



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for September 29, 2013

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

Congratulations! The Big Tex Burning Chili Cook-off was a great success for the Swinging Stars on Friday night. A Great Big thanks to Gary Amy for the good job done serving as chairman of the Cook-off. We had 17 chili's and as 13 desserts, having plenty of food was great for members and visitors alike.

Chili's

Mary Hardin
Bob & Terri Pitts
Anne Nejd
Tom Kendrick
Tom Evanto
Richard Covington
Mark Hawkins
Julia Ramirez
Margaret Archey
Dave Colter
Jeff Stuart
Mel Foust
Jerry McClure
Lorraine Burson
Ann Barber
Kendra Branden
Gary Amy

Desserts

Mary Colter
Bob & Terri Pitts
George and Mary Loxsum
Janelle Row
Alice Ryder
Jan Covington
Karen Hawkins
Knarik Bondi
Margaret Archey
Anne Stuart
Marilyn Gifford
Colby Whitaker
Kendra Brandon

If I missed you, I am sorry, this is the best information we had/could remember. (Honestly, if it's wrong I am blaming Gary Amy... hahaha... just kidding.)

Chili

Winner Lorraine Burson
Second Ann Nejd
Third Kendra Branden

Desert

Bob Pitts
Ann Stuart
Colby Whitatker

As I get older, I have to write it down immediately or I forget it. (Again, blaming Gary...).

Thanks and kudos to the Gary Amy and the refreshment committee for a GREAT JOB done with the set-ups and the logistics of the Chili and Desert Cook-off. Everything ran charmingly. A lot can be said for experience and Gary has had four or five years as Chili/Desert Cook-off Chair experience. Note the following email:

From: "dkdennison@tx.rr.com" <dkdennison@tx.rr.com>
To: Peggy Amy <amybpeggy@verizon.net>; Mary Hardin <myhn2@yahoo.com>; Dorinda Maier <dorindamaier@ymail.com>
Cc: A Karen Dennison Home <karendennison@tx.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 29, 2013 11:39 AM
Subject: Re: Humble Pie

Gary,

I thought you were great and since you have done this for sooo long, we should bow to you. It's hard to get old people to follow or move out of the doorways sometimes, LOL.

No pie needed and I thought our little team was wonderful. Karen really led the team with organizing, decorations and making it look easy. Special thanks to Richard for making the coffee, ice tea and guarding the water. He was great even though feeling some pain in the hip, I believe.

Thanks to Dorinda, Mary and John for the hard work to keep it going and the big cleanup done by all.

Again, Thanks to all, Karen and Dennis

We had almost 100 members in attendance and Nearly 40 visitors.

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| 5 Dixie Chainers | 2 Plus Fours | 6 Rebel Rousers |
| 2 Model A's | 1 Stone Stepper | 16 Texas Reelers |
| 2 Triangle Squares | 2 Ramblin Rounds | 2 Harvest Holidays |

Richard and Jan

DANCE LESSONS

Students in Swinging Stars mainstream lessons on Tuesday night continue to do well. Wayne has made the comment several times that "this is one of the best classes that he has ever taught." We look forward to many of the students becoming Swinging Stars. Please try and drop by sometime on Tuesday night at the Carpenter Center on Coit Road in Plano to meet these students and help out for a night as angels. I would love for them to see and experience just how special the members of our club are as friends and fellow dancers.

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

Mel Foust, Ralph & Lucy Hamm, Mark & Karen Hawkins, Roger & Janelle Row, Richard & Jan Covington, Dorinda Maier, Ron & Donita See, Kenneth Henneberger, Peggy Amy and Jodi Baldwin

That is 15 angels – Dorinda and I are not there as angels but as caller trainees but would dance in a pinch. We are in desperate need of more angels. We had two squares of just students (no angels) as we were shy one couple to split up the square.

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)

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

Download and print a copy of the 2013 ROUND UP registration from 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

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not already done so, the dues for the Fourth quarter of 2013 are due. Swinging Stars dues are due the first dance of each quarter - January, April, July and October. If you are not sure whether your dues have been paid, please contact the John and Ann.

Please make your check payable to Swinging Stars

You may bring your payment to our next dance or send you payment to the following:

John and Anne Barber

4905 Hackberry Lane

Parker, Texas 75002-5627

Treasurer@swingingstars.org

Dues are: \$35.00 per quarter per couple

\$70.00 per half year per couple

(preferred) \$140.00 per year per couple

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club meeting – officer election – will be November 10th at 3:00 at Spring Creek BBQ on Hwy 75 in Richardson, TX.

