HARRISES. It was great to have Knarik Bondi back dancing with us.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Of Interest, Lone Star Solos, Thursday, August 28th

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall (10110 Shoreview Road, Dallas, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM
Caller: Marshall Flippo
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Theme: Flip Over Flippo
Notes: Wear casual attire

Of Interest, Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, September 5th

Location: Garland Sr. Activity Center (600 Avenue A, Garland, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: J. L. Pelton
Notes: Double Deal; recommended color: **Purple**

Official, Solitaires, Saturday, September 6th

Location: All Saints Catholic Church (5231 Meadowcreek Dr, Dallas, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Bobby Willis
Cuer: J L Pelton
Theme: 32nd Anniversary Birthday Dance
Notes: Double Deal; recommended color: **Turquoise**

Refreshments Duty and Information

September 12	Pitts, Rose, Duncan, Kilejian
September 26	Ross, Friesen, Archey, Rickert*
	(*note: Gary Amy will head up this Chili/Dessert cookoff; others will assist)
October 10	Feldman, Barber, 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

Chili 
and 
Dessert
COOK OFF
Double Deal Dance
Prizes for Best Chili and Best Dessert
Friday, September, 26 2014

HALLOWEEN 
Swinging Stars
Costume Party Dance


Prize For Best Costume
Caller
Wayne Baldwin
Cuer
Walter Brewer

Friday, October 31 (5th Friday)

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

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<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.

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