



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for September 4, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Start thinking about Sept. Lessons: Our next set of beginner lessons will start September 6th. That is this Tuesday). We need every member to start working on new student candidates NOW! Time to start wearing your T-Shirts again. If you did not pick up some business card size handouts at the last dance, you can pick them up at the next dance. Send your potential dancer contact information to Dan Mosher (dmosher5@verizon.net) or to me at president@swingingstars.org and we will ensure they get a formal invitation from the Club.

WE ALWAYS NEED ANGLES – please bring your new students and help by assisting the new dancers. You might actually enjoy it!

Kathy and I, along with ten other Stars, spent a wonderful weekend in Paris, TX this past weekend. It included six outstanding callers and an excellent round dance cuer. If you have not experienced such an event I highly encourage you to give it a try. There is a Mainstream weekend coming up at Log Cabin this month and there are multiple Plus weekends for the Plus dancers. Check one out!

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

Tuesday, September 6 – New Dancer Lessons – Caprenter Rec Center Plano

Friday, September 9 – Swinging Stars Club Dance – Wayne Baldwin and Walter Brewer

Saturday, September 10 – Diamond Jubileers “Red Hat Dance” – Deborah Carroll Jones and Karen Gloodt

Announcements

Please note that Swinging Stars will revert to normal Square Dance Dress Code and our normal home location starting in September.

Oktoberfest Dance: On October the 14th, the Swinging Stars will host a Double Deal Oktoberfest dance. The Hamms, Bergesens, Bivins, Feldmans, Kilejians, and the Reids will be serving on the refreshments/decorations committee. We are expecting a large crowd. In addition to hot dogs and the "fixings" provided, we are asking each couple to bring EITHER a salad OR a dessert to serve 10-12 people.

Sign up sheets will be available at both September dances. Thanks to all of you who signed up at the August general meeting.

2nd VP Report – 4 September 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

“A” Dance followed by Plus Dance

Wednesday 31 August – Plus 4s

During the early “A” dance presented by caller & teacher, “Quiz,” drilled new “A” dancers on sequences of A1/A2 calls. Some emphasis was placed this time on (Triple) Cross and Trade Circulate. Later, during the main Plus dance, a total of 18 Swinging Stars participated, enjoying Quiz’s beloved mix of great overall calling, occasional Plus “brain teasers,” and periodic witticisms. A big Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, Hawkins, Kilejians, Perrotts, and M. Hardin.

Square + Round Dance Weekend

Chaparral’s 21st “Evening in Paris” Texas – Fri 2 Sep – Sat 3 Sep

Twelve (12) Swinging Stars made the trip to Paris, TX for Chaparral’s 21st annual “Evening in Paris” weekend event. This was a special weekend as the Legendary Caller Marshall Flippo is retiring after 64 years; and it was also Flippo’s Birthday! A huge celebration by Chaparral as Mr. Flippo is a Chaparral caller. In addition to Marshall Flippo we enjoyed the calling of Ken Bower, Gary Shoemake, Mike Bramlett, Hunter Keller and Justin Russell. Three legends (Flippo, Bower & Flippo), one very good seasoned caller (Bramlett) and two up and coming super stars (Keller and Russell). Among the presentations to Flippo was a Texas flag which flew over the state capitol building and a US flag which flew over our national capitol building. Jim Couey began with a good sample of square dance level round dances. By request, he later cued a Bolero and a Slow Two Step for the more advanced dancers. Saturday morning the Hamms and the Pitts began Round dance workshops at 9:00. Another round dance workshop was held at 1:30. The three round dances taught were all phase 4--a jive, a waltz and a cha cha (from one of our local favorites Karen Gloodt). Plus workshops were attended by all twelve Swinging Stars dancers. Richard Covington also participated in the Guest Callers Caller Rama each evening. All six Chaparral callers participated in all sessions and Square Dance Workshops and kept the dancers on their toes. The final workshops of the day included DBD and High Energy Hour which the Sees attended. The round dancers took a break and the rest of the square dancers participated in a Plus Workshop review.

