



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for September 7, 2014

It was a big week for visitations, with a total of 80 Swinging Stars showing up at Plus 4s on Wednesday, ADD+ on Thursday, Kissin' Kuzzins and Texas Reelers on Friday, and Solitaires on Saturday. There are lots of great dancing opportunities here in NORTEX, and we're very happy that so many of you are out there taking advantage of them. Read all the details in Events from the Past Week below.

This Friday is our first club dance of the month. It will start with square dance workshop at 7:00PM. Come out and enjoy the good dancing. **Our second club dance for September on the 26th will be our annual Chili and Dessert Cook-Off.** It's our Double Deal Dance for the year, and we're **expecting a good crowd.** Be sure to **sign up to bring chili or a dessert – this will be our refreshments for the night,** and we need to be sure to have enough to go around.

Our club has been invited to present a **square dance demonstration** at the **District 10 Texas Retired Teacher Association Conference on October 13** (Monday, Columbus Day). This group includes retired teachers from all over the Dallas area. The conference will be held at **Frisco's Heritage High School at 14040 Eldorado Parkway** between Coit and Independence. Wayne has agreed to call for us. We need two squares (16 dancers). We will need to be at the high school by 11:45AM and should be free to go by 12:45PM. **If you can participate, please contact us at presidents@swingingstars.org or call 214-872-7219.**

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, September 9 – Mainstream lesson, Carpenter Rec Center, 7:15PM.

Friday, September 12 – Swinging Stars Club Dance; squares workshop at 7:00PM; see details in Coming Events below.

Saturday, September 13 -- Visit to **Diamond Jubileers**; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

We would like to thank the following members for volunteering as angels at our last lesson: Dave & Lorraine Burson; Ralph & Lucy Hamm; Bob & Kathy Estep; Skip Archey; Richard & Peggy Jung; Mark & Karen Hawkins; and Peggy Amy. We had 21 prospects attend this class of which 17 are paid students. **We can use more angels, so please come by and help out.**

The annual Swinging Stars Chili and Dessert Cook-Off is coming up September 26. You all received an email this week from Gary Amy asking for volunteers to bring chili and/or a dessert. **If you haven't responded to Gary's email and can bring chili or dessert to the dance, please contact him (garyfamy@yahoo.com).** We will also have a sign-up sheet at our dance Friday. This is a double deal

dance, and we're advertising it heavily, so we should have a big crowd. **The chili and desserts will be our refreshments for the dance, so our club is depending on YOU!**

Dave and Lorraine Burson are the Chairman for this year's "Toys For Tots Christmas Dance and Toy Drop-off". This activity is **presented by the North Texas Callers' Association and NORTEX for the Marine Toys For Tots Foundation.** To help defray the cost of the event the NTCA and NORTEX are **offering sponsorships.** Cost for each sponsorship is **\$100.00.** **Each sponsor will have** (1) an ad in the Nov. and Dec. *Promenades*, (2) a place to display their information at the dance and (3) their ad streaming on the 2 large screens in the Richardson Civic Center running during the day's activities. **You would also be helping the Marines with the Toys For Tots Foundation to bring joy to a lot of children this holiday season.** If you or someone you know is **interested in buying a sponsorship, please contact Dave or Lorraine at Dave@Bursons.us or 972-396-0941.** **We need to have your ad turned in before September 15** to be able to get it in the November Promenade.



Yummy!

Thank you to Lucy Hamm for agreeing to be the hostess for the September ladies luncheon. She has chosen a very inviting venue for the Lady Stars to enjoy. Hope you will be able to join us at the **Cheesecake Factory in Frisco on Tuesday, September 23rd at 11:30.** Cheesecake Factory is in Stonebriar Center Mall, 2601 Preston Rd, Frisco – just inside the south entrance of the mall facing Highway 121.

Please contact Lucy to make your reservation by the 20th of September if you plan to attend. This will give Lucy ample time to let the restaurant know how many to expect for lunch. Contact her at llhamm45@gmail.com or [214-872-7219](tel:214-872-7219). You can check out the Cheesecake Factory menu by going to: www.thecheesecakefactory.com. Valet parking is complimentary with your lunch receipt and is available on the level directly below the restaurant. There is also ample self-parking in front of the restaurant.

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

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
Dixie Chainers	22-Mar-14
Kissin' Kuzzins	05-Sep-14
Log Cabin Swingers	04-May-13
Rebel Rousers	07-Jun-14
Roadrunners	17-Jul-14
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Texas Reelers	15-Aug-14
Texoma Squares	01-Jun-13
Tri-City Promenaders	23-Aug-14

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
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*** * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * ***

Plus 4s, Wednesday, September 3rd

22 Swinging Stars visited Plus 4s in Farmers Branch on Wednesday. The evening's all-plus tips were called by veteran club caller Charles Quizenberry, aka "Quiz." Couples were assigned to 1 of 4 squares each tip by Quiz's new computerized assignment program. Dancers enjoyed a lively evening of fun and sometimes challenging choreography. Lighter challenges included "spin chain thru" from many starting configurations while heavier challenges included sex-swapped variations of "spin chain the gears." Most squares struggled with the latter at first but Quiz, in his inimitable style, patiently doled out square-specific help mixed with friendly "jesting barbs" until all dancers were finally getting comfortable with these initially puzzling variations of the call. Through it all, all dancers survived, usually smiling, and most left a bit better dancers than they came. Visiting Swinging Stars included Amys, Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, Halvorsons, Kilejians, Lewises, Lloyds, Shermans, and Sherrells. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

