



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 23rd, 2018

Message from the President

Dave and Lorraine Burson

We want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. As we spend time with our family we will rejoice in the many blessing we have to be able to share time with them. This is the time of year when we count our blessings of having family and friends to enjoy as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. We have a lot of our members that are ill. We hope everyone is feeling better and will be able to enjoy their Christmas.

It is about time to start going forward with the plans of our Swinging Stars 44th Anniversary Dance. It will be on March 30th. That sounds like a long time away, but when you think about it, it is only about 6 Swinging Star dances away. Russ and Ann NejdI are the Chairmen for the dance. They will soon be looking for committee chairs for the dance. Start thinking which committee you would like to chair or what committee you would like to be on. The theme they have chosen is, "A Starry Night Dancing with the Stars". I won't go in to any details I will leave that for Anne and Russ to do. I will however tell you that Paul Cote is the guest caller.

Another big exciting item coming up is we will be getting our new officers taking offices the 1st of Feb. Well, I guess it is most exciting for Dave and me. As you all know the new officers are President, David and Peggy Edwards, 1st Vice President, Nick and Diane Stewart, 2nd Vice President Mary Hardin, Secretary, Alex and Vanessa Nestor, and Treasurer, Nevin and Sarah Mulvin. You may be ask to volunteer to do some of the jobs that are necessary to have a smooth running club. Please be willing to help when asked if you would be willing to accept one of the positions that will be needed to help each of these officers make their load a little lighter. It is very important that we have help from the membership performing these duties. None of them are hard jobs, if everyone pitches in and helps.

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!

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 Chued 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.

Happening This Week

There are no scheduled dances this week. Enjoy the Christmas holidays with family and friends.

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

For plus dancers ADD+ is having a regular plus double deal dance on Saturday.

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
Kissin' Kuzzins	12/21/18

Swinging Stars Banners Out

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

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Plus 4s – Wednesday, December 19

12 Swinging Stars visited the Plus 4s Wednesday evening for their last December dance. Squares were called by the club caller Charles Quisenberry ("Quiz"). Quiz did another amazing evening of calling. Swinging Stars in attendance were: P. Amy, Bondis, Evantos, Goebels, M. Hardin, Sees, and Stewarts.

Texas Reelers – Friday, December 21

5 Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers in Richardson for their "It's a Wonderful Life" dance. Club callers Deborah Carroll-Jones, Jon Jones and club cuer Chris Farabaugh along with Jan Toms provided a great evening of dancing to Christmas music. Swinging Stars members in attendance were: Feldmans, M. Hardin, and Sees.

Kissin' Kuzzins – Friday, December 21

8 Swinging Stars visited the Kissin' Kuzzins in Garland for their dance and captured their banner. Club callers Wayne Baldwin and club cuer JL Pelton provided a great evening of dancing. Wayne's calling was creative and inspiring, as always. Swinging Stars present were: Stewarts, Jim & Della Sperry, JJ & Aegean Chen, and R&J Covington. Thank you to Richard Covington for this report.

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

ADD+ – Double Deal Dance

Date: Saturday, 29 Dec18
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: Advanced – 6:00PM, ER – 7:00PM, Plus – 7:30PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W Arapaho, Richardson
Note: This is a regular plus dance, double signature

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

Other Events:

Thursday January 17, Ladies Luncheon

The January Ladies Luncheon will be hosted by Sandra Rose at the "Chocolate Angel Located in the High Street Antique Mall at 75 and Plano Parkway, on Thursday the 17th at 11:30. The address is 800 Central Expressway, Plano. This is one of our favorites. Please come and enjoy visiting with the ladies of the Swinging Stars and you will be able to enjoy all their tasty food and especially their "World Renowned Strawberry Salad". Yum yum.

Check out their Menu by going to www.chocolateangel.com

Please RSVP to Sandra Rose by January 15th. At 972-768-0468 or

Email amma.sandy@gmail.com.

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.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.karen@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, Nejd (Theme - Mardi Gras)

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

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

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

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.

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 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 or phone 214-348-5361.

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.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday January 11, 2019 New Dancer Dance and Chili Dinner

Saturday March 30, 2019 Swinging Stars 44th Anniversary Dance

Dave and Lorraine Burson
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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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