



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for October 1st, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Welcome to Fall! This may seem early to mention it but the 2017 Round-Up is just around the corner from Saturday, October 21st and 22nd at the Grapevine Convention Center with all day dancing on Saturday and Sunday morning. Friday night, October 20th is the Callers Cavalcade. The theme is Rock Around the Clock so ladies get out you poodle skirts. On Saturday, there is every kind of dance you could want to do or see from line dancing, round dancing at all levels, high energy squares, plus, all position mainstream, and Old Tyme Squares. There is even a student dance from 11:00-11:55 AM. There is something for everyone. There is food and beverages for sale. Vendors will be on hand to sell everything from shoes & boots, ladies wear and jewelry. And there is the drawing for those wonderful featured prizes including the Caribbean cruise on Saturday night. You can also enter to win the many door prizes each club has donated to the event including that beautiful handmade quilt Lorraine Burson provided on behalf of our club. Dancing continues into Sunday morning with a non-denomination devotional service followed by the NTCA Trail Out Dance. Isn't this a wonderful way to spend the weekend? We hope you will all join us for at least some time at this weekend. Our NORTEX officers have worked very hard on this dance and we hope you will show everyone how well the Swinging Stars support their commitment to this dance. So save the date!

Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

Fall Mainstream Lessons – Tuesdays, September 5th to December 19th, 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM

Our fall lessons are progressing very well at Carpenter Rec Center. We have had 2 couples decide not to take lessons so we are down to 7 couples who are all outstanding dancers with previous dance experience. We can tell Wayne is really enjoying working with this group who catch on so easily to everything he calls. We are still limited in the number of angels the park district will allow us so please do not come to lessons to angel. Russ and I have evaluated several promising facilities our future lessons which will be next fall. There will be no January lessons. If you have any suggestions for a place to host lessons, please let us know so we can evaluate our options. Luckily we have plenty of time to make our decision. The picture below is our class and angels minus Russ who took the picture.



Fall Round Dance Lessons (submitted by JL & Linda Pelton)

Our Refresher Round Dance Lessons have started and we currently have three couples from Swinging Stars, three from Kizzin' Kuzzins along with a couple of other dancers. Because of the wide variety of rhythm knowledge, we started out working on Rumba figures which are incorporated in a Bob Heath dance called Amafidia. Our plan is to work a few weeks on a rhythm, and then move on to a different square dance level rhythm depending on the class choice. It's not too late to join us. Please contact Linda or JL Pelton if you have questions or want to join the class. These classes are on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Plano Senior Center at 401 W. 16th Street just off the south access road of 75 and north of George Bush.

If you are wondering about the next set of basic lessons at Carpenter, we will be teaching Beginning Two Step starting in January. We have asked to move from Tuesdays to avoid the conflict with square dance lessons, but we are not yet sure what day we will have for class. We will update the club as soon as we have more information.

Save the Date

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 12th at 3PM at Spring Creek BBQ in Addison for our semi-annual club meeting. More information will follow.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee for next year's slate of officers has formed with the Hamms as chairs and the Trujillos and the Mulvins as committee members. Please let them know if you are interested in serving on the board next year. The committee will be contacting potential candidates for each office and we will vote on the slate of officers at the semi-annual meeting in November.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, October 3rd – Mainstream Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM

Wednesday, October 4th – Plus 4's – Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM All Plus

Thursday, October 5th – Roadrunners – Dip it in Decadent Chocolate Dance (Dance of Interest) – Nelda Eaton & Karen Glodt – 6:45 PM Early Rounds – 7:00 PM Workshop – 7:30 PM Grand March

Friday, October 6th – Texas Reelers October Fest – Dave Viera & Chris Farabaugh – 7:30 PM Early Rounds – 8:00 PM Grand March

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By Bob and Terri Pitts

THANKS to all 25 of the Swinging Stars who travelled to Denton for the Sock Hop Friday night. It was grrrrreat to get our banner and theirs too and have a faaaabulous time while doing it! And thank you also to the Swinging Stars to ventured out to Ft. Worth for the phenomenal Rainbow Rounds' anniversary dance – it was a blast.

This coming week features a Thursday Dance of Interest ... Roadrunners' Double Deal Dip It in Decadent Chocolate Dance with Nelda Eaton calling and Karen Gloodt cueing. Friday is another Dance of Interest ... Texas Reelers' Octoberfest featuring Dave Vieira and Chris Farabaugh. Saturday is open on our calendar, but Circle I and Log Cabin Swingers are both hosting dances if your toes want more dancing. Note: the visitation calendar is a little lighter this month because of the Round-Up festivities, but we will mention other dances in case you feel like Ever Ready Bunnies this month.

As always, you are welcome to send BRIEF visitation write ups for inclusion in the newsletters.

Recent Club Visitations

Harvest Holiday Autumn Fun Rounds, Sunday, 24Sep – Thank you to the 15 Swinging Stars who joined the Harvest Holidays Round dancing club for their Phase II-IV dance at Swingtime Center Sunday. Many area cuers brought their wares and entertained us with a wonderful assortment of choreographed ballroom dances covering many rhythms. Cuers included David Berling, Barb Yeargan, Walter Brewer, Christine Hixon, Chris Farabaugh, Jack Von der Heide, Karen Gloodt, and JL Pelton.

