



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for October 6, 2013

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

We have a great opportunity with our big dance coming up, Boot Scootin' Show Your Colors Ball, on October 25th. Honestly, we were so focused on the Chili Cook-off we are a little behind on planning. We have less than a month to pull everything together. We need people that are committed to help with the setup & decorate the gym. We need help with the honey pot, we need a team to keep the water, tea & coffee filled and we need everyone to commit to bringing a salad. The refreshment committee will bring desserts. This is our double deal dance and we will have a larger than normal crowd. We have invited, and expect, a large number of NORTEX officers plus we have four clubs that have already indicated they are coming. This is the last weekend leading up to Round up.... You might say that it is our Pre-Round Up dance. We need every Swinging Star to help us put our best foot forward by showing our square dance community that Swinging Stars hospitality. It is going to be a great time. Wayne and Walter are ready, the dancers are ready, are you....probably not since I just asked, but I have faith that you will be. It will be a great dance to be remembered.

Call and/or email Peggy Amy and volunteer today - garyfamy@yahoo.com; (972) 824-5435. Also, sign-up sheets will be available at next Fridays dance.

Nominations of the Executive Committee for the 6 month period February to July of 2014 are:

President	Bob and Terri Pitts
1st Vice President	George and Mary Loxsom
2nd Vice President	Ron and Donita See
Secretary	Tom and Vicki Evanto
Treasurer	Dan and Nina Lassiter

Thank you to our Nominations Committee – Dave & Loraine Burson, Ralph & Lucy Hamm and Roger & Janelle Row – for a job well done. Officer election – will be November 10th at 3:00 at Spring Creek BBQ on Hwy 75 in Richardson, TX.

Thirty-three Swinging Stars had the best time last night on the bus trip to Weatherford College to dance with the Decater Eighthers and help them celebrate their 35th anniversary – two more joined us there for a total of thirty-five dancers. The food and the company were wonderful. Bob taught us a song leading us in German turn that taught us the German of our body parts from our “top-notcher”...to our “breadbasket”... to our “knee bender” to our “foot stomper”. Then we had the first International Swinging Stars Bus Trivia the “Lefties” against the “Right Brainers” (left side against right side). It was more than silly and a lot of fun was had by all. A huge

thank you to Bob and Terri Pitts for putting the bus trip together. Every detail was attended to. They even collected the entrance fee ahead of time so once we got there we just walked in and started dancing. It was a great night! Thanks Bob and Terri!

We met the Swinging Stars of Wichita Falls and they invited us to make a bus trip to dance with them. They seem like a fun bunch and maybe we will take them up on their offer.

Richard and Jan

DANCE LESSONS

Calling all Angels...be sure to come to lessons and meet our students. They are really moving along. They must be about half way through the mainstream list. Wayne is zipping them through the lessons in his most professional style. Have you ever noticed that he teaches us things in such a way that helps us learn in a very fun way. We could use your help as Angels and it would be great to get to know our students so that you can encourage them to come to the New Dancer Dance at Round Up and our Swinging Stars New Dancer Dance in November.

You will note that we will be paying their way to the New Dancer Dance at Round Up as we have in prior years.

NORTEX SPOT LIGHT

NTCA'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



A GRAM Committee MINUTE...

*It's Christmas Time and
time for shopping and giving!!*

Ways to *give away* those
business/coupon cards:

- Put them in your Christmas Cards
- Use them as Stocking Stuffers
- Leave them on service counters
- Place them on church bulletin boards

Don't have any? Go to the following.....

www.lifesjustadance.com
then click on GRaM Pub

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.

Correction: Desert competition Colby Whitaker was Second Ann Stuart was Third Place

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

Email from Log Cabin Swingers:

Log Cabin would like to invite everyone to our garage sale Oct. 10, 11, 12. This is how we support Promenade Hall and the RV grounds. Yes, we have made enough money in the past to purchase 5 new air conditioners. They should be installed by the end of Nov. The garage sale is a lot of work and also a lot of fun! Come see what's it's all about. We do have our kitchen open and you will be able to purchase lunch and snacks. Thanks to all the folks that have donated "Stuff" and square dance clothes, this has helped to make it possible to have the dances at Log Cabin.

Don't forget we are having StoryTime, Chapter 1 Plus Weekend (Jerry Story/Walter Brewer) on Nov. 8th, 9th and 10, 2013. If you haven't signed up yet, please get your reservations mailed in by Nov. 1. This helps us to plan the snacks and breakfast on Sunday.

Thanks for your support!

Log Cabin Swingers,

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

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.

* * * From Your 2nd VPs * * *

This month has kicked off with some great visitations and fun togetherness. We are sorry we couldn't clone ourselves to be in three places at once this weekend, as there were many fun dances happening Saturday within NORTEX. The highlight was a long time coming bus trip with a group of 35 dancers to visit the Decatur 8'ers for their anniversary dance.

And, speaking of the bus trip, well let's just say we need to do that at LEAST one a year for sure (for good laughs alone)... The bus was so much fun and comfortable too! None of us will forget the joking around on the bus, and we were definitely being imps and misbehaving (like kids on a bus will do) – when Peggy Amy and the Lassiters arrived right on the dot for take off, Bob couldn't resist asking bus driver Mike to close the door, put it in gear, and pull up a couple feet. We were rewarded with some very surprised expressions to say

the least, and poor Peggy told us later she was not even sure she locked her car! We cheered them onto the bus to make up for it. Bob started us off with a German-ish song to set the mood. We had to concentrate to remember the names of all our body parts including topnotcher, knee knocker, bread basket, etc., in chorus. And Richard orchestrated a fun trivia game – we will never forget radioactive spiders, apples, Byzantine relief, John Wayne’s movie crew attire, and I am certain everyone has already forgotten that the left side of the bus won by just one question. Anyway, it inspired lots of debate and it was fun trying to throw the other side off with humorous answer suggestions, and we learned we can rely on Ralph in a pinch for several of our answers! We want to thank everyone for making this happen, being a fun group, and for bringing goodies to share. By the way, the Decatur 8’ers thanked us for taking time to make the trip and visit. See more details below.

