



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 10th, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Although the turnout was low for our club dance on Friday night (probably due to the cold weather, illness, and other holiday parties club members needed to attend), Russ and I were overwhelmed by the generosity of the Swinging Stars and guests as we supported the Samaritan Inn of McKinney. The trunk of our car is full of necessary items and we collected \$ 100 in gift cards and \$462 in cash and checks. We will be riding over there this afternoon to give our donations to the Inn. Thank you everyone for giving to this needy cause. We also wish to thank the refreshment committee for the delicious snacks – Bondi, Feldman, Jung and Stewart. We especially liked the way Helen made bundles of the donations and tied them together with a bow as table decorations.

We had 65 total attendees at the dance:

Circle I	1	Texas Reelers	6	Triangle Squares	1
Dixie Chainers	2	Model A's	1	Swinging Stars	65

We also welcomed our newest members to the club – Jackie and Jeff Boyd who are taking lessons on Tuesdays. They danced every tip they could, mingled with club members, and noshed on snacks in the back room. Even our visitors were impressed how well they danced to Wayne's fast tips.

Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

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

Just two classes are left until graduation. They have learned all the calls weeks ago and now Wayne is just reviewing and calling fun tips.

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.

Recognition Corner

Continuing what I started last week, Russ and I want to recognize another group of club members who are vital to the club and who have helped Russ and me immensely this past year.

Dave and Lorraine Burson – They have been past presidents several times and will be they will be presidents in February. They are our NORTEX delegates. Lorraine was the 2017 anniversary dance chair and will again chair the 2018 anniversary dance. Lorraine creates our club flyers. They also served on the lessons committee. Dave runs our website. Dave also formats the club calendar after the Pitts have done a rough draft. Dave and Lorraine also maintain the club roster. They have been instrumental in answering all our many questions and mentored us. Lorraine is also a very accomplished seamstress and has made several quilts we auctioned off at the anniversary dance, donated to NORTEX for the Round-Up dance and she also made that special quilt for Wayne with our names in each square which was presented to Wayne at his 50th anniversary of calling.

Linda and Charlie Harris – Linda and Charlie will be treasurers in 2018 (also past club presidents). They chair the Round Dance Advisory Committee. They also are the liaison between the club and Shepherd Elementary and handle the contracts with the school district. Linda also contacts the custodians before each club dance and contacts Austin Grill to let them know we are coming and to reserve us a table. They coordinate the holiday party at the Party Barn each year. They also are the club historians and also mentored us.

Ralph and Lucy Hamm – They are past club presidents several times over. They also serve on the Round Dance Advisory Committee. Lucy is the sunshine chair and either calls, sends out emails or cards to our club members when there is a need. Lucy and Ralph were dealing with a critically ill son and managed to chair the 50th Anniversary Dance for Wayne this year. When we asked them to lead the nominating committee, they graciously accepted. Lucy is a former schoolteacher and always manages to catch the errors I make in the newsletters. The Hamms have also been wonderful mentors to us.

January Practice Dances

We received a flyer from the Dixie Chainers that they will be hosting easy mainstream “practice dances” with Vernon Jones on Tuesdays starting on January 9th at the Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane). Classes will be from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM and will cost \$4 a dancer. Vernon is a great teacher and we have sent our new members there in the past to get some extra floor time.

A Message from Lorraine

I wish to thank all of the Swing Stars for all their prayers, thoughtfulness and good wishes while I was undergoing surgery and after. I really appreciate each of you and am grateful to have all of you as my friends. I am really doing well and hope to be back in full swing soon. I am sure that your thoughts and prayers have been a big help to my recovery.

Sad News

Kenneth Henneberger’s mother died last week. The whole Henneberger clan was featured in a WFAA news clip last year about Kenneth and his sister who had moved to Presbyterian Village North because they were so impressed by how engaged and busy their mom was since her move. Cards can be sent to 8600 Skyline Drive, Apt. 3409, Dallas, 75243.

Happening This Week

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

Friday, December 15th Kissin Kuzzins Magic of Christmas Dance (Dance of Interest) – Wayne Baldwin & Chris Farabaugh – 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:30 PM Square Dance Workshop – 8:00 PM Grand March
7:00 PM Mainstream Workshop – 7:45 PM – Plus – 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, December 16th – Rebel Rousers Bacon Dance & Food Drive (Dance of Interest) – Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixson – 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:30 PM All Plus – 8:00 PM Grand March

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By Bob and Terri Pitts

This coming weekend we have two dances on the calendar. Friday night there is a Kissin' Kuzzins' Magic of Christmas dance in Garland and Saturday night the Rebel Rousers are hosting their annual Bacon Bowl "make it with bacon" dance. Take a break from Christmas shopping and join us for one or both of these dances. If we have enough Stars attending we could snag the Kuzzins' banner.

Club Visitations

NTCA / NORTEX DFW USO Benefit Dance – 03Dec17 – Thanks to the 17 Swinging Stars who went to the USO benefit dance last Sunday. The fun dance was cued and called by many of our area cuers and callers who helped support the benefit dance. Thanks to the swift-footedness and generosity of the Harrises supporting the wreath auction we won a year's worth of ads in the Promenade – THANKS LINDA AND CHARLIE!

Dixie Chainers – Christmas Dance, 09Dec17 – Thank you to the 13 Swinging Stars who trekked to Farmers Branch Saturday night for the Dixie Chainers' Christmas dance. Jack von der Heide cued the fun early rounds and rounds between tips with many nice Christmas classics from his vast collection. And Vernon Jones, the Chainers' club caller, was in top form belting out a slew of fun square tips including an awesome fast-paced plus tip the crowd loved.

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

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 – details provided by the Nejdls.

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).

January 12 – **Rose**, Bushell/Perry, Edwards, Mosher

January 26 – **Perrott**, Elliott, Evanto, Nestor (Theme – Boot Scootin' Boogie)

February 9 – **Reid**, Dennison, Mulvin, Nejdl

February 23 – **Hardin**, Bergesen, Gifford, Goebel (Theme – Mardi Gras)

March 9 – **Lassiter**, Duncan, See, Zhang
March 23 – Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance

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

December 12, 2017 – Ladies Holiday Luncheon
March 23, 2018 – 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 Nejd

Swinging Stars Presidents

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Boot Scootin' Boogie

New Dancer Dance

Friday January 26, 2018

Western, Casual or Square dance attire are all acceptable for this dance

Shepard Elementary School -- 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, Tx

Caller Wayne Baldwin

Guest Cuer Christine Hixson

COMING DANCES:

Jan. 12, 2018 Regular dance night

w/JL Pelton Guest Cuer

Feb.23 Theme Dance Mardi Gras

Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Tip 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash After the Last Tip

SAVE This DATE MARCH 23,2018 43RD ANNIVERSARY DANCE
(THE STARS OF TEXAS ARE UPON YOU WESTERN BALL)
GUEST CALLER TIM TYL



Banner Game Refreshments Honey Pot Solo Board

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

For Info Contact 972-946-5979 or president @Swingingstars.org

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