



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 14th, 2018

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

What a great dance we had on Friday night! Even Wayne was not expecting a big turnout due to the cold, but we had a total of 82 dancers there. Kathy Mosher did such an outstanding job decorating with all those snowmen that we actually thought it might snow. The refreshments were lovely too. Thank you to Rose, Bushnell/Perry, Mosher and Edwards for all those yummy snacks. What a pleasure to see Gary Amy on the dance floor again and to see that he has not forgotten any square or round dance steps!

Here is a breakdown of the dance attendees:

Dixie Chainers	2	Ramblin Rounds	1
Circle I	1	Plus 4's	1
Kissin Kuzzins	1	Independent	1
Rebel Rousers	4	Texas Reelers	2
Model A's	1	Swinging Stars	68

Those of you who might be interested in learning beginner round dancing, please read JL and Linda's post below. They are postponing next week's class so no one will be behind when we start again in 2 weeks. Russ and I had just one lesson and really enjoyed the way the Peltons teach.

Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

Two Step Beginning Lessons - It's Not Too Late to Start

Between sickness and trips to Australia and other stuff in between -- *we've delayed the start of Two Step Lessons until the 23rd of January.* So you can still signup and start at the beginning of the Two Step Beginning class. We will just extend the class session into March for make ups. Note that the information on the website will not reflect this change if you sign up online and the desk staff at Carpenter usually doesn't know all the details.

Beginning Two Step class, #2000071 (listed as Ballroom Two Step Beginning)

Tuesday Nights, -- 7:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Carpenter Recreation Center - 6701 Coit Road, Plano Texas

Call Carpenter Rec Center at 972-208-8087 to register or go online to the Plano Parks and Rec site.

Note: Linda & JL won't be offering Two Step again for several years. They can't get a hall consistently and do not want to compete against the square dance lessons that Swinging Stars runs in the fall

Saturday Lessons

Signup is also open for our Saturday Refresher Lessons - Starting January 13th - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We will be focusing on Waltz this session. These are lessons and practice dancing, like an easy round dance club.

Ignore the dates on the website. This class continues through March at Plano Senior Center, 401 W. 16th Street (just off the south access road of 75 and north of George Bush)

The class is listed as Round Dance (Continuing Basics) New -- Class #199430. If you are looking for the class in the catalog, it is listed in the 50+ section under Dance. We think it's easiest to sign up directly by calling the Senior Center at 972-941-7155.

All Plus Dances

Those of you who plus dance, Dave Viera is hosting All Plus Dances starting on Mondays **7:15-9:15** PM at the Lavon City Hall, 1200 School Road, Lavon. The cost is \$5 per person. If you need directions, email Russ or me and we will forward the flyer on to you. ***Please note the time change to 7:15-9:15 PM for January 15, 22, 29 and February 5th dances.***

Easy Practice Dances

Attention all new dancers or dancers needing more floor time and practice. Dixie Chainers is hosting easy mainstream practice dances starting on Tuesday, January 9th from 7:00-8:30 PM at the Farmers Branch Senior Center, 14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch. Vernon Jones is the caller and the cost is \$4 per dancer.

First Quarter Dues

New club dues effective January 1, 2017 are now \$22.50 per member or \$45.00 per couple per quarter. If you have not yet paid your current dues please do so at the next Swinging Stars Dance or mail your check payable to Swinging Stars to our current treasurer Nevin Mulvin at 3409 Eisenhower Lane, Plano TX 75023-3933. Any questions his phone number is 972-618-0750 or his email is nrmulvin@verizon.net.

