

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 29, 2019

Message from Presidents

David and Peggy Edwards

Hello Swinging Stars,

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, we certainly did. We barely made it out of Red River ahead of the snow storm that came through on Saturday. The roads were treacherous and many of the passes were being closed behind us, but we were able to make it out okay.

Not much to report on as far as dancing goes, as we were not able to dance for the last two weekends. Looking forward to getting back to dancing this weekend,

We wish you all a prosperous and Happy New Year.

David and Peggy Edwards
Presidents, Swinging Stars

Happening This Week

**Tuesday, December 31 – Rebel Rousers – New Years Eve Dance
Dance of Interest**

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

Wednesday, January 1 – New Years day



**Friday January 3 – Kissin Kuzzins – Happy New Year Dance
New Dancer Dance – Banner Raid**

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: JL Pelton

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Mainstream Workshop 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Location: Garland Senior Activity Center, 600 Avenue A, and Garland, TX.

Note: ☆☆☆ Let's start off the New Year by looking like a club with "club sprit" and wear something Royal Blue. ☆☆☆

Saturday January 4 – Circle I – New Years Resolution, Keep Dancing

Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: Early Rounds, 7:00, Plus Dancing 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Location: Senter Park East, 228 Chamberlain, Irving, TX.

2nd 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 *****

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

Sandwiched between two major holidays, the Tri-City Promenaders New Dancer Dance – Yule Ball had great attendance. With 42 visitors and 40 club members, the floor was very full with quite a few new dancers who really didn't dance like they were new. Chris Farabaugh cued some lively routines that required some review prior to the dance. Ray Savell and his wife Linda harmonized to some Christmas favorites. Ray is always fun to dance to because he always selects music you can't help singing as you dance. Attending were the Nejdls who had a really good time. Thank you to the Nejdls for attending and making this report.

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

**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

Friday January 3 – Kissin Kuzzins – Happy New Year Dance New Dancer Dance – Banner Raid

This will be our first official visitation of the New Year. Come and support the Swinging Stars and help the new dancers as they practice their new favorite pastime. And support the Swinging Stars to capture the Kissin Kuzzins banner, while enjoy the fun Dancing to Mike Bramlett and JL Pelton. You know it will be you will like it.

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: JL Pelton

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Mainstream Workshop 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Location: Garland Senior Activity Center, 600 Avenue A, and Garland, TX.

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Saturday January 4 – Circle I – New Years Resolution, Keep Dancing Theme Dance

Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: Early Rounds, 7:00, Plus Dancing 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Location: Senter Park East, 228 Chamberlain, Irving, TX.

Friday, January 10 – Swinging Stars – Regular 2nd Friday night dance.

We are having our first new formatted dance this week. The times listed in the ad in the Promenade are incorrect. We have listed the correct format times.

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Time: Early Round 7:00, Plus Tip 7:20, Workshop 7:40, Grand March 8:00

Location: Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, Tx.

Saturday, January 11 – Diamond Jubilees – Snowman Dance Official Visitation – Banner Raid

We need to be collecting banner. Our banner count is kind of low. You will enjoy dancing to Ray Savell and Karen Gloodt.

Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

Location: Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX

Wednesday, January 15 – Plus 4's – 3rd Wednesday Plus Dance

This is Quiz's regular Wednesday plus dance night. We would like to see more Plus Dancers attending to the Plus dance...Like the Swinging Stars used to do. We miss you there.

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Time: A dancing at 6:15, Plus at 7:30 to 9:30

Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

Friday, January 17 – Texas Reelers – Disco Fever

Official Visitation – Banner Retrieval

Maybe you can find some of your favorite vintage disco clothes in the back of you closet and come as a disco dancer. Wouldn't that be fun to see. Knowing Deborah Carroll as we do, she will have some vintage music that she will adapt for the occasion. Can't wait for this one.

Caller: Deborah Carroll Jones with Jon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: Early rounds: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Location: 820 W. Arapaho Richardson, TX

Saturday, January 18 – Rebel Rousers – Bennett Bowl

Official Visitation – Banner Retrieval

Put on your favorite Team Jersey and come out and play or dance. Every year around this time they have Scott Bennett fill in for Mike. Scott is an excellent caller with the coolest music. I love dancing to his calling. I am very hopeful that I will be able to dance by then.

Guest Caller: Scott Bennett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, All Plus: 7:30, Grand March: 800

Location: 820 W. Arapaho Richardson, TX

Friday, January 24 – Swinging Stars – Boots and Jeans – New Dancer Dance

Please notice the new format times listed here. The times listed in the ad in the Promenade are incorrect. We have listed the correct format times.