We have two new members, Doug and Jan Bergesen, they have been visiting, dancing as independents for some time. They are really great dancers. If you have not done so, invite them into a square, you will not regret it.

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

Plus Lessons - Who? Cliff Dwellers, Charles Crockett, instructor

When? (Th.) Oct 3-Dec 12 (except thanksgiving) - 7-9 pm

Where? Trinity United Methodist Church, 1302 S. Clark Rd., Duncanville, Tx., 75137
(south of Wheatland/ 1 block north of Daniieldale)

Why? (Besides the fun we'll have? We all need to get better!) - Cost? \$30 per person

Check out the GRaM committee web-site: 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 Grand Prize, the cruise, raffle tickets sales need to be completed before 10/01/2013. Raffle ticket stubs and money need to be turned in on 10/01/2013.

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.

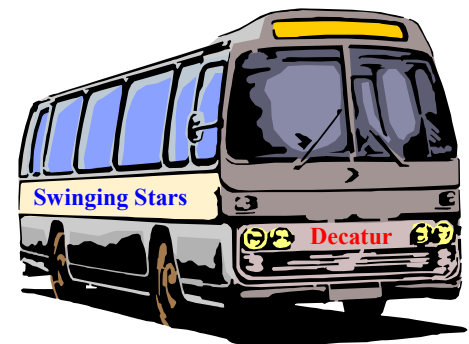
* * * From Your 2nd VPs * * *

We are glad to be back in the dance scene with our wonderful club. Thanks for the thoughts, prayers, cards, and flowers. This past week the club calendar events attended included a ladies luncheon, a super fun club dance with a chili / dessert cook off, a fun visitation to the Dixie Chainers, and a fun and challenging afternoon of round dancing with the Harvest Holidays. And there were also some non-calendar activities during the week as several Swinging Stars visited Friendship Plus and the Lone Star Solos clubs.

This coming week has one dance you may be interested in that is not on the club calendar – the Plus 4’s who dance Wednesday night. We heard last night that it will be called by our own Wayne Baldwin. And on the calendar we are excited to have our first club bus trip in a couple of years on Saturday, October 5th. If you are not able to attend our bus trip you can go to the Solitaires anniversary dance (another double signature dance) or the Hoedown in Ft. Worth (see the Promenade for details).

11Swinging Stars Bus Trip – THERE ARE STILL SEATS

AVAILABLE to visit the Decatur 8’ers anniversary Oktoberfest dance October 5th. We will leave from the parking lot of the Walmart in Plano at Spring Creek and US75 (near the frontage road) 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. The bus cost is \$20 per person. If you haven't already paid call Bob Pitts at 214-537-5582 if you plan to go – you can even meet us at the bus as long as there are seats left.

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.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

| Club | Date Captured |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Cotton Pickin' Squares | 23-Mar-13 |
| Dixie Chainers | 28-Sep-13 |
| Log Cabin Swingers | 4-May-13 |
| Lone Star Solos | 28-Mar-13 |
| North Star 8 | 09-Feb-13 |
| Roadrunners | 04-Jul-13 |
| Solitaires | 03-Nov-12 |
| 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 |

Swinging Stars Banners Out

| Club | Date Captured |
|---------------|---------------|
| Texas Reelers | 27-Sep-13 |

*** * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * ***

Ladies Luncheon, Monday, September 23rd

Several Swinging Stars ladies enjoyed lunch and chatting at the ladies luncheon on Monday at Café Cha Cha in Richardson. Thank you, Fran Bivins, for kindly being our hostess for the month of September. Our next ladies luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 24th at 11:30am at the Chocolate Angel Café inside the High Street Antique Mall (I75/Plano Parkway in Plano) – Terri Pitts will be the hostess. Hope to see you there! If you would like to be a hostess for November, December, or January, or have ideas for a holiday lunch get together, let Terri Pitts know.

Friendship Plus, Monday, September 23rd

A square + 1 worth of Swinging Stars visited Friendship Plus in Richardson on Monday. As expected, caller Mike Bramlett, kept things lively, entertaining, and educational. Within the educational category was Mike's special instruction on some of the more unusual "ladies chain" variations, like "head ladies chain right [or left]". The next time a caller springs that on us, we'll be ready – yeah, right! All present had a lot of fun. The visiting Swinging Stars were: P. Amy, the Bondis, Bivins, Evantos, and the Starretts. Thanks to Jim Bondi for sharing the dance details.

