



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 6, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Thank you to all that attended the after party March 4, 2016 following the Kissin Kuzzins 43rd Anniversary Celebration. The Williams' were excellent hosts. I enjoyed the evening very much as did the other 18 or so attending. Events like this can make a club stronger so if you would be interested in hosting an after party some time when we dance close to where you live please let us know.

Some from other clubs have said "what a chore it is to publish a newsletter every week"; but every week someone from outside the Club comes up to me and talks to me about something in our Newsletter. Clearly it is widely read and an excellent way to communicate to a large audience. With your help and support we will continue to put our best foot forward each week.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Tuesday, March 8 – Square Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Tuesday, March 8 – Round Dance Lessons - 7:15PM to 9:15PM - Carpenter Rec. Center - Plano.

Friday, March 11 – Swinging Stars Dance – Square Dance Workshop

Saturday, March 12 – Diamond Jubileers, Mardi Gras Dance -

Announcements

Square Dance Lessons Update: -- Mark and Karen Hawkins

Students are doing very well. All 18 were in attendance for the last lesson. We had a good turnout of Angels last week and it really made a difference. Thank you to all our Angels that were there Tuesday.

Normally, we need more Angels than we have attending so please try to help this Tuesday!

Round Dance Lessons Update: -- Lucy Hamm

Rumba and cha cha lessons are being attended by an enthusiastic group of dancers. We were glad to see Swinging Stars Ron and Marcela Schweers returning to class last week. Students learned Alemana, Open Break and Time Steps cues. They have learned enough cues to perform whole dances.

(There will be no more of the "dreaded" Hash for the time being). Tuesday they danced Boogie Shoes (cha cha), You'll Always Be Loved By Me (rumba), and Amafidia (rumba).

The last class for this session is the 8th of March. Intermediate Rumba and ChaCha class session begins on March 15th. Swinging Stars (and Texas Reelers and everybody else) should sign up for classes soon. Any of our members who have already taken rumba and cha cha lessons but who need a refresher should sign up also. You will be able to dance rumba and cha cha at square dances and social dances as well. Remember Choreographed Ballroom Rumba/Cha Cha (Int) #174702 CAR TU. (3/22 is wrong in the catalogue).

2nd VP Report – 06 March 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING

“A” Lessons

Wednesday 02 March, 6:15 - 7:30 – Plus 4s –

6 Swinging Stars have been taking caller Charles Quisenberry’s weekly A1/A2 square dance lessons since 06 January. By completion of tonight’s lesson, the class has worked its way through all but a couple A1 calls, and will next tackle A2. A1 and A2 together comprise ~ 95 new calls that are best learned only after Plus has been fully mastered. Two of the more complex A1 calls “learned” to date include “Chain Reaction” and “Cast a Shadow.” “Learned” is quoted here because, while students now know these calls from a couple common starting configurations, much more practice and floor time is needed before such calls are truly well mastered ... and performable from any valid starting configuration. Swinging Stars enrolled in these A lessons include Bondis, Putnam/Heintz, and Sees. Current Swinging Stars who already know A well and help as angels include Amys and Evantos. Even some former Swinging Stars, particularly Kapps and sometimes Morses, help in a tutoring and/or angeling capacity, as needed.

All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 02 March, 7:30 - 9:30 – Plus 4s –

15 Swinging Stars enjoyed the Plus 4s all-plus dance at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch on Wednesday. 5+ squares enjoyed the calling expertise of veteran club caller, Charles Quisenberry (aka “Quiz”). As always, Quiz drilled dancers with good solid plus and a few surprises, which this evening included “Spin Chain & Double Exchange the Gears” at the floor to keep us challenged while still allowing all to participate. (And, again, those dancers now in Quiz’s A(dvanced) square dancing class continue to recognize that some his call sequences are really just A calls that he is “step calling” so that anyone can do them. An example tonight, from parallel waves, was A’s “quarter through” being step called as “(first) hinge, (then new) centers trade.”) Many thanks to these Swinging Stars who attended: P. Amy, Bondis, Estes, Evantos, Hamms, Hawkins, Kilejians, and Sees.

Official Visit – Square + Round Anniversary Dance

Friday 04 March – Kissin Kuzzins – “South of the Border” Dance

35 Swinging Stars traveled to Garland, TX on Saturday for the Kissin Kuzzins 43rd anniversary dance. Stars wore club “purple,” often adorned with a Mexican flare, to support the “South of the Border” theme. Rounds were cued by terrific club cuer J.L. Pelton while squares were called by renowned club caller Wayne Baldwin with marvelous help from special guest caller Ray Savell. A large crowd of smiling round dancers, even including popular area cuers Christine & Theron Hixson, filled the floor throughout the evening for J.L.’s great mix of rhythms and phases. Similarly, many squares populated the floor for the great calling of the Baldwin/Savell duo all night long. Particularly interesting was a “trickier than usual” Plus tip featuring “Follow Your Neighbor” starting from Quarter Tag (central wave faced from each side of its center by the other two couples). The trick here is that all 8 dancers, partnering with the one they’re individually facing initially, do the “270 degree arm turn.” After a bit of patient tutoring from Wayne & Ray, all squares were getting the hang of it. A heaping thank you to these Swinging Stars attendees: P. Amy, F. Bivins, Bondis, Bursons, Covingtons,

