



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for June 23, 2013

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

The new officer installation at Swingtime went great today and the free dance afterwards was a lot of fun. We had about three squares of Swinging Stars in attendance. Effective July 1st, our new NORTEX Presidents will be Ray and Vicki Spray. They are using the theme “Dance in a Square/Make a Circle of Friends.” This is such an appropriate theme for us to embrace as we have made many friends due to our return to Square Dancing over the last two years. We appreciate each and every one of you! Swinging Stars received recognition today for “Growth Achievement” for 2012-2013. This award is given to the clubs in NORTEX who throughout the year grew through the Promotion of Lessons, Recruiting and Membership Retention. Swinging Stars was the only club who had 200 visits to other clubs during the NORTEX year of July 2012 to June 2013. Several clubs were at the 180 visit level so I hope to see us continue to be #1 with visits as we start the new NORTEX year. We are very proud of Dave and Lorraine Burson and Peggy Amy who received recognition for 300 Gold visits over the last NORTEX year. As far as individual visits – Swinging Stars with 100 Gold visits over the last NORTEX year were Bob and Terri Pitts. Barry and Helen Feldman and Tom and Vicki Evanto each received recognition for 200 gold visits during the NORTEX year of July 2012 to June 2013. Great job!

As you go through this busy time of year and summer vacations, please be brainstorming about who you know that you could offer the opportunity for fun, exercise, and fellowship with by inviting them to join our lessons. We plan to have an “open-house” dance on August 9th. A number of folks have asked, what is an “open-house?” It is simply an opportunity for you to invite your friends and family to one of our club dances, no charge for non-dancing guests, to see the square dance activity without committing to taking lessons. At some point, around the third tip, instead of having a plus-tip, we will ask them to participate in some introductory lessons to show them how much fun it is. Timing is perfect for this as Mainstream enrollment at Carpenter Recreation Center in Plano, starts August 11th. Wayne Baldwin will be teaching and he is definitely the instructor that you want your friends to learn from.

Square Dancing is great for people of all ages!!! We want to encourage people of all ages to take lessons. So, as we prepare for mainstream lessons this fall don't forget to talk to your kids and their friends about coming and enjoying this awesome activity.

DANCE LESSONS

The first two weeks of Plus lessons Wayne has taught the following calls - Acey Ducey, Teacup Chain, Ping Pong Circulate, Load the Boat, Extend, Peel Off, Linear Cycle, Coordinate and (Anything) & Spread.

Angels we love that you are there so please do not be offended. However, thirty-two students make exactly four squares. You may not get to dance every tip, if at all. If you want to be sure that you are dancing, get three or four other Angel couples to come so that we can for sure have an extra square. If you want to guarantee that you dance every tip, you can still pay for lessons.

Mainstream lessons are scheduled to start on August 27th also at Carpenter Recreation Center in Plano. Wayne Baldwin will be teaching and he is definitely the instructor that you want your friends to learn from. Registration starts August 11th.

If you need details, you can print the lessons flyer from the web-site. If you want a three-fold flyer on the heavier paper, see Dave Burson. A special thanks to Lorraine Burson and Jan Covington for their revision of the flyer.

WHY SQUARE DANCE???

The follow is borrowed from <http://www.c-p-s-d.org/> web-site – the Committee to Promote Square Dancing.

Square dancing is a wonderful activity that provides light aerobic exercise, mental stimulation, and social interaction in a safe environment.

The result: Physically, it may lower risk of heart disease, diabetes, certain types of cancer, age-related memory loss, and osteoporosis.

Mentally, remembering all of the calls may help to keep the mind sharp, potentially staving off age-related memory loss.

Socially, having a large circle of friends may lower depression and provide a social support structure.

And, IT'S LOTS OF FUN.

It is truly amazing the good health enjoyed by long term square/round dancers.

*** * * Note from Your 2nd VPs * * ***

Are you going to the national convention in Oklahoma City and have not told us? If so, please send us an email (bobp8211@gmail.com) so we can include you in any communication while we are there. I expect we will get together for some meals and an after party at least one of the nights. We are aware of 7 Swinging Stars couples who are going.

Are you going to CHAPARRAL EVENING IN PARIS August 30-31st? If so, email Bob & Terri (bobp8211@gmail.com) to let us know. There will be three dance halls to accommodate both mainstream and plus dancers with a fantastic group of callers and a cuer. New dancers: don't hesitate to make this your first weekend dance. **Important:** our club gets a \$100 rebate if three squares register early and \$50 if two squares register early. **To get the rebate for our club, all of the reservations must be sent in together. The Pitts will be collecting the registration forms and checks to send in as a group – please get them to us by July 31st.** Last year we had lots of Swinging Stars in attendance and had a GREAT time at the dance and had an organized dinner and Friday night after party. See the flyer at: http://swingingstars.org/19thEvening_In_Paris.pdf. We have heard from 7 Swinging Stars couples who are planning to attend.

