



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

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**From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:**

Thank you to the 28 Swinging Stars ladies who attended the annual Ladies Holiday Luncheon at the Nejd house. The food was outstanding but the best part was seeing all of you and some of our past club members. You all made it special.

Last week, Russ dropped off all those donated items, money and gift cards to the Samaritan Inn in McKinney. The whole back end of our car was loaded. The facility was delighted to receive our donations and they were surprised that there was a square dance club in the area. Thank you everyone for your generosity. It was greatly appreciated. They even gave our club a receipt.

This time of year is a slow time for dancing as we all concentrate on family, friends, and traditions. You will notice there is not much on the calendar this week. However, if you are looking for an opportunity to dance, come to lessons on Tuesday to welcome our new graduates into the club (see announcements below).

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.  
Russ and Anne Nejd

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## **Announcements**

**Fall Mainstream Lessons – Tuesdays, September 5<sup>th</sup> to December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM**

As mentioned above, Tuesday will be graduation for our students. We are going to welcome the 4 new Swinging Stars couples into the club with dancing, refreshments and just some fun dancing. We would like the whole club to attend this last class and we have permission from Carpenter for all of you to come. Our NORTEX area vice presidents, Pan and Don von Minden will be there too. No special attire required. Class is from 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM at Carpenter Rec Center, 6701 Coit Road in Plano. This is a great opportunity to get in some dancing and have some fun.

**Round Dance Lessons (submitted by JL & Linda Pelton)**

Signup is now open for our Beginning Two Step class. Carpenter cancels early on us if we don't have enough people signed up. So if you are planning to either refresh your Two Step lessons or have never taken Two Step, please sign up now.

Class is from 7:15 to 9:15 on Tuesday Nights Call Carpenter Rec Center at 972-208-8087 to register. The class is #2000071 and is listed as Ballroom Two Step Beginning (they didn't want Country and Western Two Step confused with our class)

We won't be offering Two Step again for several years, so now is the time to take this class.

For Round Dance Basic Refresher Classes at Plano Senior Center on Saturdays -- Signup is now open for the Saturday morning Basic Refresher Class at Plano Senior Center, 401 W. 16th Street just off the south access road of 75 and north of George Bush. These are lessons and practice dancing, like an easy round dance club.

Class starts Saturday morning January 9 and is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The class is listed in the Plano Parks and Rec catalog and on the website as -- Round Dance (Continuing Basics) New -- Class #199430. If you are looking for the class it is listed in the 50+ section under Dance. Or you can telephone 972-941-7155 to sign up directly. Probably that is easier as the website and access has changed in the last couple of months.

### **Recognition Corner**

This week Russ and I want to recognize the lessons committee. They worked behind the scenes to brainstorm, advertise, and attended strategy meetings. We couldn't have had lessons without them.

Dan and Kathy Mosher are the lessons chair and have faithfully attended each lesson, manning the sign-in table, securing the badges, passing out information, and serving as angels. Dan is super organized and makes it look so easy. Dan also made sure each rec center in Plano had our flyers displayed to attract students.

Doug and Jan Bergesen are the first vice presidents and one of their functions is to facilitate lessons. They also have attended lessons faithfully each week and angel when needed. Jan has been calling a few songs at lessons too. Jan has been great making announcements and really promoting our dances to the class. They are busy this week getting the information books together for each student couple.

Charlie and Linda Harris helped with advertising lessons particularly using social media. Linda is a whiz at Bubble Life and Nextdoor.com. Linda and Charlie also help pay for the ValPak advertising.

Bob and Kathy Estep supported lessons by attending meetings and printing business cards to pass out to prospective students. The Esteps also helped pay for the ValPak advertising.

Dave and Lorraine Burson designed the flyers and tri-folds we used to advertise our lessons.

Honorable Mentions:

Nevin and Sara Mulvin and Lon Bushell and C.J. Perry who already had lessons but agreed to take another set so our class could make. The Mulvins also helped pay for our ValPak advertising.

Walt and Diana Whipple who graciously stepped in to be angels.

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **Happening This Week**

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – Mainstream Lessons Graduation – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM**

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – Plus 4's All Plus Dance – Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM**

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## By Bob and Terri Pitts

Since this next weekend is adjacent to Christmas Day there are no dances planned. Please have a Merry Christmas and enjoy time with friends and family.

### Club Visitations

**Kissin' Kuzzins – The Magic of Christmas – 15Dec17** – Thanks to the 17 Swinging Stars who visited the Kuzzins for their Christmas dance. Early rounds and rounds between tips were cued by JL Pelton and squares were called by Texas Hall of Fame caller, Wayne Baldwin. We had enough Stars at their dance to bring back one of their club banners.

**Rebel Rousers – Bacon Dance, 16Dec17** – Thank you to the 13 Swinging Stars who went to Richardson for the Rebel Rousers annual bacon dance on a cold wet night. Christine Hixson cued the early rounds and rounds between tips. And Mike Bramlett called the plus and mainstream tips. In addition to the fun dancing it was enjoyable to taste all the recipes that included bacon – there were plenty of good ones. Bill Hinkley also called and it was great to see David Toms do an impressive job on a singing call with Mike Bramlett

### 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		
Kissin' Kuzzins	15-Dec-2017		

### Coming Events

#### Lone Star Solos – Prelude to 2018 (Double Deal)

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:**

None.

### **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, NejdI  
February 23 – **Hardin**, Bergesen, Gifford, Goebel (Theme – Mardi Gras)  
March 9 – **Lassiter**, Duncan, See, Zhang  
March 23 – Swinging Stars 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Dance

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

December 12, 2017 – Ladies Holiday Luncheon  
January Swinging Stars dinner and dancing at Southern Junction - date TBA

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For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org) and click on Weekends.

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Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at [llhamm45@gmail.com](mailto: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 NejdI**

**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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