



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 29, 2015

From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:

Remember, you have until Dec. 1st, Tuesday, to get your registration in for the Holiday Party. You don't want to miss it.

December 1st is also the deadline for getting in your list of prospective new dancers turned in to Mark and Karen Hawkins, or Ralph and Lucy Hamm. We need everyone to help us out. We want to have a great class come January 12th.

Doug and Jan

Happening This Week

Friday, December 4 – Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party – see details below.

Saturday, December 5 – Of Interest Visit to Solitaires – Spirit of Giving Dance: Early Rounds: 7:00PM. Grand March: 7:45PM at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, Farmers Branch.

Sunday, December 6 – Of Interest Visit to USO DFW Benefit Dance – New Dancer Dance: 4:00PM. Early Rounds: 5:30PM. Squares and Rounds: 6:00PM at Swingtime Center.

Announcements

Round Dance Lessons

Don't miss the next set of round dance lessons!

JL and Linda will be teaching Beginning Rumba and Cha Cha starting Tuesdays January 12 at Carpenter Rec Center. The Latin rhythms are the easiest to learn and if you have never had any round dance lessons, it's a great rhythm to start with. Look for the class in the next Parks and Rec Catalog coming out in late fall, Course # 174456.

Lessons will be held at the same time (7:15 to 9:15) on Tuesdays and will be held in the same room used in the past. JL and Linda will follow the beginning class with an intermediate class starting in late March so you will learn enough Rumba and Cha Cha to dance any of those rhythms at any square dance you attend. Plus -- you get two rhythms for one set of lessons.

Advance notice: JL and Linda will also be teaching a Saturday Refresher Workshop class at Plano Senior Center starting in January. This class will be held Saturday mornings from 9:45 to 11:45. Curriculum for this class will be set by the participants who sign up for the class. It will be a great opportunity to refresh some past lessons and improve your dancing abilities in a variety of square dance level rounds.

Square Dance Lessons

Student Names for Lessons! Starting Tuesday night January 12th at Carpenter Rec Center

WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR HELP...We continue to enjoy our Club and activities, but we need to keep new members coming in. Charlie and Linda have 5 names, they have submitted as 'potential leads'. This doesn't mean they are committed to lessons, just good potential candidates. Provide your lead names, addresses, emails and phone numbers, if possible to Karen and Mark Hawkins and/or Ralph and Lucy Hamm. The Lessons' Committee will send the 'leads' a hard copy flyer by snail mail a few weeks before January 12th. I (or someone on the committee) will personally call each lead to encourage them to attend the two free lessons.

Turn in your 'leads' soon. We need a comfort level that each of you is working on recruiting! **We also encourage you to reach out to your potential candidates if you feel comfortable in doing so; if not just give us the contact information and the Lessons Committee will reach out for you. If each active Couple provides at least one lead we WILL have a great class!**

Swinging Stars Holiday Party! Friday December 4th

The Swinging Stars' holiday party is at the regular location, Haggard Party Barn on Friday December 4th. Thanks to the generosity of Rutledge and Susan Haggard. They continue to support our favorite activity. The event begins with happy hour (margaritas, beer and soft drinks) at 6pm followed by a BBQ dinner and dancing. Get your reservation in by Dec. 1st. Hope to see you there.

NTCA Singing Call/Round Dance of the Year Ballot

The ballot that is in the Promenade is inaccurate. We have replacement ballots you can use to vote for favorite. They will be available at the next dance on the 11th of December. You may vote for as many callers and or cuers as you wish, but you may only vote once per caller/cuer. And this year the voting is FREE as is the dance on January 24th at Swingtime Center.

