



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for September 1, 2013

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS



Hope that you all have a SAFE & HAPPY LABOR DAY!!!!

Lessons, Lessons and more Lessons.... Learning and exercising our brain is what personal growth is all about and if you're not moving forward you're losing ground. Wayne told the class Tuesday, "I am the instructor and repetition is the teacher." I once read "practice make perfect" but it really doesn't. "Perfect practice makes perfect".

Calling all Angels...calling all Angels...our mainstream class started Tuesday with 28 students and enrollment is open for the next couple of weeks. One thing that is apparent, we need more Angels and especially men as two of our lady Angels, Jan & Marcy, danced the man's part. We have four or five single ladies signed up for lessons and it is a good thing they did because we need 16 to make a class and as of Friday we only had 17. Do you know any single men that want to take square dance lessons? We have told these single individuals that they need a dance partner to join our club but there are a number of good single clubs in the area.

Lessons of another kind - the Lone Star Callers School, Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll-Jones and Vernon Jones, will be conducting a Caller College in Arlington, Texas three weekends in September. The school will be held at the Maverick's Athletic Club, 1919 W. Pioneer Pkwy in Arlington, Texas on the following weekends: September 7th and 8th; 13th & 14th and 28th & 29th.

Jon and Deborah are both CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coaches and have conducted many schools for callers in the past. Vernon has been on staff at several schools as well and most recently several of the GSI schools just before the National convention.

Okay, so you are thinking, why is he giving this front page press? I don't want to be a caller. Let me tell you where you can help....just like dance students need "Angels", caller trainees need "Angels" too. So, in order for the callers attending the school to get hands on calling training and experience, they need dancers.

Jon, Deborah and Vernon are asking for any dancers that are interested in helping out as "Angels", to contact them directly for the dates and times they would like your help.

Jon: 817-469-1179 JonJonesSDC@att.net; Deborah: 817-469-1179 deborahcjones@att.net

Richard and Jan

DANCE LESSONS

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.



Angels this week were Roger & Janelle Row, Jack Duncan, Bob & Terri Pitts, Dave & Lorraine Burson, Marcy Sherman, Sondra Foust, Mark & Karen Hawkins, Ron & Donita See, Sally Henneberger, Rick & Dorinda Maier, George Loxsom, Julie & Frank Ramirez, Peggy Amy, Richard & Jan Covington.

You might find it interesting to know that the following clubs are having square dance lessons this fall: Triangle Squares, Kissin Kuzzin's, Texas Reelers, Rockwall Squares, Lone Star Solos, Stone Steppers, Tri-City Promenaders, The Casuals, T Squares Gadabouts & the Fort Worth Squares and Dublin Cloverleaf Square Dance Club. Circle I and The Pioneers have lessons planned for 2014.

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

Please add November 8th to your calendar as our New Dancer Dance - more about this to come later.

The following email is from your NORTEX President, Ray & Vicki Spray

Good morning!

A huge Thank You to all NORTEX officers and Round Up Committee, who came together as a team, for an incredible dance yesterday. You raised \$2500.00 and a large amount of food for the area food banks.

A special thank you to Larry & Kaye Horstmann, Bascom & Peggy Kemp and Joyce Sellers & Charles Deckert for your direction and follow through. We received so many good comments from the 251 generous dancers in attendance yesterday.

We are very lucky in our area to have so many world class callers and cuers who are willing to donate their time and talents for a good cause. Thank you, Mike Bramlett, for giving us an enjoyable dance program yesterday.

Dance in a square and make a circle of friends!

Ray & Vicki Spray
NORTEX President

Our prayers and sympathy goes out to Dennis and Cathey Weigel, former SS members, at the unexpected death of their daughter, Laura.

Keeping Your Swinging Stars With You - Andy Piziali likes to keep a copy of the Swinging Stars roster on his [Palm Pilot](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palm_pilot) (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palm_pilot) so he periodically converts the published roster into a [CSV file](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comma-separated_values) (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comma-separated_values) that can be imported into his PDA. If you would like a copy of this file to import into your phone, PDA or other mobile device, let him know at (Andrew Piziali <andy@piziali.dv.org>

Subject: Re: Keeping Your Swinging Stars With You) and he will send you a copy.

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 busy week for the Swinging Stars starting with a couple of weekday visitations and ending with several double deal dances and an out of town trip to Paris, Texas. So much was happening.

Have a Happy Labor Day! Here are some during the week options that are not on our club’s published calendar: 1) the Plus 4’s are dancing Wednesday night at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch (there were 24 Swinging Stars there last time and all had a wonderful time dancing to Quiz, 2) Thursday night the Roadrunners are having their Decadent Chocolate dance being cued and called by the talented Karen Gloodt and wonderful Darryl Lipscomb, respectively (if you haven’t danced to Darryl here is a great opportunity) and 3) Saturday night Circle 8 is dancing at Swingtime Center in Ft. Worth – this is a good opportunity to dance to one of the fathers of Square Dancing in our area, Melton Luttrell and Jack von der Heide will be manning the rounds.

