



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for September 8, 2013*

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### PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

There is a lot going on and coming up in the Square and Round Dance world. We just had our annual GRaM Committee "Food for the Hungry" and Round Up Kick Off dance sponsored by NORTEX and NTCA. Many hours were donated in addition to the roughly \$2500 of food and money collected for the food banks for Dallas & Fort Worth. Thanks to all of the dancers who came and donated, thanks to the NORTEX members for all of their hard work and time donated and thanks to the callers & cuers for donating their time and talent. We would not have had a successful event had it not been for each and every one of you.

It is our hope that this will continue to grow and that donations will continue to grow. Wouldn't it be great to double the donations each year the next two-to-three years? Search your hearts and ask, what can I do to help? It might be that you have a relationship with the local media and you could encourage them to come and provide the event media attention. James Alexander and Mike Bramlett had contacted local news in an effort to gather attention to the community. The news reporter had indicated that they would come but I don't believe they made it. Obviously, the more attention we get the more donations we receive and the reverse is true as well, the more donations we generate the more attention the media will give it. What can you do? Maybe you are a doer, NORTEX may be able to use your talents in organizing, planning, or just doing... Nevertheless, we (the square dance community) needs to start planning for next year and looking five years down the road. Give us some thought; together we can all make it better and feed a larger number of the needy.

Maybe you have heard that Round Up is coming up October/November. Friday night starts with NTCA's up & coming callers of the future followed by NTCA Cavalcade. This will be a great night of dancing with calling by the best callers in the area. Saturday will be a fun filled day of fun workshops (funshops) and an evening of dancing with **Noah Siegmann**. Our staff caller is Vernon Jones and our staff cuer is JL Pelton. Note more details about this in this newsletter.

Another great opportunity to help those less fortunate is the Toys For Tots at the Richardson Civic Center on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Together we can make this a very Happy Holiday season for a number of boys & girls.

Calling all Angels...calling all Angels...our mainstream class started Tuesday with 28 students and enrollment is open for one more week. One thing that is apparent, we need more Angels and especially men. As one of our lady Angels, Jan Covington, danced the man's part this week. 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 - Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll-Jones and Vernon Jones, started the first class of Lone Star Caller's College in Arlington, Texas on September 7th & 8th. There were eleven students present and

many spouses/dance partners came in support. The school is being held at the Maverick's Athletic Club, 1919 W. Pioneer Pkwy in Arlington, Texas. Two more weekends remain - September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:JonJonesSDC@att.net); Deborah: 817-469-1179 [deborahcjones@att.net](mailto:deborahcjones@att.net)

There will be a free square dance on September 29<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 – 5:30 at the same location (wear leather sole shoes as the floor is carpet). Richard and Jan

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## DANCE LESSONS

Here is an email from your First Vice Presidents, Lesson's Committee Chair Persons, as follows:

..... We have had 42 prospective students either attend classes or sign up at the club. Of these, 34 have paid to date.

Thank you, Richard, for putting a call out for Angels in the Newsletter. We have 7 singles that are paid to this point. There are 4 others that have attended one of the lessons but have not yet paid. Only one of these singles is a man and fortunately for us he has paid for the lessons. That leaves us needing 5 male angels (up to 4 more if any of the other women pay) for each lesson. That is in addition to the angel couples that we will need. Basically we need all the help we can get. I guess that this is the penalty that we pay for our outstanding recruiting.

Mark & Karen

Thanks again to all of you for the tremendous job that you have done.

This is from our Angel signup sheet (courtesy of Mark & Karen Hawkins):

Mark & Karen Hawkins, Helen & Barry Feldman, Julie & Frank Ramirez, Jack Duncan, Ron & Donita See, George Loxsom, Mark & Marcy Sherman, Lorraine & Dave Burson, Kenneth & Sally Henneberger, Mel & Sondra Foust, Ralph & Lucy Hamm, Richard and Jan Covington, Joni & Jerry McClure and Roger & Janelle Row.

That is 26 angels and we were still using Jan as a male dancer. Our needs are great but we have an abundance of dancers. We just have to keep this up until Christmas. We can do it.

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.

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# 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](http://www.nortex.org))

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

Download and print a copy of the 2013 ROUND UP registration from [www.nortex.org](http://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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Inquiring minds want to know... you may have notice that Kissin Kussin's have lessons that start on September 17<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday night. There is at least one flyer out there showing Wayne Baldwin as the caller... how, you might ask... TMZ has it from a very reliable source that the instructor for their lessons will be Dave Vieira. So, you can relax, Wayne will continue to teach our lessons on Tuesday night.

