



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for June 26, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Kathy and I are attending the 65th National Square Dance Convention so some of this may sound familiar.

The first dance in July is time to pay dues, if you have not already done so. This one is important as we will have a Club Meeting the first dance in July and you must be a paid up member to vote. We need all members to be eligible to vote. If possible, please pay your dues in June.

Round-Up Tickets: Kathy and I will miss the next scheduled Club dance night to attend the National Square Dance Convention. Please plan to turn in your ticket money in early July. If you have not picket up your tickets for Round-Up you can still do so in early July.

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

Wednesday, June 29th – Plus 4's – Charles Quisenberry

Friday, July 1st – Kissin Kuzzins – "4th of July Celebration" - Wayne Baldwin & J.L. Pelton

Saturday, July 2nd – Circle 8 – "Patriotic Treat" Melton Luttrell Jack von der Heide

Announcements

Please note that Swinging Stars will be dancing at Wilson Middle School, 1001 Custer Road, Plano, TX for the months of June and July. This is the same location we used last summer and is located right beside the normal location on Custer Road. For the curious minds, our normal location is having a new roof put on during June and July this year. We are using the Summer Dress Code for June, July and August.

2nd VP Report – 19 June 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

Square + Round Dance

Thursday 23 June – Lone Star Solos –

15 Swinging Stars danced with our friends, the Lone Star Solos, in Dallas, TX Thursday evening. On rounds, beloved area cuer, Chris Farabaugh, did his usual terrific job, cueing a variety of waltzes, chas, rhumbas, 2-steps, jives, and slow 2-steps that offered something for all round dancers present. Their approval was apparent in both their smiles and applause. On squares, Toby Thomason, guest caller for this night, called a very nice evening of squares, demonstrating once again the prowess that recently made him our area's newest Texas Hall of Fame caller. Throughout the evening, Toby did a masterful job of keeping the wide variety of square dancers present this night successfully engaged and enjoying themselves, whether beginners or seasoned. A huge Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: Bondis, Bursons, Covingtons, Harrises, Lassiters, Pitts, Rodney & Nancy Smith (new members), and C. Wolfe. Your support enabled us to recapture our banner and capture our host's as well. Go Stars!

Our Dance – Special Friendship Dance with Rebel Rousers

Friday 24 June – Swinging Stars & Rebel Rousers -- “Hot & Beachy”

This was our second “friendship dance” co-hosted with another club that we've now held year. With more than 130 attending, it will go in the books as another solid success. Beyond the many host participants from ourselves and the Rebel Rousers, we also attracted some sizable groups from other clubs, including 24 from the Kissin Kuzzins, 12 from the Texas Reelers, and 8 from our Fort Worth friends, the Trail Blazers. The crowd literally filled the dance floor of our alternate summer venue, Wilson Middle School and, although dancing was sometimes a bit crowded, it was always fun. For early and intermittent rounds, we were treated to a duo of great cuers, J.L. Pelton and Christine Hixson. These two “pros” alternated cueing duties during the evening and kept round dancers well entertained with a great mix of rhythms and phases. For his part, Wayne Baldwin, delivered his usual masterful mix of varying difficulty Mainstream tips, 2 great Plus tips, some fantastic singing calls delivered as only he can, and an evening-closing Hot Hash tip --- to drain the last ounce of energy from those daring to try it. After the dance, a dozen Swinging Stars partied on a bit longer at a new-for-us venue: Austin Avenue, at the NE corner of Parker & Alma in Plano. The beer was good, the food fine, and ... (drum roll please) ... we could actually talk to each other with ease. Thanks to some great pre-visit scouting work from Linda Harris earlier in the week, we had arranged to have our host close a sliding partition that created our own private seating area. Voila! It worked well. Come try it out at our next after-party visit here.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 25 June – Dixie Chainers –

4 Swinging Stars traveled to Farmers Branch Saturday evening to dance with the Dixie Chainers. With several of the usual visitors away at the National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, IA, the overall attendance was lighter than usual, just enough to make 5 solid squares. Nevertheless, those who did come thoroughly enjoyed themselves, thanks to some rousing square dance calling from guest caller, Bobby Willis, and the always great cueing for club cuer, Jack von der Heide. In between dancing, attendees enjoyed ice cream with a variety of “fixins.” Thanks to these Swinging Stars who participated: Bondis & Bursons.

