Newsletter for September 18, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Lessons: Unfortunately our Fall Lessons class did not have enough students to continue. We are encouraging our students to attend the class being taught by Richard Covington in Allen. Richard will need "Angles" to assist with the class so please consider helping as Richard will be pointing his students to Swinging Stars. Following is the info on the class:

Instructor / Caller: Richard Covington Time: Monday evening; 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: 105 South Anna Dr.

Allen, TX 75013

On-line: <u>WWW.cityofallen.org/1182/joe-farmer-recreation-center</u>

Course NO.: 52828 Cost: \$60.00 per person

For More Information: Richard Covington – 214-675-6525

Joe Farmer Rec Center: 214-509-4750

Our last several Club Dances have been very small; meaning a lot of Club Members did not attend. If you are unable to dance please let me know. If you can still dance we look forward to seeing you at the next dance.

There are lots of Plus weekends available for our Plus dancers; however, there are very few weekend opportunities available to the Mainstream dancer. Therefore, please note that Log Cabin Swingers is having a Mainstream weekend Sept. 30 – Oct. 2 in Tool, TX. If you have never been to an overnight event you may want to consider this one.

Read all the way to the end of the Newsletter as the "Important Dates" are starting to get filled in for the year.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Monday, September 19 – Lessons in Allen – Need Angles.

Wednesday, September 21 – Plus 4's – Charles Quisenberry – 12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch

Thursday, September 22 – Ladies Luncheon – details below in newsletter.

Friday, September 23 – Swinging Stars Club Dance

Saturday, September 24 – Dixie Chainers – Olde Time Tance – Vernon Jones & Jack von der Heide – Farmers Branch Senior Center, 14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch

Announcements

Please note that Swinging Stars will revert to normal Square Dance Dress Code and our normal home location starting in September.

Terri Pitts -- I am saddened to inform you that Terri Pitts' father (Joseph Vernon Tucker) passed away this week. Funeral Services will be at All Saints Catholic Church located in Dallas at Arapaho and Meadowcreek on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 11:00 am. Reception will follow the funeral service.

Russ Nejdl – Some of you may be aware that Russ was in a bike accident when on his last biking outing and is suffering from a blood clot. Following is a report from Anne:

"Russ returned from his bicycle ride through the Pyrenees with a blood clot in in right calf. He is on blood thinners in hopes of dissolving the clot. The swelling has decreased but he still has some pain in the calf. Russ is pretty sure the clot formed the first day of riding when he collided with another cyclist on the trip. Thanks for all the cards, calls and prayers."

Oktoberfest Dance: On October the 14th, the Swinging Stars will host a Double Deal Oktoberfest dance. The Hamms, Bergesens, Bivins, Feldmans, Kilejians, and Reids will be serving on the refreshments/decorations committee. We are expecting a large crowd. In addition to hot dogs and the "fixings" provided, we are asking each couple to bring EITHER a salad OR a dessert to serve 10-12 people. Sign up sheets will be available at both September dances; or you can reach out to Lucy Hamm – lhamm45@gmail.com Since this is our Double Deal Dance we are asking everyone in the Club to help with refreshments!

2nd VP Report – 4 September 2016 Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

September 16 – Kissin Kuzzins – Fall Fest Dance

23 Swinging Stars helped the Kissin' Kuzzins celebrate Oktoberfest Friday night with lots of good food and great calling and cueing by Wayne and JL. We retrieved our banner and captured one from the Kuzzins. JL cued some challenging phase 4 and 5 dances for the eager early arriving round dancers starting at 6:45 and then cued thirty minutes of square dance level early rounds from 7:00 to 7:30. Wayne then led a fun workshop from 7:30 to 8:00 featuring the Grand Tour call. The dance was very well attended, with twelve squares in the Grand March. Wayne's calling throughout the dance was great, as usual. A highlight was a nod to Mexican Independence Day with the always fun "Have Another Tequila, Sheila". Stone Steppers member and associate caller Bill Hinckley also called a tip. JL cued an excellent selection of round dances between the tips. Thanks to the following attendees for representing the Swinging Stars: P. Amy, Bergesens, Bursons, Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, Harrises, Mulvins, Pharrs, Sees, Smith/Hardin, B. Wheaton, and C. Wolfe.

