



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 28th, 2018

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Friday night was our last club dance in which we served as club presidents. On February 1st, the new board will assume their duties. I know we speak for the whole board when we say it has been an honor and a privilege to serve you. Russ and I have been blessed with working with an outstanding team and club. Many thanks to the Bergesens, the Pitts, the Moshers, and the Mulvins for their service and attention to detail. We know the new board is very capable and will work hard to make our club a continued success.

Friday night's dance was so awesome! There were 133 dancers including 64 visitors. Having a full dance floor, made the dance special for us. The refreshment team rose to the occasion having an abundance of delicious food to feed the army of dancers who attended. Wendy really did a great job of decorating with horses and homemade signs. Way to go Wendy! Thank you to the refreshment team: Perrott, Goebel, Evanto and Nestor.

Our NORTEX area vice presidents, the von Mindens, awarded our club its 740 and 760 club visitation patches. We sure are a club that visits as several of our club members racked up impressive visitation awards too.

Here is a breakdown of our visitors:

Rebel Rousers	22	Texas Reelers	18	Kissin Kuzzins	12
Dixie Chainers	3	Triangle Squares	1	Model A's	1
Plus 4's	2	Circle I	1	Tri City Promenaders	2
Independents	1	Students	1	Swinging Stars	67

We had quite a few new dancers at the dance too who did amazingly well following Wayne's direction. The dance floor was packed with round dancers too who danced to Christine Hixson. Some of us in JL and Linda's beginner round dance class were able to dance a tip or two. What a fun dance it was!

Finally I want to point out a mistake in the Promenade should you have already received your copy. There is a mistake in the Promenade on Page 3. This page shows the Rebel Rouser Double Deal Dance to be on 2/18/18. **IT SHOULD READ 2/17/18.**

Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

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

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 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.

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

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 will bring continue to bring all the sign-up sheets to our club dances. Slots are filling up but there are still some 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.

News about Wolfie

Charles Wolfe who is an honorary member of our club and NORTEX photographer, was hospitalized earlier this week at Baylor. He is waiting for a diagnosis pending test results, but he is back home with Anna and feeling much better. Anyone wishing to send a card to Wolfie and send to this address: Charles Wolfe, 5000 Old Shepard Place, Plano, TX 75093.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, January 30th – Beginner Two Step – JL and Linda Pelton – 7:15-9:15

Wednesday, January 31st – Plus 4's (All Plus Dance) – Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM

Friday, February 2nd – Texas Reelers Groundhog Shadow Dance – Deborah Carroll-Jones & Chris Farabaugh – 7:300 PM Early Rounds –8:00 PM Grand March

**Saturday, February 3rd – Circle I Super Bowl Party Dance – Ray Savell & Chris Farabaugh – 6:40 PM
Line Dancing – 7:00 PM Workshop – 7:30 PM Grand March**

* * * 2nd VP Report * * *

This is our last 2nd VP report as our term in office has come to an end. It has been fun supporting the Swinging Stars this past year and trekking with many of you near and far on the nearly 80 visitations we scheduled on the club calendar. We are fortunate to have Ron and Donita See stepping in as the incoming 2nd VPs. Thank you all for helping keep square and round dancing so alive in the DFW area!

This weekend was a full of dancing – the reports for today’s two dances will be in next week’s newsletter since they are too late in the day to make it into this newsletter. This coming first weekend of February presents us with two dance opportunities. Friday night is an OFFICIAL visitation to the Texas Reelers for their Groundhog Shadow Dance. Saturday night is a visit to Circle I for their Super Bowl Party Dance. Please note Circle I’s new earlier dance times!

Club Visitation

Tri-City Promenaders Winter Wonderland Dance, 27Jan18 – Thank you to the 6 Swinging who visited the Promenaders Saturday night in Hurst. Chris Farabaugh started the evening with a nice selection of Phase IV pre-rounds that morphed into fun early rounds before veteran club call, Paul Kinsey, belted out a really fun plus tip. His plus tip consisted of a 20 minute pattern full of surprises followed by a shorter singing call. In the rounds between tips Chris cued quite a few energetic and fun tunes keeping the dance floor hopping. The rest of Paul’s mainstream tips were also energetic and packed with fun choreography. This was the dancing place to be Saturday night in the Metroplex – the Promenaders were great hosts. The visiting Swinging Stars included: the Evantos, Pitts, and Sees.

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 7 Swinging Stars banners in our possession and 2 are 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	Texas Reelers	26-Jan-2018
Circle I	05-Aug-2017	Rebel Rousers	26-Jan-2018
Dixie Chainers	26-Aug-2017		
Triangle Squares	30-Sep-2017		
Lone Star Solos	30-Nov-2017		

Coming Events

Texas Reelers – Groundhog Shadow Dance (OFFICIAL)

Date: Friday, 02Feb18
Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson

Circle I – Super Bowl Party Dance

Date: Saturday, 03Feb18
Caller: Ray Savell
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: LD-6:40PM, WS – 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM
Location: Senter Park East
228 Chamberlain Drive, Irving

Swinging Stars – Club Dance

Date: Friday, 09Feb18
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: WS – 7:00PM, PL – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano

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Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER – 7:00PM, PL – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano

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).

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

February 23 – **Hardin**, Elliott, Gifford, Nejd (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!):

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 Nejd

Swinging Stars Presidents

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Swinging Stars

Celebrates



Honey Pot
Banner Game

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Solo Board
Refreshments

February 23, 2018

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

Caller Wayne Baldwin
Guest Cuer Chris Farabaugh



Early Rounds 7:00
Plus Tip 7:45
Grand March 8:00
Hot Hash After Last Tip

SAVE THE DATE MARCH 23, 2018
SWINGING STARS 43rd ANNIVERSARY DANCE
(THE STARS OF TEXAS ARE UPON YOU WESTERN BALL)
CALLER WAYNE BALDWIN, GUEST CALLER TIM TYL,
GUEST CUER CHRISTINE HIXSON

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adult.
For Info Contact 972-396-0941 or president @Swingingstars.org



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