



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for October 30, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

HELP NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY PARTY! Do you know a great JOKE you would be willing to tell at our party? (Or is there one joke your spouse is constantly telling at every new opportunity?) If so, please tell Linda Harris lindaharristx@hotmail.com and Jan Bergesen janbergesen@gmail.com. You might be chosen to be in the great game show "So You Want To Be A Comedian"!

Thank you to all Swinging Stars that supported the NORTEX Round-UP by being there. It was an excellent event.

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, October 31 – Lessons in Allen – Need Angels; please help us.

Wednesday, November 2 – Plus 4's – Farmers Branch, TX

Friday, November 4 – Texas Reelers & Kissin Kuzzins Friendship Dance

Saturday, November 5 – Solitaires – Scott Bennett is calling – Garland sr. Center

Announcements

Swinging Stars Holiday Party -- Holiday Party!! Friday December 2nd, Haggard Party Barn
If you have not registered yet please do so now!

Register Now: Get your money in early! \$38.00 per couple (Members, students and associates only). Evening includes BBQ dinner with all the fixins', beer and margaritas. Dancing and fun You can mail your check **PAYABLE to Betty Wheaton** 6102 Lakeshore Dr, Rowlett, TX 75089. Or you can bring cash or your check (payable to Betty) to an upcoming dance. BIG SHOUT OUT to Betty for helping with the party!!

Holiday Cash Gift for Miguel

Miguel Angel is the Shepard Custodian supporting our club needs for dances. Please be generous and contribute to his Holiday Cash Gift from the Swinging Stars. Last year we were able to give him a \$300 cash gift. We need your support to match that again this year! Linda and Charlie will have a donation box available at our upcoming dances/events so please help as we have a wonderful Custodian that bends over backward to help out Swinging Stars. Thank you!

Proposed Slate of Officers for Term beginning February 1st, 2017

We are happy to announce the following slate of officers to be voted on at the next club meeting on Sunday November 13, 2016, 3pm >>Spring Creek BBQ in Addison.

President – Russ and Anne Nejdil
1st VP – Doug and Jan Bergesen
2nd VP – Bob and Terri Pitts
Treasurer – Nevin and Sara Mulvin
Secretary – Dan and Kathy Mosher

Thank you for serving our favorite activity. We look forward to another great year of dancing and friendship.

2nd VP Report – 30 October 2016 **Jim & Knarik Bondi**

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

Square + Round Dance – “Callers Cavalcade”

Friday 28 October – NORTEX

34 Swinging Stars journeyed to Grapevine Texas' Convention Center to enjoy “Callers' Cavalcade,” a Friday evening event which helps energize and warm-up area dancers for Round-Up itself, which kicks off the following morning. The name Callers' Cavalcade cleverly hints at the vast array of NORTEX callers and cuers that await attendees. Square and round dancing began with a special session featuring new area callers and cuers who are still learning their craft but, as was clear to all present, each steadily improving in prowess at his new avocation. Specifically, dancers enjoyed 60 minutes of intermittent squares/rounds called by R. Covington, B. Hinkley, and L. Meador and cued by D. Berling. Then, during the 3+ hours that remained, throughout both early rounds and on through intermittent squares/rounds, dancers were treated to the entire, full set of experienced NORTEX callers and cuers, too numerous to reasonably list here. What an array of experienced talent to which to dance, a treat unmatched at any other square/round dance event. Judging by the smiles on faces across the floor, dancers were loving every minute of their good fortune. A huge Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: P. Amy, Wayne & Jodie Baldwin, F. Bivins, J. Bondi, Walter & Eula Brewer, Colters, Covingtons, Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, Harrisers, Hawkins, Lassiters, Perrotts, Pharrs, Pitts, Sees, C. Wolfe, and Zhangs. With your support, we completed or “640 Club Visitations” milestone at this event. Go Stars!

