



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 9, 2014

Our club dance **this Friday** will kick off with a **one hour square dance workshop at 7:00PM**. Wayne will have some fun and useful tips to help us all improve our dancing skills. The main thing is that it's an extra hour of fun, square dance only floor time. Our theme for Friday's dance is All Things Irish – be sure to wear your green. See you there at seven.

If you haven't **put the Baldwin's annual fish fry on your calendar for June 8th**, be sure to do it now. You don't want to schedule a trip to Europe or some kind of surgery around that time and then discover you forgot to put the fish fry on your calendar. Wayne and Jodie graciously host this event at their home. The serene setting in that park-like back yard by the pool, the marvelous food, and the wonderful fellowship with your Swinging Stars friends make it an event to write home about. So make sure June 8th is marked on your calendar!

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, March 11 – Bolero lesson.

Friday, March 14 – Swinging Stars dance

Saturday, March 15 – Official visitation, Rebel Rousers – Kiss the Blarney Stone?? Guess we'd better wash those green shirts and blouses we wore to our dance last night.

Announcements

Best wishes to Anne Nejdil for a speedy recovery! Anne had surgery for a partial knee replacement on Tuesday. She came home on Wednesday, and she says she is feeling "fabulous". She expects to be homebound for four weeks. We miss you, Anne, and we'll eagerly await your return.

Two notes for round dancers from JL and Linda Pelton:

(1)Beginning Two Step Class -- Signups are open, as many of you already know -- and some of you have told us you have signed up, too. In fact, 18 persons have registered, and the class limit is planned at 30. If you are thinking about taking the class, you should register soon. Two step is one of the most cued rhythms at square dances, and this is a great opportunity to learn it before square dance lessons start up in summer and fall. Then you can be out on the floor during rounds instead of sitting on the sidelines. See the flyer for information and registration instructions here:

http://www.peltondances.com/pdfs/ChoreographedBallroom_LessonFlyer-TwoStep.pdf

(2)Bolero Class Update: It's been a fabulous class. This Tuesday we will focus on review and dancing to ensure that everyone is pretty comfortable with the figures we've taught. Yes, the class has danced dances (and a lot of JL's hash), but if you learn your figures, you can dance many dances to cues. Here's the list of the dances danced in class: Valentine Bolero, Ginny Come Bolero, Ginny Come Lately (different dance but same music), Maria Elena Bolero, All the Girls Bolero, The Chair, Close to You, and El Reloj. Bottom line, though, we have all had a great time!

Attention, Ladies: The luncheon for March will be at the Cheesecake Factory in Frisco on March 18th at 11:30. Karen Hawkins is the hostess and needs to know by the 16th of March if you plan to go. Contact her at markt.karenl@gmail.com or [972-436-4868](tel:972-436-4868).

You can check out the Cheesecake Factory menu by going to www.thecheesecakefactory.com.

Location: Stonebriar Center Mall, 2601 Preston Rd, Frisco – just inside the south entrance of the mall facing Highway 121

Parking: Valet parking is complimentary with your dinner or lunch receipt and is available on the level directly below the restaurant. There is also ample self-parking in front of the restaurant.

Club Roster for Your Mobile Device: Would you like to keep a copy of the Swinging Stars roster on your mobile device? Andy Piziali likes to keep a copy on his PDA, so he periodically converts the published roster into a [CSV file](#) that can be imported. If you would like a copy of this file to import into your phone, PDA or other mobile device, [click here](#) to download it to your device.

* * * From Your 2nd VPs * * *

For those plus dancers who have the opportunity to enjoy additional fun, instruction, and challenges I would suggest attending at least one of the following: Friendship Plus at Richardson Senior Center with Mike Bramlett calling squares on Monday (7:00pm – 9:00pm) and Double Plus at Swingtime Center with Jeff Holley calling squares on Thursday (7:00pm plus workshop, 7:30pm – 9:30pm dance).