The current Swinging Star banner inventory is as follows:

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	23-Mar-13
Dixie Chainers	25-May-13
Dublin Cloverleafs	02-Jul-05
Kissin' Kuzzins	17-May-13
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Lone Star Solos	12-Jul-12
Lone Star Solos	30-Aug-12
Lone Star Solos	28-Mar-13
North Star 8	09-Feb-13
Rebel Rousers	15-Jun-13
Roadrunners	07-Feb-13
Solitaires	03-Mar-12
Solitaires	03-Nov-12
Texas Reelers	05-Apr-13
Texas Reelers	21-Jun-13
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13
Tri City Promenaders	26-Jan-13
T-Square Gadabouts	15-Feb-13
Yellow Rockers	18-Apr-13

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Ladies Luncheon – Thursday, June 20th

There were 10 ladies at the Plano Chocolate Angel Café and Tearoom (Parker/Plano) for the June luncheon. We enjoyed visiting and catching up with ladies we have not seen in a while and some from out of state back for a visit. See details for the next luncheon listed with upcoming events.

Official – Texas Reelers, Friday, June 21st

Twenty-five Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers at the Richardson Senior Center Friday night for their annual Black and White ball. The early rounds and rounds between tips were cued by Jack von der Heide and the square tips were called by Deborah Carroll-Jones. Jon joined Deborah for one of the tips. The Reelers decorated their hall with black and white streamers and balloons and brought a black light to add to the effects. Refreshments for the evening were vanilla ice cream and oreos. The Swinging Stars who, not only recaptured our banner back from the Texas Reelers, but also captured a Texas Reelers banner, were: the Bondis, Bullocks, Bursons, Feldmans, Hamms, HARRISES, Luxsoms, McGuire, Pitts, Smith / Hardin, Sees, Starretts, and our photographer, C. Wolfe.

Dance of Interest – Dixie Chainers, Saturday, June 22nd

Fourteen Swinging Stars were shining at the Dixie Chainers' dance on Saturday night. Our own wonderful Wayne Baldwin was the guest caller and Wayne did some creative choreography including a singing call in which each wave or box within a square had its own set of calls to follow. Wayne was joined on a couple tips by Triangle Squares' caller, Toby Thomason, and both did a great job entertaining us. We enjoyed dancing to Jack von der Heide on the rounds. It seems we always get to dance to a new song we haven't heard before. It was great to see Christine and Theron Hixon out enjoying themselves also and getting some floor time. Even

though we already have a Chainers' banner, we just went out for a fun evening of dancing with Wayne Baldwin. The Stars in attendance were: the Bursons, Hawkins, HARRISES, Pharrs, Pitts, Sees, and Smith / Hardin.

Official – NORTEX Officer Installation Dance, Sunday, June 23rd

Well, it's a done deal ... the changing of the guard. Thanks to all the Swinging Stars for supporting NORTEX and it's new officers, by being a host club for the dance and providing food, chair backs, set up, clean up, and your presence at the meeting and dance at Swingtime Center. Thanks to callers Bobby Willis and Paul Kinsey. They did a great job working together and calling for us. Cuer Chris Farabaugh cued some fun round dances and a great new line dance. The dance was very well attended and was a nice celebration to kick off another NORTEX year. Thanks to all our previous officers who generously gave their time and efforts to NORTEX and its constituent clubs, and thanks and best wishes to our newly installed officers. Our club did well on attendance. We want to especially thank the Bursons for making the chair backs, the Perrotts, Pitts, and Stuarts for making sandwiches, and the Hamms for making cookies. And thanks to those who chipped in and helped with set up and clean up. The 29 Swinging Stars who attended were: the Amys, Bondis, Bursons, Covingtons, Hamms, HARRISES, Hawkins, Loxsoms, Perrotts, Pitts, Sees, Starretts, Stuarts, Trujillos, and C. Wolfe. Great job!

*** * * SPECIAL DANCE OPPORTUNITIES * * ***

62nd National Square Dance Convention, June 26-29th

Location: Oklahoma City, OK

Website: <http://www.62nsdc.com>

Notes: For beginners and advanced square and round dancers, national conventions don't get much closer!

25th Annual Stagecoach Roundup, July 26-28th

Location: Salado, TX

Website: <http://www.acsquaredance.com/StagecoachRoundup2013.pdf>

Callers: Brad Caldwell and Scott Bennett

Notes: All plus square dancing including dance by definition

19th Annual Evening in Paris, August 30-31st

Location: Love Civic Center, Paris, TX

Website: http://swingingstars.org/19thEvening_In_Paris.pdf

Callers: Gary Shoemake, Mike Bramlett, Ken Bower, Marshall Flippo

Cuer: Patti Wheelington

Notes: 3 dance halls: plus, advanced, and mainstream (singing calls)

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

Swinging Stars Club Dance, Friday, June 28th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)

Website: www.swingingstars.org

Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / dance – 8:00PM

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: JL Pelton

Dance of Interest – Kissin’ Kuzzins, Friday, July 5th

Location: Garland Senior Center (600 Avenue “A”, Garland, TX)
Website: <http://www.kissinkuzzins.org/>
Time: Workshop – 7:30PM / Grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Jack Kenny
Theme: Red, White, and Blue

Dance of Interest – Buttons & Bows, Saturday, July 6th

Location: Senter Park East Rec Center (228 Chamberlain, Irving, TX)
Website: <http://www.buttonsandbowsirving.com/>
Time: Workshop – 7:00PM / Early rounds – 7:30PM / Grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Barry Hendricks
Cuer: Charles Crockett
Theme: Meat Pies, Sweet Pies...

