



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 26th, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are looking forward the Holiday Party at the Party Barn on Friday night. I happen to know there will be some high quality skits, a game, and lively dancing as well as a great BBQ dinner, happy hour and “yellow soda water”. Since Walter is out of town on assignment, we will not have any line dancing or rounds between tips so everyone will have an opportunity to visit. We sure hope you have given your money to Betty Wheaton or mailed it in. We just want to remind you that it is pretty dark in the evening and you could miss the entrance. If you can drive over there during the day, you will be more familiar with the route. I have attached the invitation and map to this newsletter to aid you.

Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

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

It is hard to believe that we have just 4 classes left and the students have now mastered all 68 mainstream calls. Wayne says we will be reviewing and doing singing calls from now until graduation.

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. Their current urgent needs include:

Multipurpose spray cleaner
Twin sheet sets
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Disinfectant Spray
Dishwashing Liquid

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

Talked to Lorraine and she continues to do well as she recovers from her hip replacement surgery. We have heard Lorraine and Dave will be at the Holiday Party on Friday but not dancing. If you wish to send her a get well card, send to the following address:

Lorraine Burson
600 Meadow Lane
Allen, TX 75002

JL & Linda's Daughter

The last we heard, Linda's daughter was continuing to improve and had hoped to be out of the hospital after Thanksgiving. Linda remains in California caring for her. If anyone wishes to send a card to Linda to let her know we care, her address is:

Linda Pelton
4032 Briarbend
Dallas, TX 75287

NORTEX USO Dance

Just a reminder that new week Sunday, NTCA and NORTEX are hosting their annual USO dance at Swingtime Center. There will be an easy level/new dancer dance from 4 PM-5 PM; early rounds 5 PM-6 PM, and the Grand March at 6 PM with the dance ending at 8 PM. Admission is a donation and all proceeds will go to support the DFW USO. There is a wreath/gift basket competition and a chance to win \$270 worth of Promenade ads in 2018. We collected money at our semiannual meeting for the gift basket and Jan Bergesen is busy at work creating our masterpiece the Swinging Stars will enter in the competition. There will also be door prizes, raffles, a brown bag auction and more so we hope to see you all on Sunday to support this great cause.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, November 28th – Mainstream Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM

Wednesday, November 29th – Plus 4's all Plus dance – Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM

Thursday, November 30th – Lone Star Solos 53rd Anniversary Dance (Official) – Dave Viera, Bobby Willis, and Chris Farabaugh – 6:30 PM Early Rounds, 7:00 PM Grand March

Sunday, December 3rd – NTCA & NORTEX USO Benefit Dance – Various Callers & Cuers – 4:00 PM-5:00 PM – Easy Level/New Dancer Dance, 5:00 PM to 6:00PM Early Rounds, 6:00 PM Grand March

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By Bob and Terri Pitts

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Please join us for the Lone Star Solos anniversary dance on Thursday, 30Nov – we need to get our banner back. Friday is our annual Swinging Stars' Christmas Party (see flyer). Sunday is the NTCA & NORTEX USO DFW benefit dance (Promenade p. 5). We haven't received the December Promenade so we have not been able to plan the December visitation calendar.

Club Visitations

Harvest Holiday – Annual Festival 20-26Nov17 – The festival dance instructors were Jim and Bobbie Childers from Washington State who taught a Phase VI Rumba and a Phase V foxtrot, both of which they choreographed. Many of our area cuers (Hixson, Gloodt, Kenny, Webb, Pelton) and one visiting cuer (Jopek) supported the festival and / or taught pre-festival teaches.

Dixie Chainers – Thanksgiving Dance, 25Nov17 – Thank you to the 12 Swinging Stars who attended the Dixie Chainers' Thanksgiving Dance and earned a club signature. Concurrent early rounds and a square dance workshop were available in separate rooms prior to the grand march. More than 8 squares participated in the grand march. Tim Tyl from East Texas called the square tips with an assist by local caller, Dave Viera, on a couple of tips. Jack von der Heide cued the rounds. Thank you Tom Evanto for the dance write up.

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		
Rebel Rousers	18-Nov-2017		

Coming Events

Lone Star Solos – 53rd Anniversary (Official)

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

3rd Annual NTCA / NORTEX USO DFW Benefit Dance

Date: Sunday, 03Dec17
Caller: Area callers
Cuer: Area cuers
Time: 4:00PM – 8:00PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX
Notes: Door prizes, raffle, brown bag and silent auctions, wreath competition, and more

Other Events

Swinging Stars Christmas Party, Friday, 01Dec – see details in the flyer

Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday, 12Dec – see details above

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 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 (Theme – Boot Scootin’ Boogie)
February 9 – **Reid**, Dennison, Mulvin, Nejd
February 23 – **Ross**, Bergesen, Gifford, Hardin (Theme – Mardi Gras)
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

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 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

Visit our Web Site: www.swinging.org



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