



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for August 25, 2013

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

We had a good crowd on Friday night with 103 Swinging Stars. It was great to see everyone back from their summer vacations and sporting their favorite sports team jersey for our “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” theme.

Fourteen callers and four cuers for three hours of square dancing for a jar of jelly or a box of rice and a very good cause. We are extremely blessed individually and as a nation. God has showered us with blessings and he has given us opportunities to help those less fortunate. Thanks you NORTEX and NTCA for giving us an opportunity to help others. Thank you to all of the callers and cuers for the donation of your time and talents in this vital cause. Thank you to all of the NORTEX members who worked long and hard putting together a fun and successful event. Thank the leaders of Plymouth Park United Methodist Church for the use of their facilities.

I believe we had every NORTEX club represented. Yellow dresses and shirts everywhere – I would say that that a good time was had by all and that it was a very successful pre-Round-Up dance. I don’t know about you but I am excited about the upcoming Cavalcade and Round Up. There is excitement building in the air as we approach this year’s event.

I hear great things about the featured caller, Noah Siegmann, and I am anxiously awaiting the event. Have you bought your Round Up tickets? What? Well, what are you waiting for???

Richard and Jan

DANCE LESSONS

Mainstream lessons are scheduled to start on Tuesday evening, August 27th also at Carpenter Recreation Center in Plano. Wayne Baldwin is ready. As of yesterday, we have 17 students. Just a quick reminder, we will be adding students for the first three lessons so if you know someone who wants to take lessons but cannot be there this Tuesday, they can start the following week.

The lessons committee is working finishing up last minute details. Our lessons committee is Mark & Karen Hawkins, Mel & Sondra Foust, Dave & Lorraine Bursons, Rick & Dorinda Maier, Ron & Donita See, Barry & Helen Feldman, Ralph & Lucy Hamm, Roger & Janelle Row and Richard & Jan Covington.

If you need details, you can print the lessons flyer from our www.SwingingStars.org web-site. If you want a three-fold flyer on the heavier paper you can pick up a supply at our next club dance. Or, you can follow this link (or type it into your internet browser)

http://www.swingingstars.org/Mainstream_square_dance_lessons_2013.pdf and print your own.

NORTEX SPOT LIGHT

TRCA's CALLERS CAVALCADE

Friday November 1, 2013

(Future NTCA Stars 6:00 PM, Early Rounds 7:00 PM, Grand March 7:45 PM

\$5.00 donation per person

(family package, children 18 or under get in free with an accompanying adult)

ROUND UP 2013

Celebrating Texas' Heritage

The Yellow Rose of Texas



Featured Caller: Noah Siegmann

Staff Caller: Vernon Jones

Staff Cuer: JL Pelton

Saturday November 2, 2013

(All day & evening)

\$15 donation per person

(family package, children 18 or under get in free with an accompany adult)

Grapevine Convention Center

1209 South Main St., Grapevine, TX

(accommodations may be booked through NORTEX, see Hotel Reservation Form on www.nortex.org)

Questions: Please call John & Shirley Currie (214) 557-2411 NORTEX Round-Up Chair or email: round-upnortex.org

Download and print a copy of the 2013 ROUND UP registration from www.nortex.org

Complete the form and mail it to NTCA/NORTEX 2013, 7101 Dobbins Dr, Plano, TX 75025-5740

Make checks payable to NORTEX (no cash please)

Must be postmarked no later than 10/1/2013

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check out the GRaM committee web-site: www.lifesjustadance.com click on Lessons and then DFW Area Lessons Map. You will note a Star in Plano labeled “Swinging Stars”. If you click this it will bring up our lessons flyer. This is just one of the things that has come out of the GRaM committee to help promote square dancing by advertising the lessons for each club.

NORTEX is sponsoring the raffling of a Cruise scheduled to depart March 30th – April 6th 2014 leaving from Galveston, TX. The cruise is a great one! Royal Caribbean’s Navigator of the Seas and Island stops are to include Cozumel, Grand Caymans and Jamaica. The cruise, for us square dancers, is a Square Dance cruise with Jerry Story and Joe Saltel. For your non-square family and friends, it is just a Cruise.



We have been on this cruise and it is really a fun one even without the square dancing but with dancing available each day—What a bargain! Several Swinging Stars have already booked the trip. We have had the flyers on the table at our dances but you can also see the flyer on Jerry Story’s website.

