

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 12th, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Last Wednesday, 7 Swinging Stars ladies braved the rain and cold weather to have lunch at Hash House a Go Go where large portions seem to be the norm. Attending the luncheon were Hardin, Pharr, Harris, Hamm, Lassiter, Amy and Nejd. Not only did we enjoy each other's company, we all took home half our food. Thank you Mary, for arranging this luncheon.

Our Friday night dance was extra special as we honored our Veterans with an honor guard who posted our flags, and led us in the pledge of allegiance. Thank you to American Legion Post 321 for offering up their time and to the post chaplain who said such a moving prayer. Russ and I could not help but notice some veterans with tears in their eyes. We owe a special thanks to Joe Rose who suggested this and who even did a patriotic singing call.



Thank you to Wayne for calling those wonderful patriotic tunes and a big thanks to JL for filling in for Walter who was away. We had 91 attending Friday night's dance.

Dixie Chainers	4	Texas Reelers	4	Circle I	1
Kissin Kuzzins	12	Rebel Rousers	8	Plus Fours	2
Swinging Stars	60				

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Announcements

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

This week, the students learned clover leaf, turn through, 8 chain through, and spin the top from all positions. Wayne really challenges them but they seem to handle it well. We have given them invitations to the holiday party and hope to they will attend.

Round Dance Lessons (submitted by JL & Linda Pelton)

Winter Beginning Two Step Classes -- Tuesday Nights -- Carpenter Recreation Center will start in January. Our class didn't make the catalog because of a snafu with the previous coordinator -- but, we've received word we can run the class in the multipurpose room downstairs starting in January. We'll have more specific information on dates in a few weeks, but we have asked for this schedule:

Beginning Two Step – Tuesday nights – January 9 through February 27 – 7:00-9:00 PM
Once registration opens, we will let everyone know the details.

Basic Refresher Lessons Update -- Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. -
Plano Senior Center

We've been fine tuning our Latin skills these past two weeks and have taught the very popular Phase 3 Cha Cha, Welcome to New York that many of the cuers in the area have been cuing the last two months. We've also worked on Fan, Hockey stick, and Serpiente figures. We will be moving into refreshing some Two Step and Waltz figures over the next few weeks.

We will not be dancing November 11 as that is Veteran's Day.

Club Holiday Party (submitted by Linda Harris)

Need head count for the caterer by Monday Nov 27th 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. Thank you Betty for your continued support. The following is a link to a flyer for the Swinging Stars Holiday Party:
http://www.swingingstars.org/Xmas_Party2017.pdf

There is a map and invitation attached to this newsletter. If you have not been to the Party Barn before, we suggest you take a ride during the day to familiarize yourself with the route. It is harder to see at night.

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!

Ladies Holiday Luncheon

Save the date and plan to attend the ladies holiday party on Tuesday, December 12th at noon at the NejdI house (4105 Cassandra Lane, Plano). I will provide the turkey and ham, paper goods and beverages. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share (salad, side or dessert). There will be games with prizes and the dreaded white elephant gift exchange. This is optional, but if you wish to participate, bring a wrapped item you wish to re-gift (please be gentle so no one ends up with trash). I am always amazed at the wonderful items passed around and never surprised about all the “stealing” for those more valued treasures. RSVP to yo_red@verizon.net if you can attend or call 972-964-5979 to let me know by Friday, December 9th so I can plan to have a chair for everyone.

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

Good Samaritan Dance

You probably noticed we have planned on a Good Samaritan Dance in December and are wondering what this is. The board decided to support the Samaritan Inn in McKinney as our charitable activity during the holiday season. The Samaritan Inn is more than just a place to spend the night. It is a comprehensive program that teaches self-sufficiency and life skills to meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. They help willing people gain dignity and independence. On a typical night, approximately 160 people sleep at the Inn, of which 60 are children. Although their needs vary from week to week, the Inn has suggested the following items to donate:

Ear buds and thumb drives, personal care items, lunch snacks, and disinfectant spray. The Christmas needs list includes gift cards to Walmart and Target in increments of \$15, \$20 and \$50. Urgent needs are updated each Thursday. You may check the link for further suggestions <http://www.thesamaritaninn.org/donate/>

We will also be accepting cash donations at the dance and will take over to the Inn during he week.

Russ and I will send out more suggestions as the dance gets closer. Our club has always been generous especially in the holiday season.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, November 14th – Mainstream Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM
Wednesday, November 15th – Plus Fours (All Plus) – Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM

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By Bob and Terri Pitts

Hello Stars. Hope you are enjoying the cooler weather lately and getting ready for the upcoming holidays. As shown below and on our club visitation calendar, there is only one dance scheduled for the remainder of November – an **official** visitation to the Lone Star Solos anniversary dance on Thursday, November 30th. We hope you will join us for this dance at the church – we need to get our banner back and theirs, if possible. Please note the promenade ad for the LSS's 53rd anniversary dance is incorrect but the correct details are listed below.

Even though our calendar this weekend is open, there are dancing opportunities available on our side of town. Friday the 17th is the Texas Reelers' Fall Festival dance (p.12) and Saturday the 18th is the Rebel Rousers' Candy Land Toy Drive dance (p.13).

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

Club Visitations

Dixie Chainers – 59th Anniversary Dance, 11Nov17 – Thank you to the 14 Swinging Stars who joined the Dixie Chainers for their anniversary dance Saturday night in Farmers Branch. Fun early rounds and rounds between tips were cued by Jack von der Heide. A squares workshop and mainstream and plus tips were called by club caller Vernon Jones. Vernon was joined on stage for one tip by Jon Jones and Deborah-Carroll Jones. The Chainers treated their guests to a delicious feast of soups and stews.

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		
Circle I	05-Aug-2017		
Dixie Chainers	26-Aug-2017		
Triangle Squares	30-Sep-2017		

Coming Events

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 or patriotic colors if you don't have royal blue

Other Events

None

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).

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

January 12 – **Rose**, Bushell/Perry, Edwards, Mosher

January 26 – **Perrott**, Elliott, Evanto, Nestor (New Dancer Dance – Boot Scootin' Boogie)

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

No Birthdays to report

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

December 1, 2017 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party

December 12, 2017 – Ladies Holiday Luncheon

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.

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Good Samaritan Dance



Benefiting the Samaritan Inn

December 8, 2017

We will be accepting items for donations such as, ear buds, flash drives, lunch snacks, disinfectant spray and personal items. We will also have a container for cash donations.



Shepard Elementary 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, TX

Caller Wayne Baldwin

Mainstream Workshop 7:00

Cuer Walter Brewer

Plus Workshop 7:45

Solo Board Available

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash After The Last Tip

2nd Fridays 7:00 Mainstream Workshop 7:45 Plus Workshop, 8:00 GM

4th Fridays 7:00 Early Rounds, 7:45 Plus Workshop, 8:00 GM

Dec. 22 Dance canceled because of a long Christmas weekend

Jan. 26, 2018 New Dancer Dance- Boot Scootin' Boogie

For info contact 972-946-5979 or president@swingingstars.org

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