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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| Buttons and Bows | 1-Feb-14 |
| Cotton Pickin' Squares | 23-Mar-13 |
| Decatur 8'ers | 5-Oct-13 |
| Diamond Jubileers | 8-Mar-14 |
| Kissin' Kuzzins | 21-Feb-14 |
| Log Cabin Swingers | 4-May-13 |
| North Star 8 | 09-Feb-13 |
| Rebel Rousers | 15-Feb-14 |
| Solitaires | 04-Jan-14 |
| Texas Reelers | 07-Feb-14 |
| Texoma Squares | 01-Jun-13 |
| Tri-City Promenaders | 26-Jan-13 |

Swinging Stars Banners Out

| Club | Date Captured |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Dixie Chainers | 28-Feb-14 |
| Lone Star Solos | 28-Feb-14 |

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Roadrunners, Thursday, March 6th

Four Swinging Stars visited the Roadrunners at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth on Thursday evening. Tim Tanner out of Wichita Falls was the guest caller and Karen Gloodt was the cuer. There were eleven new dancer graduates attending this dance so the workshop and most of the dance was geared toward making this an instructional and fun dance for the newbies. Visiting Swinging Stars were Bondis and Sees.

Official, Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, March 7th

Twenty-nine !! Swinging Stars enthusiastically danced at the Kissin' Kuzzins at the Garland Sr. Activity Center Friday night. Our very own Wayne Baldwin was the caller and JL Pelton the cuer. This was the club's 41st Anniversary dance with a Hee Haw theme. All had fun dressing up, with several getting an outhouse photo and coming away with door prizes. Wayne called a great dance and was even joined by callers Dave Vieira and Wayne Shoemaker for the last dance of the evening. Swinging Stars present included: Amys, Bondis, Bursons, Covingtons, Esteps, Feldmans, Halvorsons, Hamms, Harrises, Hawkinses, Kerns, Lloyds, Sees, Starretts, and C. Wolfe.

Official, Diamond Jubileers, Saturday, March 8th

Twelve Swinging Stars attended the dance at the Diamond Jubileers Saturday evening at Swingtime Center in Fort Worth. Paul Kinsey, Rick Smith, and Jon Jones (with Deborah Carroll-Jones accompaniment) called the squares and Mel Neuman cued rounds. The theme of their 53rd Anniversary dance was a Mardi Gras Celebration. All in attendance (there were 216 dancers) received purple, green, and gold beads and had a great time dancing. Paul Kinsey and Jon Jones are Texas State Hall of Fame callers, and Rick Smith will be headlining with Wayne Baldwin at our anniversary dance in January. Swinging Stars attending the dance and helping capture their banner included: Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, Pizialis, Sees, and Sherrills.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Swinging Stars, Friday, March 14th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Time: Square dance workshop – 7:00PM /square up – 8:00PM
Callers: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Theme: All Things Irish
Notes: club dance, wear green

Official, Rebel Rousers, Saturday, March 15th

Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 W. Arapaho, Richardson, TX)
Website: <http://www.RebelRousersDallas.com/>
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Theme: Kiss the Blarney Stone

Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, March 18th

Location: Cheesecake Factory (Frisco, TX)

Website: <http://www.thecheesecakefactory.com/>

Time: 11:30am

Hostess: Karen Hawkins (markt.karen@gmail.com or 972-436-4868)

Notes: Let Karen know by March 16th if you plan to go

Refreshments Duty and Information

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| March 14, 2014 | Hawkins, Kilejian, Morse, Jung |
| March 28, 2014 | Bondi, Shinavar, Jimison, Colter |
| April 11, 2014 | Barber, Maier, Ryder, Sobotka |
| April 25, 2014 | Kendrick, Lewis, Piziali, Pitts |

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances





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

Sunday, June 8 – Annual Fish Fry at the Baldwins

Tuesday, June 10 – Plus lessons begin

June 12 – 15, 2014 – 52nd Texas State Square and Round Dance Festival, Tyler, TX – preregistration form:

www.squaredancetx.com/fest_reg_order.html

June 25 - 28, 2014 – 63rd National Square Dance Convention, Little Rock, AR – see www.63nsdc.com for info

Friday, September 26 – Chili Cook-Off/Double Deal Dance

October 17 – 19, 2014 – NORTEX Round Up

Friday, October 31, 2014 – Halloween Dance (Fifth Friday)

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

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.

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