



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 1, 2019

Message from Presidents

David and Peggy Edwards

Swinging Stars, here is hoping you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. We had a great Thanksgiving with both our sons and their families. Not much to report as we didn't dance anywhere this weekend.

We are looking forward to next Friday and celebrating the Christmas holiday with the Swinging Stars. There is only one more dance this year since we cancelled our December 27th dance due to the Christmas holidays.

In some respects this year has really flown by, and in others not so much. We would like to thank the board members that worked so hard to try and make Swinging Stars a more successful club. There were some difficult decisions that had to be made by the board and some we looked forward to in order to make things easier for the next executive board. We think we succeeded. We would like to thank the club members that supported our efforts as Presidents. Over all, we feel that this board will leave the club in better shape than when we took office.

Again, hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and looking forward to seeing all of you next Friday.

David and Peggy Edwards
Presidents, Swinging Stars

Happening This Week

Wednesday, December 4 – Plus 4's Dance

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Time: A dancing at 6:15, Plus at 7:30 to 9:30

Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

Swinging Stars Holiday Party - Friday December 6th, 2019

You will not want to miss this Annual Holiday Party at the Haggard Party Barn on Friday December 6, 2019! For more information, see the flyer, click on the following link:

http://www.swingingstars.org/Swinging_Stars_Holiday_Party_12-06-2019.pdf

Saturday, December 7 – Circle 8 – Celebrating 72 years of dancing Of Interest club visitation – This months outstanding caller Ken Bower

This is the last of the Circle 8's list of Out Standing callers celebrating their 72 years of dancing that they had during the year of 2019. This is an opportunity to dance to this really great caller. Ken is from Palm Desert California. He is not in this area very often, you will not want to miss this dance. The cueing will be done by another great, Jack von der Heide, so there will be good dancing all around.

Guest caller: Ken Bower

Club caller: Milton Luttrell

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Squares 8:00 to 10:15

Location: Swingtime Center 5100,S.E, Loop 820 at Anglin Fort Worth, TX.

2nd VP Report

From Dave and Lorraine Burson

The current Swinging Star Banner inventory is shown below. If you visit a club whose banner we have, please don't bring home one more.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
T Square Gadabouts	4/19/2019
Log Cabin Swingers	5/04/2019
Cotton Pickin' Squares	5/25/2019
Circle I	11/02/2019

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Kissin Kuzzins	11/22/2019
Texas Reelers	11/22/2019
Rebel Rousers	11/22/2019

*** * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * ***

We just had the one visitation this week and, we do appreciate all that participated.

Saturday November 30 – Lone Stars Anniversary dance Official visitation and Banner Raid

Lone Star Solos held their 55th Anniversary dance to a large, enthusiastic gathering of dancers. Club caller Dave Vieira and guest caller Scott Bennett from Lawton, Oklahoma called tips while club Cuer Jan Toms cued rounds for this event. Scott Bennett evidently is a big draw for the Solos. There were more than 19 squares in attendance. Scott and Dave Vieira kept the dance floor moving with innovative ways to return the dancer to home – like calling half of a Grand Square. Jan Toms kept the rounds lively. Her cueing continues to improve each time we hear her. Thank you the Swinging Stars for attending and supporting the club's Official visitation. Attending Swinging Stars were the Bergesens, Caves, Nejdls, Reids, Sees, and C. Wolfe. Thank you to Ron See and Anne NejdI for their reports.

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

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Friday, December 13 – Swinging Stars – Santa's Workshop – Theme Dance

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Time: Sq. Workshop 7:00, Plus Tip 7:45, Grand March 8:00

**Saturday, December 14 – Dixie Chainers – Bring a toy and get in free dance
Official Club Visitation – Banner Raid**

Well what can I say, we all know the calling and cueing is going to be wonderful. As the theme says "Bring a Toy and get in free".

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, SD workshop 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Location: Christ United Methodist Church, 2807 Valwood Parkway, Farmers Branch.

Note: This is a banner raid we will need 8 members to get their banner. Please be a member that supports the Swinging Stars Club Visitations.

Wednesday, December 18 – Plus 4's Dance

This is Quiz's regular Wednesday plus dance night. Ok all you plus dancer come on out and use you plus skills. If you don't use them you will loose it.

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Time: A dancing at 6:15, Plus at 7:30to 9:30

Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

**Friday, December 20 – Kissin Kuzzins – Double Deal Dance
Official, Banner Raid – The magic of Christmas**

This is truly a big Double Deal Dance. It can't be any more double than this. With great and wonderful callers, we will double tired at the end of the dance. I know most of you have never heard of or danced to Charlie Robertson, but I promise you, he is a very good caller. We have danced to him a couple times and was amazed how he could do such a find job calling. He isn't by any means new he had moved back to Oklahoma from California and has been totally booked ever since.

Guest Caller: Charlie Robertson and KO Jeanes

Cuer JL Pelton

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Mainstream Workshop 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Location: Garland Senior Activities Center 600 Avenue A, Garland TX.

