



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for August 31, 2014

We have 14 students signed up for mainstream lessons. Six more potential students were there on Tuesday night, and we hope some of them will join the class. **WE NEED MORE!!** We urge you to contact anyone else you know who may have an interest and encourage them to come to Carpenter Rec Center this coming Tuesday night at 7:15 and see what square dancing is like. If they like it, they can register for the course.

Lots of Swinging Stars were out enjoying themselves at various dances Thursday through Saturday. Members visited the Lone Star Solos, the Tri-City Promenaders, the Chaparral Evening in Paris weekend, and the Texas Round Dance Teachers Association (TRDTA) North round dance festival. See the reports in Events from the Past Week below.

We have two fun visits coming up this weekend – the Kissin' Kuzzins on Friday and the Solitaires 32nd anniversary on Saturday. Keep in mind that our club's summer casual period is over. All the details are in Coming Events below.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, September 2 – Mainstream lesson, Carpenter Rec Center, 7:15PM.

Friday, September 5 – Visit to Kissin' Kuzzins; wear **purple** if you have it; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, September 6—Official visit to Solitaires anniversary dance; wear **turquoise** if you have it; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

We offer condolences to Roger Row in the loss of his mother, Kathleen Row, on Wednesday at the age of 91. Please keep Roger and Janelle and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

The annual Swinging Stars Chili and Dessert Cook-Off is coming up September 26. Gary Amy is wearing his apron full time now as he plans and prepares. Please plan to help out by bringing your very best chili or dessert. Gary will have sign-up sheets at our September 12 dance. Watch for more information.

Dave and Lorraine Burson are the Chairman for this year's "Toys For Tots Christmas Dance and Toy Drop-off". This activity is presented by the North Texas Callers' Association and NORTEX for the Marine Toys For Tots Foundation. To help defray the cost of the event the NTCA and NORTEX are offering **sponsorships**. Cost for each sponsorship is **\$100.00**. **Each sponsor will have** (1) an ad in the Nov. and Dec. *Promenades*, (2) a place to display their information at the dance and (3) their ad streaming on the 2 large

screens in the Richardson Civic Center running during the day's activities. **You would also be helping the Marines with the Toys For Tots Foundation to bring joy to a lot of children this holiday season.** If you or someone you know is interested in buying a sponsorship, please contact Dave or Lorraine at Dave@Bursons.us or [972-396-0941](tel:972-396-0941). **We need to have your ad turned in before September 15** to be able to get it in the November Promenade.



Yummy!

Thank you to Lucy Hamm for agreeing to be the hostess for the September ladies luncheon. She has chosen a very inviting venue for the Lady Stars to enjoy. Hope you will be able to join us at the **Cheesecake Factory in Frisco on Tuesday, September 23rd at 11:30.** Cheesecake Factory is in Stonebriar Center Mall, 2601 Preston Rd, Frisco – just inside the south entrance of the mall facing Highway 121.

Please contact Lucy to make your reservation by the 20th of September if you plan to attend. This will give Lucy ample time to let the restaurant know how many to expect for lunch. Contact her at llhamm45@gmail.com or [214-872-7219](tel:214-872-7219).

You can check out the Cheesecake Factory menu by going to: www.thecheesecakefactory.com.

Valet parking is complimentary with your lunch receipt and is available on the level directly below the restaurant. There is also ample self-parking in front of the restaurant.

* * * 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 * * ***

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

Marshall Flippo called a super, fun dance and was very welcoming to the crowd, going around and shaking hands with everyone. He was joined on the very entertaining last tip by Mike Bramlett, and Dave Viera. Chris Farabaugh did his usual great job cueing and even had a couple of new tunes. There was a large crowd of appreciative round dancers. Swinging Stars enjoying the evening were the Esteps, Harrises, Pitts, and C. Wolfe. Thanks to Bob Estep and Bob Pitts for this report.

Chaparral Evening in Paris Plus Weekend, August 29th – 30th

Ten Swinging Stars couples attended Chaparral's "Evening in Paris" square and round dance weekend at the Love Civic Center in Paris, TX on Friday and Saturday August 29 - 30. Squares were called by a world-class caller quartet comprised of Ken Bower of CA, Mike Bramlett of TX, Marshall Flippo of AZ, and Gary Shoemake of TN. Rounds were cued by the highly respected tandem of John and Norma Becker of TX. Dancers came literally from all over the place including 12 different states in the U.S., the farthest being Pennsylvania, and even from Hamburg, Germany.

