



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 7, 2014

What a great Holiday Party we had Friday night! We give a huge, sincere thanks to Linda and Charlie Harris and Betty Wheaton and to all who helped them organize and host this marvelous night of fun, food, fellowship, and dancing. We had 107 of our members sign up for the party; there were a few less than that there. We especially enjoyed the three hilarious skits organized and directed by Linda Harris. Thanks to the actors for entertaining the crowd: Doug and Jan Burgeson; Dave and Mary Colter, Jeff and Martha Lloyd, Tommy and JoAn Meyer, and Bill and Wendy Perrott; Walter Brewer, Ken and Vicky Bullock, Jim and Debbie Reid, and Peter and Jeanne Rickert. Also, thanks to Richard Covington and Russ Nejdil for manning the stage “curtain” and to Jodie Baldwin and Charlie Harris for assisting the actors and handling the props.

We (Ralph and Lucy) thanked the other club officers and some other members of the club who have devoted great effort to keep the Swinging Stars the wonderful square and round dance club it has been and making it even better during our tenure as your president. We introduced next year’s officers and wished them well. We know they will have a fun and rewarding year because we know all of you will give them the same kind of selfless and enthusiastic support you have given this year’s officers!

Wayne and Walter finished off the night with some excellent square and line dancing. That was the most important business of the night – thank you, Wayne and Walter!

Our dance this Friday is our annual Toys and Books for Kids Holiday Ball to support the Children’s Advocacy Center of Collin County. The square dance workshop starts at 7:00PM, and the grand march will be at 8:00PM. **Remember to bring your new toy(s) and/or book(s), cash, and/or check made out to Children’s Advocacy Center of Collin County or CACCC.** You will have **one last opportunity to support Wayne and Walter in the NTCA’s Singing Call/Round Dance of the year competition.** See Bob and Terri Pitts at the dance.

We have a visit **scheduled to the Cotton Pickin’ Squares Santa’s Helper Dance Saturday night.** It will be a fun dance with our own **Wayne Baldwin calling and Christine Hixson cueing.** So get your carpools together – it’ll be a worthwhile trip!

Ralph and Lucy

Happening This Week

Tuesday, December 9 – Mainstream lesson, Carpenter Rec Center, 7:15PM

Friday, December 12 – Club dance – Toys and Books for Kids dance.

Saturday, December 13 – Visit to Cotton Pickin’ Squares; see details in Coming Events below.

Announcements

Last week, we announced here that the **new refreshments duty schedule** through “March 2016” was **listed below under Refreshments Duty and Information**. We meant, of course, **through March 2015**. So take note if you are listed – your duty assignment is in the next few months, not a year from now. You didn’t think you could skate by that easily, did you?

SWINGING STARS LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON (from your hostess, Anne NejdI)

I regret to inform the ladies of the club that I am unable to host the ladies holiday luncheon in my home this year, but the luncheon will be at our house in 2015. I have reserved seating for us at the **Chocolate Angel in Plano at 4709 W Parker Rd #450, Plano, TX 7509 (972) 943-1099 for 11:30am on Tuesday, December 23rd**. If 18 ladies say they can attend, we can have the back room to ourselves (providing no one else has reserved it in the meantime) and make all the noise we want during the white elephant gift exchange. If you can attend, please send me an email. If you have female relatives from out of town, please invite them to come also. The more the merrier. Hopefully all the teachers can attend the luncheon too.

Please respond to Yo.Red@verizon.net or call [972-964-5979](tel:972-964-5979) no later than December 19th.

Here is the link to the lunch menu:

http://www.chocolateangel.com/2012/Chocolate_Angel_website/lunch_menu.html

Anniversary Dance, January 23, 2015. Russ NejdI has made a beautiful stained glass panel depicting a duck in flight to be raffled at the anniversary dance. Russ and Anne will bring it to future December and January club dances and will be selling pre-dance raffle tickets.

Mainstream Lessons Angels: Thanks to the following angels who helped at last week’s lesson: Peggy Amy, Jim Bondi, Dave & Lorraine Burson, Dave & Mary Colter, Bob & Kathy Estep, Barry & Helen Feldman, Ralph & Lucy Hamm, Richard & Jackie Jung, Mark & Roxana Mars, Bill and Wendy Perrott, Mark Sherman, and Jeff & Anne Stuart. If you can come out to help with the next lesson on Tuesday, please contact our Angel Coordinator, Lorraine Burson, at Lorraine@Bursons.us or [972-396-0941](tel:972-396-0941) and let her know that you are available. Graduation is on December 16 – just two more sessions to go!

