



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 24th, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Swinging Stars. We hope you are enjoying this time of year with family and friends. This is a slow time for square dancing, but things start cranking up next week and after the first of the year and the Swinging Stars will be out there visiting.



Graduation from lessons was such a joyous time. Thank you to Jodie and Jan for baking the cookies. The Nejdls provided the water. Many Swinging Stars attended the last class we all enjoyed just dancing. Jan continues to amaze and impress us with her calling and singing. Thank you club members for attending the graduation and making our new couples feel welcome.

Here are the four couples who joined our club:

- Jeff and Jackie Boyd
- Jim and Katie Halvorson
- Mark and Connie Marshall
- Howard and Helga Nicholas

You will be seeing more of them at our club dances. Please welcome them into your square, introduce yourself, and show them how supportive our club is of new dancers.

Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

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.

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 9th 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.

Recognition Corner

Some other couples Russ and I wish to recognize for their contribution to the club and may have overlooked when it comes to our gratitude:

Dan and Nina Lassiter were in charge of distributing round-up tickets. It was very challenging for them to keep track of the tickets and money, but they did an outstanding job.

Dennis and Karen Reid offered up their home for the after party following our anniversary dance.

Jim and Debbie Reid were in charge of decorations not only for the anniversary dance but also for our Wayne dance. And Debbie continues to impress us with her baking skills – especially with those cake balls!

Barry and Helen Feldman helped me decorate for the state fair of Texas dance. Barry made some rally cute signs. Helen also facilitates our ladies bunco club.

We have two NORTEX delegates – Ron & Donita See and Dave & Lorraine Burson. Tom and Vicki Evanto are our NORTEX liaison.

Dave and Lorraine Burson were in charge of our anniversary dance and Lorraine make a handmade quilt for the raffle.

I hope I have not missed anyone but wanted to thank each of you for making our past year go so smoothly.

Anniversary Dance

Our anniversary dance is just around the corner. You will be receiving an email from the Bursons asking for help and the areas they need help in. Please respond. The whole club participates both with food and service and the best jobs go early, so respond quickly to secure your job duty and food item.

Happening This Week

Thursday, December 28th – Lone Star Solos Prelude to 2018 (Dance of Interest) – Dave Viera and Chris Farabaugh – 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:30 PM Grand March

Sunday, December 31st – Rebel Rousers Annual New Year's Eve Dance – Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixson – 8:00 PM Early Rounds – Grand March 9:00 PM

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By Bob and Terri Pitts

Swinging Stars – have a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS**.

Be aware that our club website has a “Weekends” button at the top left of the page. There is a wealth of information listed for away dance weekends and festivals. This is a good resource since we can't list all dances on our calendar (and everyone has varied dancing interests). But, we would like to mention Winterfest in Waco and Stampede in Paris, both of which are just around the corner in January and February, respectively. So, if you are wanting to keep abreast of traveling opportunities, please visit the website for pertinent information and flyers.

There is one other dance not on our calendar you may be interested in – the Texas Reelers are having an all plus dance 5th Friday dance (no rounds or mainstream tips) at the Richardson Senior Center 29Dec from 7:30PM to 9:30PM. Jon Jones will be calling.

Club Visitations

No visitations have been reported.

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		

Lone Star Solos – Prelude to 2018 (Double Deal)

Date: Thursday, 28Dec17
Caller: Tim Tyl
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, Nejd
February 23 – **Hardin**, Bergesen, Gifford, Goebel (Theme – Mardi Gras)
March 9 – **Lassiter**, Duncan, See, Zhang
March 23 – Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance

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

January Swinging Stars dinner and dancing at Southern Junction - date TBA
March 23rd - Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at 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 Nejd

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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