

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 15, 2019

Message from Presidents

David and Peggy Edwards

Greetings Swinging Stars,

What a great month December has been thus far, as we Celebrate Christmas and the New Year. As much fun as our Christmas party and last Friday's dance was, let us keep in mind the real reason for Christmas.. The birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Peggy and I enjoyed dancing with the Dixie Chainers last night. Bobby did a great job calling as well as Chris Farabaugh as guest cuer.

There were 11 Swinging Stars in attendance, and we captured their banner.

On a sad note, we would like to ask all the Swinging Stars to keep Jack von der Heide in your prayers. We found out last night that Jack had surgery (Not sure of the nature of the surgery) and is experiencing some difficulties in recovery.

Have a Merry Texas Christmas Y'all.

David and Peggy Edwards
Presidents, Swinging Stars

Message from

Charlie and Linda Harris

Thank you to 'All you Generous Contributors'!

The Swinging Stars generously donated \$212 dollars toward cash gifts for the two custodians that setup and tear down for us each club Dance. They both appreciated our gift during this holiday season. Our club members are the best! You make us all proud.

Charlie and Linda

Happening This Week

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 them.

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**

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.

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

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

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2nd 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 |
| Dixie Chainers | 12/14/2019 |

Swinging Stars Banners Out

| Club | Date Captured |
|----------------|---------------|
| Kissin Kuzzins | 11/22/2019 |
| Texas Reelers | 11/22/2019 |
| Rebel Rousers | 11/22/2019 |
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***** EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK *****

First from the previous week

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

Four Swinging Stars were among more than 13 squares that attended Circle-8's "Year of Visiting Callers" dance finale for 2019. This was a good one with national/international square dance caller Ken Bower occasionally accompanied by club caller and long time friend Melton Luttrell keeping the energy at a high level for the entire evening. Between square dance tips, Jack von der Heide cued round dance tips featuring Phase 2 to Phase 4 choreography. At the end of the dance evening, Melton announced to the resounding approval of the attendees that the visiting caller format will continue in 2020. Some callers have already been scheduled and negotiations are underway for others.

Thank you to these Swinging Stars for attending: Gulicksons (new members) and the Evantos. Thank you to Tom Evanto for the report and the message about the visiting callers' format that will continue in 2020. We will look forward to dancing to more national and international callers at the Circle 8 next year.

**Saturday, December 14 – Dixie Chainers – Bring a toy and get in free dance
Official Club Visitation – Banner Raid**

Eleven Swinging Stars enjoyed a fun night of dancing at the Dixie Chainers Saturday. Bobby did his usual great job of keeping the squares fun and fast. Chris Farabaugh substituted for club Cuer, Jack Von der Heide and cued an excellent variety of rounds. All dancers attending had a great time. Thank you to the following the Swinging Stars for attending and supporting the club visitations: P. Amy, Edwards, Evantos, Gulickson (new menders), Hamms, and Nejdls. Thanks to Ralph Hamm for making the report in our absence.

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

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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.

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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

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

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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 8:00-9:00, Grand March 9:00

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

Note: There was a mistake in the ad for the New Years Eve Dance at Rebel Rousers. There will be 1 hour of Early Rounds from 8:00-9:00 PM. Grand March is at 9:00 PM. We hope you will join us for the evening of food, dancing and fun. We will toast in the New Year at midnight.

Thank you,

Colleen Wilson

Rebel Rousers President

*** * * 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 or 972.964.5979 by the 15th so She may let the restaurant know how many places to set up.

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!

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 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). If you have additional questions, 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.

January 10 – **Evanto**, Lassiter, Reid, Sperry

January 24 – **Gifford**, Chen, Dennison, Rickert

(Theme - *Boots and Blue Jeans Dance / New Dancer Dance*)

February 14 – **See**, Feldman, Kilejian, Pelton (Theme – *Be My Valentine*)

February 28 – **Mosher**, Amy, Burson, Hawkins

March 13 – **Trujillo**, Deluke, Jung, Whipple

March 27 – **Bondi**, Goebel, Hamm, Stewart (Theme – ???)

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

No good or bad news to report.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday May 29, 2020 – Swinging Stars 45th Anniversary Dance

Theme “Swinging Stars Anniversary Ball”

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 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.

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.

Dave Burson

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Swinging Stars

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See Flyer below



Boots & Jeans New Dancer Dance

Jan 24, 2020

★ Swinging Stars ★

Shepard Elementary School

1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, TX



* New Format *

Caller: Bobby Willis

Early Rounds - 7:00 pm

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Plus Tip - 7:20 pm

Workshop - 7:40 pm

Grand March - 8:00 pm



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★ Honey Pot

★ Banners

★ Refreshments



Dancers under 18 free with paying adults.

We dance every 2nd and 4th Friday.

For more info: president@swingingstars.org

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