Newsletter for December 9th, 2018

Message from the President

Dave and Lorraine Burson

First, thank all of you for being patient with us for, the newsletter being so late. Dave is home and back to normal. Thank you for all your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Dave and I send a Big Thank You, to Linda and Charlie Harris, Chairman for the Annual Holiday Party. You did a great job organizing so much fun. Thank you to all that attended the Annual Holiday Party Saturday night. If you could not be there, for whatever reason, we understand what a busy time of year it is and it is hard to be in two places at one time. We did miss you! I believe every one enjoyed the Skits Jan Bergesen and Jodie Baldwin, put together at no expense and with the best of actors, also at no expense. Dancing to Wayne and Walter is always a pleasure. Thank you Wayne and Walter. We enjoyed having our students there, dancing along with our members. It was a good opportunity for them to meet more members of the Swinging Stars.

I am pleased to say that we have 7 new member joining our family of Swinging Stars. We look forward to dancing with our new members at our regular dance this Friday and at the New Dancer Dance coming up on January 11, 2019.

Speaking of the New Dancer Dance I still need one more crock-pot of Chili and 4 more desserts. If you would like to donate a pot of Chili or a Dessert for this dance please contact me at (<u>Lorraine@Bursons.us</u>).

From Linda and Charlie Harris, Chairman for the Holiday Party Lots of Fun! Holiday Party!

Another one for the books! It takes so many hands to pull this together! Jan and Doug Bergesen and Jodie are the 'best ever' skit organizers and exactors!

Decoration! Nina and Dan supplied many of the decorations (thank you!) and a team help put them out; Nina, Nevin, Joe and Sandra, Dave and Lorraine, Linda and Charlie.

A BIG THANKS to Joe and Sandra Rose for making the American Legion Hall available for the Swinging Stars Holiday Party! The attendees were very generous with their donations to the American Legion Hall fund! Betty keeps up with the money and Charles Wolfe takes our picks! Thank you to All!

Again, it takes all of us supporting our favorite activity! Linda and Charlie

Report on Square Dance Lessons

Lucy and Ralph Hamm

Lessons are rapidly drawing to a close with the last lesson being December 18. We are very happy to have seven new members joining the club! Many of you met some of them at the holiday party. Be sure to welcome each of them into your square when they attend their first Swinging Stars dance on January 11, our New Dancer Dance.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Wayne and Jodie. Wayne's peerless instructor talents have prepared our students to become enthusiastic and productive members of our club. Jodie has worked tirelessly coordinating with the rec. center, scheduling angels, and doing so much more to make the lessons a success. Also, thanks to Jan Bergesen and Richard Covington who helped Wayne with the instruction every week. Finally, thank you to the members of the lessons committee who planned and advertised the lessons and, along with other angels, spent many Tuesday nights angling our students this fall.

JANUARY 11, NEW DANCER DANCE AND CHILI DINNER

The students are doing a great job learning to square dance. With this in mind we will be having a New Dancer Dance. We hope you all will come out to meet and dance along with them. If you remember your first new dancer dance, how much you enjoyed having help dancing. It is time to give back and do your part to help these new dancers enjoy dancing at a real square dance. We do appreciate all Swinging Stars Angles that have given time to help with the lessons. They were all helpful making these students become square dancers. The students will be graduating on December 18, but with the restrictions of the Plano Parks and Rec. we can only have those that are designated angels that will be able to attend. The NEW DANCER DANCE is usually well attended by other clubs with new dancers. With great hopes, we are expecting that again this year. The board thought this to be a good time to have a Chili Dinner. At this time, we still need one more Crock Pot of Chili, and 4 more desserts. If you would like to donate a pot of Chili or some dessert for the dance please tell Lorraine (lorraine@bursons.us). This is not a Cook Off dance; it's a Chili Dinner. There will not be winners or losers. I guess we will all be winners in that we get to enjoy the yummy chili and desserts.

Happening This Week

Friday, Dec 14th - Swinging Stars

Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer 7:00 PM Workshop, 7:45 PM Plus, 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, Dec 15th - Circle I

Wayne Baldwin & Chris Farabaugh 6:45 PM Line, 7:00 PM Early Rounds, 7:30 PM Grand March

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

This week we have the Swinging Stars only December dance and a Circle I dance both featuring our very own caller – Wayne Baldwin. Let's get into the Christmas spirit by dancing this weekend.

