



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 4, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Club Dues: The Club voted to raise dues from \$35.00 per couple per quarter to \$45.00 per couple per quarter effective January 1, 2017

Read all the way to the end of the Newsletter as the "Important Dates" are starting to get filled in for the year.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Monday, December 5 – Lessons in Allen – Need Angels; please help us.

Wednesday, December 7 – Plus 4's Dance – Charles Quisenberry

Friday, December 9 – Swinging Stars Dance

Saturday, December 10 – Cotton Pickin' Squares – Wayne Baldwin and Christine Hixson

Announcements

Allen Lessons: Student Graduation is December 12th. You are encouraged to join the lessons that night to encourage the new dancers.

Time: Monday evening; 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: 105 South Anna Dr.
Allen, TX 75013

Square Dance Lessons start January 10, 2017 at Carpenter Rec. Center. Pick up flyers and tri-folds at Club Dance December 9, 2016 and start recruiting NOW!

Round Dancers: Attention Current and Prospective Round Dancers! Bolero lessons will begin January 10.

Bolero is a very enjoyable slow Latin dance rhythm and is cued often at square and round dances.

You may have thought it was Rumba as they are very similar.

JL and Linda Pelton will offer Bolero lessons each Tuesday night from January 10 thru February 28 at Carpenter Rec Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano.

Mark your calendar and take advantage of this opportunity to learn a fun new rhythm or improve your Bolero dancing skills! No previous round dance experience required. Bolero was one of the best beginning lesson classes JL and Linda have ever had.

Registration is now open for Plano residents, and if you are reading this on Monday, anyone can register. Call Carpenter Rec Center at 972-208-8087, or you can register online at

www.planoparks.org. The name of the class in the Parks and Rec catalog is Choreographed Ballroom Bolero, Course #187430.

NORTEX Request: At Round-up Pat Cadenhead purchased a beautiful blue stone necklace and earring set from Buddy Brown – Lasting Expressions – located across from Rhythm Creations. Anyway, she took off her Black Hills Gold Anchor and put on the new necklace but did not change earrings – so in the little box that the necklace set came in she put the anchor and the blue earrings. I know this is way past Round-Up, but she has torn up her house and car and everything else she can think of searching for her anchor and the blue earrings. Can you please pass this on to your club to see if anyone knows anything about the lost jewelry. The Anchor is very very old and she would love to be able to find it.

Thank you for serving our favorite activity. We look forward to another great year of dancing and friendship.

2nd VP Report – 04 December 2016

Jim & Knarik Bondi

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

“A” Square Dance followed by Plus Square Dance

Wednesday 30 November – Plus 4s

During the early “A” dance, for 75 minutes, Quiz drilled both squares on a variety of A1/A2 calls, including “Anything and Cross.” This was good practice for recent “A” graduates. During the main Plus dance that followed, a total of 13 Swinging Stars participated. “Brain ticklers” this evening include Spin Chain and Double Exchange the Gears and a tiny bit of all-positions exercise in one tip that had guys leading Flutter Wheel and girls leading Reverse Flutter Wheel. Dancers also enjoyed the “progressive squares” that Quiz featured in one tip. A big Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Colters, Kilejians, Sees, and Shermans.

Square + Round Dance with afternoon All-Plus session

Saturday 03 December – Log Cabin Swingers – “The Siegmann Brothers”

4 Swinging Stars made the trek to Tool, TX, Saturday to experience dancing to a trio of Siegmanns, namely Noah (who was the featured caller at our NORTEX RoundUp a few years back) joined by his two younger brothers Lincoln and Jed(ediah). This dance truly proved that initial assumptions are often WAY OFF BASE. We knew that Noah was a very good, young caller, steadily improving in calling skill and prowess but we naively (and unfairly) assumed that the 2 younger brothers (ages 20 and 18) would be “weaker links” in the trio. WRONG, WRONG, WRONG. All three Siegmanns called a FANTASTIC dance and the 2 younger brothers each shined strongly in their own right, adding notably to the overall trio. The afternoon PLUS session began with a couple surprisingly sizzling (fast) and sophisticated tips that caught the floor a bit off guard ... but quickly put ear-to-ear day-long grins on all our faces. It’s exciting to contemplate how downright great these guys will likely become as they continue to grow and mature. Great afternoon Plus was followed by a very solid evening dance of mixed rounds and squares. Evening rounds were handled by Chris Farabaugh with an occasional bit of help from new area cuer, David Burling (of Cirle I). A grand Thank You to these Swinging Stars who participated: P. Amy, Bondis, and C. Wolfe.

