



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 10, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Thanks to all that attended the dance and Club Meeting on July 8, 2016. The current Club Officers were elected for a second term. See Secretary's report attached at end.

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

Friday, July 15th – Triangle Squares – Mike Bramlett

Saturday, July 16th – Rebel Rousers 27th Anniversary – Wade Driver, Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixson –
Wear Purple

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.

Dennis Dennison – has undergone heart surgery within the past few weeks. He is doing well. He is home. Expects to be our 4 – 6 weeks for recovery.

Joe Whitaker – was at the dance on Friday night. He looks good and said he is feeling good. Still has treatments to go.

2nd VP Report – 10 July 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

SPECIAL “HEADS UP”

Reservations for Chaparral's 21st “Evening in Paris” Texas – Fri 02 Sep – Sat 03 Sep

If you'll be attending this great event this year, please get your completed reservation form and accompanying \$80 check for a couple (payable to “Chaparral Paris Weekend”) to Jim & Knarik Bondi ASAP. Please do NOT mail it in individually as directed on the form. Why? By grouping all of our club's registrations and submitting them together, we may qualify for a \$50 - \$100 rebate for our club's treasury, as we've done the past several years. This is a valuable boost to our club's bank account! You can turn over your form with check to Bondis (or any current club officer) at any visitation dance listed on our July calendar, at our next SS dance on 7/22/2016, or you can mail them to:

Jim & Knarik Bondi
4317 Brady Drive
Plano, TX 75024
email: j.bondi@ieee.org
cell: 214-226-5922 .

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

International Round Dance Convention

Tuesday 05 – Saturday 09 July – International Choreographed Ballroom Dance Assoc' 2016

Three Swinging Stars/Dance Around couples attended the ICBDA Convention at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, NV this week. Three large ballrooms were set aside for phases V-VI, IV-V, and III-IV levels of round dancing. Convention planners put together an outstanding event that was attended by hundreds of round dancers and cuers from all over the United States and several foreign countries. JL and Linda Pelton, Syllabus Chair couple, put together an excellent syllabus book, which included the cues for all 17 dances taught and lots of information essential to attendees for finding & enjoying convention events.

On Wednesday from 9:30AM to 4:30PM, clinics were conducted to help dancers improve their skill and technique in dancing rumba, tango, and slow two step (like bolero). During the day on Thursday through Saturday, cuers taught the 17 new dances choreographed for the convention. Slow two step was the highlighted rhythm for 2016; Karen and Ed Gloodt of Fort Worth's Rainbow Rounds taught a phase V, and JL and Linda Pelton taught a phase IV. The two dances are both quite challenging and enjoyable.

There was a dance each evening. From 7:30 to 8:00PM, all dancers danced in the same ballroom. The Peltons' "Dance with the Devil" cha cha was among the 28 dances chosen for these "Let's Dance Together" sessions. From 8:00 to 10:30PM, there were dances in all three ballrooms, and dancers chose where to dance based on their own skill level and preferences.

In addition to JL and Linda, Swinging Stars members Ralph and Lucy Hamm and Joe and Ellen Zhang had a very busy and fun convention experience.

“A” Dance followed by Plus Dance

Wednesday 06 July – Plus 4s –

During the early “A” dance, caller “Quiz” drilled the floor with many A1/A2 calls, especially Motivate, which he patiently repeated and step-called us through multiple times. We came away with a better appreciation of how important it is to patiently get the 3 involved stars (one 4-person star plus two 2-person stars hanging off opposite sides) well and fully formed before rushing on to the end of the call. Later, for the main Plus dance, a total of 14 Swinging Stars participated. Two “surprises” that Quiz dished up this night included Follow Your Neighbor starting from Quarter Tag (here, all 8 dancers do only the $\frac{3}{4}$ arm turn part) and Split Circulate with each box arranged in T-Bone-like configurations. Both of these calls, especially the latter, left some glazed eyes throughout the floor on early attempts. A big Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: Bergesens, Bondis, Esteps, Evantos, Kerns, Perrotts, and Sees.