On the calendar we have a Friday night visitation to the Kissin' Kuzzins for their double deal "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" dance – wear your yellow as it is a NORTEX pre Round Up dance!

11Swinging Stars Bus Trip – Get your checks to us quickly as >70% of the seats to enable our trip have been sold!!! The contract for the coach has been signed for a Swinging Stars visit to the Decatur 8'ers for their anniversary Oktoberfest dance October 5th. We will leave from the parking lot of the Walmart in Plano at Spring Creek and US75 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
Triangle Squares	30-Aug-13
Tri City Promenaders	26-Jan-13
T-Square Gadabouts	15-Feb-13
Yellow Rockers	18-Apr-13

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Friendship Plus, August 26th

Plenty of Swinging Stars danced on a school night Monday with Friendship Plus at Richardson Senior Center. Mike Bramlett, the club caller, led the couples through plenty of fun plus dancing. In typical fashion, Mike took normal calls and started them from positions we don't usually start them from – basically he took advantage of innocent square dancers that get used to typical callers and patterns. But we learned, and after he does it to us a few more times, will be used to it. Everyone had lots of fun, especially the square that was left with 2 phantom dancers because we were one couple short of 3 squares for the evening. The Swinging Stars at the dance were: the Bondis, Evantos, Kilejians, Pitts, Sees, Starretts, and the Underwoods.

Official – Lone Star Solos, August 29th

Yes, it was a school night, but, regardless, 17 Swinging Stars paid a visit to the Lone Star Solos for their Flip over Flippo dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall Thursday evening. Chris Farabaugh cued the round dancers through lots of fun tunes. The honorary Marshall Flippo was the guest caller for the Solos and he did a great job with the squares and threw in plenty of humor in between. Mike Bramlett and their club caller, Dave Viera, joined Marshall for the last fun tip. The Swinging Stars at the Solos' dance included: the Bondis, Bursons, HARRISES, Perrotts, Pitts, Sees, Stuarts, the Trujillos, and our photographer, C. Wolfe.

Official – Triangle Squares, August 30th

Schmidt was the word at the Triangle Squares' dance Friday night at Denton Civic Center. Everyone at the dance became an honorary Schmidt which included getting a sticker for badges at the entrance. There were about 150 Schmidts at the dance and all had a "hick" of a good time with many dressing in hill billy attire. Club caller Toby Thomason Schmidt and guest caller, Danny Blagg Schmidt led the squares and Toby performed double duty as the cuer. Everyone was treated to down home cookin' including: fried chicken, meat loaf, corn bread and beans. The following Swinging Stars brought back the Triangle Squares' banner: the Brandens, Covingtons, Feldmans, Fousts, Rows, and the Sobotkas. Thanks to Richard Covington for providing the dance details.

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

A whopping 36 Swinging Stars attended Chaparral's square dance convention "Evening in Paris" held in Paris, TX from mid Friday afternoon through Saturday midnight. Rounds were cued by Patti Wheelington of Arkansas and squares were called by 4 deservedly famous callers: Gary Shoemake from Tennessee, Mike Bramlett from Garland, Texas, Ken Bower from California, and Marshall Flippo from Arizona.

Friday afternoon started with a "Travel in Dance" for arriving dancers. You might think this part was a moderately paced dance to allow dancers to gradually warm up? WRONG! Dancing was fast and exhilarating from the weekend's first call to the last. Later Saturday evening, dancers returned for over 3 hours of dancing where Swinging Stars came adorned proudly in their aqua club color. Three dance halls were in simultaneous use during the weekend: a main stream, a plus, and an advanced. Dancing highlights of the weekend included some mainstream hot hash, teaching of a now rare call, "come together", by which a squared set morphs very quickly into facing lines of 4, and some absolutely great singing calls highlighted by some wonderful multi-part harmony among Mike Bramlett, Ken Bower, and Gary Shoemake. At times, you thought you were listening to the Oak Ridge Boys belting out one of their famous tunes. Friday night there was a fun Swinging Stars after party at the Comfort Inn.

Saturday afternoon 34 Swinging Stars enjoyed a dinner at the Fish Fry in Paris. After the dance ended Saturday, a terrific after party followed where numerous door prizes were raffled off, an aspiring country western singer performed, and several wild comedy skits were performed. For example, picture big Mike Bramlett literally walking around stage on his knees to shorten himself enough to portray a young school boy getting in trouble with his teacher and principal.

All in attendance had a truly terrific time. The visiting Swinging Stars were: the Amys, Bivins, Bondis, Bullocks, Bursons, Colters, Delukes, Evantos, Heintz, Hawkins, Loxsoms, McGuires, Pharrs, Sees, Shermans, Smith / Hardin, Trujillos, and the Underwoods. Our sizable contingent of 36 Swinging Stars received the only "attendance reward" of the weekend – a \$100 check for registering 12 or more couples. Thanks to Jim Bondi for the generous details and Lorraine Burson for added tidbits.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

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 * * *

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, NejdI, 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



September 27, 2013

Burnin' Big Tex Chili Cookoff



October 25, 2013

Boot Scootin'

Show Your Colors Ball



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

Friday, November 8th – New Dancers Dance

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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