



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 19th, 2017

From Russ and Anne NejdI, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Russ and I wanted to update the club members who were unable to attend the semi-annual meeting last Sunday at Spring Creek BBQ in Addison. It was a business packed meeting with an excellent attendance (49 members) and excellent food post meeting. Dan has done an excellent job on the minutes and I will send them out to you when they are approved. Just a few things should be mentioned.

The Pitts suggested a planned club visit to Southern Junction either in Royce City or Irving. The club voted to wait until January for this excursion. Southern Junction is a Country and Western dance hall that features a live band, pool, and cook your own steaks, burgers and chicken not to mention “yellow soda water” as Wayne likes to say.

We had a long discussion about a ¼ page or two ½ page ads in the Promenade so as to advertise both our monthly dances since there is no longer articles to read in the Promenade. There was a lot of discussion regarding having two themed dances a month but ultimately, this will be left up to the new board of officers. It was felt we get better attendance when there is a themed dance.

The club was informed of Walter Brewer’s absence over the next three months or more while he is on a job assignment out of state. The Round Dance Advisory Committee contacted local cuers to fill in for Walter while he is away.

There was a discussion about dropping the refreshment committee down to just 3 couples as our membership has been declining. We ultimately voted to leave the refreshment committee at 4 couples per dance.

The slate of officers for the 2018 board was unanimously approved. Congratulations to our new officers.

Presidents:	Dave and Lorraine Burson
1 st Vice Presidents:	Walt and Diana Whipple
2 nd Vice Presidents:	Ron & Donita See
Treasurer:	Charlie and Linda Harris
Secretary:	Peter and Jeanne Rickert

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!
Russ and Anne NejdI

Announcements

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

The students continue to progress and Wayne says they have about 10 calls left to learn. The highlight of this week's class was Jan's singing call to "I Want to Write Myself a Letter". We had no idea Jan had this hidden talent and such a great singing voice. I asked Doug if he would be calling too, but he said there was room for only one caller in the family.

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.

Beginning Two Step – Tuesday nights – January 9 through February 27 – 7:15-9:15 PM

Ballroom Two Step (Beg) – NEW – 200071

\$62.10 Residents (registration starts December 2nd)

\$66.10 Non-Residents (cannot register until December 4th)

Plano Parks & Rec offers a senior discount.

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.

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.

There is a map and invitation attached to this newsletter. The following is a link to that map and invitation on our web site: http://www.swingingstars.org/Xmas_Party2017.pdf 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.

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 the 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.

Update on Lorraine's Surgery

Join me in wishing Lorraine a speedy recovery from her hip replacement surgery she had last Monday. Lorraine is home and doing well. She looks forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with her family. She has a doctor's appointment this week and according to Dave, she expects a good report. If you wish to send her a get well card, send to the following address:

Lorraine Burson
600 Meadow Lane
Allen, TX 75002

Happening This Week

Tuesday, November 14th – Mainstream Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM

Friday, November 24th – Swinging Stars club dance **CANCELLED** due to the Thanksgiving Weekend

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By Bob and Terri Pitts

Thanksgiving week is here – have a safe and blessed holiday filled with family, friends, food and fun. There are no dances on the club calendar this coming weekend however there are some options if you want to ward off the effects of tryptophan from Thanksgiving dinner. The advertised square dance options include: 1) Dixie Chainers, Saturday 25Nov, Thanksgiving Dance – caller Tim Tyl and cuer Jack von der Heide (November Promenade p. 13) and 2) Tri-City Promenaders, Saturday 25Nov, Thanksgiving All Gospel Singing Call Dance – callers Paul Kinsey and Bobby Willis and cuer Chris Farabaugh (November Promenade p. 14). And note that some of us will be attending the 57th Annual Harvest Holiday Festival this weekend in case you wonder why you don't see us at a square dance.

Club Visitations

Texas Reelers – Fall Festival, 17Nov17 – Thank you to the 9 Swinging Stars who visited the Reelers in Richardson Friday night. Fun early rounds and rounds between tips were cued by Chris Farabaugh. And the mainstream and plus tips were called by club caller, Deborah Carroll Jones. This dance was very well attended which made it a boat load of fun. There was much hootin' and hollerin' by the dancers the entire evening. We had enough Swinging Stars to get our banner back in this unplanned visit – way to go team!

Rebel Rousers – Candy Land Toy Drive Dance, 18Nov17 – Thank you to the 14 Swinging Stars who visited the Rebel Rousers Saturday night for their Candy Land Toy Drive dance. Rounds were cued by Christine Hixson while squares were called by Mike Bramlett. All attendees enjoyed the terrific mix of round and/or square dancing, the tasty food, and the warm fellowship of fellow dancers. Thanks to Jim Bondi for sharing the dance 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. We have 8 Swinging Stars banners in our possession and 2 are out.

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		
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

Other Events

None

Refreshment Duty 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 Bergesen. 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 (Theme – Boot Scootin’ Boogie)
February 9 – **Reid**, Dennison, Mulvin, Nejd
February 23 – **Ross**, Bergesen, Gifford, Hardin
March 9 – **Lassiter**, Duncan, See, Zhang
March 23 – Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance

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.

Russ & Anne Nejd

Swinging Stars Presidents

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Good Samaritan Dance



Benefiting the Samaritan Inn

December 8, 2017

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Shepard Elementary 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, TX

Caller Wayne Baldwin

Mainstream Workshop 7:00

Cuer Chris Farabaugh

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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