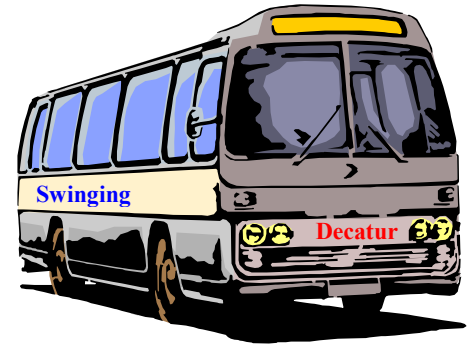
* * * From Your 2nd VPs * * *

It was another whopper of a week with a plethora of visitations by the Swinging Stars, and it always brings a smile to our faces to see the Stars getting out and around dancing and socializing.

This coming week we have a blockbuster of exciting dances, at home and abroad in Paris (that’s Paris, Texas... ha ha), so get out and be part of the fun. Thursday is an official visitation to the Lone Star Solos for their annual Flip over Flippo double deal dance featuring renowned caller, Marshall Flippo, from Tuscon Arizona. A major Swinging Stars visitation bifurcation will then occur Friday night due to fun overlapping dances:

- a) If you are NOT going to Paris, start your weekend Friday night with the Triangle Squares in Denton for their annual Schmidt Double Deal dance which is always a lot of fun. And then on Saturday, Rainbow Rounds are having their anniversary double deal dance, which includes square dancing. Since these are double deal dances we need club signatures – email Bob or Terri (2ndVP@swingingstars.org) if you can help get a CLUB card signed at either or both of those dances if 8 or more Swinging Stars are there.
- b) If you ARE Paris bound, we have dances starting with the Travel in Dance at 3:00PM Friday followed by a Friday night dance and Swinging Stars after party at the Comfort Inn which is being hosted by Deckard and Peggy Pharr (bring snacks and drinks). There will be dancing all day Saturday followed by a dance after party at the Love Civic Center. We’ll see you in Paris and we will send out one more informational email this week to the **20 couples** planning to go!

Swinging Stars Bus Trip – 33% of the seats to enable our trip have already been sold!!! The contract for the luxury coach has been signed for a Swinging Stars visit to the Decatur 8^{ers} for their anniversary Octoberfest dance October 5th. We will leave from the parking lot of the Walmart in Plano at Spring Creek and I-75 at 6:00PM sharp for Weatherford College in Bridgeport. The workshop starts at 7:30PM and the dance is from 8:00PM to 10:00PM, after which we will board the bus and return to Plano. A full dinner will be served at the dance. You should plan on fun and games while on the bus and make sure to bring snacks and beverages to enjoy on the return trip. Get your \$20 per person (first come, first served) to Bob or Terri ASAP to secure your seat (mail a check or bring to a dance). We will release unused seats to other area clubs starting September 16th.



The current Swinging Star banner inventory is shown below. If you visit a club whose banner we have, please don't bring home another one. We have no Swinging Stars banners out.

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	23-Mar-13
Dixie Chainers	10-Aug-13
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Lone Star Solos	28-Mar-13
North Star 8	09-Feb-13
Rebel Rousers	17-Aug-13
Roadrunners	04-Jul-13
Solitaires	03-Nov-12
Texas Reelers	19-Jul-13
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13
Tri City Promenaders	26-Jan-13
T-Square Gadabouts	15-Feb-13
Yellow Rockers	18-Apr-13

*** * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * ***

Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, August 20th

Ten Swinging Stars ladies had a lunch and social outing at A Taste of Home in Wylie Tuesday. Thank you, Peggy Pharr, for being our hostess for August. Chatting was enjoyed by all while eating delicious food in an old home setting in historic downtown Wylie. Afterwards, several of us visited the nearby quilt shop and got inspired to sew and quilt and we also tried out a couple of new cutting tools. Fran Bivins will be our September hostess for the next ladies luncheon at Casa Cha Cha on Monday, September 23rd, at 11:30am (website / directions below). Hope to see you there!

