



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 9, 2014

This was a very busy week. Swinging Stars traveled far and wide to enjoy our favorite pastime. See reports of visits to Plus 4s, Texas Reelers, Kissin' Kuzzins, Log Cabin Swingers Story Time weekend, and Dixie Chainers in Events from the Past Week below. We also heard that several of our members went to Lake Murray State Park near Ardmore, OK for a weekend of A level square dancing. Such enthusiasm!

Then, as if that wasn't enough dance related activity for a week, we had our **club business meeting** this afternoon. Thanks to the **46 members** who **attended** and made this a very **worthwhile meeting**. Our most important item of business was electing **our new officers for next year**. They are **Doug and Jan Bergesen, President; Bob and Kathy Estep, 1st Vice-President; Dave and Lorraine Burson, 2nd Vice-President; Chris and Merry Trujillo, Secretary; and Joe and Colby Whitaker, Treasurer**. When you see these folks, please **thank them for stepping up for the important task of leading our club next year**.

Attendees of the club business meeting also approved changes to our Constitution Article III, paragraph 2 (Associate Membership) and Article V – Meetings, paragraph 1 (removed specified hours for club dances). The revised constitution will be posted on our website (swingingstars.org) in the next day or two.

Our next club dance is this Friday. Wayne will kick the night off with a square dance workshop at 7:00PM. We will be **saluting our veterans** – Veterans Day is Tuesday. **Wear your red, white and blue**, and let's thank our veterans for their service to our country! This is also our **New Dancer Dance**, so come out and help our own and visiting students have a fun learning experience.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, November 11 -- Mainstream lesson, Carpenter Rec Center, 7:15PM

Friday, November 14 – Club dance: Celebrate Veterans – wear your red, white, and blue.

Saturday, November 15 – Visit to Rebel Rousers; **banner retrieval**; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

Holiday Party - Haggard Party Barn - Friday December 5, 2014. Pay your money (\$30.00 per couple) early for the caterer head count! Deadline is December 1. Checks should be made payable to:

Betty Wheaton

6102 Lakeshore Drive

Rowlett, TX 75089

Cash can be paid to her at the next club dance. **NO checks or cash to 'Swinging Stars' treasury.**

If you attended Round-Up, do your part to make next year's Round-Up even better. Follow this link and complete the survey to let NORTEX know what you liked or didn't like about this year's event and give your suggestions for future Round-Ups: <https://northtexassquaredance.wufoo.com/forms/nortex-roundup-2014/>

Jive Round Dance Class Starts January 10:

Jive – Yes, it's coming in January. And what is Jive? Well, it's **similar to jitterbug** and is part of the swing family. Now's your chance to learn some Jive as this class is not taught very often

Jive does not require previous dance experience of any kind. Once you take the class, you can dance any Jive cued at a square dance – and you can even go out to a club and have a good repertoire of figures to just dance to the music. Know a little bit of Jive and want to refresh your figures or get some extra practice? This class is for you too.

JL and Linda Pelton will be teaching Jive (Course # 163128) at Carpenter Recreation Center from January 20 through March 10 from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. in the same square dance room where Wayne runs square dance lessons. Watch for the Winter Parks and Recreation Catalog for signup in late December.

November Ladies Luncheon information from Lorraine Burson:



Cafe Del Rio

If you Like Tex Mex, you are going to love this place!

I am hosting the ladies luncheon for November. I have chosen Cafe Del Rio, located at 401 Central Expressway in Allen. You will find Cafe Del Rio on the east side of Central Expressway south of McDermott. If you are coming from the south, exit at Bethany and go north on the access road. Coming from the north, you will also need to exit at Bethany, go under the freeway, and go north on the access road. Stay on the access road until you see Cafe Del Rio.

Join us at **11:30AM on November 18th**. I believe they have the best Tex Mex I have ever eaten! Check out their menu at www.cafedelrio.net/allen. They also have an ice cream machine. You will want to stop by and enjoy your fill of chocolate or vanilla ice cream or a swirl of both.