*** * * OTHER EVENTS * * ***

Saturday, December 6 – Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party

The location is the **Haggard Party Barn** on Friday December 6, 2019 at 6:00.

A big 'thank you' to Rutledge and Susan Haggard for providing the location.

Location: Haggard Party Barn, 5948 McKamy Trail, Plano, TX 75024

***Fun and Games** – Dancing to Bobby and Walter, Spring Creek BBQ, All the Fixins' !
Margaritas and Beer, also tea and soft drinks!**

Price: \$27.00 per person includes:

- **BBQ dinner and all the trimmings,**
- **Margaritas, beer and soft drinks, skits and dancing, with lots of Fun!**

Pay in cash or check by **December 1st**.

We need a good head count for the caterer.

(Make checks payable to Dan Lassiter)

Mail to: Dan Lassiter

1701 Gateway Blvd #403

Richardson, TX 75080

Tuesday December 17 – Swinging Stars Annual Ladies Holiday Luncheon

Anne NejdI will be hosting the Annual Swinging Stars Ladies Holiday Luncheon again this year. The luncheon will take place on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 11:30 A.M. at Macaroni Grill at 5005 W. Park Blvd. ((northwest corner of Park and Preston). Anne has reserved the back room so we can be as rowdy as we wish. You may order off the menu and we will have separate checks. She is hard at work on games and the hostess gifts for all to enjoy. We will also be partaking in the dreaded white elephant gift exchange. This is optional but if you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift you wish to regift or a new item under \$10. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Anne NejdI at Yo_Red@verizon.net or 972.964.5979 by the 15th so She may let the restaurant know how many places to set up.

Beginning Bolero Lessons -- starts Saturday January 11

Linda and JL are going to be teaching a beginning Bolero class starting on Saturdays in January. This class is a great class to start a round dance journey if you have never danced rounds or a great class to expand your beginning dancing repertoire. Bolero is a slow Latin rhythm very similar to Rumba. Latins are always just a bit easier as they have a looser dance hold position. Bolero also begins with a slow side step -- translation, you've got time to think as you take the side step, about what to do for step two.

Class is from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Saturdays at Carpenter Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Road in Plano. The later start gives you plenty of time to have a leisurely breakfast and the ending time still gives you plenty of time for the rest of your Saturday activities. Registration opens December 9. You can call Carpenter at 972-208-8087 to register after registration opens. Don't think too long and miss the class. The last time Linda and JL taught beginning Bolero was two years ago. Taking a class with Linda and JL is always a lot of fun, so don't miss out!

Refreshment Duty Information

From Mark and Karen Hawkins (Refreshment scheduler)

We want to thank these team members for your contribution to Swinging Stars. Your efforts make *Swinging Stars* the best club to visit in the metropolex.

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. 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 First Vice Presidents Nick and Diane Stewart. Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Stewarts (972.377.3910) or 1stvp@swingingstars.org. If you have additional questions, call or text Mark (214.536.5863) or Karen Hawkins (214.537.0446) or email markt.karenl@gmail.com.

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). Please email Mark and Karen at markt.karenl@gmail.com of the change.

December 13 – **Nejdl**, Cave, Perrott, Zhang
(Theme – *Santa's Workshop*)

January 10 – **Evanto**, Lassiter, Reid, Sperry

January 24 – **Gifford**, Chen, Dennison, Rickert
(Theme - *Boots and Blue Jeans Dance / New Dancer Dance*)

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Hopefully all of the Swinging Stars had a great Thanksgiving with family/friends. The December dance calendar will keep us dancing along with the shopping and parties. We can reflect upon the past year and the future and the "reason for the season" whatever our faith.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday December 6, 2019 – Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party

Friday May 29, 2020 – Swinging Stars 45th Anniversary Dance

Theme "Swinging Stars Anniversary Ball"

Listening Device Information

From Charlie and Linda Harris

At our dances, the Swinging Stars are pleased to loan, free of charge, a "listening device" to any requesting dancer. Current inventory is two devices, offered on a first-come first-served basis as each dance starts. Talk to Nevin Mulvin at the check in table. To answer questions about the listening device, email Charles Harris at harris0907@sbcglobal.net or phone 214-348-5361.

Notice to anyone interested in purchasing a listening device receiver for square or round dancing, contact Charles Harris. He has one new William Sound PPA R-37. The new unit is priced at \$90.00 and includes the earphone. It is the 17 channel unit versus the 3 channel Listen Brand units and has a five-year warranty.

Web Master Dave Burson

Be sure to check out our web page: www.swingingstars.org

There is a lot of information about what is going on with the Swinging Stars.

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page and click on Weekends.

Dave Burson
Newsletter Editor
Swinging Stars

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See Flyer below



Santa's Workshop



Dec 13, 2019



Swinging Stars

Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, TX

Caller: Bobby Willis
Cuer: Walter Brewer



Workshop: 7:00 pm
Plus Tip: 7:45 pm
Grand March: 8:00 pm

Honey Pot

Banners

Refreshments



Dancers under 18 free with paying adults.

We dance every 2nd and 4th Friday.

For more info: president@swingingstars.org

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