



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 3rd, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

We hope you all had a wonderful time at the annual Holiday Party at the Haggard Party Barn. A special thanks to Betty Wheaton for collecting the money, Linda & Charlie Harris for arranging the facility, caterer and beverages, and Wolfie for taking the photos. Thank you to Wayne for his excellent calling. We had some outstanding skits and we want to thank the Perrotts, the Stewarts and the Mulvins for helping with the Not So Newlywed game. Gene Deluke led an interesting game which required audience participation and the skills of persuasion to convince the audience each contestant had the correct definition of some really weird words. Thank you to Phyllis Deluke, Ralph Hamm, and Chris Trujillo for enlightening us. Finally, thank you to the Bergesens and the Halversons for entertaining us with the 12 Days of Christmas which required 4 uncooked chickens, a dozen eggs, a bath of water, bells, floral sprigs – not mention sheets of plastic liners. Good job! And what a great job Jan did calling the singing call to “Write Myself a Letter”. Those of us at lessons have already been entertained by Jan’s great voice. Wasn’t it great to see Lorraine at the club party? She is amazing! Her surgery was the 13th of last month and she is up and walking with a cane (not dancing yet), but knowing Lorraine’s resolve - that will be just a matter of time. We also welcomed new club members Nora Creed-McClasky and her husband Roger to the club. They are current presidents of the Texas State Federation of square and Round Dancers.

Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

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

Just 3 classes left until graduation. 3 of our student couples attended the holiday party and I have heard how impressed you all were with their dancing ability. Thank you for making them feel welcome.

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

For Round Dance Basic Refresher Classes at Plano Senior Center on Saturdays -- Signup is now open for the Saturday morning Basic Refresher Class at Plano Senior Center, 401 W. 16th Street just off the south access road of 75 and north of George Bush. These are lessons and practice dancing, like an easy round dance club.

Class starts Saturday morning January 9 and is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The class is listed in the Plano Parks and Rec catalog and on the website as -- Round Dance (Continuing Basics) New -- Class #199430. If you are looking for the class it is listed in the 50+ section under Dance. Or you can telephone 972-941-7155 to sign up directly. Probably that is easier as the website and access has changed in the last couple of months.

Resident registration for either class opened Saturday, December 2. If you are a non-resident, class registration opens Monday, December 4.

Ladies Holiday Luncheon

Save the date and plan to attend the ladies holiday party on Tuesday, December 12th at noon at the Nejdil 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 if you can attend or call 972-964-5979 to let me know by Friday, December 8th so I can plan to have a chair for everyone. On Saturday, I will send out a list of attendees in case I missed anyone.

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:

Pedialyte
Toilet Paper
Twin Sheet Sets
Dixie Cups- 3 ounce
Disinfectant Spray
USB flash drives (8 gig or less)

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. We will bring a box to put your donations in and a basket for cash donations or gift cards. We will send out the updated list on Thursday when we send out the dancing opportunities email to the club.

JL & Linda's Daughter (Provided by Linda Pelton)

Linda's daughter, Kristi, was finally released from the hospital on Monday, the 27th, and Linda was able to take her home to Mountain View where she lives. Fresno, where the surgery was performed, was three hours away. As many of you know, there were complications from the hysterectomy surgery on the 10th of November, so it was a long 17 days total in the hospital and another two surgeries later – first for nephrostomy bags to help ease the load on the kidneys and then another to repair a ureter from the kidney to the bladder which included placement of a stent. She is weak but in good spirits and is healing. She even attended her square dance club on Wednesday night to see everyone and did dance a couple of tips. Getting out and socializing is really important for her right now. JL and I both appreciate all the good wishes and prayers sent her way.

News on Gary Bivins

Gary Bivins was in the ICU and being treated for abnormally high blood sugars probably the result of a urinary tract infection. We were so glad to see Fran at the party and get the update that Gary's blood sugars had improved but not enough to go home. If you wish to send a get well card to Gary, send to the address below:

Gary Bivins
4510 Sachse Road
Sachse, TX 75048

Just an aside, two of our club members will be having some major surgery this week. I will keep you all updated when I hear more.

Recognition Corner

We really rushed through our recognition of all the members who have helped us run the club this year so we could have more time to dance. This newsletter would be a lot longer if we heaped all the accolades on everyone we wanted to recognize. It truly does take a village to run a club smoothly. We have heard multiple times, especially at NORTEX meetings that the Swinging Stars is a well-run club. Well, we couldn't have done it without all of you. Russ and I decided we would focus on groups of members who have really done their share of volunteering and recognize them weekly. This week we will focus on the current board:

Doug and Jan Bergesen – 1st Vice Presidents – In addition to housing club supplies, managing the solo white board, the Bergesens have been an integral part of lessons both as angels and by promoting square dancing. Jan painted our Big Tex we hung on the wall for the State Fair of Texas Dance and she is making our donation to the USO dance. Did we mention that Jan has a great singing voice and is starting to call at the lessons?

