



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 20, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

I apologize that this is late. We just got internet access. Down here in the mountains of KY where they have to pipe the sunshine in things do not always work when they should.

I just received “official notice” that Saturday December 3, 2016 will be the final dance for the Solitaires Club. It is sad to see a sister Club close but we understand the circumstances. If you are not committed to anything else that evening I encourage you to help them say farewell.

Congratulate the 2017 Swinging Stars Officers – effective February 1, 2017:

President: Russ & Anne NejdI

1st VP: Doug & Dan Bergessen

2nd VP: Bob & Terri Pitts

Treasurer: Nevin & Sara Mulvin

Secretary: Dan & Kathy Mosher

Lessons Coordinator: Dan & Kathy Mosher

Special: Anne & Jeff Stuart have been doing the difficult job of Refreshment Coordinators for the past eight (8) years. They have requested we accept their resignation for the 2017 year. Thank you both for a job well done.

I am pleased to announce that Karen & Mark Hawkins have agreed to accept the Refreshment Coordinator role for 2017.

Club Dues: The Club voted to raise dues from \$35.00 per couple per quarter to \$45.00 per couple per quarter effective January 1, 2017

Read all the way to the end of the Newsletter as the “Important Dates” are starting to get filled in for the year.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Monday, November 21 – Lessons in Allen – Need Angels; please help us.

Friday, November 25 – Swinging Stars dance is cancelled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Saturday, November 26 – Tri City Promenaders annual “ALL GOSPEL” DANCE – Mike Bramlett, Paul Kinsey & Chris Farabaugh

Announcements

Swinging Stars Holiday Party -- Holiday Party!! Friday December 2nd, Haggard Party Barn
If you have not registered yet please do so now!

Register Now: Get your money in early! \$38.00 per couple (Members, students and associates only). Evening includes BBQ dinner with all the fixins', beer and margaritas. Dancing and fun You can mail your check **PAYABLE to Betty Wheaton** 6102 Lakeshore Dr, Rowlett, TX 75089. Or you can bring cash or your check (payable to Betty) to an upcoming dance. BIG SHOUT OUT to Betty for helping with the party!! See the Holiday Party flyer at the following link:
http://www.swingingstars.org/SS_Holiday_Party2016.pdf

Allen Lessons: Student Graduation is December 12th. You are encouraged to join the lessons that night to encourage the new dancers.

Thank you for serving our favorite activity. We look forward to another great year of dancing and friendship.

2nd VP Report – 20 November 2016 Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

“A” Square Dance followed by Plus Square Dance

Wednesday 16 November – Plus 4s

During the early “A” dance, for 75 minutes, Quiz drilled “A” both squares on a variety of A1/A2 calls. This was good practice for recent “A” graduates. During the main Plus dance that followed, a total of 15 Swinging Stars participated. The featured “brain teaser” call this night was Coordinate starting in an ordinary right-hand column but with “sexes swapped” so that boys experience what is typically the girl’s part and vice versa. After some initial struggle in many squares, and review of the underlying definition (see www.tamtwirlers.org/tamination/plus/coordinate.html), most dancers were starting to get the hang of it and successfully end in parallel waves with boys as centers and girls as ends. A big Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Colters, Kilejians, Sees, and Shermans.

Square + Round Dance – *Double Deal*

Friday 18 November – T Square Gadabouts – “Turkey Shoot”

4 Swinging Stars made the trek to Fort Worth Friday night to celebrate Thanksgiving a bit early with our friends, the T Square Gadabouts, at their “Turkey Shoot” dance, a popular annual hoot that this night attracted ~ 13 squares overall. Early and intermittent rounds, cued by Charles Crockett, featured an entertaining mix of 2-steps, waltzes, rhumbas, and cha chas. Squares were called by club caller, Vernon Jones, together with his father, John Jones, both members of the Texas Callers Hall of Fame. These two teamed up to keep the floor hopping all night long with some solid MainStream, a bit of Plus, and a nice set of singing calls highlighted by Vernon’s occasional blues tunes. These heartfelt vocal renderings always get dancers’ juices flowing! A grand Thank You to these Swinging Stars who participated: Bondis and Sees.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 19 November – Rebel Rousers – “Toy Land”

