

# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for December 22, 2019*

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### Message from Presidents

David and Peggy Edwards

Hello Swinging Stars.

Not much to report this week. Hope you all had a great time dancing with the Kiss'n Kuzzn's. We didn't dance any where this weekend, since we are spending Christmas in Red River N.M with our son and grandchildren at his Red River house.

Wishing you all a MERRY TEXAS CHRISTMAS from New Mexico.

David and Peggy Edwards  
Presidents, Swinging Stars

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### Happening This Week

Monday, December 23 – First Day of Hanukkah



Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas



**Saturday, December 28 – Tri City Promenaders – Yule Ball – New Dancer Dance Official Visitation**

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**Location: 1244 Brookside Dr, Hurst Texas**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> 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
Texas Reelers	11/22/2019
Rebel Rousers	11/22/2019

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

### **Friday, December 20 – Kissin Kuzzins – Double Deal Dance Official – Banner Retrieval – The magic of Christmas**

An announced attendance of more than 120 dancers and visitors enjoyed a festive square and round dance evening choreographed by visiting square dance Caller KO Jeanes from the Houston area and club Cuer JL & Linda Pelton who are also Swinging Stars members. Charlie Robertson was also scheduled to share the calling duties but could not be there due to a death in the family. The dance evening featured early rounds; a mainstream square dance workshop; mainstream and announced plus square dance tips each followed by a round dance tip, and a lot of food prepared by the host club. The square dance workshop emphasized every dancer doing their part of the call according to the Caller Lab definition for each dancer's starting position in the formation. 16 recognized Swinging Stars in attendance for the "banner retrieval" Thank you to these Swinging Stars for attending P Amy, Bondis, Evantos, Hamms, Harrises, M Mae, R Pehrson, Sees, Stewarts, C Wolfe. Banner retrieval was successful. Thank you to Tom Evanto for the very informative report.

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

Six Swinging Stars attended the Rebel Rousers Holiday Dance. Lots of holiday skirts and shirts made for a festive evening of dancing to Mike Bramlett Calling and Christine Hixson Cueing. Thank you to the following Swinging Star members for attending P Amy, Evantos, M Hardin, Harrises. Many thanks to Linda Harris for providing the report.

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### **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 \* \* \*

### January ?? – Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon

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#### 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!

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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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 – ???)

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## Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

It is nice to see dancers out celebrating the holiday dances. May you all enjoy the happiness of the season. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Boxing Day, the official beginning of winter and a very happy 2020 to all.

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## Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday May 29, 2020 – Swinging Stars 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance  
Theme “Swinging Stars Anniversary Ball”

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## 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](mailto: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.

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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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**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](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)

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