Triangle Squares Schmitz at the Hop, Friday, 29Sep – Thank you to the 25 Swinging Stars who trekked to Denton Friday night for their annual Schmitz dance. The Schmitz dance was a boat load of fun. Jon and Deborah Carroll-Jones, and Toby Thomason kept us hopping in the squares and Chris Farabaugh provided us with some swinging tunes from the past and a contra-style circle dance. We retrieved our banner and brought home a Triangle Squares banner from their dance!

Rainbow Rounds 25th Anniversary dance, Saturday, 30Sep – Thank you to the 10 Swinging Stars who went to Swingtime Center Saturday night for their 25th anniversary dance. Karen Gloodt started the evening off with more than an hour of early rounds including several Phase IV rumbas, foxtrots, and waltzes from her awesome collection. Then Deborah Carroll-Jones took the stage with crowd pleasing mainstream and plus tips including a few very fast patters that kept the crowd hopping. Jon Jones joined her for one of their favorite duets. I liked Deborah's plus medley that begins with the Flight of the Bumblebee. It was a romantic evening with the Rainbow Rounds club featuring low lights and over the top decorations including orbies and mini light strings.

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.

Other Clubs' Banners on our Wall		Swinging Stars' Banners Out	
Club	Date Captured	Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	25-Mar-2017	Lone Star Solos	31-Mar-2017
Log Cabin Swingers	06-May-2017	Ft. Worth Squares	29-Jul-2017
Texas Reelers	04-Aug-2017	Kissin' Kuzzins	22-Sep-2017
Circle I	05-Aug-2017	Rebel Rousers	22-Sep-2017
Dixie Chainers	26-Aug-2017		
Triangle Squares	30-Sep-2017		

Coming Events

Roadrunners – Dip it in Decadent Chocolate (Double Deal Dance)

Date: Thursday, 05Oct17
Caller: Nelda Eaton
Cuer: Karen Gloodt
Time: ER – 6:45PM, WS – 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

Texas Reelers – Octoberfest

Date: Friday, 06Oct17
Caller: Dave Vieira
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX

Swinging Stars – Sock Hop – Workshop

Date: Friday, 13Oct17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: WS – 7:00PM, PL – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

Rebel Rousers / Dixie Chainers – Fall Festival Friendship

Date: Saturday, 14Oct17
Callers: Mike Bramlett / Vernon Jones
Cuers: Christine Hixson / Jack von der Heide
Time: PL – 6:30PM, ER – 7:00PM, MSW-7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX

NTCA Callers Calvacade

Date: Friday, 20Oct17
Callers: Area callers and Dan Nordbye
Cuer: Area cuers
Time: New Cuer Presentation – 7:00PM, ER – 7:15PM, GM – 7:50PM
Location: Grapevine Convention Center
1209 Main St., Grapevine, TX

Round-Up 2017 – Rock Around the Clock (Double Deal)

Date: Saturday, 21Oct17
Staff Callers: Dan Nordbye, Vernon Jones, and Tim Tyl
Staff Cuers: Christine Hixson, Karen Gloodt
Line Dance: Chris Farabaugh
Time: 9:00AM – 11:30PM – see schedule on NORTEX website
Location: Grapevine Convention Center
1209 Main St., Grapevine, TX

Round-Up 2017 – Trail Out Dance

Date: Sunday, 22Oct17
Time: Non-Denominational Devotional Service – 9:00AM, dance – 9:30AM-11:00AM
Location: Grapevine Convention Center
1209 Main St., Grapevine, TX

Swinging Stars – Early Rounds

Date: Friday, 27Oct17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: WS – 7:00PM, PL – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

Other Events

October Ladies' Luncheon – Into My Garden Tea Room

Lorraine Burson is the hostess for the month of October. Lorraine has chosen Into My Garden Tea Room to be on October 19th at 11.30. Into My Garden is located at 1726 Avenue K at 18th street. It is the second building on the east side of Avenue K south of 18th street. If you turn east at 18th street and turn in behind the two buildings you can park there. Lunch is served in the quaint surroundings filled with frills & flowers. To view the lunch menu, go to www.intomygarden.com. Please let Lorraine know if you are planning to attend by October 17, at Lorraine@Bursons.us or 972-396-0941. Hope to see you all there!

Refreshments Duty and Information

Contact Karen Hawkins for problems or questions regarding refreshments @ or text: 214-537-0446 (Karen's cell phone). Each team member is to pick up a refreshment bag at the dance prior to their refreshment duty date. Teams are responsible for ice and 5 tablecloths which may be purchased at any dollar store. If you need any supplies, contact Jan Bergesen). Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Bergesen's.

October 13 – **Estep**, Jung, Kern, Reid (Theme – Sock Hop)

October 27 – **Amy**, Rickert, Covington, Trujillo

November 10 – **Deluke**, Jimison, Kilejian, Whipple (Theme – Honor Our Veterans)

December 8 – **Bondi**, Biven, Feldman, Stewart (Theme – Good Samaritan)

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

October 21 & 22 – 2017 Round-Up

November 12, 2017 – Semi Annual Club Meeting

December 1, 2017 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party

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

Solo Board
Available

Sock Hop

Shoes Optional
(Sox required)



October 13, 2017

Shepherd Elementary 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, TX

Caller Wayne Baldwin

Cuer Walter Brewer



Mainstream workshop 7:00

Plus Workshop 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip



72.9 MHz

Honey Pot Refreshments Banner Game Fun Fellowship

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

For Info 972-964-5979 or president@swingingstars.org

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