Our Square + Round Dance

Friday 08 July – Swinging Stars –

~ 78 dancers, including almost 2 squares of Texas Reelers, enjoyed our dance Friday evening in Plano. The evening’s calling was handled by our famous club duo: Wayne Baldwin on squares and Walter Brewer on rounds. This being our 1st dance of the month, Wayne kicked things off with a 45 minute square workshop, the featured call being couples Cast Off from various 4-person lines (most often with a $\frac{3}{4}$ turn specified but sometimes with other fractional turns). Though a simple call taught early in most Mainstream lessons, the training proved very useful to many as it demonstrated how important it is to have the center dancer control this move by leading the couple to pivot around the end dancer. Why so important? If the couple instead pivots around the center dancer, they will, for some fractional turns like $\frac{3}{4}$, finish facing opposite from the correct way. During the main dance, Wayne and Walter both gave their usual masterful performances, with Walter delivering a very nice and varied mix of intermittent rounds, even one Quickstep for those familiar with that rhythm. Most unforgettable moment this evening? Visiting Texas Reeler, Debbie Perrone, treating us to a surprise singing call to a great country tune. Wow! What a great talent she is. What a treat for all attendees.

Square + Round Dance with Early Plus Session

Saturday 09 July – Log Cabin Swingers

Overall, 8 total Swinging Stars (6 in the afternoon, a slightly different 6 in the evening) enjoyed dancing Saturday with the Log Cabin Swingers at Promenade Hall in Tool, TX. Filling in on squares for Lottie Ainsworth, who had taken ill, was Scott Bennett, the terrific caller from Oklahoma that Swinging Stars enjoyed at our last Anniversary Dance this past January. Scott did a fantastic job, delivering 2 hours of high-paced afternoon Plus that was exhilarating, educational, and a lot of fun. Here, he even added an extra tip of “A” attempted and enjoyed by Amys, Bondis, Evantos, and Holcombs (from the Trailblazers). After “refueling” at McClain’s restaurant, dancers reconvened in the evening for early rounds followed by squares with intermittent rounds. Rounds were handled admirably by David Berling (of Circle I) who is a self-taught cuer who did very well, delivering a nice variation of 2-steps, waltzes, chas, rhumbas, and slow two steps. For his part on squares, Scott continued to deliver highly entertaining, energetic, and often challenging squares, with a little tutoring offered when deemed necessary. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars for attending parts of this dance: Amys, Bondis, Evantos, and Sees.

Square + Round Dance

Sunday 10 July – Round-Up Kickoff Dance – “Oktoberfest”

13 Swinging Stars journeyed to Swingtime Center in Fort Worth to kick up their heels at NORTEX’s annual kickoff dance designed to get area dancers “charged up” for this Fall’s big Round-Up Dance weekend. 188 total attendees in all came to participate in this late Sunday afternoon preparatory event. With this year’s theme being “Oktoberfest,” German-like dress and decoration was seen throughout the hall. Dancers were well entertained by our staff callers and cuers for this year’s Round-Up, namely Ray Savell and Bobby Willis calling squares joined by Jack von der Heide and Chris Farabaugh cueing rounds. From 4:30 to 7:00 PM, the floor was abuzz with happy dancers enjoying either smooth rounds or energetic squares. And, when not dancing, many

participants dove into the mounds of sandwiches, chips, veggies, and desserts prepared by today's hosts. Some memorable highlights included seeing cuer Jack von der Heide adorned in traditional leather German lederhosen, seeing his lovely wife Ann in attendance on the sidelines, and hearing callers Ray and Bobby belt out some of great duet singing calls. All attendees left wearing smiles. A hale and hearty "Danke Schoen" to these Swinging Stars for attending: P. Amy, Bondis, Bursons, Covingtons, Evantos, Pitts, and Sees.

