

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for October 29th, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

I hope you all had as much fun as Russ and I did at our club dance on Friday night. We so enjoyed all the costumes our visitors and club members wore. Some notable examples were – Flo from the Progressive commercials, Snow White and Prince Charming, Mickie and Minnie Mouse, several disco dancers, a witch, a farmer, a German Fraulein and her Herr, two “Balloonologists”, a nun, and Russ’s Square Dance man. The Mulvins were especially cute in their brown trash bags and came as Hershey’s M&M’s. Hope we didn’t miss mentioning any costumes – there were so many cute costumes and a hard choice for the winners which is why we used two impartial judges. Here are their selections for winning costumes:



Funniest – Candy Chef



Most Original Bacon and Eggs



Scariest – Count Dracula



Best Couple – Pirate & Wench

Thank you to the outstanding refreshments by the refreshment team – P. Amy, Trujillo, and Rickerts. The Covingtons were unable to attend, but sent on their share of the refreshments. We noticed there was hardly anything left at the end of the dance.

We had 92 in attendance including 67 Swinging Stars:

Rebel Rousers	5	Circle I	1	Harvest Holiday	2
Texas Reelers	14	Independents	1	Lone Star Solos	2

There is only 1 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 dance so you can hand it to her directly.

Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

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

Amazing is the word that comes to mind when we see our students in this class. Wayne has now taught them 50 calls and they are way ahead of schedule. He is teaching them moves from all positions and this week they learned wheel around. Wayne is having a lot of fun with this class.

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

Thank you to our outstanding nominating committee: Ralph and Lucy Hamm, Chris and Merry Trujillo, and Nevin and Sara Mulvin for their dedication finding our club a slate of officers for 2018. We will be voting on the selections at our club meeting on November 12th, but here are the members who agreed to serve. Thank you incoming officers for supporting the club.

President:	Dave and Lorraine Burson
First Vice President	Walt and Diana Whipple
Second Vice President	Ron and Donita See
Secretary	Peter and Jeanne Rickert
Treasurer	Charlie and Linda Harris

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,

Nevin and Sara Mulvin
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Save the Dates

Our club's semi-annual club meeting will be on Sunday, November 12th 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.

We had a flyer out on the table at our last dance Save the Date for the Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance. The theme will be "The Stars of Texas Are upon You Western Ball" on March 23, 2018. Mark your calendars and plan to be there.

Demo Dance

We have been asked by the Heritage at Twin Creeks nursing home in Allen on 920 Stockton (behind Jimmy John's) to do a demo square dance for their residents on Tuesday, Halloween at 1PM to entertain these seniors. They have agreed to pay for a caller and we will have Wayne Baldwin calling. We know we will not get any new members from this demo, but it would be nice to brighten up some senior's day with the joy of our dancing. They have asked if we could get some of their more mobile residents involved. Please let me know if you can help us.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, October 31st – Mainstream Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM

Wednesday, November 1st – Plus 4's (All Plus) – Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Friday, November 3rd – Kissin' Kuzzins Yellow Rose of Texas (Dance of Interest) - Wayne Baldwin & JL Pelton - 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:30 PM – Square Dance Workshop- 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, November 4th – Circle I Veterans Day Salute (Dance of Interest) – Ray Savell & Chris Farabaugh – 7:10 PM Line Dancing – 7:30 PM Workshop - 8:00 PM Grand March

Sunday, November 5th – NORTEX Quarterly Meeting – 2:00 PM – Swingtime Center

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By Bob and Terri Pitts

It was a quiet post-Swinging Stars club dance this Halloween weekend. We didn't have a Saturday visitation on the calendar and no one sent us a write up. But we think our club dance made up for it – the costumes were GREAT this year!

This coming weekend has some fun dance opportunities. On the club calendar, we have the Kissin' Kuzzins on Friday for a Yellow Rose of Texas dance and on Saturday night Circle I is having a Veteran's Day Salute dance. And there is a NORTEX quarterly meeting on Sunday – check the Promenade for details. We hope to see you in a square this weekend.

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

Club Visitations

None to 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.

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
Circle I	05-Aug-2017	Kissin' Kuzzins	22-Sep-2017
Dixie Chainers	26-Aug-2017	Texas Reelers	27-Oct-2017
Triangle Squares	30-Sep-2017		
Rebel Rousers	14-Oct-2017		

Coming Events

Kissin' Kuzzins – Yellow Rose of Texas Dance

Date: Friday, 03Nov17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: ER – 7:00PM, WS – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Garland Senior Activity Center
600 Avenue A, Garland

Circle I – Veterans Day Salute

Date: Saturday, 04Nov17
Caller: Ray Savell
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: LD – 7:10PM, WS – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Senter Park East
228 Chamberlain, Irving

NORTEX – Quarterly Meeting

Date: Sunday, 05Nov17
Time: Meeting – 2:00PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth

Swinging Stars – Honoring Veterans

Date: Friday, 10Nov17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: WS – 7:00PM, PL – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

Dixie Chainers – Veterans Appreciation 59 Anniversary (Official)

Date: Saturday, 11Nov17
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Time: ER – 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center
14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch

Swinging Stars – Club Meeting

Date: Sunday, 12Nov17
Time: Meeting – 3:00PM
Location: Addison Spring Creek BBQ
14941 Midway Road, Addison

Lone Star Solos – 53rd Anniversary (Official)

Date: Thursday, 30Nov17
Caller: Dave Vieira, Bobby Willis
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER – 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM
Location: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
3217 Guthrie Road, Garland
Note: Wear royal blue

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 so she will have ample time to confirm our reservations. Check out their menu by going to 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).

November 10 – **Deluke**, Hawkins, 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 – **Perrott**, Elliott, Nestor, and Evanto

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

March 23, 2018 – 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 **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