*** * * From Your 2nd VP's, Dave and Lorraine Burson* * ***
2nd VP Report for November 1, 2015

Banner Report

As far as I know no one attended the Tri City dance so there is no change. We currently have 12 banners that we have captured. As usual if you are visiting one of the clubs listed and they want to give you a banner, don't accept it.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin	Oct-10-15
Diamond Jubileers	Mar-14-15
Dixie Chainers	Mar-28-15
Kissin Kuzzins	Oct-2-15
Lone Star Solos	Mar-12-15
Rebel Rousers	Nov-21-15
Roadrunners	May 30-15
Solitaires	Nov-7-15
Trail Blazers	Sept-9-15
T Square Gadabouts	Feb-20-15
Triangle Squares	Sept-18-15
Tri-City Promenaders	Jan-24-15

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Texas Reelers	Nov-13-15

DECEMBER VISITATION SCHEDULE AND COMING EVENTS

Check below for the details

LET'S STRIVE TO KEEP SQUARE DANCING ALIVE



Holiday Party

Friday, December 4 Annual Holiday Party

It is that time again when we celebrate the season with our fantastic Holiday Party. We have fun and fellowship with the greatest square dance club members in the world. We will enjoy a delicious meal of barbecue and all that comes with a good barbecue dinner. And the entertainment...well lets say that our organizers have spared no expense to bring the finest talents of the Swinging Stars for us to enjoy. LOL. There will be square dancing called by our own Wayne Baldwin and line dancing between tips cued by no other than our Walter Brewer. If you have not already made your reservation for the Holiday Party do it ASAP. We will not be having another club dance before the party. Please plan early to get you reservation for the party to Betty Wheaton before December 1st (for the head count for the carterer). You will find her address on roster. The festivities will begin at 6:00pm at the Haggard Party Barn 5948 McKamy Trail, Plano 75024. The cost is \$38 per couple or \$19 per single. Make your checks payable to Betty Wheaton. Please do not make your checks payable to the Swinging Stars. Dress comfortable in holiday attire.

Dance of Interest

Saturday, December 5 Solitaires

Christmas Dance The Spirit Of Giving

I thought it would be good to stay close to home this month so when I can I am going to schedule our closest clubs for the Christmas season. Bobby Willis will be back and calling for our enjoyment. JL will be cueing and we all love that. Please bring canned food to donate to the North Texas Food Bank. Just a reminder that they are back to their regular place and that JL and Linda start the early rounds at 7:00 and Bobby has the grand march at 7:45.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March: 7:45
 Caller: Bobby Willis
 Cuer: JL Pelton
 Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
 12411 Templeton Trail. Farmers Branch

Dance of Interest NORTEX and NTCA

Sunday, December 6 USO DFW Benefit Dance

The Swinging Stars are some of the most generous people and we hope all will come to the USO Benefit Dance and support this most worthy event. This event was the Toys for Tots last year and Swinging Stars were very supportive. You will not only be supporting our military men and women you will be having fun while your saying to our active duty and retired protectors of our great country that we appreciate all they have done and are doing to keep our great country safe. There will be a Silent Auction with holiday gifts and prizes. The Grand Prize is a Flat Screen HD Color TV. For more info read the ad on page 6 in the Dec. Promenade

Callers and Cuers: Area members of the NTCA.

Times: 4:00 – 5:30 New Dancer Dance

5:30 – 6:00 Early Rounds

6:00 – 8:00 Square / Rounds

Location: Swingtime Center

510 E Loop 820 Fort Worth, Tx.

Official Visitation

Saturday, December 12 Cotton Pickin Squares

Santa's Helpers Dance

This is going to be a wonderful time! They are having our favorite caller Wayne Baldwin and one of NTCA's finest cuers, Christine Hixson. Can't beat this combination of talent. It is also going to be an opportunity to help the young parents and children in the area. They are asking for donations for the Raffa Clinic, a pregnancy and parenting resource center. For more info on the Raffa Clinic, please read the Cotton Pickin's article on page 9 of the Dec. Promenade. This very worth while organization deserves our support. They are also going to have their ever-famous cookie contest to also raise money for the clinic.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00
Guest Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Location: Rec. Center
10001 Jack Finney Greenville, Tex.

