



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

### *Newsletter for January 29, 2017*

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From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

52 weeks ago we started on this every Sunday night journey. Tonight it is for the last time! I know of no other Square and Round Dance Club that publishes a newsletter every week. It was not always easy to be available every Sunday evening. It was not "fun". It was fulfilling and with pride that Kathy and I completed the newsletter every Sunday night. Before we became Swinging Stars Presidents we read the Club newsletter cover-to-cover each week. I hope you took the time to read most of it weekly. Hopefully you found something of interest, something of value, something you were able to use within the pages of the newsletter. Tonight's publication is our last edition of the Newsletter; next week the honor belongs to Russ and Anne. We hope to see you around the square and we do encourage you to dance every week, or multiple times per week. One of most fun things about this job has been doing visitations with so many of you. There were 21 of you in Denton last night and we were happy to see so many Stars out spreading good cheer! Thanks to all that made the trip. Saying good-bye is hard because we have truly enjoyed sharing time with so many of you. However, for us, it is time to step aside. So good-bye it is. If you do not get out and visit with the Club we are going to miss you. See you around the Square.

Kathy and Bob

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### **Happening This Week**

**Tuesday, January 31 – Square Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:15 PM**

**Tuesday, January 31 – Round Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:30 PM**

**Wednesday, February 1 – Plus 4's – Charles Quisenberry**

**Friday, February 3 – Kissin Kuzzins = Gospel Music Dance – Wayne Baldwin & JL Pelton**

**Saturday, February 4 – Circle I – Valentine's Dance – St Valentine's Day – Ray Savell & Chris Farabaugh**

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### **Announcements**

Unfortunately, Mary Harding (a longtime member of Swinging Stars), had a son pass away relatively unexpectedly after a recent cancer diagnosis. Mary has been helping take care of him for the past month in OK. The Funeral Services were this past Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> in Pryor, OK. We encourage you to take a few minutes and send Mary a card or short note this week:

Mary Harding  
6501 Caddo Court  
Plano, TX 75023-2902

The Swinging Stars 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dance is coming up March 31, 2017. For this to be a successful event each member of the Club must participate. Our Dance Chairperson, Lorraine Burson ([lorraine@bursons.us](mailto:lorraine@bursons.us)), has had signup sheets at the last two dances and will have them again at the February Dances so please contact Lorraine or signup at the next dance for one of the identified needs. We need you!

Here are a few interesting facts about our Club Caller and Club Cuer that you may not know:

**Wayne Baldwin** began calling in 1967 with his first clubs in Kermit, Texas and Jal, New Mexico. Soon he was calling Square Dances all over the Southwest. During these past 49 years Wayne, with his wife Jodie, had the pleasure of traveling within Alberta and British Columbia Provinces in Canada, Alaska, Saudi Arabia, Holland, and most of the United States west of the Mississippi and in all of "The Deep South" where he was a sought after featured festival caller. Wayne always felt that the greatest contribution he could make to Square Dancing was to bring new people into the activity and teach new dancers. Some of his greatest memories are from the 31 years Wayne was on staff at Fun Valley, Colorado, and five years on staff at the Banff Institute. He has recorded on Blue Star, Brogan, Roadrunner, Circle "D and Global Records. Currently Wayne calls and teaches for the Swinging Stars of Plano, Model A' in Dallas, and Kissin' Kuzzins in Garland. Wayne has been the club caller for Swinging Stars and Model A's for 38 years and the club caller for the Kissin' Kuzzins for 4 years. He is a longtime member of Callerlab, Texas Callers Association, and North Texas Callers Association. Wayne was inducted into the "Texas Callers' Hall of Fame" on October 31, 2009.

**Walter Brewer** began Cueing in 1991 and has been the club cuer for Swinging Stars since 2007. He has cued the past few years in Fun Valley as well as a number of state conventions and the National Convention. Walter teams up with Jerry Story for the Story Time dances in Tool. Walter writes round dancing choreography and most recently wrote the Watermark phase four for the Round-a-lab's rounds of the quarter. He is Past President of the NTCA (North Texas Callers Association). He served two terms as Presidents of Texas Round Dance Teachers Assoc. Walter's timing is flawless and he makes round dancing FUN & light-hearted while challenging the floor to excel at their dancing ability. He works tirelessly to make sure our dancers are laughing and fully engaged in the dance.

Both the Square Dance Lessons and Round Dance Lessons Classes were successful for this session. WE NEED SQUARE DANCE ANGELS ON TUESDAY NIGHT!

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report – 29 January 2017

### Jim & Knarik Bondi

#### RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

#### Our Square + Round Dance

##### *Friday 27 Swinging Stars*

A total of 84 dancers enjoyed our second dance of January on Friday evening at Shepard Elementary School in Plano, TX. These 84 participants comprised 72 Swinging Stars, 5 Rebel Rousers, 4 Texas Reelers, 2 Ramblin Rounds, and one Independent. Club cuer, Walter Brewer, delivered 45 minutes of marvelous early rounds featuring a wide variety of rhythms and phases and, during the main dance that followed, continued delivering intermittent rounds with like prowess. For his part, club caller, Wayne Baldwin, produced 15 minutes of strong Early Plus and then followed up with a host of good tips and heart-warming singing calls during the main dance. A couple squares gave Wayne's Hot Hash a try as the dancing drew to a close. Afterward, roughly 20 die-hard partiers (mostly Swinging Stars plus a few visitors) continued post-dance festivities at Plano's Austin Avenue Grill. A gracious Thank You to all our member attendees and to the visitors who made this event a success.