Lone Star Solos, Thursday, September 26th

Half a square of Swinging Stars visited the Lone Star Solos in Dallas on Thursday. Rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh while squares were called by Dave Vieira. As always, Dave kept dancers "honest" by pointing out and then correcting mistakes. For example, after some squares had mistepped in one tip on "split circulate", everyone was drilled with a serious "split circulate" workshop in the next tip. All in attendance had a great time. The visiting Swinging Stars were the Bondis and the Sees. Thanks, again, Jim Bondi, for providing notes for this dance.

Dance of Interest – Dixie Chainers, Saturday, September 28th

There were 15 Swinging Stars in Farmers Branch Saturday night for an evening of dancing with the Dixie Chainers. Jack von der Heide expertly manned the early rounds and rounds between tips. He cued several classics and, on a couple of occasions, helped the dancers with some interesting choreography. Vernon Jones entertained the dancers with lots of great tunes and a bit of tricky choreography that was fun, challenging, and had us laughing when we became a bit catawampus. He made simple calls like tag the line and box the gnat coupled with some backwards right and left grands and backwards thar stars a fun challenge. The Swinging Stars who helped retrieve the Chainers' banner were: P. Amy (with Gary but he has a hurt foot and didn't dance), the Bondis, Bursons, Evantos, Perrotts, Pitts, Sees, and Smith / Hardin.

Harvest Holiday, Sunday, September 29th

Eight Swinging Stars attended the Harvest Holiday Fall Fun Rounds Dance Sunday afternoon at Swingtime Center in Ft. Worth. It was a wonderful opportunity to dance to the cueing of five of Nortex's great cuers: Chris Farabaugh, Christine Hixson, Jack Kenny, JL Pelton, and Jack von der Heide. Round dancers enjoyed three full hours of fun and challenging dancing. The Swinging Stars attending were: the Hamms, Harrisers, Lewises, and the Perrotts. Hats off to Ralph Hamm and Linda Harris for supplying us with the dance details.

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

Official – Decatur 8'ers, Saturday, October 5th (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: Rick Smith and Robert Walker
Cuer: n/a
Theme: Oktoberfest
Notes: This is a double deal anniversary dance, full German dinner will be served

Friendship Plus, Monday, October 7th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 W. Arapaho, Richardson, TX)
Website: n/a
Time: Dance – 7:00PM
Caller: Tom Roper
Notes: This is a double deal dance

Swinging Stars, Friday, October 11th

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

Dance of Interest – Dixie Chainers, Saturday, October 12th

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

Roadrunners, Thursday, October 17th

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX)
Website: <http://roadrunners-ftworth.tripod.com/>
Time: Early rounds – 6:45PM / workshop – 7:00PM / grand march – 7:30PM
Caller: Darryl Lipscomb
Cuer: Karen Gloodt
Theme: Monster Mash
Notes: This is a double deal dance

Ladies Luncheon, Thursday, October 24th

Location: Chocolate Angel Café (High Street Antique Mall, 800 North Central Expy, Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.chocolateangel.com/>
Time: 11:30AM
Hostess: Terri Pitts
Notes: Let Terri know if you plan to attend (email: tjtpitts@sbcglobal.net ph: 972.392.4325)

* * * SPECIAL WEEKEND DANCE OPPORTUNITIES * * *

Houston Hoedown, November 8-9th

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

Log Cabin Swingers Jerry Story weekend, November 8-10th

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

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

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| October 11 | Gifford , Nejd, Hamm, McGuire |
| October 25 | Amy , Lewis, Kilejian*, Meyer |
| November 8 | Feldman , Loven, Bivens, Hursey |
| November 22 | Loxson , McClure, Row, Evanto |
| December 13 | Mosher , Stuart, Whipple, Harris |
| December 27 | Holiday for Everyone |

*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 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** 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.

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



October 25, 2013

Boot Scootin'

Show Your Colors Ball



Friday, November 1st – Cavalcade at Roundup will run from 6:00 – 10:00 on November 1st

Friday, November 8th – New Dancers Dance

Friday, December 6th – Stars Annual Holiday Party

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

Friday, January 31, 2014 – Swinging Stars 39th Anniversary Dance at All Saints Catholic Church

Themes:

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 – 40th Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

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

Saturday, January 30, 2016 – 41st 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 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.

Dave and Lorraine Roger & Janelle Row and Ralph & Lucy Hamms make up the Nominating Committee for this fall as a slate of officers.

Remember our Sunshine person is Debbie Piziali and you can email her at 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.

RICHARD & JAN COVINGTON

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