



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

### *Newsletter for September 28, 2014*

**Officer Nominees for Next Year:** Swinging Stars Members, please thank all those who have graciously agreed to serve on the Executive Board for the upcoming year. This is our favorite activity, and we appreciate those that serve.

President - Doug and Jan Bergesen  
1st VP - Bob and Kathy Estep  
2nd VP - Dave and Lorraine Burson  
Secretary - Merry and Chris Trujillo  
Treasurer - Joe and Colby Whitaker

From your Nominating Committee Chairman - Linda and Charlie Harris

We (Lucy and Ralph) are **most grateful to Linda and Charlie and to Jan and Richard Covington** for serving on the Nominating Committee and for getting together a great slate of officer nominees. And a huge thanks to all the nominees for agreeing to lead and serve your club! You have a challenging, rewarding, and enjoyable time ahead of you.

The officer nominees will be presented for **election at our club meeting on November 9** – be sure you have the meeting on your calendar.

**What a great time we had Friday night! Thank you, Gary Amy,** for putting together a wonderfully successful Chili and Dessert Cook-Off. Also, we give **heartfelt thanks to all who prepared** the excellent chili and desserts and to the **refreshments team, led by Judy Ross,** who kept the large and hungry crowd supplied and happy. Finally, thanks to Wayne and Walter for their great calling and cueing and to Richard Covington and JL Pelton for calling/cueing a tip apiece.

Total attendance was 160 – **91 members and 69 guests.** Many of our visitors came to us after the dance to tell us what a great time they had, and some said the dance “felt like an anniversary dance”! We gave our banners to the Texas Reelers (31 were there!), the Rebel Rousers, and the Lone Star Solos. We returned banners to the Texas Reelers, the Rebel Rousers, and the Kissin’ Kuzzins. There were also visitors from Model A and Harvest Holiday. We’re blessed to have these great neighbor clubs!

#### **Congratulations to the cook-off prize winners:**

Chili: 1<sup>st</sup> – Lorraine Burson, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bob Pitts, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bob Estep

Dessert: 1<sup>st</sup> – Joni McClure, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Russ Nejd, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kathy Estep and Martha Lloyd (tie)

We have two **great visitations coming up this week**. We'll go to the Kissin' Kuzzins Friday night. Saturday night is the Decatur 8ers 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – team up with your friends to carpool to the dance. If you'd like to carpool and don't have someone to carpool with, let us know ([president@swingingstars.org](mailto:president@swingingstars.org) or 214-872-7219), and we'll try to pair up all who contact us. We hope to see lots of you both Friday and Saturday!

Ralph and Lucy

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## Happening This Week

Tuesday, September 30 – Mainstream lesson, Carpenter Rec Center, 7:15PM

Friday, October 3 – Visit to Kissin' Kuzzins; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, October 4 – Official visit to Decatur 8ers; recommended color: **purple**; see details in Coming Events below.

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## Announcements

**Please keep James and Judy Ross in your prayers this week** as James undergoes bypass surgery. Thank you, Judy, for your remarkable dedication in leading the refreshment team Friday night.

**Lost and found at the dance Friday:** Gold Friendship Fun dangle with 25 visit award. Contact the Hamms (214-872-7219) if it's yours.

**From Mark and Karen Hawkins, Lesson Chair:** We really appreciate the following Angels for their angelic participation in student development this past week: Peggy Amy; Dave & Lorraine Burson; Bob & Kathy Estep; Barry & Helen Feldman; Ralph & Lucy Hamm; Mark & Karen Hawkins; Richard & Jackie Jung; Joel & Marilyn Kern; Jeff & Martha Lloyd; George Loxsom; and Jeff & Ann Stuart. Your contributions made a big difference. Again we are asking you to contact Lorraine Burson ([Lorraine@Bursons.us](mailto:Lorraine@Bursons.us) or [972-396-0941](tel:972-396-0941)) if you are planning to attend the lesson each week so that we will be sure to have enough angels to help with the lessons. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

**Thank you for your generous contributions to the gift for our custodian!** (From Linda Harris) 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 have collected cash donations from club members for his holiday cash gift at our two September dances. The Stars have donated \$319.00 towards his cash gift!! Thank you!!! We'll give Miguel his holiday gift in December. Thank you again for being generous!!