Thanks,
Nevin and Sara Mulvin
Treasurer Swinging Stars
972-618-0750
nrmulvin@verizon.net

Swinging Stars Southern Junction Outing in Irving– Friday, January 19th at 7:00 PM

We sure hope you can join us and other club members for this social outing at Southern Junction. The Pitts checked it out and said it was a really fun place. The steaks and other selections are delicious. You can cook it yourself or have it cooked for you for a small extra charge. The dance floor is smooth and the facility is nice and clean. They have line dancing. Country and Western dancing, billiards, and great food. Southern Junction is located at 101 N. Rogers Road, Irving. If you are interested in joining us, please send either Russ or me an email by **Wednesday** so we know who is attending and can reserve a table to accommodate all of us. I checked out the website and see that if you arrive before 7PM there is a 2 for 1 special on steaks. All dinners include a baked potato, salad and Texas Toast. The live entertainer will be Brian Lynn Jones. We have 15 who have signed up so far. I will send out an email on Thursday to all who said they were going as a reminder to reaffirm the address. Check out the website: <http://sojoirving.com/>

Anniversary Dance

Our anniversary dance is on Friday, March 23rd at our usual dance location. The theme of the dance is The Stars of Texas are upon you. The Bursons are the chairs and Lorraine needs a lot of help. This is an all club event so everyone must volunteer to bring food **and** work. Lorraine brought all the sign-up sheets to our dance on Friday night, but there are many slots still remaining. I recommend you contact her to volunteer to see what she still needs filled. The anniversary dance is a big fund raiser for us so we need everyone to help.

Happening This Week

Wednesday, January 17th – Plus 4s – Charles Quizenberry – 7:30 PM

Friday, January 19th – Southern Junction Irving - 7PM (arrive a little early to be able to take advantage of the 2 for 1 steaks)

Saturday, January 20th – Rebel Rousers – Rock Around the Clock (Dance of Interest) – Scott Bennett & Christine Hixson – 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 8:00 PM All Plus – 8:00 PM Grand March

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Instead of the typical two visitations this weekend we have put something different on the calendar. Friday night there is a club outing at Southern Junction in Irving. See the Presidents' report for more details – they are helping organize the outing since we cannot attend. And Saturday night a visitation to the Rebel Rousers is planned for their Rock Around the Clock dance with guest caller Scott Bennett.

Club Visitations

Rhythm Records Winter Festival, Waco, TX, 5-6Jan18 – Thank you to the 12 Swinging Stars that made the short trip to Waco, TX for the 7th annual Rhythm Records Winter Festival. The program started Friday afternoon with an "early bird" square and round dance session. There were square dance and round dance sessions Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, and Saturday nite. The program concluded with an after party late Saturday night. The 13 total sessions included plus squares with rounds, early rounds, round dance workshops, Plus level DBD square dancing, Plus level High Energy square dancing, Callerama square dancing, and an A2 level tip after each square dance session. All sessions were scheduled sequentially in one hall this year (prior years were two - or three halls). The national square dance callers were Wade Driver, Mike Seastrom, Gary Shumake, Ken Bower, DeeDee Daugherty, & KO Jeanes. Five or six additional square dance callers from around the state of Texas showcased their talents during the Callerama session. The round dances and workshops were cued by nationally known Mark Prow. The after party included pizza and entertainment by all the callers. A summary of the plan for next year's Winter Festival was announced by Wade Driver. The only staff change will be a different round dance cuer due to Mark Prow's retirement. The announced schedule change planned for next year is more plus level square dancing offset by shorter DBD and High Energy square dance sessions. The flyer with the complete details will be posted to the Rhythm Records website soon if not already done. Thanks to Tom Evanto for providing this report.

Dixie Chainers New Dancer Dance, 13Jan18 – Thanks to the 8 Swinging Stars who visited the Dixie Chainers for their new dancers dance Saturday night. Early rounds and rounds between tips were cued by veteran cuer, Jack von der Heide. Squares, all mainstream, were called by club caller, Vernon Jones.

Friendship Banner Status

Our current banner inventory is shown below. If you visit a club whose banner we have, please don't bring home another one. We have 8 Swinging Stars banners in our possession and 1 is out.