This month will be continued dance fun right to the end of the month with more Oktoberfest and Halloween theme dances in our future. These next two weeks we have: Monday Friendship Plus (double deal) Of Interest dance with Tom Roper, Tuesday lessons, our own Stars Friday dance with Wayne’s workshop, and Saturday a Dixie Chainers Of Interest dance. Looking forward, the following week will be a Thursday the 17th Roadrunners’ Monster Mash Double Deal dance with Darryl Lipscomb /Karen Gloodt, on Friday the 18th, Kissin’ Kuzzins’ Autumn Leaves dance, Saturday the 19th a Buttons and Bows’ Oktoberfest double deal dance, and a 50th anniversary dance for Peggy and Bascom Kemp Sunday the 20th.

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
Decatur 8'ers	5-Oct-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 * * *

Plus 4's, Wednesday, October 2nd

A bevy of Swinging Stars visited Plus Fours in Farmers Branch on Wednesday. The guest caller was our own Texas Hall of Fame caller, Wayne Baldwin, who filled in for Quiz. Wayne was in top form, treating dancers to any evening of energetic choreography, some unusual calls, and, as always, a heap of GREAT singing. In the "unusual" category, Wayne drilled dancers on a "partial peel" call where lead dancers peeled outward conventionally but trailing dancers, instead, simply extended to each other. He also tested our skills with "acey deucey" from a column of twos (in "trade by" formation) and "track two" with sexes flipped. All present had a lot of fun. The 29 visiting Swinging Stars were: P. Amy, the Archeys, Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Colters,

Dennisons, Evantos, Hawkins, Kilejians, Lassiters, Lewises, Sees, Shermans, and the Starretts. Thanks to Jim Bondi for sharing the dance details.

Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, October 4th

There was a square of Swinging Stars who visited the Kissin' Kuzzins in Garland on Friday. Rounds were cued by JL Pelton and squares were called by our own club caller, Wayne Baldwin. Wayne entertained square dancers with a good mix of well synchronized sequences coupled with many memorable singing calls. Especially memorable was a singing duet in which Steve Boyd, a deep Oakridge-boys-like bass singer, joined Wayne for a duet. All in attendance had a terrific time. The visiting Swinging Stars were: the Bondis, Hamms, Starretts, and the Underwoods. Jim Bondi shared the dance information.

Texas Reelers, Friday, October 4th

There were 5 Swinging Star couples at the Texas Reelers' dance Friday at the Richardson Senior Center. The theme was "Big Tex Hoedown" with Deborah Carroll-Jones on squares and Jack von der Heide on rounds. Deborah added some Big Tex trivia between tips and called a lively dance. The Swinging Stars in attendance were: the Archeys, Feldmans, Kilejians, Pharrs, and the Sees. Thanks to Ron See for sharing the dance notes.

Official – Decatur 8'ers, Saturday, October 5th

Our Swinging Stars bus trip to visit the Decatur 8'ers for their 35th anniversary Oktoberfest dance in Bridgeport was a great success on all fronts. We started the day with refreshing cooler Oktoberfest-like weather, departed on the minute planned, and had great fun with songs and games on the way. We arrived in time for the workshop led by veteran and guest caller, Rick Smith. He taught us variations of allemande tar including ones where the guys got to push the gals backward and a retired plus call "cross circulate". Club caller, Robert Walker, then joined Rick for the tips for the evening. They both led many great tips in an evening dedicated to only square dancing. This was the first time most of the Swinging Stars have danced with the 8'ers since they have been dancing at Weatherford College and it was a great facility. The 8'ers provided an incredible German meal topped off with delicious desserts. The bus ride home was essentially a rolling after party. The first 20 minutes were spent circulating bags, boxes, plates, etc. of food to share. After the eating and drinking there was lots of socialization. The bus arrived back at the expected time and all headed for home. The following Swinging Stars captured the Decatur 8'ers banner: P. Amy, the Archeys, Bondis, Bursons, Colters, Covingtons, Hamms, Harrises, Hawkins, Lassiters, Nejdls, Perrotts, Pharrs, Pitts, Rickerts, Sees, Stuarts, and the Trujillos.

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

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

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

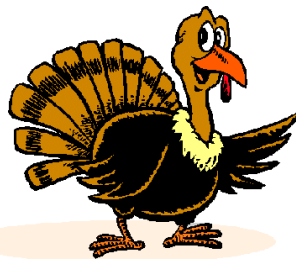
Boot Scootin'

Show Your Colors Ball



November 8, 2013

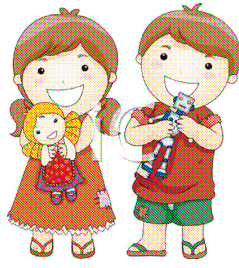
New Dancer Dance



November 22, 2013

Shake Your Tail Feathers

Thanksgiving Dance



December 13, 2013

Toys & Books for Kids

Holiday Ball



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

Saturday & Sunday, November 2nd & November 3rd – Round Up

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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Website: www.63nsdc.com & Facebook under the 63rd National Square Dance Convention®.

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.

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.

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