**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](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](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](mailto: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](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

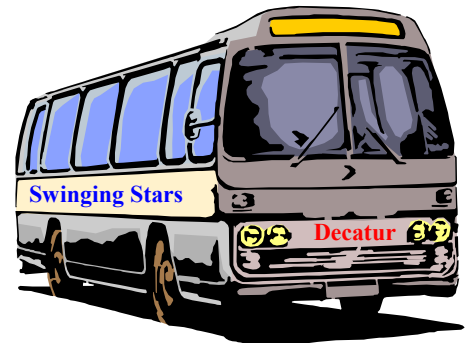
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**\* \* \* From Your 2<sup>nd</sup> VPs \* \* \***

So many visitations this week (a total of 6) and only one was an official calendar visitation! That is great to see news of everyone having a good time and getting out and dancing often.

Thank you to everyone who has been visiting this week as well as at the end of August. The double deal dances earned us double club AND double individual signatures, and the Evening in Paris trip earned the club \$100. Thank you to all the great authors of the visitation summaries listed below and for listing club attendance. As you may have heard, we have been trekking out of town lately as Bob’s mom is hospitalized. So thank you for keeping things running smoothly for our newsletter and for being a club with an outstanding visitation record.

**11Swinging Stars Bus Trip** – to the Decatur 8’ers anniversary Oktoberfest dance October 5<sup>th</sup>. 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). **Send us your check now as unsold seats to go to other area clubs starting September 16<sup>th</sup>.**



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 \* \* \*

### **Plus 4's, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

Plenty of Swinging Stars visited the Plus 4's dance at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church Wednesday to dance to the fun calling of Charles 'Quiz' Quisenberry. Quiz work on a few DBD calls including follow your neighbor, diamond chain thru, and head men center tea cup chain. The Swinging Stars at the dance were: P. Amy, the Bondis, Brandens, Bursons, Covingtons, Kilejians, Lewises, Sees, Shermans, Starretts, and the Underwoods. Thanks to Richard Covington and Jim Bondi for the details.

### **Roadrunners, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

The cube root of eight squared number of Swinging Stars visited the Roadrunners in Fort Worth on Thursday for their Decadent Chocolate dance. Rounds were cued by Karen Gloodt while squares were called by Darryl Lipscomb. As always, Darryl gave us our money's worth with some great long songs, smooth choreography, and incorporation of some plus calls he worked during the workshop into every tip. And then he pulled out a larger variety of plus calls for two plus tips. The chocolate desserts and sandwiches we ate were all delicious. The Swinging Stars at the dance were the Bursons and the Pitts.

### **Yellow Rockers, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

Half of a square of Swinging Stars visited the Yellow Rockers in Farmers Branch on Thursday. Rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh while squares were called by Charles Quisenberry. As always, 'Quiz' called brisk tips with occasional "twists and turns" that kept dancers on their toes. In one unusual tip, Quiz and Toni joined dancers on the floor to complete one square while Quiz called from a wireless microphone. All in attendance had a great time. Visiting Swinging Stars were the Bondis and the Sees. Jim Bondi provided the dance details.

### **Official – Kissin' Kuzzins, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

Nearly 3 dozen Swinging Stars visited the Kissin Kuzzins in Garland on Friday for their "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" dance at Garland Senior Center. Rounds were cued by JL Pelton who treated yellow-clad attendees to a special demo of the "Rabbit Tango". Squares were called by our own Wayne Baldwin. Wayne

kept things lively, and sometimes rather surprising, for the square dancers. In one singing call, Steve Boyd joined Wayne as the bass voice in a nice duet rendition of the Oak Ridge Boys' "Elvira". All those in attendance had a terrific time. The 34 visiting Swinging Stars were: P. Amy, the Bivins, Bondis, Bullocks, Bursons, Evantos, Feldmans, Hamms, Harrisers, Lassiters, Loxsoms, Pharrs, Sees, Smith / Hardin, Starretts, Stuarts, Underwoods, and C. Wolfe. The Kissin' Kuzzins should have awarded us their banner but they mistakenly thought we already had one. Thanks to Jim Bondi for the dance details.