RSVP to Lorraine Burson at lorraine@bursons.us or 972-396-0941 by November 16th and I will call them and let them know how many to expect for lunch.

James & Judy Ross have tickets for sale to the 4th Annual Winter Festival, January 2 & 3, 2015 at the Waco Convention Center Waco, TX. There will plus dancing, mainstream dancing, round dancing, workshops and lots of fun. Tickets sell for \$40 per person but they are selling theirs for \$35 per person. If interested contact Judy at jkross2@verizon.net or [214.675.7086](tel:214.675.7086)

FROM YOUR ANNIVERSARY DANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, ANNE AND RUSS NEJDL:

The Swinging Stars 40th Anniversary dance will be here before you know it (Friday, January 23rd). As you know, we will have a disco theme. This is an effort that requires the entire club's participation. We are expecting to serve dinner to 330+. We really need your support in this endeavor, not only to provide food, but also to chair and work the various committees. This is our primary fund raiser for the year, and the profits from the dance help us maintain our club dues at the current rate. This requires total participation.

Do not feel intimidated to head a committee. I will secure all the workers for all the time slots. Committee chairs for the Money Pot, Honey Pot and Grand Prize Drawing will see that those who signed up for a particular time slot are at their work station at the designated time. We really need someone to step up and assume the chair of the decorations committee. I have many ideas, and we may be able to reuse items from previous dances to give our dance that disco feel.

This year we will be serving a baked potato dinner with a variety of desserts. You will be asked to sign up to bring either 10 baked potatoes or a dessert item to feed 24. If you choose to bring baked potatoes, wrap 10 medium potatoes in aluminum foil, bake until done and place in a cooler lined with a towel. Be sure to put your name on your cooler. We also need someone who is willing to shop for the condiments for the potatoes.

There will be sign-up sheets at the next several dances. If you have any questions, please contact either me or Russ. Sign up early for the job you want or you may get a leftover chore.

*** * * From Your 2nd VPs * * ***

Donita had successful hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, November 4, at the Presbyterian Plano hospital. She has had physical therapy and is doing remarkably well. She is currently using a walker to get around but is anxious to get back on the dance floor.

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 |
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| Decatur 8ers | 4-Oct-14 |
| Diamond Jubileers | 13-Sep-14 |
| Kissin' Kuzzins | 03-Oct-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 |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Lone Star Solos | 26-Sep-14 |
| Rebel Rousers | 26-Sep-14 |
| T-Square Gadabouts | 31-Oct-14 |

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

Plus 4s, Wednesday, November 5th

Twenty (20) Swinging Stars visited Plus 4s in Farmers Branch on Wednesday. The evening's all-plus tips were called by veteran club caller Charles Quizenberry, aka "Quiz." To promote variety in squares and "dancer mingling" during the evening, for each tip, Quiz assigned dancers to 1 of 4 squares with his trusty computerized program. Throughout the evening, he mixed standard/typical plus calls with a variety of challenges that included some intermingled "diamond" work, and sex-swapped work on "chase right" and "recycle." However, "load the boat" was the evening's featured call. Across several tips, Quiz tutored, then drilled, dancers on "load the boat" variations that challenged both centers and ends with starts from positions that, particularly at first, glazed over many an eye on the floor. But Quiz, in his inimitable style, patiently directed specific help where needed until most eyes had cleared and smiles reappeared. All attendees had an educational and thoroughly enjoyable evening. Visiting Swinging Stars included Bondis, Esteps, Halvorsons, Kerns, Kilejians, Lewises, Morses, Perrotts, Shermans, and Sherrells. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

Texas Reelers, Friday, November 7

Twelve (12) Swinging Stars members and four of our new students visited the Texas Reelers Salute the Troops/New Dancer Dance on Friday night and retrieved one of our banners. Deborah Carroll-Jones called an excellent program of Formula 51 level squares that entertained the experienced dancers as well as the students and provided a good learning experience for the students. Jack von der Heide cued the rounds and led some line dances in which all dancers could participate. It was a fun night for all! Swinging Stars in attendance were Bushell/Dvorak, Esteps, Hamms, Lloyds, Pharrs, and Sobotkas.

Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, November 7th

Two Swinging Stars couples visited the Kissin' Kuzzins Friday night for their Veteran's Day themed dance. JL Pelton cued an hour of fun early rounds, mostly Phase II - IV, catering to the requests of the dancers. And our Texas Hall of Fame caller, Wayne Baldwin, called very enjoyable squares. The Kuzzins' shared a wonderful assortment of red, white, and blue cake and cupcakes. The Swinging Stars at the dance were the Bullocks and the Pitts. Thanks to Bob Pitts for this report.

Log Cabin Swingers, Friday-Sunday, November 7th - 9th

9 Swinging Stars visited the Log Cabin Swingers in Tool, TX for "(Jerry) Story Time, Chapter 2." Legendary and beloved caller, Jerry Story, called the fantastic squares while our own Walter Brewer cued the weekend's great rounds. Not surprisingly, many square dancers came just because of Jerry Story, and they were NOT disappointed. The floor reverberated from Friday night through Sunday morning with Jerry's patented fast paced, high energy calls accompanied by terrific singing. Saturday morning opened with rounds and plus squares workshops. Saturday afternoon began with a DBD plus workshop that served as training for a short DBD plus square dance session that followed. Mid-afternoon offered round dancers an hour of either request rounds or a workshop. Saturday evening, after the main dance session finished, we were treated to a one hour after-party with Jerry singing a whole host of songs as we ate corny dogs and nachos prepared by our great hosts. Sunday morning began with Log Cabins' traditional made-to-order pancake and sausage breakfast. While we ate, Jerry again treated us to singing, this time mostly spiritually themed music to suit the day. Breakfast was followed by the closing session's round and square dancing. All attending had a marvelous time, warm social experience, and great learning opportunity. The 9 visiting Swinging Stars were Bondis, Bursons, J. Duncan, Perrotts, and Smith/Hardin. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

Dixie Chainers, Saturday, November 8

Seventeen (17) of our members enjoyed the Dixie Chainers 56th Anniversary Dance on Saturday night. The Jones family – Jon, Deborah, and Vernon – were in top form. They called a variety of lively, challenging, and entertaining tips, some as a trio, some duet, and some single. Jack von der Heide entertained the round dancers with waltzes, two steps, rumbas, cha-chas, fox trots, and jives. The sizable crowd was greatly entertained and appreciative of the excellent calling and cueing, and they were treated to a great meal provided by the Dixie Chainer members. The following Swinging Stars were there: Esteps, Feldmans, Hamms, Kerns, Kilejians, Pittses, Sherrells, Sobotkas, and C. Wolfe.

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

Swinging Stars, Friday, November 14th

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

Of Interest, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, November 15th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX)
Website: <http://www.rebelrousersdallas.com>
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / food served – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Theme: All I Want for Christmas
Notes: **Banner Retrieval**

Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, November 18th

Location: Café Del Rio (401 Central Expressway, Allen, TX)
Website: www.cafedelrio.net/allen
Time: 11:30 am
Hostess: Lorraine Burson (Lorraine@Bursons.us or [972-396-0941](tel:972-396-0941))
Notes: Let Lorraine know by Sunday, November 16th if you plan to go

Refreshments Duty and Information

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| 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) |

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

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

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TOYS AND BOOKS FOR KIDS

Holiday Ball



We will be accepting Cash, Toys and Books
to be donated to the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center.



December 12, 2014



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

Friday, December 5, 2014 – Swinging Stars annual holiday party

Sunday, December 7, 2014 – NTCA/NORTEX Toys for Tots Christmas Dance

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – Jive round dance lessons start

Friday, January 23, 2015 – Swinging Stars 40th Anniversary Dance

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

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

June 24 – 27, 2015 – 64th National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA

Check out and Like our Facebook page at:

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

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

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