8 Swinging Stars journeyed to Richardson, TX, Saturday evening to mingle and dance with our friends, the Rebel Rousers, at their “Toy Land” toy drive dance. It was nice to see the collection table full of traditional Teddy Bears, a myriad of other toys, and \$150+ dollars cash from attendees who didn’t have time to shop before coming. All rounds this evening, both early and intermittent, were artfully cued by long-time club cuer and area teacher, Christine Hixson. She presented a broad and balanced array of rhythms and phases that engaged and pleased round dancers of all skill levels. Squares were managed masterfully by Hall of Fame club caller, Mike Bramlett. 30 minutes of great early Plus were followed throughout the remainder of the evening by a host of solid MainStream tips and 2 more strong Plus tips (#3 & #6), all mixed with some great singing calls and many periodically peppered with Mike’s patented humorous zingers. Judging by the frequent whooping, hollering, and exited squealing emitted from many different squares across the floor, square dancers had a blast. A huge Thank You is due these Swinging Stars who participated: Bondis, Bursons, HARRISES, and Sees. Your support allowed us to re-capture our host’s banner. Go Stars!

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 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 3 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

Club	Date Captured
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
Solitaires	02-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

Club	Date Captured
Kissin Kuzzins	11-Nov-2016
Texas Reelers	11-Nov-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Square + Round Dance – *Double Deal*

Saturday 26 November – Tri-City Promenaders – “Thanksgiving & All Gospel Singing”

Callers: Paul Kinsey (club), Mike Bramlett (guest)

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Brookside Center

1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst, TX 76053

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

Square + Round Dance – *New Dancer Dance*

Friday 25 November – Fort Worth Squares – “Silly Socks” Dance

Caller: Charles Crockett

Cuer: Jack Kinney

Early Rounds: 7:00, Square Workshop: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take “Anglin” exit), Fort Worth, TX

Round Dance Event Training/Practice Days – *Harvest Holiday Pre-Festival*

Monday 21 NOV PM – Thursday 24 NOV PM -- “Harvest Holiday Pre-Festival”

Cuers: JL Pelton, R. Webb, K. Gloodt, & C. Hixson (area); Philson (guest)

Cost: **FREE**

Morning Teach: 10-12; Afternoon Teach: 2-4; Evening Requests Dance: 7:30-10

See www.harvestholiday.com & www.harvestholiday.com/2016/2016-HH-Flyer_rev.pdf

Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820 (take “Anglin” exit), Fort Worth, TX

Round Dance Event Weekend – *Harvest Holiday Festival*

Friday 25 NOV PM – Sunday 27 NOV AM – “Harvest Holiday (Main) Festival”

Guest Cuers: Curt & Tammy Worlock (Ph. IV-VI Hall),

Area Cuers: Christine & Theron Hixson (Ph. III-IV Hall)

Cost: \$110/couple (thru 01 SEP), \$130/couple (after 01 SEP)

Fri: 2-4, 7-10; Sat: 9:15-12, 1:30-4, 7-10:30; Sun: 9:15-12

See www.harvestholiday.com & www.harvestholiday.com/2016/2016-HH-Flyer_rev.pdf

Sokol Hall Athletic Center

7448 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday 14 December, 11 Noon – Anne Nejd’s House (Plano)

Anne Nejd has extended an invitation to all Swing Stars ladies to come to her lovely home on 14 December at 12:00 noon for the most wonderful luncheon of the year. We hope everyone will be able to attend. If you are planning to attend, please respond to Anne by Sunday 11 December. Anne will provide the drinks and a ham. Attendees need to bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert to share. We will again have the “white elephant gift exchange.” Anyone wishing to participate should bring a wrapped item to re-gift. Anne Nejd’s address is 4105 Cassandra Lane, Plano, TX 75093. Please contact her at Yo_Red@verizon.net or by 972-964-5979.

Refreshments Duty and Information

November 25: Closed due to Thanksgiving Holiday

December 9: **Evanto**, Bondi, Mosher, Stuart

December 22: Closed due to Holiday Season

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

November 25, 2016 – Swinging Stars is closed – no dance due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

December 2, 2016 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party at Haggard Party Barn. (Linda Harris coordinator)

December 4, 2016 – NORTEX USO Dance. Free dance. All donations will go to the USO.

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

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

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.

Kathy & Bob Estep

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-618-3640

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



Swinging Stars



Holiday Dance

Come Celebrate The Holiday Season With us!

December 9, 2016



Caller
Wayne Baldwin

Cuer
Walter Brewer



Sq. Workshop 7:00
Plus Dancing 7:45
Grand March 8:00
Hot Hash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, TX.

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied with a paying adult

Refreshment Banners Honey Pot Fun Dancing

For Info : 972-679-8572 or president@swingingstars.org

Visit our website: www.swingingstars.org



Swinging Stars

Happy
January

New Dancer Dance

January 13, 2017

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



Sq Workshop 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

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