Newsletter for January 20th, 2019

Message from the President Dave and Lorraine Burson

Don't miss this Free Dance the NTCA Dancer Appreciation dance is on Jan 27, 2019

The NTCA Dancer Appreciation dance is on Jan 27, 2019. It will be lots of fun with a variety of callers and cuers from the North Texas caller's Association calling and cueing. The Appreciation dance will be at the Swingtime Center 5100 S.E.Loop 820 Fort Worth, TX.76140. See the ad on Page 5 of the January Promenade. I recommend Car Pooling.

Put this date on your calendar. Sunday March 17, 2019 4:00 to 8:00 USO Benefit Dance

Last week I told you that I thought there would be more information coming. Here is what we have. We received this information late last Sunday afternoon.

USO BENEFIT DANCE

This dance is sponsored by NORTEX and NTCA to support DFW USO for their Support of Military Personnel and Families transiting DFW Airport. Last year they touched 188,000 people. They have a fantastic facility at the Airport, where they provide food, lounges with TV's, recliners, books and games for children. All this is done on volunteer contributions to the USO.

March 17, 2019

Admission to the dance will be a Donation to USO. At the **Swingtime Center** 5100 SE Loop 820 Ft. Worth, Texas

4:00 - 5:00 pm New Dancer Dance

6:00 - 8:00 pm Rounds and Squares



NORTEX & NTCA USO DFW BENEFIT DANCE

NTCA Callers and Cuers will be donating their time and talents to insure that all have a good time. The committee is asking each club to bring an item for silent auction. Callers and Cures are invited to participate in the silent auction. It can be a gift basket, gift cards, sports items, etc. Whatever you think would bring the highest bid. However, remember that it will be in competition with the rest of the items in the auction, where the highest bid will receive a check in the amount of \$270, equal to 12 quarter page Promenade ads. All entries that did not win will be put into a drawing for one full page ad worth \$80.00, to be used in 2019.

Along with that, the NTCA Partners are putting together a tin can auction. They are getting several items donated for this. Please give some thought, if you would like to donate something to the USO committee for their tin can auction.

From the Anniversary Dance Chairman Anne and Russ Nejdl

Anniversary Dance Update:

The Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance is scheduled for March 30th – this is a 5th Saturday. The Swinging Stars have reserved All Saints Catholic Church in Dallas at 5231 Meadowcreek Drive. Our guest caller is Paul Cote. Paul usually draws a big crowd so this is the reason for moving our dance to the 5th Saturday and for reserving the bigger venue to accommodate the large crowds we are expecting. The dance theme will be A Starry Night of Dancing with the Stars. We will be serving a salad supper with desserts. In order to earn more revenue from this dance, we are going to have a tin can auction in addition to the honey pot and money auction. We are asking club members to donate items for the tin can auction. If you have any gift cards that you are not going to use or have an unwanted and **unused** item, these would make excellent prizes. We can accept homemade items too. Several club members are donating some handmade items we will offer. Cash donations to purchase gift cards to restaurants are appreciated. Russ and I will be visiting businesses and restaurants in the area to get donations and have some gift cards already.

The Nejdls will have the sign up sheets at the January 25th club dance. Be sure to check at the sign in table when you arrive at the dance for the sign-up sheets and choose what you would like to bring or what job vou would like to do for the Anniversary Dance. Every club member will be expected to sign up to bring either 2 salads or 2 desserts each that serves 24. If you are not going to be at a club dance please call Anne and Russ Nejdl (972-964-5979 or email Anne at Yo Red@verizon.net.) to see what is left for you to bring or what job/duty you can do. Everyone is also expected to sign up for a job/duty, The whole club is expected to help clean up after the dance. We count on the anniversary dance be a big money raiser for our club. Please help us make this dance a success.

Thank you, Anne and Russ Neidl Anniversary Dance Chairman

Swinging Stars Dues are due!

Just a friendly reminder, your 2019 dues are due!

You can pay:

Quarters	Couple	Single	
1 Qtr	45.00	22.50	
2 Qtrs.	90.00	45.00	
3 Qtrs.	135.00	67.50	
4 Qtrs.	180.00	90.00	

Please send check PAYABLE TO Swinging Stars.

Send To: Charlie and Linda Harris 9434 Hilldale Drive

Happening This Week Friday, Jan 25th – Swinging Stars

Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer

7:00 PM Early Rounds, 7:45 PM Plus, 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, Jan 26th – Tri-City Promenaders

Vernon Jones & Chris Farabaugh

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

2nd VP Report From Ron and Donita See

The Swinging Stars are having our dance and the Tri-City Promenaders are having their Starry, Starry Night dance on Saturday – two very good dances with lots of stars.

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	
Log Cabin Swingers	6. May. 2017	
T-Square Gadabouts	04/20/18	
Lone Star Solos	11/29/18	
Dixie Chainers	01/12/19	
Triangle Squares	01/19/19	

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured	
Roadrunners	11/30/18	
Rebel Rousers	11/30/18	
Texas Reelers	1/11/19	

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Plus 4s - Wednesday, January 16

12 Swinging Stars visited the Plus 4s Wednesday evening. Squares were called by the club caller Charles Quisenberry ("Quiz"). Quiz delighted the dancers through many of his DBD calls. Swinging Stars in attendance were: Bergesens, Bursons, Evantos, Kilejians, Sees, and Stewarts.

Kissin' Kuzzins - Friday, January 18

11 Swinging Stars visited the Kissin' Kuzzins in Garland for their Barn Dance and retrieved our banner. Club caller Wayne Baldwin and club cuer JL Pelton combined to create a wonderful evening of dancing to the delight of both the experienced and new dancers. Swinging Stars attending were the Bursons, Hamms, M. Mae, Sees, Sperrys and Stewarts.

