



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for September 14, 2014

We had a **most enjoyable club dance Friday night**, with five visitors and 72 Swinging Stars for a total of 77. After Wayne's excellent workshop, none of us has any question at all about how to turn through. Wayne's squares were excellent fun, as were Walter's rounds. Richard Covington and Joe "Elvis" Rose joined in, calling an excellent tip apiece. John and Shirley Currie, our NORTEX Area Vice-President, presented Friendship Program dangles to Dave and Lorraine Burson (gold 450), Tom and Vicki Evanto (gold 275 and 300), and Ron and Donita See (gold 175). Congratulations to all three couples, and thanks for your enthusiastic support of square dancing and the Swinging Stars. One of our visitors was a young lady from the Lions Square Dance Club in Hamburg, Germany, who is working in Frisco for a year. We presented her one of our "I danced with the Swinging Stars of Plano" dangles.

Thanks to all of you who have signed up to support our **chili and dessert cook-off on September 26** by bringing a dish. If you haven't signed up, it's definitely not too late – contact Gary Amy (garyfamy@yahoo.com or 972-612-4934).

Ladies, time is running out to sign up for this month's **ladies luncheon** at the Stonebriar Mall Cheesecake Factory in Frisco on September 23. If you wish to go, you need to contact Lucy not later than this Saturday, September 20. See the details in Announcements below.

Round-Up is just a month 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 7 of your September *Promenade*. Mail-in registrations must be postmarked no later than October 1.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, September 16 – Mainstream lesson, Carpenter Rec Center, 7:15PM.

Friday, September 19 – Visit to Texas Reelers; wear **royal blue** if you have it; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, September 13 -- Visit to Rebel Rousers; casual dress; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

Thanks to the following members for angeling at the mainstream lesson last Tuesday: Peggy Amy, Skip & Margaret Archey, Dave & Lorraine Burson, Bob & Kathy Estep, Ralph & Lucy Hamm, Mark & Karen

Hawkins, Richard & Jackie Jung, Jeff & Martha Lloyd, and Mark and Marcy Sherman. Twenty-one students are taking the lessons. **We can use more angels, so please come by and help out.**

Be sure to get the **NTCA/NORTEX Toys for Tots Christmas Dance and Toy Drop-Off on your calendar.** This dance will be on Sunday, December 7 from 2:30 – 8:00PM at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Road. The program will include Formula 51 squares from 2:30 - 4:00PM, early rounds and plus dancing from 4:30 – 5:30PM, and mainstream and round dancing from 5:30 – 8:00PM. Several NORTEX callers and cuers will participate. This event will support the U.S. Marines’ annual Toys for Tots Drive, and the toy drop-off will be hosted by Chip Waggoner of Fox 4 News. Your admission is your donation of cash/check/credit card and/or unwrapped toy. Our own Dave and Lorraine Burson are serving as event Chairman. The flyer for this dance will be posted on swingingstars.org soon, and printed copies will be available at our club dances.



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.

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For those plus dancers looking for a great time and an extra challenge, Wednesday, September 17, Plus 4s will have Charles Quisenberry calling squares at the Webbs Chapel United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch (7:30 pm dance).

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
Diamond Jubileers	13-Sep-14
Dixie Chainers	22-Mar-14
Kissin' Kuzzins	05-Sep-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, Diamond Jubileers, Saturday, September 13th

Fifteen (15) Swinging Stars visited the Diamond Jubileers on Saturday at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth, capturing their banner. Squares were called by club caller and member of the Texas Callers Hall of Fame, Paul Kinsey, and guest caller Rick Smith, with rounds cued by Mel Neuman. The theme of the dance was "The Texas Ladies Red Hat Double Deal Dance". It was a fun dance that all who attended enjoyed. Swinging Stars attending were P. Amy, Brewers, Bursons, Esteps, Evantos, Lassiters, Sees, and Sherrells. Elizabeth Ziebell, Diamond Jubileers president, called Ralph and Lucy this afternoon to thank the Swinging Stars for attending.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Of Interest, Texas Reelers, Friday, September 19th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Theme: Friday Night Lights
Notes: Wear square dance attire; suggested color: [royal blue](#)

Of Interest, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, September 20th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX)
Website: <http://www.rebelrousersdallas.com>
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / food served – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Theme: Kaleidoscope of Color
Notes: wear casual attire

Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, September 23rd

Location: Cheesecake Factory in Stonebriar Center Mall (2601 Preston Rd, Frisco, TX)
Website: www.thecheesecakefactory.com
Time: 11:30 am
Hostess: Lucy Hamm (llhamm45@gmail.com or [214-872-7219](tel:214-872-7219))
Notes: Let Lucy know by Saturday, September 20th if you plan to go

Swinging Stars, Friday, September 26th

Location: Shepard Elementary (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM/ square up – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Theme: Chili and Dessert Cookoff

Refreshments Duty and Information

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)

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

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

Sunday, December 7, 2014 – NTCA/NORTEX Toys for Tots Christmas Dance

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.

Ralph and Lucy Hamm

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