September 17 – Rebel Rousers – Candy Land Dance

The dance started with early rounds by Christine Hixson at 7 PM, at 7:30 PM Mike Bramlett did thirty minutes of Plus, and the Grand March was at 8 PM. The evening was fun, well attended and the food was excellent. Twelve Swinging Stars were in attendance; thanks to P. Amy, Bergesens, Esteps, T. Evanto, Lassiters, Sees and Smith\Hardin for attending.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you're a Swinging Star wanting to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered here, please submit it to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org no later than mid Sunday afternoon for inclusion here in that night's newsletter. Try to include the names of fellow Swinging Stars who attended with you plus a few salient details (such as club, location, caller, cuer).

BANNER REPORT

We currently hold 13 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 1 Swinging Stars banners captured from us. Overall banner status is detailed below. Remember, if you visit a club whose banner we already hold, please do not accept another of their banners.

Other Club Banners Held by Us

Other Club ballilers field by 05	
Club	Date Captured
Kissin Kuzzins	16-Sept-2016
Texas Reelers	19-Aug-2016
Rebel Rousers	16-Jul-2016
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016
Lone Star Solos	23-Jun-2016
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016
Roadrunners	30-Apr-2016
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016
Solitaires	02-Apr-2016
Tri-City Promenaders	26-Mar-2016
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015
Diamond Jubileers	14-Mar-2015
T Square Gadabouts	20-Feb-2015

Swinging Stars Banners Held at Other Clubs

Club	Date Captured
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Friday 23 September – Swinging Stars Club Dance

Caller: Wayne Baldwin Cuer: Walter Brewer Early Rounds: 7:00 PM Plus Tip: 7:45 PM

Grand March: 8:00 PM

<u>Saturday 24 September – Dixie Chainers – Olde Time Dance</u>

Caller: Vernon Jones Cuer: Jack von der Heide Early Rounds: 7:00 PM

Square Dance Work Shop: 7:00 PM

Grand March: 7:30 PM

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon -- NEW DATE

Thursday 22 September, 11:30 AM – Cheesecake Factory (in Frisco)

Lucy Hamm is the hostess for the September Ladies Luncheon. Please contact Lucy Hamm to make your reservations by Tuesday the 20th of September if you plan to go. Please contact her at llhamm45@gmail.com or 214-872-7219.

Swinging Stars Ladies luncheon for September will be on Thursday the 22nd at 11:30 at Cheesecake Factory Restaurant which is in Frisco's Stonebriar Centre Mall.

The address is 2601 Preston Road-just inside the south entrance of the mall facing Highway 121 (Sam Rayburn Tollway). For a broader view, it is between JC Penney on the east and Dillards on the west sides of the mall. You can check out the menu by going to www.thecheesecakefactory.com. The menu includes gluten-free items. Valet parking is complimentary with your lunch receipt and is available on the level directly below the restaurant. There is ample self-parking in front of the restaurant.

Refreshments Duty and Information

September 23: Lee, Covington, Kern, Duncan

October 14: Hamm, Bergesen, Bevins, Feldman, Kilejian, Reid (Double Deal Dance)

October 28: Closed due to NORTEX Cavalcade

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc.) without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents [Russ and Ann Nejdl] to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team

Important dates for the next year (you should have these on your calendar!):

October 14, 2016 – Swinging Stars DD Dance – Oktoberfest theme since the end of the month is Round-UP.

October 28, 2016 – Swinging Stars Dance cancelled to support Callers Cavalcade

October 28 - 30, 2016 – Callers Cavalcade and NORTEX Oktoberfest (Round-UP)

November 13, 2016 – Swinging Stars Quarterly meeting. Mark your calendars now

December 2, 2016 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party at Haggard Party Barn. (Linda Harris coordinator)

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance (Lorraine Burson coordinator)

September 22, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance (Something Special)

Check out and Like our Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at <u>llhamm45@gmail.com</u> or phone her at 214-872-7219. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

Kathy & Bob Estep

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-618-3640





Friday September 23, 2016

Caller Wayne Baldwin
Cuer Walter Brewer



Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Squares 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Banners Honey Pot Fun Fellowship Refreshments
Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by adults
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Swinging Stars

Double Deal Dance

Friday October 14, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



Early Rounds: 7:00

Plus Dancing: 7:45

Grand March: 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

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Friday, November 11, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Guest Cuer: JL Pelton

Sq. Workshop: 7:00 PM

Plus Dancing: 7:45 PM

Grand March: 8:00 PM

Hot Hash after the last tip

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