



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 3, 2016

From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:

We are looking forward to a happy, healthy, and safe new year with many dance opportunities. Did we say healthy?

Doug and Jan

Happening This Week

Friday, January 8 – Club Dance – Introduction to Square Dancing Dance – Intro Lessons & Line Dancing: 7:00PM. Grand March: 8:00PM, at Shepard Elementary School.

Saturday, January 9 – Of Interest Visit to Diamond Jubileers – Snowman Dance – Early Rounds: 7:00PM. Workshop: 7:30PM. Grand March 8:00PM at the Swingtime Center.

Announcements

Jan.8 After Party at ON The Border

The Swinging Stars has reservations under the name of Lorraine Burson for 10:15 at On the Border 1505 Central Exp. It is actually at the corner of Central and 15th St. From the dance go north (left) on Custer to 15th. turn right on 15th till just before you get to Central and you will see On the Border on the left.

Round Dance Lessons

Please sign up ASAP for this class if you want to join us for Rumba and Cha Cha. The Rumba/Cha Cha Beginning class is # 174456 (Adult section in dance). This class has the opposite problem. We may not have room for everyone that wants to take it. So don't wait to sign up and then have the class too full. Telephone to register at Carpenter Rec Center is 972-208-8087.

Square Dance Lessons

Lessons Start – Tuesday January 12th

“The Lesson Committee” is working every day to ensure our leads are contacted and nurtured along. If you have someone in mind (and haven't submitted their names), bring them on January 12th for the first two free lessons. We want/need a successful set of lessons in January to perpetuate our favorite club activity. Each of you need to help with the effort. It can't be done without your support. See you there!

It's not too late! Wear your t-shirt, strike up conversations with people who serve you (bank teller, grocery store worker, doctor, and dentist are some I've talked to the last couple of weeks) and invite them to our

introductory square dance on Friday, January 8, from 7:00 – 8:00. From there, they will naturally want to take lessons!

NTCA Singing Call/Round Dance of the Year Ballot

The ballot that is in the Promenade is inaccurate. We have replacement ballots you can use to vote for favorite. They will be available at the next dance on the 8th of January. You may vote for as many callers and or cuers as you wish, but you may only vote once per caller/cuer. And this year the voting is FREE as is the dance on January 24th at Swingtime Center. We want to be unified in what we vote for so our favorite caller and cuer have the best chance of winning. May we suggest you vote for “You’ll Never Find” for Singing Call by Wayne (he does such a good job on that Lou Rawls song) and “Little by Little” jive for the cueing song by Walter (which happens to be his favorite as well as ours). Be looking this week for the ballots if you want to vote early. Otherwise, get your ballot at the January 8th dance.

SEP 2016 Germany/Austria Square Dance Tour

If you like to travel and to square dance, you don't want to miss this tour. The featured callers are Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine! Yes, it costs \$5570 per person but you get a whole lot for that money, including:

- round trip air (with hotel transfers)
- 2 weeks (13-27 September 2016) of hotel
- virtually all meals
- exciting daily tours in Germany & Austria

(see long itinerary <http://crisptours.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Intinerary-SD-Long-2016-NEW2.pdf>)

- evening square dancing (almost all featuring Jerry & Tony).

Although there is still room on the second tour bus, the organizers are confident it will sell out (as it's done with previous tours). You have until 01 FEB 2016 to make a \$250 deposit per person (all but \$50 of which is refundable by that date). As your main portal to a wealth of info on this tour, visit <http://crisptours.com/2016-square-dance-tour/> .

We (Jim & Knarik Bondi) have reserved our spot and are beginning to get excited about what awaits us next September. We really hope several of you will join us on this adventure. If you have questions, I'll be glad to answer them as best I can (j.bondi@ieee.org, cell: 214-226-5922). But, also feel free to email tour organizer [Tom Crisp at tom@crisptours.com](mailto:tom@crisptours.com) for expert answers to any of your questions. I did. He responded quickly and was very helpful.

Jim & Knarik Bondi

*** * * From Your 2nd VP's, Dave and Lorraine Burson* * ***
2nd VP Report for January 3, 2016

Dance of Interest

Saturday, Jan 2 Solitaires

Dancing Forward in 2016

Eight (8) Swinging Stars attended the Solitaires “Dancing Forward in 2016 !!” dance in Farmers Branch Saturday evening. Club caller Bobby Willis called squares and JL Pelton cued rounds. The squares and rounds used music appropriately geared to ushering in the New Year and some geared toward cruising since Bobby will be cruising next weekend. Bobby was joined by his young son (a budding caller in training) for the last dance of the evening to the enjoyment of all. Thank you to all the Swinging Stars in attendance the Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, and Sees. Swinging Star members, Mary Hardin, John Smith, JL and Linda Pelton were there, but were there as Solitaires.

Thank you Ron See for making the report of the dance for me.

Banner Report

We currently have 12 banners that we have captured and one that we need to retrieve. As usual if you are visiting one of the clubs listed in the captured banners below and they want to give you a banner, don't accept it.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin	Oct-10-15
Diamond Jubileers	Mar-14-15
Dixie Chainers	Mar-28-15
Lone Star Solos	Mar-12-15
Rebel Rousers	Nov-21-15
Roadrunners	May 30-15
Solitaires	Nov-7-15
Texas Reelers	Jan-18-15
Trail Blazers	Sept-9-15
T Square Gadabouts	Feb-20-15
Triangle Squares	Sept-18-15
Tri-City Promenaders	Jan-24-15

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Kissin Kuzzins	Jan-12-15

JANUARY VISITATION SCHEDULE AND COMING EVENTS

LET'S STRIVE TO KEEP SQUARE DANCING ALIVE

Dance of Interest

Saturday, Jan 9 Diamond Jubileers

Snowman Dance

This is their annual Snowman dance. They don't guarantee that there will be snow or that it will even be cold. But they really do promise that it will be a fun dance, dancing to Paul Kinsey and Chris Farabaugh.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, Workshop: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00
 Caller: Paul Kinsey
 Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
 Location: Swingtime Center 5100 E Loop 820, Ft. Worth

Official Visitation Dance

Friday, Jan 15 T Square Gadabouts

Rick Smith Retirement Dance.