Round Dance

Sunday 26 June – Harvest Holiday – “Summer Fun Rounds”

On Sunday, 10 Swinging Stars and many other area round dancers made the journey to Swingtime Center in Fort Worth for the 2016 Harvest Holiday “Summer Fun Rounds”. From 2 – 5 PM, round dancers enjoyed almost non-stop round dancing comprising a host of rhythms (waltz, cha cha, rhumba, two step, quick step, mambo, jive, & bolero) with difficulties ranging from Phase II – IV. All this great dancing was cued by a truly all-star cast of area cuers (Christine Hixson, Jack Von der Heide, J.L. Pelton, Barb Yeargan, Jack Kenny, and Karen Gloodt) working just for the love of round dancing and for the participants’ grateful applause, as none are paid for their work at these dances. THANK YOU, area cuers! We truly do appreciate you. Swinging Stars attending this event included Bondis, Hamms, Jungs, Perrotts, and Pitts.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you’re a Swinging Star wanting to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered here, please submit it to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org no later than mid Sunday afternoon for inclusion here in that night’s newsletter. Try to 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 9 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 3 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
Lone Star Solos	23-Jun-2016
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016
Roadrunners	30-Apr-2016
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-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
Kissin Kuzzins	24-Jun-2016
Texas Reelers	24-Jun-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Dance + All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 29 June – Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Cuer: n/a

“A” Dance: 6:15 – 7:30

Plus Dance: 7:30

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

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Friday 1 July – Kissin Kuzzins – “4th of July Celebration”

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: J.L. Pelton

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

Garland Senior Activity Center

600 Avenue A, Garland, TX 75040

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Saturday 2 July – Circle 8 – “Patriotic Treat”

Caller: Melton Luttrell

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Early Rounds: 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Swingtime Center

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

ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday 19 July, 11:30 AM – Dos Charros

Attention Swinging Star Ladies. SAVE THIS DATE/TIME: JULY 19TH AT 11:30 AM. If you enjoy Tex-Mex, you are going to love this month’s dining experience. Mary Hardin has volunteered to host the luncheon for July. She has chosen DOS CHARROS Mexican Restaurant. This is a new location in Plano. It is fresh, light and friendly. They offer a Lunch menu from \$6.95 up. They are located at the intersection of Park and Chisholm Place, just before you go over central expressway going east. The address is listed as 1915 N. Central Expressway, Suite 100. Please reply to Mary Hardin, mrhardin39@gmail.com or 972-517-8691, by July 16th to let her know how many will be attending.

Refreshments Duty and Information

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!):

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.

Kathy & Bob Estep

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingsstars.org

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

SWINGING STARS



CRAZY DAZES OF SUMMER



Ice Cream Social

HERE'S THE
SCOOP

Friday July 22, 2016

Caller Wayne Baldwin

Cuer Walter Brewer

Early Rounds 7:00 Plus Squares 7:45

Grand March 8:00 Hot Hash after last tip

NOTICE: CHANGE OF VENUE FOR JULY DANCES

Wilson Middle School 1001 Custer Road at Grandview, Plano
Next Door To Shepard Elementary (where we usually dance)

July and August Casual Attire

Banners Honey Pot Fun Fellowship Refreshments

Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by adults

For info: 972-618-3640 or president@swingingstars.org

Visit our Web page: www.swingingstars.org



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SWINGING STARS



We will be accepting Donations of School Supplies for the Shepard Elementary School. Supplies Requested: Kleenex Boxes, Glue Sticks, Crayons, Markers, Sandwich Bags, Blunt Scissors and Post-it Notes

In Addition To Our Back To School Dance We Are Having An Introduction to Square Dancing Dance



Bring your Friends, Family and Neighbors.
Dance is free to everyone interested in learning to square dance

Friday, August 12, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Casual Attire

Intro to Sq. Dancing 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

FUN FOOD FELLOWSHIP BANNERS HONEY POT

Shepard Elementary 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, Tx.



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Dancers under the age of 18 dance for free with paying adults

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