### **Yellow Rockers, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

The Swinging Stars visited the Solitaires in Farmers Branch on Saturday for their "Yellow Rose of Texas" dance. Rounds were cued by JL Pelton while squares were called by guest caller, Bobby Willis. Bobby was entertaining, as always, calling fast paced tips with some unusual sequences to challenge dancers and keep them alert. All in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The visiting Swinging Stars were the Bondis and the Sees. Thanks to Jim Bondi for sharing the details of the dance.

### **Texoma Squares, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Yet another contingent of Swinging Stars went to the Texoma Squares visiting with the Round-Up committee Saturday night. Wayne Shoemaker called a fun dance and did some line dances between tips. The theme was Hobo Dance and the dancers dressed like hobos. The Swinging Stars committee members attending were: the Bursons, Trujillos and C. Wolfe. The Colters also went making for a total of 7 Swinging Stars. Their chuck wagon included fried chicken, several slow cookers of hobo stew, and many delicious side dishes and yummy desserts. Thanks to Lorraine Burson for the dance details.

## **\* \* \* COMING EVENTS \* \* \***

### **Swinging Stars, Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)  
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>  
Time: Workshop – 7:30PM / dance – 8:00PM  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Theme: n/a

### **Dance of Interest – Diamond Jubileers, Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)  
Website: <http://www.diamondjubileers.com/>  
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM  
Callers: Paul Kinsey and Rick Smith  
Cuer: Mel Neuman  
Theme: Red Hat  
Notes: This is a Double Deal dance

### **Dance of Interest – Trailblazers, Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)  
Website: n/a  
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / workshop – 7:30PM  
Caller: Ray Savell  
Cuer: Jack Kinney  
Theme: Celebrate Fall  
Notes: This is a Double Deal dance



### **Ladies Luncheon, Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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](mailto:GBivins1@msn.com) ph: 972.495.6925)

### **Swinging Stars, Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)  
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>  
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / dance – 8:00PM  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Theme: Burnin' Big Tex Chili Cookoff  
Notes: Come prepared to taste and judge chilis and desserts prepared by your fellow Swinging Stars

### **Dance of Interest – Dixie Chainers, Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX)  
Website: <http://www.dixiechainers.com/>  
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM  
Caller: Vernon Jones  
Cuer: Jack von der Heide  
Theme: n/a  
Notes: n/a

### **Harvest Holidays, Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)  
Website: <http://www.harvestholiday.com/>  
Time: Round dance – 2:00PM  
Caller: n/a  
Cuer: Jack Kinney  
Theme: Autumn Fun Rounds  
Notes: Phase 2, 3, and 4 rounds

### **Official – Decatur 8'ers, Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> (BUS TRIP DANCE – see details above)**

Location: Weatherford College (5180 US Highway 380, Bridgeport, TX)  
Website: <http://www.decatu8ers.com/>  
Time: Workshop – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM  
Caller: Vernon Jones  
Cuer: Jack von der Heide  
Theme: Oktoberfest  
Notes: This is a Double Deal anniversary dance, full German dinner will be served

## **\* \* \* SPECIAL WEEKEND DANCE OPPORTUNITIES \* \* \***

### **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Square Round the Lake Plus Square Dance Weekend, September 20-21<sup>st</sup>**

Location: DeGray Lake Resort Lodge  
Website: [http://swingingstars.org/Sq\\_Around\\_Lake2013.pdf](http://swingingstars.org/Sq_Around_Lake2013.pdf)  
Callers: Tony Oxendine and Ken Bower  
Cuer: Patti Wheelington

### **Log Cabin Swingers Jerry Story weekend, November 8-10<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Promenade Hall (1210 N. Tool Dr., Tool, TX)  
Website: <http://swingingstars.org/storytime2013.pdf>  
Caller: Jerry Story  
Cuer: Walter Brewer

### **Houston Hoedown, November 8-9<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Lone Star Convention Center (9055 Airport, Conroe, TX)  
Website: <http://www.squarethru.com/hoedown.htm>  
Callers: Hunter Keller and Houston area callers  
Cuer: Randy Preskitt

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> – Cavalcade at Roundup will run from 6:00 – 10:00 on November 1<sup>st</sup>

Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – New Dancers Dance

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – Stars Annual Holiday Party**

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

**Friday, January 31, 2014 – Swinging Stars 39<sup>th</sup> 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 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

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

Saturday, January 30, 2016 – 41<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.**

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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](mailto: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.

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