Bob and Terri Pitts – 2nd Vice Presidents – They are in charge of our visitations, the calendar and maintaining the banners. They scrupulously track who has our banner and whose banner we want to capture. They are also arranging our club jaunt to Southern Junction sometime in January. We especially appreciate how early and accurately, the Pitts get their portion of the newsletter to us on Sundays so we can get the newsletter to the Bursons by midafternoon.

Dan and Kathy Mosher – Secretary and Lessons Chair – Only an organized couple could manage these two tasks and to do them so well. Not only do the Moshers take the minutes to the club and board meetings, they are in charge of placing the ads in the Promenade. Dan catches a lot of things I miss - he is that detail oriented.

Treasurers – Nevin and Sara Mulvin – They maintain our club funds and man the registration desk and sell honey pot tickets. They also assure everyone has paid their dues, order badges, and maintain the membership roster. This year we had the hassle of changing banks to avoid monthly fees.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, December 5th – Mainstream Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM

Wednesday, December 6th – Plus 4's all Plus dance – Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM

Friday, December 8th – Swinging Stars Good Samaritan Dance – Wayne Baldwin & Chris Farabaugh – 7:00 PM Mainstream Workshop – 7:45 PM – Plus – 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, December 9th – Dixie Chainers Christmas Dance – Vernon Jones & Jack von der Heide – 7:00 PM – Early Rounds & Square Dance Workshop – 7:30 PM – Grand March

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By Bob and Terri Pitts

Thanks to the plethora of Swinging Stars who visited the Lone Star Solos – on a weeknight no less. It was a fun dance on a smooth dance floor and the Lone Star Solos provided a food feast! Note that the Lone Star Solos are on the calendar again this month (at the same venue) because it is their double deal dance.

Hope we see lots of Swinging Stars at the USO DFW benefit dance today. It promises to be a great afternoon of dancing for all - from new dancers to the experienced dancers, and the drawings and contests are always fun. It is so nice to win drawings for gift cards to restaurants and take a breather from holiday cooking.

Club Visitations

Lone Star Solos – 53rd Anniversary Dance, 30Nov17 – Thank you to the 17 Swinging Stars who visited the Lone Star Solos Thursday night for their anniversary dance. Chris Farabaugh opened the evening with round dancing followed by squared called by club caller, Dave Vieira, and guest caller, Bobby Willis. This was a well-attended dance and everyone had a good time. The Solos prepared a feast for the dancers to enjoy. We captured a Lone Star Solos banner.

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 1 is out.

Other Clubs' Banners on our Wall		Swinging Stars' Banners Out	
Club	Date Captured	Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	25-Mar-2017	Ft. Worth Squares	29-Jul-2017
Log Cabin Swingers	06-May-2017		
Circle I	05-Aug-2017		
Dixie Chainers	26-Aug-2017		
Triangle Squares	30-Sep-2017		
Rebel Rousers	18-Nov-2017		
Lone Star Solos	30-Nov-2017		

Coming Events

3rd Annual NTCA / NORTEX – USO DFW Benefit Dance

Date: Sunday, 03Dec17
Caller: Area callers
Cuer: Area cuers
Time: Easy / new dancer dance – 4:00PM, ER – 5:00PM, GM – 6:00PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth
Notes: Door prizes, raffle, brown bag and silent auctions, wreath competition, and more

Swinging Stars – Good Samaritan Dance

Date: Friday, 08Dec17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: WS – 7:00PM, Plus – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano
Notes: Benefiting Samaritan Inn, accepting donations

Dixie Chainers – Christmas Dance

Date: Saturday, 09Dec17
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Time: ER / WS – 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center
14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch

Kissin' Kuzzins – The Magic of Christmas

Date: 15Dec17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: ER – 7:00PM, WS – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Garland Senior Activity Center
600 Avenue A, Garland

Rebel Rousers – Bacon Bowl

Date: 16Dec17
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER – 7:00PM, PL – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson

Lone Star Solos – Prelude to 2018

Date: Thursday, 28Dec17
Caller: Dave Vieira
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER – 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM
Location: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
3217 Guthrie Road, Garland

Rebel Rousers – New Year’s Eve Dance

Date: Sunday, 31Dec17
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER – 8:00PM, GM – 9:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road

Other Events

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 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, NejdI
February 23 – **Ross**, Bergesen, Gifford, Hardin (Theme – Mardi Gras)
March 9 – **Lassiter**, Duncan, See, Zhang
March 23 – 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 NejdI

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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