Plus 4's, Wednesday, August 21st

A hearty collection of plus dancing Swinging Stars including some of our recent graduates visited the Plus 4's Wednesday night at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch for a very fun evening of dancing. Our group was a significant part of the whopping 7 squares at the dance called by Charles 'Quiz' Quisenberry. Quiz made the squares fun for everyone, and in his fun way pointed out when dancers became askew to shore up the configuration for the next call. The Swinging Stars at the dance included: P. Amy, Archies, Bondis, Brandens, Bursons, J. Duncan, Evantos, Kilejians, Hawkins, Lewises, Pitts, Sees, and the Underwoods.

Lone Star Solos, Thursday, August 22nd

Two Swinging Stars couples visited the Lone Star Solos for their Casual Beach Party dance on Thursday night. Rounds were expertly cued by Chris Farabaugh, who taught us a new fun line dance. Dave Viera called the fun squares while sporting swim trunks and a loud t-shirt that was dog-themed. And the kickoff tune, if we recalled properly, was a rendition of "Who Let the Dogs Out". And the refreshments included dogs in a blanket and pineapple upside down cake – maybe there was an alternate theme most of us weren't aware of. The Bondis and the Pitts represented the Swinging Stars at this dance.

Dance of Interest – Cotton Pickin' Squares, Saturday, August 24th

Even with a last minute Friday night change to the dance of interest for Saturday night, there were 17 Swinging Stars who visited the Cotton Pickin' Squares for their Back to School dance. Their dance featured headline cuer, Patti Wheelington, of Texarkana, Arkansas and international square dance caller, Gary Shoemake, of Sevierville, Tennessee. Patti did a great job cuing to both newbie and tenured round dancers. Her cue timing and song selection were excellent. Gary treated the dancers to a vibrant assortment of songs from a variety of genres. His smooth choreography worked well across dance speeds that spanned the spectrum. The Cotton Pickin' Squares provided a wonderful assortment of cookies for the dancers. The visiting Swinging Stars included: P. Amy, the Bursons, Evantos, Kendricks, Lassiters, Pitts, Rickerts, Stuarts, and the Trujillos.

Dixie Chainers, Saturday, August 24th

There were 6 Swinging Stars at the Dixie Chainers' dance in Farmers Branch Saturday night. Rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide and squares were called by Vernon Jones. Vernon kept things lively, and sometimes rather surprising, for square dancers. In one especially interesting tip, he taught dancers "Red Hot", an unusual and interesting old time call no longer in the repertoire. All in attendance had a terrific time. Visiting Swinging Stars were: the Bondis, Colters, and Smith / Hardin. Thanks to Jim Bondi for sharing the dance details.

Official – NORTEX Yellow Rose of Texas Round Up Kickoff, Sunday, August 25th

An exciting time was had by all at the Round Up Kickoff dance in Irving Sunday afternoon. There were 14 callers, 3 cuers, 2 dance halls, hundreds of cookies, and about 250 dancers (34 of them Swinging Stars), many of whom were decked out in their yellow outfits. The afternoon was chocked full of round, square, and line dances between the 2 dance halls. Over \$2500 was raised for Dallas and Tarrant County food banks. The Swinging Stars at the dance included: P. Amy, the Archies, Baldwins, Bondis, Bursons, Covingtons, Evantos, Fousts, Z. Kilejian, Loxsoms, Perrotts, Pitts, Putnams, Rows, Sees, Starretts, Trujillos, and the Underwoods.

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

Official – Lone Star Solos, Thursday, August 29th

Location: Knight of Columbus Hall (10110 Shoreview Rd., Dallas, TX)

Website: <http://www.lonestarsolos.com/>

Time: Early rounds 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM

Caller: Marshall Flippo

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Theme: Flip over Flippo

Notes: Double deal dance

Official – Triangle Squares, Friday, August 30th

Location: Denton Civic Center (321 E. McKinney St., Denton, TX)
Website: <http://www.trianglesquaresdanceclub.com/>
Time: Early rounds 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Toby Thomason and Danny Blagg
Cuer: Toby Thomason
Theme: Schmidt Family Celebrates All Things Texas
Notes: Double deal dance, supper served after 1st tip
Attire: Usually hilly billy attire, and this year maybe with a Texas twist? FUN Dance every year!