Swinging Stars Club Dance, Friday, July 12th

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: www.swingingstars.org
Time: Workshop – 7:30PM / dance – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Theme: Swinging with the Stars and Stripes
Notes: This is an ice cream social

Dance of Interest – Cotton Pickin’ Squares, Saturday, July 13th

Location: L-3 Recreation Center (10001 Jack Finney Blvd., Greenville, TX)
Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/in2/CottonPickinSquares/>
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / Grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Theme: Double Deal – Double Dip
Notes: This is an ice cream social

Ladies Luncheon, Thursday, July 18th

Location: Bonnie Ruth’s Bistro Francais et Patisserie at Watters Creek
(916 Garden Park Drive, Allen, TX. 75013)
Website: <http://www.bonnieruths.com/>
Time: Lunch – 11:30AM
Hostess: Mary Hardin – RSVP if attending, by Tuesday evening July 16th at myhn2@yahoo.com or
(214)632-4230
Notes: Have lunch and enjoy shopping at Oil & Vinegar, Apricot Lane, Charming Charlies etc.

Your 2nd VPs,
Bob & Terri Pitts

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

June 28	Harris, Rose, Archey*, DeLuke
July 12	Burson, See, Sobotka, Colter
July 26	Anthause, Weckerly*, Henneberger, Ryder
August 9	Reid, Rickert*, Kendrick, Trujillo
August 23	Bullock, Hardin/Smith, Jimison, Foust
September 13	Sherman, Schumacher*, Pharr, Ramirez
September 27	Dennison, Rickett*, Underwood, Maier

*New Club Members – can be leaders after one year as club member

The lead couple should contact all members on the team to be sure they know the following:

- What they are going to bring for refreshments.
- Arrive at dance by 7:00 pm. As per our contract with PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 7:00.
- Enter thru the Gym door.
- Refreshments shut down at 9:30 pm (no earlier).
- If you take home a refreshment bag check that it has all the items listed on the Fluorescent Hang Tag on the bag.
- Be sure all items are clean.
- Repack bags in a Tidy Manner.

Refreshment Duty Reminders:

If you have a conflict with the Refreshment Schedule

- Please contact someone on the refreshment list to trade with you.
- Notify the refreshment schedulers: Jeff & Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email: jwstuart@flash.net with the names of your schedule changes.
- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments to pick up the three bags. If unable to do so be sure that someone picks them up for you.
- Check refreshment Bags for the info regarding “Refreshment Duty Tips” and “List of Items Supplied by the Club”.
- Contact **Mark & Karen Hawkins at 972-436-4868 or 1stVP@swingingstars.org** for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. They may already have what you need.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team.

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances thru Aug 2013



July 12, 2013 **Celebrating Freedom**
Swinging with the Stars and Stripes



August 23, 2013 **Take Me Out to the Ballgame**



June 26-29th - 62nd National Square Dance Convention, Oklahoma City, OK

Friday, August 9th – Open House Dance, Bring your prospective students

Sunday, August 25th – NORTEX Pre-Roundup Kickoff & Food Drive, 4:30 – 6:30, Plymouth Park United Methodist Church in Irving

Tuesday, August 27th – Mainstream Lessons at Carpenter Rec. Center in Plano, 7:00

Friday, November 1st – Cavalcade at Roundup will run from 6:00 – 10:00 on November 1st

Friday, December 6th - Stars Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 8th NORTEX Toys for Tots dance will be at the Richardson Civic Center

Friday, January 31, 2014 – Swinging Stars 39th Anniversary Dance at All Saints Catholic Church

Themes:

July 12, 2013 - Swinging with the Stars and Stripes

August 23, 2013 - Take Me Out to the Ballgame

September 27, 2013 - Burnin' Big Tex Chili Cookoff

October 25, 2013 - Boot Scootin' Show Your Colors Ball – Double Deal Dance

November 22, 2013 – Shake Your Tail Feathers Dance (Thanksgiving falls on November 28, 2013)

December 13, 2013 - Toys & Books for Tots Fairytale Ball

February 14, 2014 - Valentine's Day Dance

Future Dates Reserved with NORTEX:

Friday, October 31, 2014 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Friday)*

Saturday, January 31, 2015 – 40th Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

Saturday, October 31, 2015 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Saturday)*

Saturday, January 30, 2016 – 41st Anniversary Dance (Fifth Saturday)

Saturday, October 29, 2016 – Double Deal Halloween Dance (Fifth Saturday)*

*provided these dates do not conflict with the NORTEX Round Up Dance weekend

For information about weekend dances go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends. Go to our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club> - “like us,” view picture, post pictures, comments about anything what you enjoy about square dancing or a specific dance.

Dave and Lorraine have agreed to head the Nominating Committee for this fall as a new slate of officers needs to be re-elected at our November Club meeting. If you are interested, please let the Bursons, Jan or me know.

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