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Time: Early Round 7:00, Plus Tip 7:20, Workshop 7:40, Grand March 8:00

Location: Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, TX

Saturday, January 25 – Triangle Squares – 45th Anniversary Dance

Official Visitation

Winter Wonderland

Oh yes, this is going to be a fun night of dancing. Tim is the Funniest Fun caller that comes to this area. There have been times when he is so funny that I miss what it was that he called. The Triangle Squares always puts on a really good dance for their anniversary. This is one of the dances the Swinging Stars look forward to. Please plan to visit with us.

Club Caller: Toby Thomason

Guest Caller: Tim Tyl

Guest Cuer: Barb Yeagan

Location: Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home

1407 Bernard Street, Denton (Just off 1-35 East Hwy 377)

Note: Come Experience...A night of Winter Wonderings and Trivia

**Sunday, January 26 – NTCA and NORTEX presents a:
Swingtime Benefit Dance**

Admission by Donation – All Proceeds go to the Swingtime Center

Callers: NTCA Callers

Cuers: NTCA Cuers

Time 7:30

Location: Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX

Note: This is a Dance of Interest for the Swinging Stars. It is an important dance for everyone. We hope you will attend and help support the Swingtime Center. I understand that for the past four years Swingtime managed and operated by CASUL, Inc. has been operating at a loss. CASUL, which stands for Concerned Associated Swingtime Users Limited, is owned by Square and Round dancers.

Wednesday, January 29 – Plus 4's – 5th Wednesday Plus Dance

This is Quiz's regular Wednesday plus dance night. We would like to see more Plus Dancers attending to the Plus dance...Like the Swinging Stars used to do. We miss you there,

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Time: A dancing at 6:15, Plus at 7:30 to 9:30

Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

Note: In the past 5th Wed. is always Ice cream night. Come see if it still is!

*** * * OTHER EVENTS * * ***

Sunday, January 12 – Introductory Dance – Getting to Know You

Jan has invited the Swinging Stars to come by and help her with her first of two dances she needs to graduate from a Trainee. Let's show her that we are proud of all her hard work she has been doing and is accomplishing to be a caller. We wish her success.

Format: Mainstream with 2 Plus Tips

Time 6:00 – 8:00

Location: Grace Church, 2005 Estates Parkway, Lucas, TX

Enter through the back

Note: From Central Expressway, go east on McDermott, pass Highway 5 at the light and continue on Main St. thru Allen, Pass Angel Parkway, go about 1/4 mile and you will see the Grace Church on the right side of the road. Sort of across the road from Love Joy High School.

Admission: Only \$5 per couple!

Thursday, January 23 – Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon

Lorraine will host this month's luncheon. We will be having lunch at Cafe Del Rio in Allen at 11:30. The address is 401 Central Expressway South, Allen, TX. Please Reply to Lorraine by January 21 so I can give the restaurant ample time to set up for us. Reply to Lorraine at Lorraine@Bursons.us or 972-396-0941. Check out their menus by going to: www.cafedelrio.net I hope you can come and enjoy their Tex Mex food and visit with the ladies in the Swinging Stars.

Beginning Bolero Lessons – Starts Saturday January 11 – Don't Miss Out

Have you thought about taking round dance lessons? Or maybe you have a rhythm or two "under your belt" but have been wondering about another class? Linda and JL will be teaching a beginning Bolero class starting on Saturday, January 11. Bolero is a slow Latin rhythm very similar to Rumba. If you have already had Rumba, then Bolero will be easier to learn. If you have not had Rumba, then when you get ready to take a Rumba/Cha Cha class, Bolero will make that class easier to learn too.

All the Latins are 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. Yeah -- you can have a leisurely breakfast before class and the ending time still gives you plenty of time for the rest of your Saturday activities. Registration is now open. Call Carpenter at 972-208-8087 to register. Taking a class with Linda and JL is always a lot of fun, so don't miss out!

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 metropolex.

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). If you have additional questions, call or text Mark (214.536.5863) or Karen Hawkins (214.537.0446) or email markt.karen@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 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 – ???)

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Boots, active member of Plus Fours and known by many Swinging Stars members (Delores Belaquiere) had surgery back in October. She has made a lot of progress and hopes to be back dancing soon in 2020. We continue to send our best wishes for her speedy recovery.

We all expect that members had a nice visit with relatives and friends, locally or from out of town. Whether you attended spiritual services nearby or across the US or beyond, we wish for you some time for peaceful contemplation. On our anniversary, I had a lovely surprise on Facebook: a special posting from my best friend. To all Swinging Stars a Happy New Year and all of the dancing you want to do. Remember to please share your good news with our members.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday May 29, 2020 – Swinging Stars 45th Anniversary Dance

Theme “Swinging Stars Anniversary Ball”

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 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.

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.

Dave Burson

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Swinging Stars

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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



★ Honey Pot

★ Banners

★ Refreshments



Dancers under 18 free with paying adults.

We dance every 2nd and 4th Friday.

For more info: president@swingingstars.org

www.swingingstars.org