



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for September 21, 2014

Our Chili and Dessert Cook-Off is here! Our dance this Friday will start with early rounds at 7:00PM. A big **thanks to all of you who have volunteered to bring your very best chili and/or dessert!** Please have your food there by 7:45PM at the latest so the food tables can be fully set up and ready for serving by 8:00PM. The crowd will be released on the food after the first square dance tip. During the visitations this past weekend, we talked with people from several clubs who plan to attend – we DO expect a good sized crowd. All of you who volunteered to bring food received an email from Gary Amy with instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Gary (garyfamy@yahoo.com or 972-612-4934).

Lots of Swinging Stars enjoyed some great dancing this week at Plus 4s, Texas Reelers, and Rebel Rousers dances. Be sure to read all about the visits in Events from the Past Week below.

We'd like to give you a heads up on our **Saturday, October 4th visitation**. We're planning to go to the **Decatur 8ers 36th Anniversary Dance**. Please get this on your calendar. Let's go get our banner back and bring theirs home with us, too! It's a pretty good drive to Decatur, so get your carpool organized. If you'd like help finding someone to carpool with, let us know; we'll pair up those who contact us.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, September 23 – Ladies Luncheon, Cheesecake Factory, Frisco, 11:30AM
– Mainstream lesson, Carpenter Rec Center, 7:15PM

Friday, September 26 – Club dance – Chili and Dessert Cook-Off; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, September 27 -- Visit to Dixie Chainers; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

We want to thank the following Angels for their angelic participation in student development this past week: Jodi Baldwin, Jim Bondi, Dave & Lorraine Burson, Bob Estep, Barry & Helen Feldman, Ralph & Lucy Hamm, Mark & Karen Hawkins, Richard & Jackie Jung, George Loxsom, Ron & Donita See, and Jeff & Anne Stuart. In order to help us keep the number of Angels up to the numbers that we need, we have asked Lorraine Burson to be the Angel Coordinator for this set of mainstream lessons. Please contact Lorraine at Lorraine@Bursons.us or [972-396-0941](tel:972-396-0941) to let her know that you are planning to attend the lesson each week so that we will be sure to have enough angels to help with the lessons. We have several couples that are struggling already and your help would be greatly appreciated. (from Mark and Karen Hawkins)

Holiday Cash Gift for Custodian: The Shepard Elementary custodian, Miguel Angel, has been setting up and tearing down for the Swinging Stars for over two years now. He is always available and does a terrific job. I started collecting cash donations from club members for his holiday gift (cash). Many of you contributed very generously last Friday night. Thank you!!! I'll continue to collect during the next couple of dances. We'll give Miguel his holiday gift in December. Thank you again for being generous!! (from Linda Harris)

*** * * 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
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
Tri-City Promenaders	23-Aug-14

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Decatur 8ers	23-May-14

*** * * Events from the Past Week * * ***

Plus 4s, Wednesday, September 17th

Twenty-eight (28) Swinging Stars visited the Plus 4s on Wednesday at the Webb Chapel United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch. Squares were called by club caller Charles Quisenberry ("Quiz"). The Plus 4s is a popular dancing venue for many Swinging Stars and plus dancers looking to improve their skills in general. Quiz provided a challenging, educational, and fun environment. Swinging Stars attending were Amys, Bergesens, J. Bondi, Bursons, Colters, J. Duncan, T. Evanto, Halvorsons, Hamms, Hawkins, Kerns, Kilejians, Lewises, Sees, Sherrills, and C. Wolfe.

Of Interest, Texas Reelers, Friday, September 19th

Twenty (20) Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers at the Richardson Senior Center Friday evening. Squares were called by club caller Deborah Carroll-Jones, and rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide. The theme of the dance was "Friday Night Lights", and some songs were dedicated to the Dallas Cowboys and Tony Romo. Deborah called at various levels throughout the evening: for the new dancers present up through the plus dancers. Her vocal talent and heritage came together with her singing call of "Danny Boy". Swinging Stars attending were J. Bondi, Bursons, Hamms, HARRISES, Kerns, Lassiters, Pharrs, Pitts, Sees, Sherrills, and C. Wolfe.

Of Interest, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, September 20th

Ten (10) Swinging Stars visited the Rebel Rousers at the Richardson Senior Center Saturday evening. Squares were called by club caller and Texas Callers Hall of Fame member Mike Bramlett, and rounds were cued by Christine Hixson. The theme of the dance was "Kaleidoscope of Color". Mike provided his signature fast paced, basic (though challenging) calling to keep everyone on their toes. Swinging Stars in attendance were Covingtons, Esteps, Hamms, Pitts, and Sees.

* * * Coming Events * * *

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))

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 Cook-Off

Notes: Club dance

Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, September 27th

Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX)

Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM

Caller: Vernon Jones

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Theme: Olde Tyme Dance

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

Saturday, January 31, 2015 – Dave and Lorraine Burson's 50th Anniversary Dance – everyone is invited

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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