

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for October 15th, 2017

From Russ and Anne NejdI, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Wow! What a wonderful dance we had on Friday night. The poodle skirts were in attendance along with rolled up jeans, untucked shirts with the collars turned up and of course the white T-shirts. It seemed like most got in the spirit of our sock hop, including Wayne who came in character and called some of our favorite 50's songs. Walter did an outstanding job of mixing in some 50's tunes also. Thank you to Kathy Mosher for helping me put up the decorations that we borrowed from Pat Cadenhead of the Triangle Squares. The refreshment team went way overboard with their tasty delights. Thank you to Estep, Pelton, Kern and Bivens for all the care you showed in the food you prepared. JL has shared his recipe for Linda's homemade crisp peanut butter cookies so be sure to read the whole newsletter to see the recipe.

We had a total of 73 in attendance on Friday night with 63 Swinging Stars:

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| Circle I | 1 | Kissin' Kuzzins | 2 | Triangle Squares | 2 |
| Plus 4's | 2 | Texas Reelers | 2 | Independents | 1 |



Our next club dance on Friday, October 27th is not an advertised dance, but several suggested we have a Halloween dance and encourage members and visitors to come in costume. There will even be a contest for the best costumes with "high quality" prizes.

There are only 2 more club dances before our Holiday Party on December 1st. It is not too soon to send your money in to Betty Wheaton. Betty will also be at the next two dances so you can hand it to her directly.

Russ and Anne NejdI

Announcements

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

Lessons continue to go well. Wayne is most impressed with our student couples. They have learned to circulate from every position which is really a DVD move, but these students can master anything. Only one couple has never danced before but they are keeping up. The whole group has a lot of enthusiasm for dancing.

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

Our Refresher Round Dance Lessons have been going well. In addition to Amafidia, the class has now learned Just Another Woman in Love. For those who have had Rumba in the past, they are learning a dance and learning technique for executing the figures. For those who have never had Rumba before, they are being exposed to the figures, but haven't really assimilated the figure. A bit of explanation -- when we teach "basic lessons", we teach the figures and provide practice for our students using "hash" where the figures are cued in different orders, and the student react to the cue, just like in square dancing when a call is given, students learn to react and execute that figure in a timely manner.

Our Refresher Basics class includes dancers who know the figures and just need practice as well as those who have not yet "learned" the figure. Hence, those new to a rhythm dancers are learning the figures in a dance, but have not yet fully assimilated the cue and the execution of that cue. Therefore, they cannot yet "dance" to the cues and be able to just dance a dance at the square dance level. As we continue with this class, since we are still "teaching/explaining" the figures, they will eventually learn to dance to the cues in whatever order. It will just take longer for them to get to that point in their dance journey.

We started working on Cha Cha this past week with a dance that has the same Rumba figures that was in the two Rumbas already taught. That dance is called Love is Strange.

We will be working a few weeks on a rhythm, and then move on to a different round 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.

Club Holiday Party (submitted by Linda Harris)

Swinging Stars Holiday Party -- Holiday Party!! Friday December 1st, Haggard Party Barn.

If you have not registered yet, please do so now! Get your money in early! \$42.00 per couple.

The Evening includes catered BBQ dinner with all the fixins', beer and margaritas, dancing and fun. You can mail your check PAYABLE to Betty Wheaton 6102 Lakeshore Dr, Rowlett, TX 75089. Or you can bring cash or your check (payable to Betty) to an upcoming dance. Thank you Betty for your continued support.

Holiday Cash Gift for Custodial Support Staff Shepard Custodians (Miguel and Gabriel) continue to support our club needs for dances. Please be generous and contribute to their Holiday Cash Gift from the Swinging Stars. Last year we were able to raise \$300. We need your support to match that again this year! Linda and Charlie will have a donation box available at our upcoming dances/events so please help Thank you!

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is still working on the slate of officers for the 2018 board. Thank you to the Hamms, the Trujillos and the Mulvins for serving on this committee. This can be a difficult decision to make if you are asked to serve. Many of us have served multiple times on the board in different positions but I can tell you it

has been very rewarding serving you and supporting the club. We are so fortunate to have helpful ex-board members to mentor new officers so help is always there when you need it. The board sets the direction for the upcoming year. If you have ideas you would like to implement, consider serving on the board and have a voice.

4th Quarter Dues are Due (submitted by Nevin Mulvin)

Please note that the 4th Qtr. Dues are due at the next Swinging Stars Square Dance or mail your check made out to the Swinging Stars to our current treasurer Nevin R Mulvin at 3409 Eisenhower Lane, Plano TX 75023-3933.

The dues are \$45.00 per couple per quarter.