ADD+, Thursday, September 4th

7 Swinging Stars visited ADD+ in Richardson on Thursday for a couple hours of challenging all plus, all positions dancing. This particular dance was postponed from the preceding Labor Day Monday and featured guest caller Jerry Jestin. From Jerry, dancers expected "creative choreography" ... and they got plenty. One of the most interesting calls occurred right after Jerry carefully and stealthfully worked dancers, using just ordinary common calls, into the configuration you encounter after having completed the 1st two parts of Relay the Deucey (6 person wave plus 2 lone dancers, one off from each side of the wave roughly at the wave's midpoint). Then, he surprised dancers with "now do the last 4 parts of Relay the Deucey." As you might expect, this produced many pairs of glazed eyes, especially the first time. Though simpler, another call that all squares struggled with was Left Track Two. Despite some rough spots like these, most dancers handled the majority of Jerry's calls well throughout the evening and all dancers learned a few new things. Visiting Swinging Stars included Bondis, Covingtons, T. Evanto, and Trujillos. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

Of Interest, Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, September 5th

22 of our members had a fun evening with our good friends, the Kissin' Kuzzins, on Friday night and captured their banner as well. Wayne Baldwin and JL Pelton were excellent, as always, on the squares and rounds. Dave Viera joined Wayne for a great singing tip. We were very happy to see Betty Wheaton at the dance! Swinging Stars attending were P. Amy, Bursons, Esteps, Halvorsons, Hamms, Harris, Lassiters, Lloyds, Pharrs, Sherrells, J. Smith/M. Hardin, and B. Wheaton.

Texas Reelers, Friday, September 5th

4 Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers in Richardson on Friday for a "Gospel Truth" dance in which all the singing calls featured gospel music. More than 7 squares of dancers enjoyed an evening of warm socializing and great dancing featuring the energetic calling of Deborah Carroll on squares, with frequent accompaniment from hubby Jon Jones, and the accomplished cueing of Jack von der Heide on rounds. Several new dancers were present, some Deborah Carroll's students, and they did quite well, sometimes with a little help from experienced dancers (we've all "been there" in the early days of our dancing careers, right?). Beyond dancing, a "cake walk" raised more than \$50 for NORTEX's Teen Scholarship Fund. All present had a great time. Swinging Stars attending were Bondis and Covingtons. Thanks to Jim Bondi for this report.

Official, Solitaires, Saturday, September 6th

25 Swinging Stars made their way to All Saints Catholic Church in Dallas on Saturday night for the Solitaires' 32nd anniversary dance. Bobby Willis entertained the good-sized crowd of 10+ squares with a program of all singing calls. He also welcomed a couple of excellent up and coming student callers, including our own Richard Covington for a tip apiece. JL Pelton entertained and challenged the round dancers with a great selection of dances during an hour of early rounds and between the squares. We enjoyed seeing Rita and Tim Putnam-Heintz who came by for a visit. Swinging Stars enjoying a great night of dancing were Amys, Bondis, Bursons, Covingtons, Duncans, Esteps, Halvorsons, Hamms, Harris, Hawkins, Kelejians, Lassiters, and C.

Wolfe. J. Smith and M. Hardin were also there, but we guess we have to consider them to be Solitaires for this dance.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Swinging Stars, Friday, September 12th

Location: Shepard Elementary (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Time: Workshop – 7:00PM/ square up – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Theme: None
Notes: Club dance; summer casual period is OVER

Of Interest, Diamond Jubileers, Saturday, September 13th

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 S.E. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:00PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Paul Kinsey, Rick Smith
Cuer: Mel Neuman
Theme: Red Hat Tour Thru Texas
Notes: Double Deal; feel free to wear red hat and a coordinating color of your choice

Refreshments Duty and Information

September 12	Pitts, Rose, Duncan, Kilejian
September 26	Ross, Friesen, Archey, Rickert*
	(*note: Gary Amy will head up this Chili/Dessert cookoff; others will assist)
October 10	Feldman, Barber, Halvorson, Reid
October 31	See, Kern, Bondi, Jung, Mars, Underwood
	(*note: Board added two extra couples for 5 th Friday dance – extra visitors anticipated.)
November 14	Sherman, Lloyd, Covington, Bushell/Dvorak
November 28	Dance cancelled (day after Thanksgiving)
December 12	Stuart, Sherrell, Colter, Kendrick
December 26	Dance cancelled (day after Christmas)

If you need to change your scheduled date, please contact someone on the refreshment list to trade with you. Notify Jeff and Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email jwstuart@flash.net of the names/dates to change. 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 at 6:45 pm. As per our contract with PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 6:45 pm
- 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 Florescent 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 the names of your schedule changes.

- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments and pick up the Four 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 George and Mary Loxsom at 972-312-8513 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



Chili
and
Dessert
COOK OFF
Double Deal Dance
Prizes for Best Chili and Best Dessert
Friday, September, 26 2014



HALLOWEEN Swinging Stars Costume Party Dance



Friday, October 31 (5th Friday)

Important dates for the next year (you should have these on your calendar!):

Friday, September 26, 2014 – Chili Cook-Off/Double Deal Dance

October 17 – 19, 2014 – NORTEX Round Up – see complete information and get registration and lodging reservation forms here: <http://www.roundup2014.com/>

Friday, October 31, 2014 – Halloween Dance (Fifth Friday)

Friday, December 5, 2014 – Swinging Stars annual holiday party

Sunday, December 7, 2014 – NTCA/NORTEX Toys for Tots Christmas Dance

Friday, January 23, 2015 – Swinging Stars 40th Anniversary Dance

June 4 – 7, 2015 – 53rd Annual Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival, Waco, TX

June 24 – 27, 2015 – 64th National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA

Check out and Like our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/518717944880222>

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.

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