



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for May 15, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

This Friday's Swinging Stars dance was the smallest I have experienced since joining the Club. We are only as strong as our members and when you are not at the dance we do miss you!

Yes, this is a repeat; it is that important! For those that have not picked up your tickets, we will have them at the next Club Dance (May 20, 2016). Please come and pick up your tickets. See below for details: Round Up raffle tickets have arrived. We were able to pass out a couple of hundred tickets at the dance last week. We are asking each couple to take a minimum of ten (10) tickets to sell. Remember anyone can win. You do not need to be a Square Dancer. You do not need to be present. Anyone with the winning ticket wins the cruise. We had about 200 tickets picked up Friday - only 500 to go. We have an opportunity to raise significant money for the Club since half (50%) of each ticket sold stays with the Club.

I think I failed to acknowledge the great job the Refreshment Team did this past Friday so please allow me to say Thank You for a job well done to: **Stuart**, Colter, Kilejian, Amy

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, May 16 – Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, May 17 – Round Dance Rumba/Cha lessons

Wednesday, May 18 – Plus 4's

Friday, May 20 – Kissin Kuzzins -- Wayne Baldwin & J.L. Pelton – Wear **Red, White & Blue**

Saturday, May 21 – Trail Blazers 46th Anniversary – Bobby Willis, Jim Howard & Jack Kenny – Wear **Turquoise**

Announcements

Round Dance Lessons Update: -- Lucy Hamm

No update.

2nd VP Report – 15 May 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

“A” Lessons

Wednesday 11 May, 7:00 - 9:00 – Plus 4s

This week, guest instructor, Wayne Baldwin, introduced “A” students to A2 calls Split/Box Transfer & Diamond Chain Thru. He also drilled them on calls previously introduced by “Quiz.” However, several of these previous calls were now issued from “surprising”/new formations for the students, making tonight’s class very valuable training. Swinging Stars students taking these lessons include Bondis, Heintz/Putnam, and Sees. Swinging Stars angels attending to help them included P. Amy.

“A” Dance

Thursday 12 May – Model As

A square of Swinging Stars visited Model A’s in Dallas on Thursday evening for their weekly “A” dance. Particularly for the two “A” students attending, Bondis, the experience was often exhilarating (when we executed well), sometimes embarrassing (when we “muffed up”), but always fun. The more experienced dancers, whether Swinging Stars or not, were always helpful and tolerant of us newcomers. Swinging Stars present were P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Evantos, and J. Baldwin.

Our Dance

Friday 13 May – Swinging Stars – “May Flowers”

~ 70 dancers, including a few visitors, enjoyed the Swinging Stars dance on Friday evening at Shepard Elementary School in Plano. Early activities started at 7:00 PM with a great 45-minute square workshop by Hall of Fame club caller, Wayne Baldwin. Besides drilling down on the finer points of some calls we’ve long known, Wayne also introduced us to an interesting old-time call, Grand Spin, involving a mix of Grand-Square-like parts with other very different calls like Spin the Top. In the main dance, Walter Brewer cued a broad mix of round dance rhythms (including Cha’s & Rhumbas targeted at Peltons’ current students) and phases while Wayne continued his terrific work on squares. At dance’s end, a couple squares tested their fast-dancing abilities at some Hot Hash. Post-dance, 12 Swinging Stars partied on a bit more at On the Border in Plano.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 14 May – Dixie Chainers -- “Happy Mother’s Day”

18 Swinging Stars visited the Dixie Chainers in Farmers Branch on Saturday night for their “Happy Mother’s Day” dance. Early dancing began at 7:00 PM with beloved cuer, Jack von der Heide, kicking off 30 minutes of early rounds while club caller, Vernon Jones, simultaneously delivered a mainstream square workshop in a separate room. During the main dance beginning at 7:30, Jack continued to cue a well-balanced mix of rhythms and phases that thoroughly pleased round dancers while Vernon entertained square dancers with a host of good mainstream patter, one very interesting Plus tip, and, as always, some terrific, heart-felt singing calls. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars for turning out: Bondis, Brewer/Adams (new members),Esteps, Evantos, HARRISES, Heintz/Putnam, Kilejians, Sees, and Smith/Hardin.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you’re an active Swinging Star who visits frequently and wants to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered here, 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 10 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 2 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
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016
Roadrunners	30-Apr-2016
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016
Rebel Rousers	16-Apr-2016
Texas Reelers	15-Apr-2016
Solitaires	02-Apr-2016
Tri-City Promenaders	26-Mar-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
Lone Star Solos	08-Apr-2016
Kissin Kuzzins	25-Mar-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Official Visit – Square + Round Dance

Friday 20 May – Kissin Kuzzins – “Red, White, & Blue – Honor our Vets”

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: J.L. Pelton

Special Focus: “Banner Raid” (retrieve our banner)

Suggested Dress: **Red, white, & blue**

Early Rounds: 7:00, S/D Workshop: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Garland Senior Center

