



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

***Newsletter for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018***

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### **Message from the President**

**Dave and Lorraine Burson**

Just a word about our dance on Friday, "The Jingle Bells Rock Dance". We had a small group of 55 dancers, but those of us that were there really had a fun time. A caller from Louisville, Kentucky dropped by and Wayne invited him to share the microphone and have him call part of the dance. He is Travis Cook, he said he was in town on business for the weekend and came by for the evening. Travis said he calls for an "A" level club. Travis is quite a good caller and easy to follow. He and Wayne had a fun time trading off calling for our dancing pleasure. Those of you that were not there missed a real treat. I want to mention to that we had a few of our student / new members attending. They did a fabulous job keeping up with Wayne and Travis. New members attending were Michelle Mae and Rick Pehrson, J.J. and Aegean Chen. J.J. and Aegean are not only doing very well at square dancing, but also doing very well learning to Round Dance. We were all impressed with how well these new dancers were dancing. Someone I was sitting next to commented on the fact the Michelle really has it down and gets it (square dancing). We look forward to them being active Swinging Stars. We also have a few more student / new member that we are looking forward to be in attendance at our New Dancer Dance. We believe the entire group of student / new dancers are doing wonderful at learning the skill of square dancing.

We have heard that several of our members are not feeling very well. Some sort of cold or something has seems to be going around. We hope everyone is feeling better soon.

### **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 **NOT** 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 NejdI by Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> ([Yo\\_Red@verizon.net](mailto:Yo_Red@verizon.net) or call 972-964-5979).

To view the menu, follow this link for the lunch menu: [Macaroni Grill Menu](#).

( <https://www.macaronigrill.com/Assets/macaroni-grill-lunch-menu-c-10-18.pdf?krnd=E1K3O0E0J3> )

Hope you can attend.

Anne NejdI.

## **JANUARY 11, NEW DANCER DANCE AND CHILI DINNER**

I want to thank everyone that signed up to either bring chili or dessert for the New Dancer. We now have the required amount of chili and dessert. Thank you so much!

## **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.

## **Message from JL and Linda Pelton about Round Dance Lessons**

It's Rumba and Cha Cha Time -- Are You Ready?

JL and Linda are offering Beginning Rumba and Cha Cha classes starting January 12 through the beginning of March. Classes are from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Saturdays at Carpenter Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano. Sign up is open now through the Parks and Rec. Online Registration Catalog or you can call Carpenter Rec. at 972-208-8087 to Register. The Beginning Rumba and Cha Cha class is #15732 or just search for Pelton as the instructor.

What is great about Rumba and Cha Cha is that you get two rhythms for the price of one. Rumba and Cha Cha are very related rhythms with most figures appearing in both rhythms. Then after the beginning class ends, there will be an Intermediate Rumba and Cha Cha class that starts March 23. Same time and same place. By the time you finish both, you will be able to dance any Rumba and Cha cued at any square dance.

JL and Linda really like teaching the Latin classes. They will tell you it's the very best "first" beginning class to take if you have never had Round dance lessons because it has a loose hold. Of course, if you have already had a class or two, that experience will help you quickly pick up this rhythm and the classes are always a lot of fun.

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## **Happening This Week**

Wednesday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>– **Plus 4s**

Charles Quisenberry– 7:30 PM Plus

Friday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>– **Texas Reelers**

Deborah Carroll-Jones, Jon Jones & Chris Farabaugh

7:00 PM Workshop, 7:45 PM Plus, 8:00 PM Grand March

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report

### From Ron and Donita See

This week you can enjoy plus dancing with Quiz and a Wonderful Life by dancing with the Texas Reelers. Continue to enjoy the Christmas spirit by dancing this week.

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

Club	Date Captured
Roadrunners	11/30/18
Rebel Rousers	11/30/18

### \*\*\* EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK \*\*\*

#### Harvest Holiday Annual Free Christmas Dance - Sunday December 9

10 Swinging Stars visited the Harvest Holiday club in Fort Worth for some fun and challenging phase 4-6 round dancing. Area cuers Karen Gloodt, Christine Hixson, Jack Kenny, JL Pelton and Ron Webb kept the dancers busy for 3 hours. Swinging Stars members in attendance were: Bondis, Hamms, Jung, Peltons and Pitts. Thanks to Lucy Hamm for providing this report.

#### Circle I – Saturday, December 15

6 Swinging Stars visited the Circle I club in Irving. Guest caller Wayne Baldwin and club cuer Chris Farabaugh provided a great evening of dancing to Christmas music. The theme was Ugly Sweater Contest – and Bob Pitts won with his reindeer sweater!! Swinging Stars members in attendance were: HARRISES, PITTS, and SEES.

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

#### 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

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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 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.karen1@gmail.com](mailto:markt.karen1@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.karen1@gmail.com](mailto:markt.karen1@gmail.com) of the change.

January 11 – **Pitts**, Bivins, Estep, Kilejian (Theme – New Dancer Dance & Chili Dinner)

January 25 – **Elliott**, Boyd, Mosher, Reid

February 8 – **Bergesen**, Evanto, Hardin, NejdI (Theme - Mardi Gras)

February 22 – **Dennison**, Gifford, Lassiter, See

March 8 – **Colter**, Pelton, Pharr, Zhang

March 30 – **Anniversary Dance** (All Members participate)

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## Sunshine information

### From Lucy Hamm

As we end the year 2018, we are enjoying the holidays and all of dances and parties. We need to remember the reason for the season and give thanks for all we have and take for granted. Several of our members have had the milder illnesses of the winter. Everyone take care of yourself.

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## 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](mailto: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 are 17 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](mailto:harris0907@sbcglobal.net) or phone 214-348-5361.

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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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## **Special dates to put on your calendar**

Friday January 11, 2019 New Dancer Dance and Chili Dinner

Saturday March 30, 2019 Swinging Stars 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance

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**Dave and Lorraine Burson**

**Swinging Stars Presidents**

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**See Flyer below**





# Swinging Stars



Boot Scootin' Boogie

New Dancer &



Chili Dinner Dance

Western, Casual or Square Dance Attire

Friday January 11, 2019

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

Jan. 25, 2019 Regular Club Dance



Sq. Workshop 7:00

Feb. 23 MARDI GRAS Theme Dance

Plus Tip 7:45

Grand March 8:00



SAVE THE DATE MARCH 30, 2019

"STARRY NIGHTS WITH THE STARS"

GUEST CALLER PAUL COTE AT ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH....

★ Banner Game   ★ Chili Dinner   ★ Honey Pot   ★ Solo Board

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

For Info Contact 972-396-0941 or president @Swingingstars.org



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