Square + Round Dance Event – “RoundUp”

Saturday 29 Oct. – Sunday AM 30 Oct. – NORTEX – “RoundUp”

41 Swinging Stars, no doubt the largest throng from any single club, attended this year's annual Round-Up dance event in Grapevine, TX on Saturday (and a smaller number returned on Sunday for the short all-singing-calls closing session). This 1¼ day dancing extravaganza is NORTEX's marquis event of each year. For square dancers, Saturday morning kicked off with High Energy (aka Hot Hash) squares, easy call sequences issued at higher than normal frequency. This was followed by a Plus workshop, a Plus dance, and a mild All Positions session through mid-afternoon. For round dancers, the morning began with a line dance session, followed by an intro-to-round-dancing session, and continued through mid-afternoon with a phase 4 Cha Cha teach sandwiched between two 2/3/4 request rounds sessions. As the sun neared setting, the evening activities kicked off with early rounds from staff cuers C. Farabaugh & J. Von der Heide, then continued with the “official program talk” by NORTEX's V. Spray, followed by a marvelous 2.5 hours of squares and intermittent

rounds. Here, square calling featured beloved Dee Dee Dougherty, accompanied some of the time by staff callers R. Savell & B. Willis. Throughout the entire time, Dee Dee energized the floor with her great calling, strong singing, and a taste of her fantastic yodeling. In between the first few tips, all of this year's "featured prize" winners were drawn and, ... drum roll please ... , our very own "Wolfee" (aka Charles Wolfe) bagged his choice of Log Cabin Swingers' 2017 weekend dance events. When dancing ended, some Swinging Stars lingered a bit longer to enjoy the traditional after party entertainment. Thank You to these Swinging Stars who participated: P. Amy, Wayne & Jodie Baldwin, Bergesens, F. Bivins, Bondis, Walter & Eula Brewer, Bursons, Colters, Covingtons, Esteps, Evantos, Feldmans, Hamms, Harrisers, Hawkins, Lassiters, Perrotts, Pharrs, Pitts, Sees, Trujillos, and C. Wolfe. Overall, it was a very memorable, somewhat energy draining, and thoroughly enjoyable event.

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 7 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 1 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
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016
Solitaires	02-Apr-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
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Square + Round Dance Friendship Dance

Friday 4 November – Texas Reelers & Kissin Kuzzins – “Support Our Troops”

Callers: Jon Jones & Wayne Baldwin

Cuers: Chris Farabaugh & J.L. Pelton

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

Richardson Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson TX 75080

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 5 November – Solitaires – “Bennett’s Back!”

Guest Caller: Scott Bennett

Cuer: J.L. Pelton

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

Garland Senior Center

600 Avenue A, Garland, TX 75040

← *Note: Special location*

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UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Dance + All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 2 November – Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Dance: 6:15 – 7:30

Plus Dance: 7:30

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

“A” Dance

Thursday 3 November – Model As

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

“A”: 7:00

Churchill Way Center

6906 Churchill Way (at Hillcrest), Dallas, TX

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday 9 November, 11:30 AM – “Celebrity Café & Bakery” (Plano)

For the month of November, Peggy Amy has volunteered to host the luncheon. Peggy has chosen “Celebrity Café & Bakery” located at 4709 W Parker Rd. #450 in Plano. Mark your calendars for Wed. November 9th at 11:30. Please make your reservations with Peggy (amybpeggy@verizon.net or 972-612-4934) by November 7th so she can make arrangements with the restaurant. You can check out Celebrity Café and Bakery at <http://www.enjoycelebrity.com/>. *Note:* Celebrity Café & Bakery was formally the Chocolate Angel that we have visited a few other times.

Refreshments Duty and Information

November 11: **Trujillo**, Rose, Deluke, Halvorson

November 25: Closed due to Thanksgiving Holiday

December 9: **Evanto**, Bondi, Mosher, Stuart

December 22: Closed due to Holiday Season

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!):

November 13, 2016 – Swinging Stars Quarterly meeting. Mark your calendars now – Spring Creek BBQ located at 14941 Midway Road, Addison, TX. 3:00 PM. 972-385-0970.

December 2, 2016 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party at Haggard Party Barn. (Linda Harris coordinator)

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance (Lorraine Burson coordinator)

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@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-618-3640

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

Swinging Stars



Saluting All Veterans

Showing Our Appreciation
For Your Service



Friday, November 11, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Guest Cuer: JL Pelton

Sq. Workshop: 7:00 PM

Plus Dancing: 7:45 PM

Grand March: 8:00 PM

Hot Hash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by paying adults

Refreshments Banners Honey Pot Fun Dancing



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For Info: 972-834-3097 or president@swingingstars.org

Visit our website: www.swingingstars.org