### Calling All Swinging Stars To Help

On December 7<sup>th</sup> the North Texas Callers Association and the NORTEX Square and Round and Dance Association are presenting a TOYS FOR TOTS, TOY DROP-OFF and CHRISTMAS DANCE. Dave and Lorraine Burson are the Chairman for the event. They have recruited Richard and Jan Covington to be the Admission and Sign-In Coordinator, Peggy Amy to be the Silent Auction Coordinator, Charlie and Linda Harris to be the Greeters Coordinators, and Bill and Wendy Perrott to be the Water Maintenance Coordinators. Please contact one or more of these club members and volunteer to help. None of these jobs is hard work, and if we

have enough volunteers, the day will be a lot more fun for everyone. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Jan Covington [janlaree@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janlaree@sbcglobal.net)

Peggy Amy [amybpeggy@verizon.net](mailto:amybpeggy@verizon.net)

Linda Harris [lindaharristx@hotmail.com](mailto:lindaharristx@hotmail.com)

Bill Perrott [bperrott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bperrott@sbcglobal.net)

Information about the TOYS FOR TOTS, TOY DROP-OFF and CHRISTMAS DANCE including schedule of events is in the October *Promenade* on page 32. Check it out and decide what time you will be at the dance and what time would suit you best to help. For more information contact Lorraine and Dave Burson at

[Lorraine@Bursons.us](mailto:Lorraine@Bursons.us)

**Early Heads Up! Round Dance Lessons are coming in January.** Would you like to learn some Jive? Jive is part of the swing dance family that was popular in the 50s danced to rock and roll music. Maybe you even did a bit of swing dancing when you were growing up. Ever watched Calendar Girl and wanted to learn to do that? Now's your chance!

JL and Linda Pelton will be teaching a Jive class from January 20 through March 10 in "our room" at Carpenter Rec Center. Do you need previous dance experience? No, not a bit. Jive is its own rhythm, and just like Bolero last year, you don't need a previous dance class to take Jive. Like Bolero, there are fewer figures in this rhythm, so you will learn all you need to be able to dance Jives regularly cued at square dances.

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

For those plus dancers looking for a great time and an extra challenge, Wednesday, August 6, Plus 4s at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch is the place to be (7:30 pm dance; Wayne is calling).

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
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Roadrunners	17-Jul-14
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Tri-City Promenaders	23-Aug-14

#### **Swinging Stars Banners Out**

Club	Date Captured
Decatur 8ers	23-May-14
Lone Star Solos	26-Sep-14
Rebel Rousers	26-Sep-14
Texas Reelers	26-Sep-14

### \* \* \* EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK \* \* \*

#### **Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Twelve (12) Swinging Stars visited the Dixie Chainers at the Farmers Branch Senior Center Saturday evening. Squares were called by club caller and Texas Callers Hall of Fame member Vernon Jones, and rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide. The theme of the dance was "Olde Tyme Dance", an annual favorite. Vernon spent the evening teaching some of the older calls, such as "Grand Sweep", "Three Ladies Chain", "Triple Alamande", and the ever popular "Dip 'N Dive". Swinging Stars in attendance were Bursons, Duncans, Esteps, Hamms, Sees, and Smith/Hardin.

#### **Harvest Holiday Autumn Fun Rounds, Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

Ten (10) Swinging Stars journeyed across the Metroplex to Swingtime Center for an afternoon of round dancing sponsored by Harvest Holiday on Sunday. A variety of fun and sometimes challenging dances were cued by Christine Hixson, Jack Kenny, JL Pelton, and Jack von der Heide. Participating Stars were the Hamms, HARRISES, JUNGS, LEWISES, and PITTS.

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

### **Of Interest, Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Location: Garland Sr. Activity Center (600 Avenue A, Garland, TX)  
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Christine Hixson

### **Official, Decatur 8ers, Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Weatherford College (5180 US Hwy 380, Bridgeport, TX)  
Time: Workshop – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM  
Callers: Robert Walker, Paul Kinsey  
Theme: 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Oktoberfest Dance  
Notes: Double Deal, Wear purple, if you have it

### **Swinging Stars, Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Shepard Elementary (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)  
Time: Workshop – 7:00PM / square up – 8:00PM  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Notes: Club dance

### **Of Interest, Diamond Jubileers, Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 S.E. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX)  
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / workshop – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM  
Caller: Paul Kinsey  
Cuer: Mel Neuman  
Theme: Halloween Special

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## **Refreshments Duty and Information**

October 10	Feldman, Barber, Halvorson, Reid
October 31	See, Kern, Bondi, Jung, Mars, Underwood
(*note: Board added two extra couples for 5 <sup>th</sup> 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!**

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# Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

## HALLOWEEN Swinging Stars Costume Party Dance



Friday, October 31 (5th Friday)

## Swinging Stars



## Saluting All Veterans

*Showing Our Appreciation For Your Service  
All Veterans Dance Free*



*And*

## New Dancer Dance

**Club Members, Bring Your New Dancers and Students  
Students, Please Wear Your Student Badges To Dance Free  
Line Dancing and Rounds Between Tips**

**Friday, November 14, 2014**



**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 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance

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

June 4 – 7, 2015 – 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival, Waco, TX

June 24 – 27, 2015 – 64<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA

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Check out and Like our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/518717944880222>

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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.

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Remember our Sunshine person is Debbie Piziali, and you can email her at [debbie@piziali.dv.org](mailto: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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