Square dancing commenced with the traditional "trail in" dance on Fri afternoon and continued Friday evening with parallel sessions of a Caller-Rama (of guest callers, including our very own Richard Covington) and early rounds followed by all-plus square dancing with intermixed rounds. Saturday began mid morning with workshops on plus and advanced square dancing and a round dance teach. Early Saturday afternoon continued dancers' educations with more square workshops and another round dance teach (an interesting phase IV Jive taught well by the Beckers -- this reporter just watched but could easily see and appreciate the quality of instruction). Mid Saturday afternoon brought a one hour mix of mind stunning DBD plus and exhilarating high-energy (aka "FAST") plus. Saturday evening, of course, offered the main Chaparral Ball dance and an entertainment-packed after party featuring ice cream, almost countless door prizes (winning Stars included Merry Trujillo and Dave Colter), and some truly hilarious skits. Attendees from the Dallas area especially enjoyed the skit featuring big Mike Bramlett playing a "talking dog" (with, unfortunately, a real penchant for telling outlandish lies). And, yes, Mike did appear in a bit of a dog costume.

When not dancing, Swinging Stars congregated several times for a few of our favorite extra-dancing activities, including a Friday evening after-party at the Pharrs' hotel (which featured a surprise birthday cake for Knarik Bondi, thanks to our generous hostess, Peggy Pharr) and a scrumptious fish dinner late Saturday afternoon at -- where else -- Paris' "Fish Fry" restaurant. Swinging Stars participating in this terrific Paris, TX weekend were Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Colters, Covingtons, Evantos, Pharrs, Pitts, Smith/Hardin, and Trujillos. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

Texas Round Dance Teachers Association North Festival, August 29th – 30th

Three Swinging Stars couples attended the TRDTA North Round Dance Festival on Friday and Saturday at Swingtime in Fort Worth. Dancers came from all over Texas with Austin having the largest number of representatives. Round dance cuers were from Houston, Bridge City, Brenham, Arlington, Friendswood and Dallas.

Sixty four phase 2 to 4+ dances were performed by participants during Friday and Saturday evenings. These were preselected by vote of attendees. Eleven were choreographed by the fabulous Karen and Ed Gloodt. Voted the number one favorite was "Dance with the Devil", a cha cha choreographed by JL and Linda Pelton. (This dance was also chosen for Dance of the Month by the Northern California Round Dance Association.) On Saturday morning and afternoon the dancers learned two phase 3 and one phase 4+ dances. Jack and Sharie Kenny taught a lively and fun rumba, Martha and Ed Koslosky taught a lovely foxtrot, and JL and Linda Pelton taught a complex, beautiful waltz.

Swinging Stars members, as usual, enjoyed lunches, dinners, and after parties together. It was delightful to meet fellow round dancers from around the state as well as familiar friends from around the Metroplex. We appreciated the hard work of the TRDTA North members who arranged the festival for us as well as those from TRDTA South who assisted.

Swinging Stars dancers attending were the Hamms, Perrotts and Pitts (also attending were the Zhang-Chens who are taking Swinging Stars square dance lessons this fall). Submitted by Lucy Hamm.

Tri-City Promenaders All Plus Dance, Saturday, August 30th

On Saturday 8 Swinging Stars visited the Tri-City Promenaders for their All-Plus No Frills Dance. Vernon Jones called a fun, fast paced dance highlighting multiple ways to do tea-cup chain (head ladies, side ladies, no ladies, etc.). There was no round dancing so we did lots of plus dancing. In attendance were Esteps, Feldmans, Halvorsons, and Sherrells. Thanks to Bob Estep for this report.

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

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**

Swinging Stars Club, Friday, September 12th

Location: Shepard Elementary School, 1000 Wilson Dr, Plano, TX
Time: Mainstream Workshop – 7:00PM / square up – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Theme: None
Notes: Summer casual period is OVER

Of Interest, Diamond Jubileers, Saturday, September 13th

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft Worth, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Paul Kinsey, Rick Smith
Cuer: Mel Neuman
Theme: Red Hat Tour thru Texas
Notes: Double Deal; feel free to wear a red hat and a coordinating color of your choice

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*



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

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.

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