The Saturday evening dance was called a "ball", and some dancers really dressed up. Early rounds were a full hour and included phase 3-4 dances with some phase 2 two steps. Guest callers presented an hour program in another hall. Not bad for a weekend event! The Swinging Stars enjoyed our own after party hosted by the Pharrs at the Comfort Inn. The Chaparral After Party on Saturday night consisted of skits and the awarding of prizes donated by local merchants. It was a great dancing weekend even if a few of us wound up with sore feet. Thanks to the Covingtons, Esteps, Hamms, Pharrs, Pitts, Sees and our honorary weekend Swinging Stars, the Stewarts (Texas Reelers).

Square + Round Dance

Friday 2 September – Texas Reelers – “Football Jersey Night”

8 Swinging Stars traveled to Richardson, TX, Friday to dance with our friends, the Texas Reelers, at their “Football Jersey Night” dance. Chris Farabaugh managed round dancing for the evening, cueing, during early and intermittent rounds, a nice mix of phases and rhythms that included jive, waltz, rhumba, cha cha, 2-step, and foxtrot. And, Deborah Carroll-Jones, accompanied by hubby Jon during one tip, called a very nice evening of squares, including one interesting Plus tip, a host of solid Mainstream, and, as always, some fabulous singing calls. A grand thank you to these Swinging Stars who came to participate: P. Amy, Bondis, Evantos, Lees, and J. Smith.

Double Deal Square + Round Dance

Saturday 3 September – Solitaires

Twelve (12) Swinging Stars appeared in Farmers Branch Saturday evening to dance with the Solitaires at their *Double Deal* dance Saturday night featured the high-energy calling of Tim Tyl and the extra smooth cueing of J.L. and Linda Pelton. Tim taught a twist on Grand Square called Grand Prowl which had everybody laughing. Round dancers, be sure to ask J.L. about the new dance he cued. Swinging Stars in attendance included Amy, Bergeson, Evanto, Feldman, Heinz-Putnam, and Perrott.

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 12 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
Texas Reelers	19-Aug-2016
Rebel Rousers	16-Jul-2016
Triangle Square	15-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
Kissin Kuzzins	26-Aug-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Our Dance

Friday 9 September – Swinging Stars –

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Square Workshop: 7:00, Early Plus: 7:45, Grand March: 8:00

Shepard Elementary School

1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

All-Plus Square Dance

Thursday 8 September – Double Plus

Caller: Darryl Lipscomb

Cuer: None (all Plus dancing)

WS: 7:00, Grand March: 7:30

Swingtime Center

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

Double Deal Square + Round Dance

Saturday 10 September – Diamond Jubileers – “Red Hat Dance”

Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

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

Swingtime Center

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UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday 20 September, 11:30 AM – Cheesecake Factory (in Frisco)

Lucy Hamm is the hostess for this month’s luncheon on Tuesday 20 September at 11:30 AM. She has chosen the Cheesecake Factory in Frisco's Stonebriar Centre mall. If you plan to go, please contact Lucy at llhamm45@gmail.com or 214-872-7219 to make your reservation by Sunday 18 September.

This Cheesecake Factory is just inside the south entrance of the mall facing Highway 121 (Sam Rayburn Tollway). More specifically, it is between JC Penney on the east and Dillards on the west sides of the mall. The official address and phone are Stonebriar Centre, 2601 Preston Road, Frisco, TX 75034, 972-731-7799. You can check out the menu at www.thecheesecakefactory.com. The menu includes gluten-free items. Valet parking is complimentary with your lunch receipt and is available on the level directly below the restaurant. Or, there is ample self-parking in front of the restaurant.

Refreshments Duty and Information

September 9: **Colter**, Jimison, Sherman, Duncans

September 23: **Lee**, Covington, Kern, Peggy Amy

October 14: **Hamm**, Bergesen, Bevins, Feldman, Kilejian, Reid (Double Deal Dance)

October 28: Closed due to NORTEX Cavalcade

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 –Oktoberfest theme since the end of the month is Round-UP.

October 28, 2016 – Swinging Stars Dance cancelled to support Callers Cavalcade

October 28 - 30, 2016 – Callers Cavalcade and NORTEX Oktoberfest (Round-UP)

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

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

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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

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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Swinging Stars

Double Deal Dance

Friday October 14, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



Early Rounds: 7:00

Plus Dancing: 7:45

Grand March: 8:00

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