Official Visitation

Friday, December 18 Texas Reelers

Save The Last Dance For Me

Please don't miss this very special dance. This is going to be Jack and Ann von der Heide's last dance for the Texas Reelers. Please come and bid farewell. Along with Jack cueing, Deborah Carroll and Jon Jones will be calling the squares. They will be having a "Last Dance" at 10:00 to commemorate 25 years of cueing with the von der Heides.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00
Callers: Deborah Carroll and Jon Jones
Cuer: Jack and Ann von der Heide
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 West Arapaho Road
Richardson

Dance of Interest

Saturday, December 19 Rebel Rousers

Bacon Bowl Bacon Recipe Contest

Ok all you bacon lovers get to it. Get your favorite recipe and "make some bacon". This dance is their 3rd annual bacon contest dance. Everyone is invited to bring his or her favorite bacon dish to enter in the contest. The dancer with the winning recipe will receive the traveling "Golden Oinker" award. Dancers will vote for their favorite recipe with whatever amount of cash they wish to donate. The money will be given to a local charity. Hope you all will visit with us and dance to Mike Bramlett and Christine Hixson. This has all the promise of a fun evening of dancing food tasting.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, All Plus: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 West Arapaho Road
Richardson



Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, December 22nd Swinging Stars Ladies Holiday Luncheon

The December Ladies Luncheon is a very special luncheon that the ladies of the Swinging Stars look forward to every year. Anne Nejdil so graciously volunteered to host this special luncheon for us. She has chosen December 22nd at 12:00, as it is the most convenient day and time for her. She will supply the turkey breast and drinks. Please bring a dish or dessert to share. She always has fun games and prizes. If you wish you can bring a white elephant gift for exchange. Wrap your trinket that you wish to re-gift for the white elephant re-gifting gift exchange game. It is really a lot of fun. It is optional to participate in the white elephant exchange. RSVP by December 18th to Anne Nejdil 972-954-5979 or email Yo_Red@verizon.net

New Years Eve.

I will have more new and info later about New Years Eve.

Refreshments Duty and Information

December 11 - Perrott, McClure, Evanto, Kilegian

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc. without first checking with the !st Vice Presidents to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

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

December 4, 2015 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party – Haggard Party Barn

December 6, 2015 – USO Benefit Dance – Swingtime Center

January 8, 2016 – Swinging Stars Intro to Square Dancing Dance 7:00 – 8:00 (Regular Dance begins at 8:00)

January 30, 2016 – Swinging Stars 41st Anniversary Dance

June 22 – 25, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends. Remember our Sunshine person is Debbie Piziali, and you can email her at debbie@piziali.dv.org or phone her at 214-552-9802. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

Doug & Jan Bergesen

Swinging Stars President

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

Swinging Stars New Dancer



And



Annual

TOYS AND BOOKS FOR KIDS DANCE

We will be accepting Cash, Toys and Books to be donated to the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center

 **December 11, 2015** 



Caller:

Wayne Baldwin

Cuer:

Walter Brewer



Sq. Work Shop: 7:00

Line Dancing 7:50

Grand March: 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Banners Honey Pot Refreshments

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, Tx.

Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by a paying adult



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For Info: 972- 834-3097 OR president@swingingstars.org

Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org



 **Swinging Stars**
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 **FUN DANCE NIGHT** 

**Introduce your Family and Friends
to Square Dancing**

Square Dancing is Friendship Set to Music

Mark your calendar for

 **Friday, January 8, 2016** 

 **Introduction To Dancing 7:00 to 8:00PM** 

**Grand March at 8:00 PM Rounds between tips
and Hot Hash after the last tip**

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Shepard Elementary 1000 Wilson Dr. - Plano

- You will learn Basic Square Dance calls taught by our caller.
- Between tips we'll have some Line Dancing cued by our cuer.
- Dress casual and wear comfortable shoes.
- Everyone is welcome to stay and experience the fun we have at our dances
- Free to everyone interested in learning how much fun it is to square dance.

Fun Food Fitness Friendship

 **Square Dance Classes Start Jan.12, 2016**

At Carpenter Rec. Center 6701 Coit Rd., Plano

For Info: 972-834-3097 president@swingingstars.org



Square Dancin' With the Swinging Stars

41st Anniversary Dance



Caller

Wayne Baldwin



Guest Caller

Scott Bennett



Cues

Walter & Eula Brewer

Saturday, January 30, 2016

All Saints Catholic Church

5231 Meadowcreek Dr. Dallas

Early Rounds 7:00

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Dancing in the Fellowship Hall for better Acoustics

Salad Supper with Desserts in the Gym

Money Raffle

Honey Pot

Quilt Raffle

Dancers under 18 dance for free with a paying adult

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