Thanks,

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The Pelton Crisp Peanut Butter Cookie Recipe (Submitted by JL)

Crisp Peanut Butter Cookies

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| 1 Cup Margarine (I used Shortening) | 1 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract (I used Penzey's Double Strength) |
| 1 Cup Peanut Butter (Crunchy or Smooth) | 1 Teaspoon Baking Powder |
| 1 Cup Sugar | 1 Teaspoon Baking Soda |
| 1 Cup Firmly Packed Brown Sugar | 1 Teaspoon Salt |
| 2 Eggs beaten | |
| 2 ½ Cups Flour | |

Stir together margarine, peanut butter and sugars until blended. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt over sugar mixture. Stir until well blended. If necessary chill dough until it can be easily handled. Shape dough into 1 inch balls. Place about 2 inches apart on greased baking sheet or ungreased nonstick sheet. Flatten with fork making crosswise pattern. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 – 12 minutes or until slightly browned. Makes 6 dozen (2 inch) cookies.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, October 17th – Mainstream Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM

Wednesday, October 18th – Plus 4's – All Plus Dance – Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM

**Friday, October 20th – NTCA Caller's Cavalcade (Official)- 7:00 PM New Cuer Presentation – 7:15 PM
Early Rounds – 7:30 PM Grand March**

Saturday, October 21st – Round-Up “Rock Around the Clock” (Official) – Dan Nordbye, Vernon Jones and Tim Tyl on Squares, Christine Hixson and Karen Glodt on Rounds – 9:00 AM to 10:30. See page 11 of the Promenade for Schedule

Sunday, October 22nd – Round-Up “Rock Around the Clock” (Official) – 9:00 AM Non-Denominational Devotional Services – 9:30 AM Trail Out Dance – 11:00 AM See You Next Year

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By Bob and Terri Pitts

Well...this coming weekend is the big, fun packed, not to be missed Rock Around the Clock (literally) NORTEX Roundup weekend with all our fellow clubs! We hope to see all of you there dancing at Callers Cavalcade Friday night, then Saturday morning through afternoon including line dancing, workshops, hot hash, DBD, new dancer dance, round dance teaches, vendor shopping, continuing with Saturday night's program including early rounds, and square and round dance tips, and finally concluding with Sunday morning service and more square dancing. Have a good week and rest up to be in top shape for all the festive dancing this weekend!

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

Recent Club Visitations

Log Cabin Swingers, 07Oct17 – This visitation included an afternoon session and an evening session. The afternoon session was 7-tips of Plus level square dancing. A "star tip" with A2 square dance movements finished the afternoon session. Several of the dancers and the caller then went to a local family style restaurant for dinner. The evening session included early rounds dancing, 4-tips of mainstream square dancing, 2-tips of plus level square dancing, and 5-tips of phase-2 thru phase-5 round dancing. Another "star" tip featuring A2 square dance movements concluded the evening session. The nationally known square dance caller was Tom Roper who was en-route to Mesa, AZ for his annual 6-month fall thru early spring dance program. The round dance cuer was Fred Ayers from east Texas. The evening dance also was a promotion for Nortex Round-Up and Callers Cavalcade. The dancers included members from several clubs, Nortex officers, and local square dance callers.

Harvest Holiday Phase 4-6, 08Oct17 – Thank you to the 4 Swinging Stars who went to Ft. Worth for the Phase IV-VI round dance with Harvest Holiday Sunday afternoon. JL Pelton cued the first hour followed by many other area cuers including: Jack Kinney, Ron Webb, Karen Gloodt, and Christine Hixson

Rebel Rousers / Dixie Chainers – Fall Festival Friendship, 14Oct17 – Thank you to the 21 Swinging Stars who attended this friendship dance. This dance was extremely well attended with more than 150 dancers on the floor. The calling was lively and we particularly liked the harmonizing that Vernon, Mike, Christine and Jack did at the end of the dance. We had no idea that cuers knew how to call a square dance. We retrieved our banner from the Rebel Rousers and got theirs. The Dixie Chainers wanted to give us a banner, but we already had theirs. The Swinging Stars who attended this dance were:

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 | |
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| 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 | | |
| Dixie Chainers | 26-Aug-2017 | | |
| Triangle Squares | 30-Sep-2017 | | |
| Rebel Rousers | 22-Oct-2017 | | |

Coming Events

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 (Halloween Dance)

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 27 – **Amy**, Rickert, Covington, Trujillo (Theme – Halloween)

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

December 8 – **Bondi**, Reid or Jung? 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 Honoring Veterans

Friday, November 10th

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

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Guest Cuer: JL Pelton

Mainstream Workshop: 7:00

Plus Workshop 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip



Thank you to American Legion Post 321 for posting the colors

Our November 25th Dance will be canceled because of Thanksgiving
Dancers Under 18 dance for free when accompanied with paying adults

Singles Rotation board is available for Tip and Dance Partner choice

For info: 972-634-5979 or President@swingingstars.org

Visit our Web Site: swingingstars.org



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