600 Avenue “A”, Garland, TX (Mapsco 19Z)

Official Visit – Square + Round Dance

Saturday 21 May – Trail Blazers – 46th Anniversary – “Seems Like a Fairy Tale”

Caller: Jim Howard (guest), Bobby Willis (club)

Cuer: Jack Kenny

Suggested Dress: **Turquoise**

Plus Rounds: 6:30, S/D Rounds: 7:00, S/D Workshop: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Swingtime Center

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Lessons, All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 18 May – Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Lessons: 6:15 – 7:30

All-Plus Dance: 7:30 – 9:30

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

Square + Round Dance

Thursday 19 May – Roadrunners – “Feast Fiesta”

Guest Caller: Jerry Gilbreath

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

Early Rounds: 6:45

Square Workshop: 7:00

Grand March: 7:30

Swingtime Center

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

Hi-Level DBD Plus Dance

Wednesday-Thursday 18-19 May – Jerry Story

Caller: Jerry Story

Wed: 2 DBD sessions: 3:00-5:00 & 7:00-9:00, “Star”/A Tip after each session

Thu: 2 DBD sessions: 9:00-11:00 & 1:00-3:00, “Star”/A Tip after each session

Allemande Hall

106 Westlake Dr., Speegleville, TX

Flyer -- http://acsquaredance.com/html/story_dbd.html

ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Monday 16 May, 11:30 AM – Fish City Grill

Nina Lassiter has volunteered to host the May Ladies Luncheon on **Monday May 16th at 11:30**. She has chosen Fish City Grill, a *brand new* restaurant for us to enjoy. Although it is a fish restaurant it also has a variety of other foods to choose from. You can Google fishcitygrill.com to see their menu and get directions at this site. The address is 1415 E. Renner Road, Suite 260 Richardson, Texas 75082. There are lots of new restaurants in this area. Fish City Grill is on the North East Corner Shopping Center at the Renner and Plano Road intersection. Turn in by Whole Foods off Plano Road or near Pei Wei if driving on Renner. Fish City Grill is on the back strip of the center about halfway down. It is next to Taco Diner. If you go to the Fish City Grill website and register, there is a \$5 Coupon you can print or show on your phone. Hope you all like it. Please reply to Nina Lassiter by May 15th so she will know how many will be attending.

Refreshments Duty and Information

May 27, 2016 **McGuire**, Bergesen, Evanto, Starrett

June 10, 2016 **Row**, Hardin\Smith, Whipple, Rickert

June 24, 2016 **Halvorson**, Dennison, Hawkins, Kendrick (Plus representatives from Rebel Rousers)

July 8, 2016 **Bondi**, Maier, Pharr, Whitaker

July 22, 2016 **Burson**, Perrott, Putnam-Heintz, Williams

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!):

June 12, 2016 – Wayne Baldwin’s Annual Fish Fry – If the weather allows the fish to bite!

June 16 – 19 – Texas State Square Dance Festival – Waco, TX

June 21 – 26, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

June 24 – Friendship Dance – Rebel Rousers – Our Location – Wayne Baldwin – J.L. Pelton & Christine Hixon

July 8, 2016 – There will be a short Club Meeting following the Dance on this night. Main agenda item will be election of Officers for second half of year. Please stay as we need your vote for this important business.

October 14, 2016 – Swinging Stars DD Dance – Probably an Oktoberfest theme since the end of the month is Round-UP. Details still being worked out.

October 28 - 30, 2016 – Callers Cavalcade and NORTEX Oktoberfest (Round-UP)

December 2, 2016 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party at Haggard Party Barn.

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.

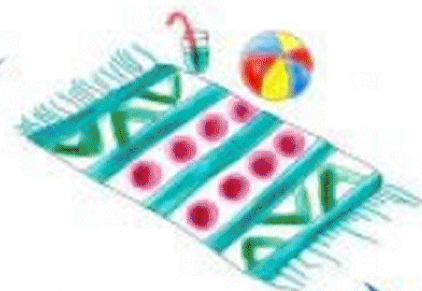
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Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingsstars.org

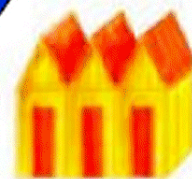
Phone: 972-618-3640

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



Come join the fun

***SWINGING STARS
REBEL ROUSERS
HOT AND BEACHY
FRIENDSHIP DANCE***



Friday June 24, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Early Rounds 7:00

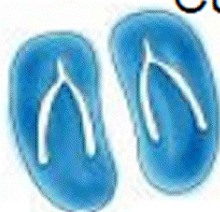
Cuer: Christine Hixson

Plus Dancing 7:45

Cuer: J L Pelton

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash After Last Tip



NOTICE: Swinging Star dances in June and July will be at Wilson Middle School, at Grandview and 1001 Custer Rd, Plano

Banners Honey Pot Fun Fellowship Refreshments

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by paying adults



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