*** * * From Your 2nd VPs * * ***

Our current Swinging Star banner inventory is shown below. If you visit a club whose banner we have, please don’t bring home another one.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Decatur 8ers	4-Oct-14
Diamond Jubileers	13-Sep-14
Kissin' Kuzzins	03-Oct-14
Log Cabin Swingers	4-May-13
Roadrunners	17-Jul-14
Solitaires	04-Jan-14
Tri-City Promenaders	23-Aug-14
T-Square Gadabouts	21-Nov-14

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Texas Reelers	14-Nov-14

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Plus 4s, Wednesday, December 3

Sixteen Swinging Stars enjoyed the Charles "Quiz" Quisenberry's skilled efforts to confuse even the most seasoned dancers at Plus 4s on Wednesday night. He accomplished his goal by calling several common plus calls starting from uncommon formations and/or moving in unpracticed directions. Left relay the deucey was his favorite source of dancer bewilderment for the night. In the end, the night was fun and educational. Swinging stars attending were J. Bondi, the Bursons, J. Duncan, the Esteps, Evantos, Halvorsons, Hamms, Kerns, and Lewises.

Of Interest, Solitaires, Saturday, December 6th

Ten of our members attended the Solitaires Jingle Bell Rock dance on Saturday night. There were lots of Christmas cheer and color, a visit from Santa Claus, and dancing, both square and round, to a number of carols. Caller Bobby Willis and cuer JL Pelton were in great form, and a great time was had by all. Our own Richard Covington entertained us with a tip. The following Swinging Stars were there: P. Amy, J. Bondi, the Bursons, Covingtons, Evantos, and Hamms.

NORTEX, Toys for Tots Dance, Sunday, December 7th

An astounding 46 of our members went to the NORTEX Toys for Tots Dance Sunday afternoon and evening to support the Marines' Toys for Tots campaign. They were entertained by a large number of callers, including our own Wayne Baldwin, and cuers. We even saw pictures of Wayne and Jody in a square and dancing in Wolfe's pictures on Flickr. Imagine that! Here are our members who attended: P. Amy, the Baldwins, Bondis, Bullocks, Bursons, Colters, Covingtons, Esteps, Evantos, Feldmans, Hardin/Smith, HARRISES, Heintz/Putnam-Heintz, Kerns, Lassiters, Lees, Nejdls, Perrotts, Pharrs, Pitts, Sobotkas, Trujillos, Stuarts, and C. Wolfe. Reporting for this dance was informal. Please forgive us if you were there and your name is not listed. (Thanks to Richard Covington for providing information for this report.)

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Swinging Stars, Friday, December 12th

Location: Shepard Elementary (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Time: Workshop – 7:00PM/ square up – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Theme: Toys and Books Ball
Notes: Club dance

Of Interest, Cotton Pickin' Squares, Saturday, December 13th



Location: L-3 Rec Center (10001 Jack Finney, Greenville, TX)
Time: Early rounds – 7:30PM / grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Theme: Santa's Helpers Dance

Refreshments Duty and Information

December 12	Stuart , Sherrell, Colter, Kendrick
December 26	Dance cancelled (day after Christmas)
January 9	Whipple , Branden, Bullock, DeLuke
January 23	Club Anniversary Dance - All Members Help
February 13	Estep , Dennison, Foust, Feldman
February 27	Harris , Lassiter, Reid, Row
March 13	Trujillo , Gifford, Jimison, Hardin/Smith
March 27	Loven , Lewis, Loxsom, Hamm

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances

Swinging Stars
Annual
TOYS AND BOOKS FOR KIDS
Holiday Ball

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

December 12, 2014

SWINGING STARS

40TH ANNIVERSARY

DISCO DANCIN'

With the Stars

Born In The Disco Age And Celebrating Our Disco Roots

Friday, January 23, 2015

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

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – Jive round dance lessons start

Friday, January 23, 2015 – Swinging Stars 40th Anniversary Dance

Saturday, January 31, 2015 – Dave and Lorraine Burson's 50th Anniversary Dance – everyone is invited

June 4 – 7, 2015 – 53rd Annual Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival, Waco, TX

June 24 – 27, 2015 – 64th National Square Dance Convention, Springfield, MA

October 30 – November 1, 2015 – NORTEX Callers Cavalcade and Round-Up

Check out and Like our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/518717944880222>

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.

Ralph and Lucy Hamm

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