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 03 December – Solitaires – “Our Last Dance”

14 Swinging Stars went to Farmers Branch Saturday evening to party with our friends, the Solitaires, at their final dance. After a long and successful run, the Solitaires have decided to close their club. Though sad, we and other NORTEX clubs will, of course, welcome them as visitors at our dances going forward. On squares, club caller, Bobby Willis, called an excellent dance with a nice mix of music that included several Christmas songs. On rounds, club cuer, J.L. Pelton, kept a full floor of round dancers moving and engaged all evening with a broad array of rhythms and phases offering something for everyone. A warm Thank You to these Swinging Stars who came to help bid our friends “adieu:” Brewers, Esteps, Harrises, Hamms, Kilejians, Perrotts, and Sees.

Special Square + Round Dance

Sunday 04 December – NORTEX & NTCA Dance – “USO Benefit Dance”

14 Swinging Stars journeyed to Swingtime Center in Fort Worth, TX, Sunday afternoon/evening to enjoy participating in this annual dance event that raises money for the USO. One heart-warming event highlight occurred right at the very start, when Deborah Carroll-Jones sang our national anthem. What a voice ... and what a great rendering of our nation’s special song! Thanks, Deborah. Overall, attendees enjoyed a great round and square dance, featuring numerous NTCA callers and cuers, within a format that first offered new dancers 90 minutes of always important “floor time” and then continued with a thoroughly enjoyable mix of rounds and Main Stream square dancing. When not dancing, numerous auction events allowed attendees to bid on interesting prizes while helping raise funds for the USO. Judging by the wide grins on faces, all attendees had a terrific time. Most importantly, the event was a great success financially, raising more than \$11,000 for the USO! A special holiday Thank You to these Swinging Stars who participated: P. Amy, Bondis, Walter/Eula Brewer, Covingtons, Evantos, Nejdls, Sees, and M. Hardin.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you’re a Swinging Star wanting to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered here, please submit it to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org no later than mid Sunday afternoon for inclusion here in that night’s newsletter. Try to include the names of fellow Swinging Stars who attended with you plus a few salient details (such as club, location, caller, cuer).

BANNER REPORT

We currently hold 9 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 3 Swinging Stars banners captured from us. Overall banner status is detailed below. Remember, if you visit a club whose banner we already hold, please do not accept another of their banners.

Other Club Banners Held by Us

Club	Date Captured
Rebel Rousers	19-Nov-2016
Lone Star Solos	10-Nov-2016
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016
Solitaires	02-Apr-2016
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015
Diamond Jubileers	14-Mar-2015
T Square Gadabouts	20-Feb-2015

Swinging Stars Banners Held at Other Clubs

Club	Date Captured
Kissin Kuzzins	11-Nov-2016
Texas Reelers	11-Nov-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Our Square + Round Dance

Friday 09 December – Swinging Stars – “Holiday Dance”

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Square Workshop, Early Plus: 7:45, Grand March: 8:00

Shepard Elementary School

1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX 75075

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

“A” Dance + All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 07 December – Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Dance: 6:15 – 7:30

Plus Dance: 7:30

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

“A” Dance

Thursday 8 December – Model As

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

“A”: 7:00

Churchill Way Center

6906 Churchill Way (at Hillcrest), Dallas, TX

Square + Round Dance

Saturday 10 December – Cotton Pickin’ Squares – “Holly Hop”

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March: 8:00

L-3 Recreation Center

10001 Jack Finney Blvd, Greenville, TX

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday 14 December, 11 Noon – Anne Nejd’s House (Plano)

Anne Nejd has extended an invitation to all Swing Stars ladies to come to her lovely home on 14 December at 12:00 noon for the most wonderful luncheon of the year. We hope everyone will be able to attend. If you are planning to attend, please respond to Anne by Sunday 11 December. Anne will provide the drinks and a ham. Attendees need to bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert to share. We will again have the “white elephant gift exchange.” Anyone wishing to participate should bring a wrapped item to re-gift. Anne Nejd’s address is 4105 Cassandra Lane, Plano, TX 75093. Please contact her at Yo_Red@verizon.net or by 972-964-5979.

Refreshments Duty and Information

December 9: **Evanto**, Bondi, Mosher, Stuart

December 22: Closed due to Holiday Season

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc.) without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents [Russ and Ann Nejd] 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!):

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance (Lorraine Burson coordinator)

September 22, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance (Something Special)

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 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.

Kathy & Bob Estep

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-618-3640

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:



Swinging Stars



Holiday Dance

Come Celebrate The Holiday Season With us!

December 9, 2016



Caller
Wayne Baldwin

Cuer
Walter Brewer



Sq. Workshop 7:00
Plus Dancing 7:45
Grand March 8:00
Hot Hash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, TX.

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied with a paying adult

Refreshment Banners Honey Pot Fun Dancing

For Info : 972-679-8572 or president@swingingstars.org

Visit our website: www.swingingstars.org



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New Dancer Dance

January 13, 2017

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



Sq Workshop 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

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

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