Please make a point to make it to this special dance. Join the T Square Gadabouts as they celebrate 51 years of calling by one of the finest callers in the country, he has supported all of the clubs in our area and throughout the state giving all of us many hours of great and happy dancing. *Let's wear our Royal Blue and make a good showing from the Swinging Stars to show how much our club appreciated Rick and his support for the NORTEX.*

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March: 8:00
 Caller: Rick Smith
 Cuer: Charles Crockett
 Location: Swingtime Center 5100 E Loop 820, Ft. Worth

Dance of Interest

Saturday, Jan 16 Rebel Rousers

Rock Around the Clock

This is a 50's theme, Rock Around The Clock. They are having Scott Bennett as their guest caller with his cool music. So get out your 50' poodle skirts, saddle shoes and what ever other 50's style attire you might have. Or just dress as you wish to feel comfortable dancing. This will be a fun dance with the duo of Scott and Christine providing the music that we all love to dance to.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds 7:00, All Plus 7:30, Grand March 8:00
Guest Caller: Scott Bennett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 West Arapaho Road
Richardson

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, Jan 19 Abuelos Mexican Restaurant

This month we will be having lunch at Abuelos Mexican Restaurant on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 11:30. This Abuelos is located at 3420 N Central Plano. I (Lorraine) wanted to host this month and hope we will have a large turn out. I would like to have your reservation by the 18th so I can give them a head count the day before. Please reply to Lorraine@Bursons.us or 972-396-0941. You can check out Abuelos menu by going to www.abuelos.com

Dance of Interest

Saturday, Jan 23 Dixie Chainers

Presidents Day Dance

Pay attention to this article. I love this idea. The Dixie Chainers came up with a great idea. Since it is Presidents Day they are inviting all the club presidents to come and dance for free. The only catch is that the club has to come along and back them up. I know you all will enjoy dancing to the fine calling of Vernon Jones and cueing of Jack von der Heide. Don't be late!

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Grand March 7:30
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center
14055 Dennis Lane
Farmers Branch

Dance of Interest

Sunday, Jan 24 North Texas Callers Association

Singing Call/Round Dance of the Year

Vote for your favorite song performed by your favorite Caller Cuer or Duet. The dance is free to all dancers attending. Ballots must be received by Jan 10, 2016. You may download your ballot at www.nortexcallers.com or pick up one at our dance on Jan 8.

Quick Look Time: 7:30 to 9:30,
Caller and Cuers: Members of the NTCA
Location: Swingtime Center 5100 E Loop 820, Ft. Worth

Official Visitation Dance

Friday, Jan 29, Triangle Squares

Cattle Baron's Ball

Join the Triangle Squares as they celebrate their 41st Anniversary. They will be celebrating Texas's cowboy heritage. Wear your dressiest western clothes. They always have a fun dance and they have great cooks out there in the Wild West of Denton, Texas. I am guessing there will be lots of good home cooking.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Grand March 8:00
Guest Caller: Bobby Willis
Club Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason
Location: Denton Civic Center
321 East McKinney St
Denton, Texas

Round Dance of Interest

Sunday, Jan 31 Harvest Holiday

Afternoon of Round Dancing

Phases 2, 3, and 4.

Cued by Area instructors

Time: 2:00 to 5:00

\$8:00 per dancer

All Proceeds to be donated to the Swingtime Center.

Location: 5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth

Refreshments Duty and Information

January 8 - Stuart, Gifford, Ross, Jung
January 30 - Anniversary Dance all members help

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc. without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents 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!):

January 8, 2016 – Swinging Stars Intro to Square Dancing Dance 7:00 – 8:00 (Regular Dance begins at 8:00)

January 30, 2016 – Swinging Stars 41st Anniversary Dance

June 22 – 25, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

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 llhamm45@gmail.com 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.

Doug & Jan Bergesen

Swinging Stars President

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



FUN DANCE NIGHT

**Introduce your Family and Friends
to Square Dancing**

Square Dancing is Friendship Set to Music

Mark your calendar for

Friday, January 8, 2016

Introduction To Dancing 7:00 to 8:00PM

**Grand March at 8:00 PM Rounds between tips
and Hot Hash after the last tip**

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Shepard Elementary 1000 Wilson Dr. - Plano

- You will learn Basic Square Dance calls taught by our caller.
- Between tips we'll have some Line Dancing cued by our cuer.
- Dress casual and wear comfortable shoes.
- Everyone is welcome to stay and experience the fun we have at our dances
- Free to everyone interested in learning how much fun it is to square dance.

Fun Food Fitness Friendship

Square Dance Classes Start Jan.12, 2016

At Carpenter Rec. Center 6701 Coit Rd., Plano

For Info: 972-834-3097 president@swingingstars.org



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Square Dancin' With the Swinging Stars

41st Anniversary Dance



Caller

Wayne Baldwin



Guest Caller

Scott Bennett



Cues

Walter & Eula Brewer

Saturday, January 30, 2016

All Saints Catholic Church

5231 Meadowcreek Dr. Dallas

Early Rounds 7:00

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Dancing in the Fellowship Hall for better Acoustics

Salad Supper with Desserts in the Gym

Money Raffle

Honey Pot

Quilt Raffle

Dancers under 18 dance for free with a paying adult

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