Dance of Interest – Rainbow Rounds, Saturday, August 31st

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)
Website: n/a
Time: Early rounds 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Dave Viera and Ray Savell
Cuer: Karen Gloodt
Theme: Under the Rainbow
Notes: Double deal anniversary dance, round dance club but anniversary includes square dancing too

Official – Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, September 6th

Location: Garland Senior Activity Center (600 Ave. "A", Garland, TX)
Website: <http://www.kissinkuzzins.org/>
Time: Early rounds 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Theme: Follow the Yellow Brick Road
Notes: Double deal dance, wear yellow if you have it

Ladies Luncheon, Monday, September 23rd

Location: Casa Cha Cha (3613 Shire Blvd, Suite 180, Richardson, TX)
Website: <http://www.casachacha.com/>
Time: 11:30PM
Hostess: Fran Bivins
Notes: Let Fran know if you plan to attend (email: GBivins1@msn.com ph: 972.495.6925)

*** * * SPECIAL WEEKEND DANCE OPPORTUNITIES * * ***

19th Annual Evening in Paris, August 30-31st

Location: Love Civic Center, Paris, TX
Website: http://swingingstars.org/19thEvening_In_Paris.pdf
Callers: Gary Shoemake, Mike Bramlett, Ken Bower, Marshall Flippo
Cuer: Patti Wheelington
Notes: 3 dance halls: plus, advanced, and mainstream (singing calls)

16th Annual Square Round the Lake Plus Square Dance Weekend, September 20-21st

Location: DeGray Lake Resort Lodge
Website: http://swingingstars.org/Sq_Around_Lake2013.pdf
Callers: Tony Oxendine and Ken Bower
Cuer: Patti Wheelington

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

September 13	Sherman, Schumacher*, Pharr, Ramirez
September 27	Dennison, Rickett*, Hardin/Smith, Maier
October 11	Gifford, Nejd, Hamm, McGuire
October 25	Amy, Lewis, Kilejian*, Meyer

*New Club Members – can be leaders after one year as club member

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 by 7:00 pm. As per our contract with PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 7:00.
- 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 Fluorescent 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 with the names of your schedule changes.
- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments to pick up the three 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 **Mark & Karen Hawkins at 972-436-4868 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 thru Oct 2013



September 27, 2013

Burnin' Big Tex Chili Cookoff



October 25, 2013

Boot Scootin'

Show Your Colors Ball



Friday, August 9th – Open House Dance, Bring your prospective students

Sunday, August 25th – NORTEX Pre-Roundup Kickoff & Food Drive, 4:30 – 6:30, Plymouth Park United Methodist Church in Irving – this is a double signature dance

Tuesday, August 27th – Mainstream Lessons at Carpenter Rec. Center in Plano, 7:00

Friday, November 1st – Cavalcade at Roundup will run from 6:00 – 10:00 on November 1st

Friday, December 6th – Stars Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 8th – NORTEX Toys for Tots dance will be at the Richardson Civic Center

Friday, January 31, 2014 – Swinging Stars 39th Anniversary Dance at All Saints Catholic Church

Themes:

August 23, 2013 - Take Me Out to the Ballgame

September 27, 2013 - Burnin' Big Tex Chili Cookoff

October 25, 2013 - Boot Scootin' Show Your Colors Ball – Double Deal Dance

November 22, 2013 – Shake Your Tail Feathers Dance (Thanksgiving falls on November 28, 2013)

December 13, 2013 - Toys & Books for Kids Holiday Ball

February 14, 2014 - Valentine's Day Dance

Future Dates Reserved with NORTEX:

Friday, October 31, 2014 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Friday)*

Saturday, January 31, 2015 – 40th Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

Saturday, October 31, 2015 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Saturday)*

Saturday, January 30, 2016 – 41st Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

Saturday, October 29, 2016 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Saturday)*

*provided these dates do not conflict with the NORTEX Round Up Dance weekend

Mark the dates on your calendar right now.....



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For information about weekend dances go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends. Go to our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club> - "like us," view picture, post pictures, comments about anything what you enjoy about square dancing or a specific dance.

Dave and Lorraine have agreed to Chair the Nominating Committee for this fall as a slate of officers needs to be re-elected at our November Club meeting. Roger & Janelle Row and Ralph & Lucy Hamms have also volunteered. We would like to have one or two additional couples. If you are interested, contact me, Jan, Dave or Lorraine.

Remember our Sunshine person is Debbie Piziali and you can email her at debbie@piziali.dv.org or her phone number is 214-552-9802. Please call her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

RICHARD & JAN COVINGTON

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