



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017*

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

Russ and I have spent the weekend in Grapevine attending the NTCA Caller Cavalcade & the NORTEX Round-up dance. A number of Swinging Stars were in attendance and some even stayed at the Comfort Inn over the weekend as we did. It was a fun weekend filled with lively, high energy dancing and great fellowship with members of other clubs. It is too bad none of our students in the current class could attend the new dancer dance on Saturday morning. They all just had too many commitments and couldn't attend. The highlight of the dance for us was when Nick arrived in character with curled colored hair, white T shirt, and rolled up jeans. What a hoot! By the way, the Stewarts won one of the grand prizes and we understand they chose to attend the Winter Plus Festival in Waco in January. Congratulations to Nick and Diane - we know you will have a wonderful weekend.

Last Thursday, 8 Swinging Stars ladies attended Into My Garden tea room restaurant. We all enjoyed delicious food and really cute mismatched china. In attendance were Elliott, Hardin, Lassiter, Pharr, Bivins, Burson, Harris, and Nejd. Thank you, Lorraine for arranging this ladies luncheon.

Our next club dance on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 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 I am sure you would all love to win.

There are only 2 more club dances before our Holiday Party on December 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 Nejd

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## **Announcements**

**Fall Mainstream Lessons – Tuesdays, September 5<sup>th</sup> to December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM**

We keep mentioning how great this class is because they are. All but one couple has had dance experience and they all continue to amaze and astonish us as to how quickly they pick up all the new calls. We know Wayne is very pleased with their progress.

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

A quick update for Basic Refresher Lessons -- Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Plano Senior Center

At the end of the first month of lessons, the class was able to dance Islands in the Stream Rumba to cues. That ability is what we strive for in class -- for the dancers to be able to know the figures well enough that they are able to dance a dance to the cues even though they have never heard the dance.

In the last two weeks the class has been working on Cha Cha which builds on the Rumba skills refreshed in September. Dances worked on included Love is Strange and Chattanooga Cha Cha with additional teaching on these figures: Chase Full Turn and the Switch Family (Switch Cross and Switch Rock).

This past Saturday we were dark -- as everyone in the class was attending NORTEX Roundup. Hope everyone got a chance to practice some of their newly refreshed skills. And remember -- It's never too later to join us even mid-session, but contact Linda or JL to talk about it first so they know you are coming.

## **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!

## **Officers for 2018 Board**

The nominating committee has been working hard canvassing club members about possible leadership positions on the board. We understand progress has been made, but we still have a few positions to fill. We must have our full slate of candidates in time for the November semi-annual club meeting. Please consider serving if you are asked. Thank you to the Hamms, the Trujillos and the Mulvins for helping on the committee.

## **4<sup>th</sup> 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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## Save the Date

Our club's semi-annual club meeting will be on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at the Addison Spring Creek BBQ (14941 Midway Rd, Addison). I have reserved the back room. Agendas and minutes from the last meeting, financial reports and officer reports will be sent out prior to the meeting. Please try to attend. We will be voting on the new officers for the club and have some other things we would need to discuss.

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## Happening This Week

**Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – Mainstream Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM**

**Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – Swinging Stars Halloween Dance - 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:45 All Plus - 8:00 PM Grand March**

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

### By Bob and Terri Pitts

Wow, what a fun-filled square and round dance weekend we had!!!! Round up was SO MUCH fun. We thoroughly enjoyed the very, very creative 'Star Trek' squares Saturday afternoon. Line dancing and round dance teaches were offered at all different dance levels to 'round out' the FULL dancing experience. The Sunday Trail out dance featured gospel smooth peaceful squares and round dancing, and by then most of us had on our flat shoes to give our feet a break after so much dancing! NORTEX did a great job on this dance. Thanks to everyone who helped support this dance and came out to have an amazing time!