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
Log Cabin Swingers	6. May. 2017
T-Square Gadabouts	04/20/18
Texas Reelers	11/16/18
Lone Star Solos	11/29/18

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Jwinging Stars Danners Out	
Club	Date Captured
Roadrunners	11/30/18
Rebel Rousers	11/30/18

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Kissin' Kuzzins - Friday, December 7

11 Swinging Stars braved the rain to attend the Kissin' Kuzzins' Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Dance Friday evening – retrieving our banner. Rounds were cued early and between tips by club cuer JL Pelton, while squares were called by the club caller Wayne Baldwin with the able assistance of Dave Vieira. There were plenty of patriotic and Christmas tunes providing an enjoyable evening with lots of dancing and food. Swinging Stars in attendance were: Bondis, Edwards, Hamms, M. Hardin, Harrises, and Sees.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Swinging Stars - Friday, Dec 14th

Theme: Jingle Bell Rock
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer

Time: WS - 7:00PM / PL - 7:45PM / GM - 8:00PM

Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr, Plano, TX)

Website: http://www.swingingstars.org

Notes: club dance

Circle I – Ugly Sweater Contest – Banner Raid

Date: Saturday, 15Dec18
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: Line – 6:40PM, Plus - 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM

Location: Senter Park East

228 Chamberlain, Irving

Note: Banner Raid

Texas Reelers – It's a Wonderful Life

Date: Friday, 21 Dec18

Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones & Jon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: ER – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM Location: Richardson Senior Center 820 W Arapaho, Richardson

Rebel Rousers – New Years Eve Dance

Date: Monday, 31Dec18
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson

Time: ER - 8:00PM / GM - 9:00PM Location: Richardson Senior Center

820 W Arapaho, Richardson

Note:

Other Events:

December 18, 2018 Ladies Holidays Luncheon

All Swinging Stars Ladies, new Lady members and the Ladies currently taking lessons are invited to attend.

Due to Russ's broken hip, I have opted to <u>NOT</u> host the December Ladies Holiday Luncheon at our home. Instead, I have reserved the back room at Macaroni Grill at 5005 West Park in Plano (the northwest corner of Park and Preston) on Tuesday, December 18th at 11:30 AM. I have been working on our usual high-quality games and have been accruing prizes of untold value, which will be awarded to the winners. We will also have the voluntary white elephant gift exchange. Bring an unused item you wish to regift if you wish to participate. Please RSVP to Anne Nejdl by Saturday, December 15th (<u>Yo Red@verizon.net</u> or call 972-964-5979).

To view the menu, follow this link for the lunch menu: <u>Macaroni Grill Menu</u>. (https://www.macaronigrill.com/Assets/macaroni-grill-lunch-menu-c-10-18.pdf?krnd=E1K3O0E0J3) Hope you can attend. Anne

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 Wal-Mart or Dollar Tree. If you need supplies contact First Vice Presidents Walt and Diana Whipple. Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Whipples (469.737.3632). For answers to your questions about the Refreshments Committee Duties please 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 14 – **Nestor,** Jung, McClaskey, Rose (Theme - Jingle Bells Dance) January 11 – **Pitts,** Bivins, Estep, Kilejian (Theme – New Dancer Dance & Chili Dinner) January 25 – **Elliott,** Boyd, Mulvin, Reid

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm

Please keep Bob and Kathy Estep in your prayers. Bob went home from the Hospital on Thursday evening Dec, 6. Bob said he wouldn't know the results of how the transplant went for about 3 or 4 months, (I think, is what he said). Bob also said that he cannot have guests at home for 60 days. He can take call at 972-679-8572 and emails at bobestep@hotmail.com.

Please keep Anne and Jeff Stuart in your thoughts and prayers. Anne is hospitalized in Medical City Hospital in Plano. She has broken vertebrae in her back. Her address for cards is 1129 Melrose Drive Richardson, Texas 75080-3936

Round Dance Lessons update from JL and Linda Pelton

Early notice -- we will be teaching Beginning Rumba and Cha Cha in January. Our classes are going to continue to stay on Saturday mornings as that day and time seems to work better for potential students. It also means that we will be able to offer continuous year round dance lessons. More information closer to January.

Listening Device Information

From Gene and Phyllis Deluke

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. To answer questions about the listening device email **gene deluke@hotmail.com** or phone 972-234-2401.

Notice to anyone interested in purchasing a listening device receiver for square or round dancing, Charles Harris has two new William Sound PPA R-37 receivers and one like new used. The new units are priced at \$90.00 and the used one at \$50.00. All units include the earphone. These are17 channel units versus the 3 channel Listen Brand units and have a five year warranty. If you are interested in purchasing a unit, email Charlie Harris at harris0907@sbcglobal.net or phone 214-348-5361.

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.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday January 11, 2019 New Dancer Dance and Chili Dinner Saturday March 30, 2019 Swinging Stars 44th Anniversary Dance

Dave and Lorraine Burson Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-396-0941

See Flyer below





Shepard Elementary 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano Tx.

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



SD Workshop 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Honey Pot Refreshments Banners Fellowship Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by paying adult 972-396-0941 or president@swingingstars.org

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