



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 23, 2014

This Friday is our regular 4th Friday club dance. There will be a full hour of early rounds beginning at 7:00PM. We encourage our newer round dancers to be there for the early rounds. Walter always includes rumbas, chachas, and boleros that you can dance. Floor time is absolutely essential to retaining the round dance skills you learned in class. Walter most likely will also include a short workshop of a few cues which will be helpful to round dancers of all levels in perfecting their skills.

On Saturday night, you have the opportunity to enjoy some of the best calling and cueing available. The Rainbow Rounds 22nd Anniversary Dance at Swingtime Center will feature Deborah Carroll-Jones on the squares and Karen Gloodt on the rounds. Both Deborah and Karen are very entertaining and will definitely keep you on your toes by challenging your dancing skills. This dance promises to make the trip across town worth while! Check the details below in Coming Events.

We had very good representation, and two very good times, this past Friday and Saturday nights at the Texas Reelers and the Dixie Chainers. We also got a Dixie Chainer banner and got one of our own back. In addition, many of us enjoyed great fellowship at an impromptu gathering at a restaurant after each dance. Visitations are a lot of fun – you should try to participate if you haven't been.

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, March 25 – Two step lesson.

Friday, March 28 – Club dance – early rounds at 7:00PM.

Saturday, March 29 – Of interest visit to Rainbow Rounds 22nd anniversary dance – see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

Please continue to keep Vicki and Tom Evanto in your thoughts and prayers. Both Vicki's parents have been hospitalized lately. For several days, they were in different hospitals at the same time. Vicki reports that her mother is home and doing well now, but her father has continuing medical challenges. Vicki and Tom appreciate your moral support to help them through these difficult times.

We've been missing Kenneth and Sally Henneberger lately. They have been in Indiana doing all they can to help their daughter's family as their son-in-law is hospitalized for treatment of lymphoma and a very rare type of leukemia. Kenneth and Sally report that the treatments are brutal, and their daughter doesn't leave her husband's side. Please keep these friends in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like, cards may be sent to Kenneth and Sally or their son-in-law and daughter (Ken and Chris Tull) at 14624 Shadow Lakes Drive East, Carmel, IN 46302-5040.

Two Step Lessons: The two step class got underway last Tuesday night. Fourteen Swinging Stars and eight other students were there. One additional couple has signed up. There is still room for three more couples. If you are interested, sign up at Carpenter Recreation Center (this can be done by phone -- 972-208-8087) and <http://www.plano.gov/Facilities.aspx?Page=detail&RID=8> show up Tuesday night at 7:00. JL and Linda will thoroughly review the cues taught last week.

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

For those plus dancers looking for a great time, Monday, March 24, Friendship Plus will have Mike Bramlett calling squares at the Richardson Senior Center (7:00PM dance). There is also a new dancer dance (NDD) coming up Thursday, March 27 at Lone Star Solos at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dallas featuring Dave Vieira (7:30PM dance). The Lone Star Solos captured our banner, and this would be a great opportunity to get it back.

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
Buttons and Bows	1-Feb-14
Cotton Pickin' Squares	23-Mar-13
Decatur 8'ers	5-Oct-13
Diamond Jubileers	8-Mar-14
Dixie Chainers	22-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
Lone Star Solos	28-Feb-14

* * * Events from the Past Week * * *

Plus 4s, Wednesday, March 19th

Fifteen Swinging Stars visited Plus 4s in Farmers Branch on Wednesday. Veteran club caller Charles Quizenberry was in top form as he directed a challenging yet fun evening of square dancing. "Challenges" included Coordinate with the sexes in unusual starting positions and lots of left-hand work on Spin Change Exchange the Gears. Here, we first practiced the basic move starting from parallel left-handed waves but then went on to learn it with a double exchange at the finish. It took several attempts before most squares were getting the hang of it. Quiz enjoyed our struggles initially but, gentleman that he is, smiled even more broadly when he saw us finally getting the hang of it. All attending had a great time. Swinging Stars present included Amys, Bondis, Bursons, Colters, J. Duncan, Hamms, Hawkins, and Shermans. Thanks to Jim Bondi for the report.

Of Interest, Texas Reelers, Friday, March 21st

Twenty-one Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers at the Richardson Senior Center Friday night. Deborah Carroll-Jones was the club caller and Jack von der Heide the club cuer. The theme for this dance was "Spring Equinox", but it was heavily draped with Irish overtones. Deborah has an Irish background and has always been a delight in delivering Irish tunes. She provided a generous mix of instruction for the new dancers present and challenges for the plus tips. Visiting Swinging Stars included: P. Amy, Bursons, Esteps, Halvorsons, Hamms, Harrises, Kerns, Moshers, Pharrs, Sees, and Smith/Harden.

Dixie Chainers, Saturday, March 22nd

Sixteen Swinging Stars enthusiastically danced at the Dixie Chainers at the Farmers Branch Senior Center Saturday night. Vernon Jones called squares, and Jack von der Heide cued rounds. Vernon called his typical fast-paced dance, leaving many catching their breaths between tips. Thanks to all the Swinging Stars who attended allowing us to not only retrieve our banner, but to capture a Dixie Chainers' banner. Swinging Stars present included: P. Amy, J. Bondi, Bursons, Esteps, Hamms, Hawkinses, Rows, Sees, and Smith/Harden.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Swinging Stars, Friday, March 28th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / square up – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Notes: club dance

Of Interest, Rainbow Rounds, Saturday, March 29th

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 S. E. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX)
Time: Request rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones
Cuer: Karen Gloodt
Theme: Over the Rainbow
Notes: 22nd Anniversary, double deal

Refreshments Duty and Information

March 28, 2014	Bondi, Shinavar, Jimison, Colter
April 11, 2014	Barber, Maier, Ryder, Sobotka
April 25, 2014	Kendrick, Lewis, Piziali, Pitts
May 9, 2014	Foust, Branden, Bullock, Sherman
May 23, 2014	Meyer, Bergesen, Dennison, Loxsom
June 13, 2014	McGuire, Henneberger, Perrott, Ramirez
June 27, 2014	Row, Amy, Smith/Harden, Whitaker

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



Swinging Stars
SPRING FLING
Formula 51

Honey Pot
Fun Dancing **April 25, 2014** *Banners*
Refreshments

Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer

Early Rounds: 7:00
Square Up: 8:00



SWINGING STARS



Salute The Troops

Friday, May 23, 2014

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.

Ralph and Lucy Hamm

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