



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

***Newsletter for December 8, 2019***

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### **Message from Presidents**

**David and Peggy Edwards**

Hi Swinging Stars,

Not much to report this week. We had a great Christmas party and every one there had a wonderful time. It was good to see Wayne and Jodie, we really enjoyed it. All the skits were great. Bobby and Walter did a great job calling and cuing as usual. Good to see that two of our student couples (Grant and Debra Gulickson and Jack and Veda Holland) are joining the Swinging Stars, welcome.

With Christmas and New Year coming up we are really busy with family, and friends as are most of you. Have a wonderful holiday season and

**A Texas, Merry Christmas you all.**

David and Peggy Edwards  
Presidents, Swinging Stars

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### **Happening This Week**

**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**

**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 at least 8 members to get their banner. Please be a member that supports the Swinging Stars Club Visitations.**

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \*\*\*

### Wednesday, December 4 – Plus 4's Dance

No report

### Swinging Stars Holiday Party - Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### Saturday, December 7 – Circle 8 – Celebrating 72 Years of Dancing

We could not go and I don't think anyone else went. I have no report.

## \*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\*

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### 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".

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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.

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### 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 Retrieval – The magic of Christmas**

This is truly a big Double Deal Dance. It can't be any more double than this. With two great and wonderful callers, we will be 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. Dave and I 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.**

## **Saturday, December 21 – Rebel Rousers – Christmas Masquerade Ball Of Interest Dance – Banner Retrieval**

Come out to the dance and get away from the Hustle and Bustle of the holidays. A Masquerade Ball sounds like a lot of fun. There will be no guessing as to whom the Caller and Cuer is when the music starts. With this perfect duo it is sure to be a fun dance. This is also a banner retrieval because the Rebel Rousers took our banner at our Double Deal dance. Please come and enjoy dancing and help the Swinging Stars retrieve our banner.

**Caller: Mike Bramlett**

**Cuer: Christine Hixson**

**Time: Early Rounds 7:00, All Plus 7:30, Grand March 8:00**

**Location: Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho, Richardson, TX**

**Note: Please, support the Swinging Stars to retrieve our banner. It takes 8 Swinging Stars to get back our banner.**

## **Saturday, December 28 – Tri City Promenaders – Yule Ball – New Dancer Dance Official Visitation**

Remember when you were a New Dancer? And you thought it was more fun to have experienced dancers in your square. Well, these new dancers all feel the same way. So please come and help angel the new dancers.

**Caller: Ray Savell**

**Cuer: Chris Farabaugh**

**Time: Early Rounds 7:00, All Plus 7:30, Grand March 8:00**

**Location: 1244 Brookside Dr, Hurst Texas**

## **Tuesday, December 31 – Rebel Rousers – New Years Eve Dance Dance of Interest**

Dave and I have attended the Rebel Rousers New Years Eve dance for several years. It has always been a lot of fun. They have Black Eye Peas and Corn Bread to help you start off 2020 with Good Luck. At Midnight join the Rebel Rousers for a toast to the New Year. There are a few other New Year's Eve Square Dance Parties that are further away. Why go so far to have an evening of celebrating, when driving isn't so safe. We hope Swinging Stars will choose to dance with the Rebel Rousers and enjoy ringing in the New Year together.

**Caller: Mike Bramlett**

**Guest Caller: Bobby Willis**

**Cuer: Christine Hixson**

**Time: Early Rounds 8:00, All Plus 8:30, Grand March 9:00**

**Location: Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho, Richardson, TX**

## \* \* \* OTHER EVENTS \* \* \*

### **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](mailto:Yo_Red@verizon.net) or 972.964.5979 by the 15<sup>th</sup> so She may let the restaurant know how many places to set up.

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### **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!

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### **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 metropollex.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:markt.karenl@gmail.com) of the change.

December 13 – **NejdI**, 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*)

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## Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

December is here ... lots of shopping, travel plans, menus to make, the latest i phone and/or digital TV to check out...

The Swinging Stars Christmas holiday party was a lot of fun with BBQ supper, visiting, skitts, visiting, and with line, round and square dancing.

It was so nice to see Wayne and Jodie Baldwin who were visiting. Bobby and Walter were calling and cueing to keep us busy. Thanks to Linda and Charlie Harris who have arranged for the Haggard venue every year for our holiday party. It is a great place to celebrate. The club welcomed our soon-to-be new square dance members: Grant and Debra Gulickson and Jack and Veda Holland who will graduate on December 17th. Hopefully club members who did not meet them last Friday night, will see them again at the Swinging Stars December 13th dance.

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### Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday May 29, 2020 – Swinging Stars 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance  
Theme “Swinging Stars Anniversary Ball”

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## 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](mailto: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.

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### Web Master Dave Burson

Be sure to check out our web page: [www.swingingstars.org](http://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.

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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](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)  
[www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org)