Triangle Squares – Saturday, January 19

10 Swinging Stars traveled to the Triangle Squares in Denton for their Anniversary Red & White Sweetheart Ball to enjoy a great evening of dancing and to capture their banner. Club and Texas Hall of Fame caller Toby Thomason was joined by guest caller Jerry Gilbreath and cuer Karen Gloodt to create a wonderful and entertaining evening of dancing. Swinging Stars attending were the Bursons, Feldmans, Perrotts, Sees and Sperrys.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Swinging Stars - Friday, Jan 25th

Caller: Wayne Baldwin Cuer: Walter Brewer

Time: ER - 7:00PM / PL - 7:45PM / GM - 8:00PM

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr, Plano, TX)

Website: http://www.swingingstars.org

Notes: club dance

Tri-City Promenaders – Starry, Starry Night – Banner Raid

Date: Saturday, 26Jan19
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: ER – 7:00PM, PL - 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM

Location: Brookside Center

1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst

Note: Banner Raid

NTCA Dancer Appreciation Dance - Free Dance

Date: Sunday, 27Jan19
Caller: NTCA Callers
Cuer: NTCA Cuers
Time: GM - 7:30PM, GM
Location: Swingtime Center

5100 SE Loop 820 Fort Worth, TX. 76140

Note: Free admittance

Refreshment Duty Information

From Mark and Karen Hawkins (Refreshment scheduler)

We want to thank these team members for your contribution to Swinging Stars. Your efforts make Swinging Stars the best club to visit in the metropolex.

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. Teams are responsible for food of their choice, ice and 5 tablecloths, which can be purchased at any Wal-Mart or Dollar Tree. If you need supplies contact First Vice Presidents Walt and Diana Whipple. Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Whipples (469.737.3632). For answers to your questions about the Refreshments Committee Duties please call or text Mark (214.536.5863) or Karen Hawkins (214.537.0446) or email markt.karenl@gmail.com.

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). Please email Mark and Karen at markt.karenl@gmail.com of the change.

January 11 – Pitts, Bivins, Estep, Kilejian (Theme – New Dancer Dance & Chili Dinner)

January 25 – **Hawkins**, Hardin, Reid, ???

February 8 - Bergesen, Evanto, Mosher, See

February 22 – **Dennison**, Gifford, Lassiter, Nejdl (Theme - Mardi Gras)

March 8 - Colter, Pelton, Pharr, Zhang

March 30 – **Anniversary Dance** (All Members participate)

Sunshine information

Lorraine talked to Walter Sunday about 1:00 to inquire how Eula is doing and he said that she came thru the surgery very well and the Doctor was ecstatic about how she is doing. Walter said that she is home and doing well / She is up walking and talking and is in a lot less pain than what she was, and he is very happy about that. As Walter stated last week, since her surgery is in OKC, that is where she will be doing her rehab/recovery, etc. We don't get mail there and don't have Internet there either. I'm telecommuting (with an I-Pad) so I don't need Internet to work. Therefore, there isn't a

great way to do communication except by text / phone. I will go once or twice a week to a place with wi-fi so email is okay, just not quick. My plan for her is for her to stay in OKC for at least 3 months - before making the long drive home and we have friends who will look in on her when I come for my repatriation visits back to Texas. I will be coming back on Thursday nights to get mail and to cue for SS dances on Friday nights.

Cheers, Walter Brewer"

Please remember Eula and Walter in your prayers, If you want to send cards you can send them to their home here at 813 W. Crossland Blvd. Grand Prairie TX 75052-6546. And he will carry them to her.

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

We all can keep Eula and Walter Brewer in our thoughts and prayers as she recovers from surgery, which she had last week.

Listening Device Information

From Gene and Phyllis Deluke

At our dances, the Swinging Stars are pleased to loan, free of charge, a "listening device" to any requesting dancer. Current inventory is two devices, offered on a first-come first-served basis as each dance starts. To answer questions about the listening device email **gene deluke@hotmail.com** or phone 972-234-2401.

Notice to anyone interested in purchasing a listening device receiver for square or round dancing, Charles Harris has two new William Sound PPA R-37 receivers and one like new used. The new units are priced at \$90.00 and the used one at \$50.00. All units include the earphone. These are17 channel units versus the 3 channel Listen Brand units and have a five year warranty. If you are interested in purchasing a unit, email Charlie Harris at harris0907@sbcglobal.net or phone 214-348-5361.

Web Master Dave Burson

Be sure to check out our web page: www.swingingstars.org

There is a lot of information about what is going on with the Swinging Stars.

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page and click on Weekends.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Sunday Jan 27, 2019 The NTCA Dancer Appreciation Dance Sunday March 17 2019 U.S.O. Benefit Dance Saturday March 30, 2019 Swinging Stars 44th Anniversary Dance

Dave and Lorraine Burson Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-396-0941

See Flyer below





Honey Pot Banner Game

MARDI GRAS

Solo Board Refreshments

February 22, 2019

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

Caller Wayne Baldwin Cuer Walter Brewer



Early Rounds 7:00 Plus Tip 7:45 Grand March 8:00

SAVE THE DATE MARCH 30,2019
SWINGING STARS 44th ANNIVERSARY DANCE
A Starry Night Dancing with the Stars
CALLER WAYNE BALDWIN, GUEST CALLER PAUL COTE
CUER WALTER BREWER

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adult. For Info Contact 469-865-4162 or president@Swingingstars.org



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