Delukes, Esteps, Feldmans, Hamms, HARRISES, Hawkins, Lees, Perrotts, Pharrs, Pitts, Sees, Smith/Hardin, Williams, and C. Wolfe. Your participation enabled us to both recapture our banner from the Kuzzins and to capture theirs as well. Well done! Finally, a very special “thank you” goes to our new dancers, Doug & Donna Williams, who graciously opened their house for a terrific after-party enjoyed by many Stars.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 05 March – Solitaires – “St. Patrick’s” Dance

8 Swinging Stars journeyed to Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Farmers Branch, TX on Saturday evening to dance “with the luck of the Irish” and with our friends the Solitaires. Squares were called by popular area caller, Bobby Willis, while rounds were delivered by popular area cuer, JL Pelton. On rounds, J.L. delivered a great mix of rhythms but, difficulty-wise, purposely slanted things somewhat toward “easy” so that beginning round dancers present, several from his current Cha/Rhumba class, could participate. A special highlight for the new Cha dancers was “Irish Washer Women.” It fit the evening’s Irish theme well and, given it’s fast beat, tested the physical and mental quickness of new Cha Cha’ers. On Squares, Bobby Willis was in great form, calling energetic squares throughout, one good Plus tip, and belting out some great singing calls. A big thank you to the following Swinging Stars who attended: Amys, Bondis, Esteps, and Kilejians.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you’re an active Swinging Star who visits a lot and wishes to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered by your 2nd VPs in this section, you can submit it to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org by no later than mid Sunday afternoon for inclusion here in that night’s newsletter. Please 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 5 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 1 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
Kissin Kuzzins	04-Mar-2016
Rebel Rousers	20-Feb-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
Texas Reelers	26-Feb-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Our Club Dance

Friday 11 March – Swinging Stars –

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Square Workshop: 7:00, Grand March: 8:00

Shepard Elementary School

1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

Official Visit – Anniversary Dance

Saturday 12 March – Diamond Jubileers – “Mardi Gras”

Callers: Ray Savell, Mike Bramlett (guests), Paul Kinsey (club)

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Swingtime Center

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCE TRAINING OTHER

“A” Lessons

Wednesday 9 March – Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

7:00 – 9:00

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

Current Focus: Finish A1, Start A2

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday 16 March – Romano’s Macaroni Grill

Linda Harris will host the ladies luncheon this month on Wednesday 16 March at 11:30 AM. She has chosen

Romano’s Macaroni Grill

7205 N. Central Expwy

Plano, TX 75025

Ph: 972-527-8829 .

*On southbound outer road,
just north of Legacy Dr,
“in front of” Cinemark theaters.*

We hope you join us for a fun afternoon visiting with the ladies of the Swinging Stars. Please reply to Linda Harris at LindaHarrisTX@hotmail.com by March 14th, so she can tell the Restaurant how many are coming. You can check out the menu and get directions here:

<http://www.macaronigrill.com/locations/31229#> .

Refreshments Duty and Information

March 11 - **Feldman**, Sobotka, Sherrell, Henneberger

March 25 - **DeLuke**, Stuart, Harris, Bivins

April 8 - **Reid**, Mosher, Covington, Trujillo

April 22 - **Nejdl**, Pharr, Sherman, Schweers

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc.) without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents [Russ and Ann Nejdl] to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

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

Swinging Stars

Celebrate



MARCH MADNESS



Caller:



Friday, March 25, 2016

Cuer:



Wayne Baldwin

Walter Brewer

Square Dance Attire

OR

Show Your Team
Spirit By Wearing
Your Favorite

Team Shirt



Early Rounds 7:00

Square Dance 8:00

Hot Hash after last tip

Honey Pot



Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, Tx

For Info: 972-681-3640 or President@swingingstars.org

Visit our Web Site: www.swingingstars.org

Teens Dance Free When Accompanied By A Paying Adult



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NEW DANCER DANCE



Club Officers and Members: Bring Your New Dancers and Students
Students: Please Wear Your Students Badges For Free Admission

Friday April 22, 2016

Caller:

Wayne Baldwin

Cuer:

Walter Brewer

Early Rounds 7:00 Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00 (All Mainstream)

Rounds and Line Dancing between tips

Hot Hash after last tip

Banners Honey Pot Fun Food Fellowship

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, Tx

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied by adults

For Info: 972-618-3640 OR president@swingingstars.org

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

- April 8, 2016 – Friendship dance with Rockwall Squares – our dance location
- June 12, 2016 – Wayne Baldwin’s Annual Fish Fry
- June 16 – 19 – Texas State Square Dance Festival – Waco, TX
- June 21 – 24, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa
- June 24, 2016 – Something special is “cooking” for this Club Dance – plan now to be there
- October 28 - 30, 2016 – Callers Cavalcade and NORTEX Oktoberfest (Round-UP)
- March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance
- 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.

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