This Friday is our Swinging Stars' HALLOWEEN-themed dance and we hope you all will get into the spirit in some way and have fun with it. This Saturday is open on our calendar. There are a couple advertised dance options ... Dixie Chainers' Oktoberfest and Tri-City Promenaders' Autumn dance (details for both are listed in the Promenade on page 22).

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

## Recent Club Visitations

**CENTEX Round Dance Weekend, 13-15Oct17** – Thank you to the 4 Swinging Stars who went to La Grange, TX for the annual CENTEX Phase III-V round dance weekend. We had a great weekend in the hill country dancing to the cueing of George Hurd, Mark Prow, Barbara Yeargan, and Jack Kinney. There were two teaches on Saturday by clinicians George and Pamela Hurd: a Ph. V+2 bolero called "Solitaire" and a fast Ph. V+1 cha called "She Bangs". Both were full of unique choreography.

**NTCA Callers Cavalcade, 20Oct17** – Thank you to the 26 Swinging Stars who attended the Callers Cavalcade on Friday night. We have tried to list everyone we saw over the 3 dance days and hope we didn't miss anybody but let us know if so. This was night was filled with dancing to old and well as new callers and cuers and kicked off the weekend festivities. Jon Jones told us all that we are not clapping enough for our fine callers (this goes for our cuers as well). We've got to say we agree on that important point.

**2017 NORTEX Round-Up, 21Oct17** – Thank you to the 27 Swinging Stars who danced in Grapevine at Round-Up 2017. Dan Nordbye, Vernon Jones, Tim Tyl, Christine Hixson, Karen Gloodt, and Chris Farabaugh worked together to give us a very special day of dancing. There were ALL kinds of dancing Saturday which included: line dancing, high energy, mainstream, plus, and DBD squares, and many phases of round dancing with teaches and request rounds. We'd have to say Dan Nordbye and Tim Tyl provided exceptionally entertaining plus square dancing fun and took us where we had not been before.

**NTCA Trail Out dance, 22Oct17** – Thank you to the 9 Swinging Stars who joined the inspirational dance Sunday morning. The gospel squares called by Bobby Willis, Vernon Jones, and Dave Vieira were much appreciated and enjoyed by all. And John and Shirley Currie joined then on stage for a tip too! The round dancing cued by Christine Hixson and Karen Gloodt featured smooth peaceful gospel tunes that put smiles on the dancers' faces. This was a great dance and we are SO glad we went. Fabulous, fabulous, fabulous way to cap off a great weekend. We got a Swinging Stars' club signature for this dance as well... Way to go Stars!

### 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		
Dixie Chainers	26-Aug-2017		
Triangle Squares	30-Sep-2017		
Rebel Rousers	14-Oct-2017		

### Coming Events

#### 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

### November Ladies Luncheon - Hash House A Go Go, 08Nov17

It is going to be fun to attend this month's pick for the Ladies Luncheon. Mary Hardin is the hostess and has chosen a new venue for us to try. The date is Nov 8, 2017 at 11:30. I am looking forward to this new (to us) restaurant. It is a hip chain serving creative, market-fresh American brunches & dinners, plus their signature Bloody Marys. It faces Park Blvd. across the street from the Blue Goose. Located in Preston Park Village at 1900 Preston Rd #343, Plano, TX. Please RSVP to Mary Hardin by November 6th at [mrhardin39@gmail.com](mailto:mrhardin39@gmail.com) so she will have ample time to confirm our reservations. Check out their menu by going to [www.hashhouseagogo.com](http://www.hashhouseagogo.com). I hope this is a better date for everyone, since later in the month everyone will be thinking about Thanksgiving. We hope to see all of you there.

### Refreshments Duty and 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 Bergeson. 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).

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

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

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

January 12 – **Rose**, Edwards, Mosher, and Romans

January 26 – **Evanto**, Elliott, Nestor, and Perrott

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

November 12, 2017 – Semi Annual Club Meeting

December 1, 2017 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party

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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 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](mailto:President@swingingstars.org)

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