## **Anniversary Square + Round Dance**

### ***Saturday 28 January – Triangle Squares – “Nifty Fifties” – Anniversary Dance***

21 Swinging Stars journeyed to Denton, TX, Saturday evening to celebrate with our friends, the Triangle Squares, at their “Nifty Fifties” 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dance. Texas Hall of Fame caller, Toby Thomason, who’s been this club’s only caller for all 42 years, called the evening’s squares in conjunction with guest caller, Bobby Willis. This celebratory dance event featured an early square workshop followed by a main dance featuring many great tips, several nice singing calls, one interesting Plus tip, and numerous “light” intermittent rounds cued by Toby himself. Refreshments brought back school-day memories for many attendees as we each retrieved our “brown bag lunch” and accompanying drink from the “cafeteria serving table.” All attendees, 15+ squares overall, had a marvelous time at this affair. A huge Thank You to these Swinging Stars who participated: P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Colters, Esteps, Evantos, Feldmans, Hawkins, Pitts, and Sees. (Since we already had our host’s banner, we declined taking another.)

## **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](mailto: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 9 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 2 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**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Date Captured</b>
Texas Reelers	13-Jan-2017
Rebel Rousers	19-Nov-2016
Lone Star Solos	10-Nov-2016
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015
Diamond Jubileers	14-Mar-2015
T Square Gadabouts	20-Feb-2015

### **Swinging Stars Banners Held at Other Clubs**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Date Captured</b>
Kissin Kuzzins	11-Nov-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING/TRAINING**

### **Our Mainstream Square Dance Lessons**

#### ***Tuesdays 31 January - 25 April – Swinging Stars***

Instructor: Wayne Baldwin

Lesson: 7:15 – 9:15

Carpenter Park Recreation Center

6701 Coit Rd. Plano, TX 75024

## **Our Bolero Round Dance Lessons**

### ***Tuesdays 31 January - 28 February – Swinging Stars***

Instructors: J.L & Linda Pelton

Lesson: 7:30 – 9:30

Carpenter Park Recreation Center

6701 Coit Rd. Plano, TX 75024

## **Square + Round Dance**

### ***Friday 3 February – Kissin Kuzzins – “Gospel Music Dance”***

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: J.L. Pelton

Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March: 8:00

Garland Senior Center

600 Avenue A, Garland, TX 75040

## **Square + Round Dance**

### ***Saturday 4 February – Circle I – “Valentine’s Dance”***

Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Line Dancing: 7:10, Square Workshop: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Senter Park East

228 Chamberlain, Irving, TX 75060

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST**

### **“A” Dance + All-Plus Dance**

#### ***Wednesday 1 February – Plus 4s***

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Dance: 6:15 – 7:30

Plus Dance: 7:30

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER**

### **Ladies Luncheon**

#### ***Thursday 16 February, 11:30 AM – “Eddy’s Pizza” (Plano)***

The February Luncheon will be held on Thursday 16 February at 11:30 AM at Eddy’s Pizza Restaurant located at 2108 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St. in Plano, TX. Eddy’s is a family owned Italian Restaurant which serves delicious Italian pasta dishes as well as salads, cold and hot subs, calzones, and yummy pizza. Their food is reasonably priced in a cozy restaurant setting. Helen Feldman is the hostess for the February luncheon. To make your reservation, please contact Helen by Tuesday 14 February at [hfeldman73@yahoo.com](mailto:hfeldman73@yahoo.com) or 972-250-6815.

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## **Refreshments Duty and Information**

February 10 - **Hamm**, Gifford, Zhang/Chen, Nestor

February 24 - **Ross**, R/N Smith, Dennison, Pitts

March 10 - **Rickert**, Colter, McGuire, Halvorson

March 31 - Swinging Stars Anniversary – Everyone brings refreshments

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc.) without first checking with the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents [Russ and Ann Nejd] to see if they are already in inventory. **Highlighted name is Refreshments Lead for their assigned Dance.** Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team

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

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

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

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

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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 Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at [llhamm45@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Kathy & Bob Estep**

**Swinging Stars Presidents**

**Email:** [president@swingingsstars.org](mailto:president@swingingsstars.org)

**Phone:** 972-618-3640

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**Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:**

# Swinging Stars



In Honor Of

National Tortilla Chip Day

We Are Hosting A



## Mexican Fiesta



Friday, February 24, 2017



Wayne Baldwin, Caller



Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Walter Brewer, Cuer



Hot Hash after the last tip



Fun Food Friendship Honey Pot Banners

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied with a paying adult

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr Plano

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Visit our Website: [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org)