Other Clubs' Banners on our Wall		Swinging Stars' Banners Out	
Club	Date Captured	Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	25-Mar-2017	Ft. Worth Squares	29-Jul-2017
Log Cabin Swingers	06-May-2017		
Circle I	05-Aug-2017		
Dixie Chainers	26-Aug-2017		
Triangle Squares	30-Sep-2017		
Rebel Rousers	18-Nov-2017		
Lone Star Solos	30-Nov-2017		
Kissin' Kuzzins	15-Dec-2017		

Coming Events

Swinging Stars – Club Outing at Southern Junction in Irving

Date: Friday, 19Jan18
Time: 7:00PM
Activity: Steaks and other assorted entrees, Country and Western/Line Dancing, billiards, etc.
Location: Southern Junction (NOTE: new location in Irving)
101 N. Rogers Road, Irving
Website: <http://sojoirving.com/>

Rebel Rousers – Rock Around the Clock

Date: Saturday, 20Jan18
Caller: Scott Bennett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER – 7:00PM, PL – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road

Swinging Stars – Boot Scootin’ Boogie New Dancer Dance

Date: Friday, 26Jan18
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER – 7:00PM, PL – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano

Tri-City Promenaders – Winter Wonderland Dance

Date: Saturday, 27Jan18
Caller: Paul Kinsey
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER – 7:00PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Brookside Center
1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst

Harvest Holiday – Winter Fun Rounds Phases II-IV

Date: Sunday, 28Jan18
Cuers: Area cuers
Time: Dance – 2:00PM - 5:00PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth

NTCA – Dancer Appreciation Dance!!!

Date: Sunday, 28Jan18
Callers: Area callers
Cuers: Area cuers
Time: Dance – 7:30PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth
Note: Admission is FREE

Other Events

Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon – Sara Mulvin is the hostess for the January Ladies Luncheon. She has chosen the Chocolate Angle Café and Tearoom in the High Street Antique Mall, at the corner of Hwy. 75 and Plano Parkway in Plano. The Chocolate Angel is one of the Lady Stars’ favorite luncheon places. We hope everyone can join us on Thursday, January 18th, at 11:30. Please notify Sara by January 16th by phone [972-618-0750](tel:972-618-0750) or email nrmulvin@verizon.net so she can firm up the reservation with the Chocolate Angel as to how many will be attending the luncheon. It is a good idea to go to <https://www.chocolateangel.com/> to check out their menu. Not only is it a great place for lunch, it’s a fun place to shop or just browse around and check out all the lovely antique items in the antique mall.

Refreshment Duty Information

Team leader should contact their team members the week before the dance prior to their scheduled dance so that each member can pick up a Refreshment Bag after that dance. Team members are responsible for finding a replacement if they are unable to fulfill their scheduled obligation (refer to the schedule below for possible subs – see current roster for email address or phone number). Teams are responsible for food of their choice, ice and 5 tablecloths which can be purchased at any Walmart or Dollar Tree. If you need supplies contact Jan Bergeson. Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Bergesens. If you have additional questions, call or text Mark and Karen Hawkins (M 214.536.5863 or K 214.537.0446).

January 26 – **Perrott**, Evanto, Goebel, Nestor (Theme – Boot Scootin’ Boogie)

February 9 – **Reid**, Bergesen, Dennison, Mulvin

February 23 – **Hardin**, Elliott, Gifford, NejdI (Theme – Mardi Gras)

March 9 – **Lassiter**, Duncan, See, Zhang

March 23 – Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance

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

January 19th - Swinging Stars dinner and dancing at Southern Junction

March 23rd - Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance

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.

Russ & Anne NejdI

Swinging Stars Presidents

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Boot Scootin' Boogie

New Dancer Dance

Friday January 26, 2018

Western, Casual or Square dance attire are all acceptable for this dance

Shepard Elementary School -- 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, Tx

Caller Wayne Baldwin

Guest Cuer Christine Hixson

COMING DANCES:

Jan. 12, 2018 Regular dance night

w/JL Pelton Guest Cuer

Feb.23 Theme Dance Mardi Gras

Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Tip 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash After the Last Tip

SAVE This DATE MARCH 23,2018 43RD ANNIVERSARY DANCE

(THE STARS OF TEXAS ARE UPON YOU WESTERN BALL)

GUEST CALLER TIM TYL



Banner Game Refreshments Honey Pot Solo Board

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

For Info Contact 972-946-5979 or president @Swingingstars.org

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