



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 8, 2017

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Typical Texas January weekend; 70 degrees one day and 30 degrees the next. This past weekend saw lots of cancelled dances due to weather. Maybe this past weekend will help you better understand why the Board moved our anniversary dance from January to March! Maybe the weather in March will be a little better.

Square Dance lessons start on Tuesday, January 10th! That is before our next dance so it is time to think of who you know who might enjoy our favorite exercise and social activity. You need to talk it up and offer to bring them to the first lessons. Also, we need lots of angels to start things off right. Please plan on joining us on Tuesday night. You will find the Lessons flyer at:
http://www.swingingstars.org/Mainstream_square_dance_lessons_2017.pdf

Lessons are at Carpenter Rec. Center, 6701 Coit Road in Plano at 7:15pm on January 10th.

Club Dues: The Club voted to raise dues from \$35.00 per couple per quarter to \$45.00 per couple per quarter effective January 1, 2017. Dues are due at the first dance in January (1/13/17).

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, January 10 – Square Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:15 PM

Tuesday, January 10 – Round Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:30 PM

Friday, January 13 – Swinging Stars New Dancer Dance – Work Shop at 7:00 PM – Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer

Saturday, January 14 – Cotton Pickin' Squares – Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixson

Announcements

Lorraine Burson:

I JUST WANT TO SEND A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ANNE NEJDAL FOR THE WONDERFUL LUNCHEON SHE PUT ON FOR THE LADY Stars Wednesday, Dec 14th.

The food that everyone brought was ummy, the games were fun and especially the white elephant game had a lot of nice surprises. Those of you that missed this event were missed by all of us that were there. It was truly a fun time.

Square Dance Lessons start January 10, 2017 at Carpenter Rec. Center. Double check you're your new recruits NOW to ensure they will be there! WE NEED ALL OF YOU ANGELS.

Round Dancers: Linda and JL Pelton will be teaching a new beginning class of Bolero starting Tuesday, January 10 at Carpenter Rec. Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano. This is an 8-week class from 7:30 to 9:30. A two-hour class gives plenty of time for practice and, just like square dancing, it's practice that makes you a good dancer.

Bolero is a fun Latin rhythm, very similar to Rumba. If you have had Rumba and Cha Cha class, this one will be really easy with similar figure names. If you haven't had Rumba or Cha Cha, it will make that Latin class easier to learn.

Registration is now open for everyone. You can call Carpenter Rec Center at 972-208-8087, or you can register online at www.planoparks.org. The name of the class in the Parks and Rec catalog is Choreographed Ballroom Bolero, Course #187430.

2nd VP Report – 08 January 2017

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

“A” Square Dance followed by Plus Square Dance

Wednesday 4 January – Plus 4s

During the early “A” dance, for 75 minutes, Quiz directed dancers through a variety of A1/A2 calls, providing more floor time for 2016 “A” students/graduates. During the main Plus dance that followed, 11 Swinging Stars participated in a sometimes challenging and always entertaining 2 hours of good Plus from Quiz. A big Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, J. Duncan, T. Evanto, Hawkins, and Sees.

Square + Round Dance Weekend

Friday PM – all day Saturday 6 – 7 January – Rhythm Records-- “Winter Festival”

10 Swinging Stars journeyed to Waco, TX (sometimes through moderate winter precipitation) to enjoy Rhythm Records’ annual “Winter Festival” in Waco, TX on Friday evening and all day Saturday. Rounds were handled by Mark and Pam Prow, who offered 2 workshops with 3 teaches (a waltz, cha, and jive) and a weekend total of 90 minutes of early rounds and a wealth of intermittent rounds in the evening dances. On squares, attendees were treated to 5 great callers: Wade Drive, Ken Bower, Gary Shoemake, Mike Seastrom, and K.O. Jeanes. This great quintet really kept square dancers hopping all weekend long, with Plus workshop, High Energy sessions, DBD Plus sessions, 2 evenings of squares + rounds, and 4 Advanced tips. (Beloved caller, Dee Dee Dougherty had to cancel her appearance because of an unexpected family death. Our thoughts and prayers go with her.) A warm, appreciative Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: Bergesens, Bondis, Evantos, Pharrs, and Sees.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 6 January – Circle I – “Stock Show Hoedown”

Six Swinging Stars traveled to Irving Saturday evening to dance with our friends, Circle I, at the “Stock Show Hoedown.” Rounds were cued by club cuer, Chris Farabaugh, while the evening’s squares were directed by club caller, Ray Savell. Both did excellent work, keeping both round and square dancers fully engaged all evening long. A gracious Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: Covingtons, Harrises, and R. & N. Smith. It’s great to see a pair of our new dancers (Smiths) in this set of visiting Stars. Way to go! The more we visit, the better we dance, and the more fun we have. Special thanks to Richard Covington for the information in this report.

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
Texas Reelers	16-Dec-2016
Rebel Rousers	19-Nov-2016
Lone Star Solos	10-Nov-2016
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
Kissin Kuzzins	11-Nov-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Our (New Dancer) Square + Round Dance

Friday 13 January – Swinging Stars – “Happy January”

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 75075

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

Special “All Plus Squares with Some Rounds” Dance

Monday 9 January – ADD+

Guest caller: Gary Shoemake

Dance: 7:00 – 9:00

Richardson Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson TX 75080

Our Mainstream Square Dance Lessons

Tuesdays 10 January - 25 April – Swinging Stars

Instructor: Wayne Baldwin

Lesson: 7:15 – 9:15

Carpenter Park Recreation Center

6701 Coit Rd. Plano, TX 75024

Our Bolero Round Dance Lessons

Tuesdays 10 January - 28 February – Swinging Stars

Instructors: J.L. & Linda Pelton

Lesson: 7:30 – 9:30

Carpenter Park Recreation Center

6701 Coit Rd. Plano, TX 75024

All-Plus Square Dance

Thursday 12 January – Double Plus –

Guest caller: Mike Bramlett

Workshop: 7:00, Dance: 7:30

Swingtime Center

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

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 14 January – Cotton Pickin Squares – “Bring On the New Year”

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

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

L-3 Recreation Center

10001 Jack Finney Blvd, Greenville, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday 25 January, 11:30 AM – “Into My Garden” (Plano)

The January Luncheon will be on January 25th at 11:30 AM at the Into My Garden Tea Room 1725 Avenue K Plano. Check out their menu at www.intomygarden.com. This is one of our favorite luncheon restaurants. I hope you all will join us for lunch and laughter. Please RSVP by January 23rd so that I can let the restaurant know how many are attending.

Lorraine Burson

Email: Lorraine@Bursons.us

Refreshments Duty and Information

January 13 – **Nejdl**, Bergesen, Stuart, Harris

January 27 -- **Perrott**, Rhinehart/Wittenmyer, R/N Smith, Ross

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc.) without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents [Russ and Ann Nejdl] to see if they are already in inventory. **Highlighted name is Refreshments Lead for their assigned Dance.** Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team

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

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

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

Swinging Stars



New Dancer Dance

January 13, 2017

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



Sq Workshop 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by a paying adult

Refreshments Banners Honey Pot Fun Dancing

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

Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org



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