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 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
Kissin Kuzzins	01-Jul-2016
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
Texas Reelers	24-Jun-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Official Visit – Square + Round Anniversary Dance

Saturday 16 July – Rebel Rousers– 27th Anniversary Dance -- “Kaleidoscope of Color”

Wear Purple

Callers: Wade Driver (Guest), Mike Bramlett (club)

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Early Rounds: 7:00

All Plus: 7:30

Main Dance: 8:00 – 10:00

Richardson Senior Center

830 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Dance

Thursday 14 July – Model As

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

“A”: 7:00

Churchill Way Center

6906 Churchill Way (at Hillcrest), Dallas, TX

Square + Round Dance

Friday 15 July – Triangle Squares – “Retro Roaring Twenties”

Caller/Cuer: Mike Bramlett

Workshop: 7:00, Dinner: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Denton Senior Center

509 North Bell Ave., Denton, 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 22, 2016 **Burson**, Perrott, Putnam-Heintz, Williams

August 12, 2016 **See**, Gifford, Rose, Ross

August 26, 2016 **Loxson**, Pitts, Jung, Kern

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!):

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)

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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

Phone: 972-618-3640

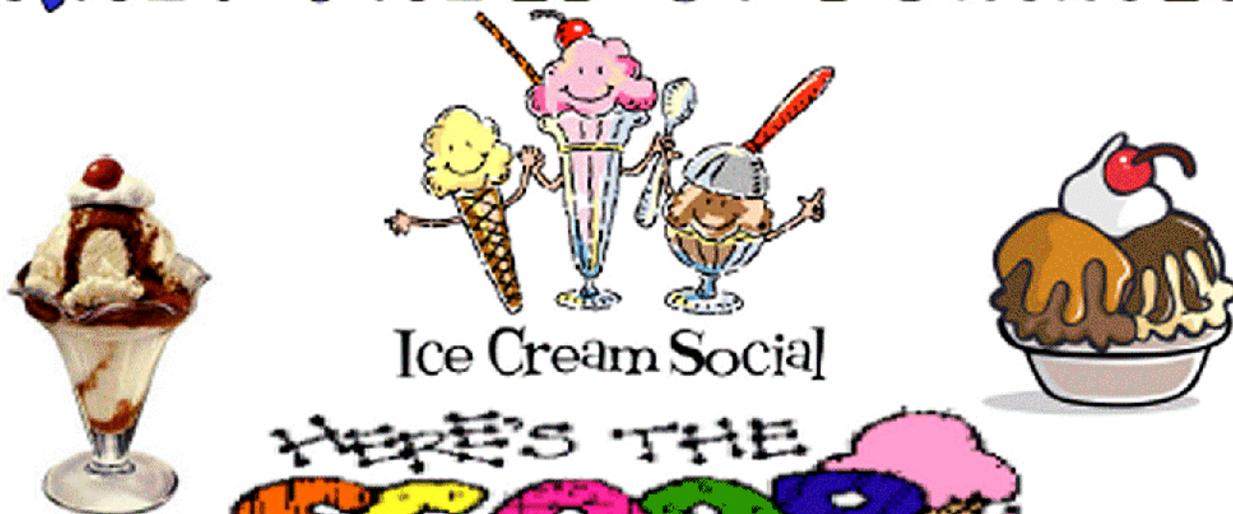
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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:

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

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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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Swinging Stars



Autumn Leaves



Friday September 23, 2016



Caller Wayne Baldwin

Early Rounds 7:00

Cuer Walter Brewer

Plus Squares 7:45

Grand March 8:00



Hot Hash after last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

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SWINGING STARS CLUB MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 8, 2016

The following board members were in attendance:

- Bob and Kathy Estep, President
- Jim and Knarik Bondi, 2nd VP
- Dan and Nina Lassiter, Treasurer
- Bill and Wendy Perrott, Secretary
- Russ and Anne Nedjl, 1st VP, were absent from the meeting

The meeting location was at Wilson Middle School in Plano. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 pm, immediately after our regularly scheduled dance. There were 38 in attendance.

No discussions of old or new business were requested from the floor. The only one new piece of business conducted at this meeting was to elect a slate of officers for the remaining 2016 term.

Nominating committee member, Linda Harris, asked for Executive Board nominations from the floor, but there were none. She announced that the current board had agreed to continue their term and a vote was held. Motion was made to approve the officers by vote of acclamation and all officers were unanimously re-elected.

The slate of officers remain:

Presidents – Esteps

1st Vice Presidents – Nejdls

2nd Vice Presidents - Bondis

Treasurers – Lassisters

Secretary – Perrotts

Motion was made to close the meeting and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05.