



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018*

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**From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:**

It has been a very busy week for the Swinging Stars. On Thursday, the Stars Ladies Luncheon was held at the Chocolate Angel Tea Room in Plano. Attending were Burson, Amy, Mulvin, Pharr, Hamm, Rose, Nejd, Lassiter, Stuart, and Creed-McClaskey. As always, the food was delicious and the company great. Thank you to Sara Mulvin for hosting this month's luncheon.

On Friday night, 17 of us drove out to Southern Junction at the Irving location. What a beautiful facility this is! They have an Alamo façade as a backdrop for the entertainers. Brian Lynn Jones was fabulous and actually introduced himself to our table and recognized our group with a dedication but for some reason he dedicated his song to Russell and the Swingers. Hmmm. The food was delicious and very generous portions seem to be the norm. Almost everyone hit the dance floor which wasn't crowded. Even the girls hit the floor to do line dancing. We do believe the hall employed a ringer dance couple who mesmerized us all of us with their amazing moves and stamina. Andy and Debbie Pizioli (former club members) also joined us. Alas, they are moving to Arizona this summer, but it was great seeing them again. Attending were Burson, Bushell, Evanto, Pizioli, Nejd, Rickert, Mosher, Stewart, and Goebel. Thanks to all for joining us.

Beginner dance lessons (two step) resume on Tuesday night at Carpenter Rec Center. It's not too late to join. See Linda and JL's write below.

Russ and Anne Nejd

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## **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 5<sup>th</sup> dances.***

### **Easy Practice Dances**

Attention all new dancers or dancers needing more floor time and practice. Dixie Chainers is hosting easy mainstream practice dances on Tuesdays 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](mailto:nrmulvin@verizon.net).

Thanks,  
Nevin and Sara Mulvin  
Treasurer Swinging Stars  
972-618-0750  
[nrmulvin@verizon.net](mailto:nrmulvin@verizon.net)

### **Anniversary Dance**

Our anniversary dance is on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 will bring all the sign-up sheets to our dance on Friday night and 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.

## Sad News

Jan Covington's father died last week after a lengthy illness. The private funeral was Friday. The Covingtons are former club presidents. We have not seen much of them lately due to family obligations caring for their ailing parents. If you wish to send a note of condolence to Jan her address is: 1606 Clearbrook Drive, Allen, TX 75002.

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## Happening This Week

**Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Beginner Two Step – JL and Linda Pelton – 7:15-9:15**

**Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> - Swinging Stars Boot Scootin' Boogie – New Dancer Dance – Wayne Baldwin & Christine Hixson – 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:45 PM Plus Tip – 8:00 PM Grand March**

**Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – Tri City Promenaders Winter Wonderland Dance (Dance of Interest) – Paul Kinsey & Chris Farabaugh – 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 8:00 PM Grand March**

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – Winter Fun Rounds (Presented by Harvest Holiday) – Cueing by area instructors 2:00 PM – 5:00PM followed by...**

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – NTCA Dancer Appreciation Dance – Various area callers - 7:30PM**

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## \* \* \* 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report \* \* \*

It was a fun weekend of all types of dancing...including country & western, lines, squares, and rounds. We hope you will join in on the fun this weekend also. Friday is our own Swinging Stars' Boot Scootin' Boogie New Dancer dance with Wayne Baldwin and Christine Hixson. This dance is for both new and seasoned dancers, with or without boots. Saturday is Tri-City Promenaders' Winter Wonderland dance featuring Paul Kinsey and Chris Farabaugh. And Sunday will be a full action day of dancing at the always wonderful Ft. Worth Swingtime Center. First will be the Harvest Holiday Winter Fun Rounds (phases II-IV) and later will be the FREE NTCA Dancer Appreciation Dance ... featuring all the DFW callers and cuers for our dancing pleasure! See the details below under 'Coming Events'.

## Club Visitation

**Red River Rounders January Jewel Round Dance Festival, 19-20Jan18** – Thank you to the 6 Swinging who went to Shreveport, LA for this annual festival. There were early and program rounds Friday and Saturday night cued by area cuers and featured visiting clinicians Karen and Ed Gloodt. There were several teaches by the Gloodts: a two-step Friday night, as well as a jive, a waltz, a bolero, and a foxtrot on Saturday. There was a little something for everyone to chew on...the finer points of round dancing and homemade delicious eats to sustain the dancers. This festival has a very friendly relaxed down home feel and the Red River Rounders did a great job. The visiting Swinging Stars included: the Bondis, Perrotts, and the Pitts.

**Rebel Rousers Rock Around the Clock, 20Jan18** – Thank you to the 15 Swinging Stars who visited the Rebel Rousers Saturday night. This was a special dance featuring guest caller Scott Bennett. Early rounds and rounds between tips were cued by Christine Hixson and squares were called by the always challenging, entertaining, and speedy calling of Scott Bennett. Thanks to Ron See for sharing this report.

## 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 – 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: 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: 7:30PM  
Location: Swingtime Center  
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth  
Note: Admission is FREE

## Other Events

### 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 Bergesen. 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 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Dance

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

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Swinging Stars 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Dance

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For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org) and click on Weekends.

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Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at [llhamm45@gmail.com](mailto: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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