

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 31st, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Not a lot of things happening right now. It is the lull before the storm. Those of you who were planning on attending the *Rebel Rouser dance, please be aware that it is cancelled due to the cold weather.*

By now everyone should have received an email from the Bursons regarding the upcoming Anniversary Dance in March. The whole club participates in this with both service and food items. This is our big money raiser. Be sure to contact Lorraine to volunteer for the various positions and to let her know what food you wish to bring. I suggest you do this early so you get the times and food you really want because slots fill up quickly. There will be more reminders and emails coming up. Lorraine has also said she will bring the sign-up sheets to the upcoming dances.

Don't forget to save the date for January 19th when the club has dinner and dancing at Southern Junction. More information will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

On behalf of the Swinging Stars board, Russ and I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year and be safe and warm tonight



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.

All Plus Dances

Those of you who plus dance, Dave Viera is hosting All Plus Dances starting on Monday 8th 7:00-9:00 PM at the Lavon City Hall, 1200 School Road, Lavon. The cost is \$5 per person. If you need directions, email Russ or me and I will forward the flyer on to you.

Update on Sherry Currie

John and Sherry Currie are the current NORTEX presidents. Sherry had a total knee replacement back in November. She has been quite ill and had a recent stay in the ICU and step down units due to the effects of prolonged usage of Methotrexate to treat rheumatoid arthritis. According to John, she is now classified as recovered as far as the illness is concerned. They are ending the course of treatment and her blood counts are near normal and increasing on their own. She will still be going to San Remo rehabilitation for continued nursing care and most importantly to get her back on her feet and moving. The Curries want to thank you for all your cards, concerns and prayers, and plan to see you at dances in the near future.

Happening This Week

Wednesday, January 3rd – Plus 4s – All Plus Dance – Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM

Friday, January 5th – Kissin Kuzzins – Fresh Start to the New Year (Dance of Interest) – Wayne Baldwin & JL Pelton – 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, January 6th – Triangle Squares 43rd Anniversary Dance – Dance Around the World (Official) – Joey Duhamel, Toby Thomason & Christine Hixson – 7:30 PM Early Rounds – 8:00 PM Grand March

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HAPPY NEW YEAR Swinging Stars! If you read this report early enough today on New Year's Eve, you will notice the Rebel Rousers are having a New Year's Eve dance to ring in the New Year. Next weekend includes two dances on our calendar: the Kissin' Kuzzins on Friday night and the Triangle Squares on Saturday night for their anniversary dance. The Triangle Squares' dance is an OFFICIAL visitation for the Swinging Stars.

As a reminder...two popular weekend festivals are nearby...Winterfest in Waco (featuring Dee Dee Dougherty, Ken Bower, Wade Driver, Mike Seastrom, K. O. Jeanes and Gary Shoemake calling and Mark Prow on rounds) and Paris Texas Stampede (featuring Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine calling and Christine Hixson on rounds). Both are fabulously fun dancing weekends and are just around the corner (January 5-6 and February 23-25, respectively), so please visit our SS's website for pertinent information and flyers. Click the WEEKENDS button for details.

Club Visitations

Lone Star Solos – Prelude to 2018, 28Dec17 – Thanks to the 4 Swinging Stars who attended the Lone Star Solos dance Thursday night. There were more than seven squares in the Grand March at the dance. Tim Tyl called the square dance tips with high energy mainstream and plus tips that quickly warmed us up on a chilly night. They were always challenging, entertaining, and speedy. Chris Farabaugh cued the rounds with smooth and flowing Phase II thru V choreography between the square dance tips. Thanks to Ron See and Tom Evanto who both provided a report on this dance.

Texas Reelers – All Plus Dance, 29Dec17 – Thank you to the 9 Swinging Stars who visited the Reelers for their all plus 5th Friday dance. Jon Jones called the good level plus dance with several calls from uncommon starting formations. These calls, both mainstream and plus levels, required a good understanding of the call definitions as they are written by CALLERLAB. Jon workshopped the movements as needed. Thanks to Tom Evanto and Ron See for sharing the dance details and attendees.

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

Rebel Rousers – New Year’s Eve Dance **CANCELLED DUE TO COLD WEATHER!!!!!!**

Date: Sunday, 31Dec17
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER – 8:00PM, GM – 9:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson

Kissin’ Kuzzins – Fresh Start to the New Year

Date: Friday, 05Jan18
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: ER – 7:00PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Garland Senior Activity Center
600 Avenue A, Garland

Triangle Squares – Grab Your Passport and Dance Around the World (OFFICIAL)

Date: Saturday, 06Jan18
Callers: Joey Duhamel
Toby Thomason
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Denton Civic Center
321 E. McKinney Street, Denton

Swinging Stars – Club Dance

Date: Friday, 12Jan18
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: WS – 7:00PM, PL – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano

Dixie Chainers – New Dancer Dance

Date: Saturday, 13Jan18
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Time: ER – 7:00PM, WS – 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center
14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch

Swinging Stars – Club Outing at Southern Junction in Irving

Date: Friday, 19Jan18
Time: 7:00PM
Activity: Steaks and other assorted entrees, Country and Western/Line Dancing, billiards, etc.
Location: Southern Junction (NOTE: new location in Irving)
101 N. Rogers Road, Irving
Website: <http://sojoirving.com/>

Rebel Rousers – Rock Around the Clock

Date: Saturday, 20Jan18
Caller: Scott Bennett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER – 7:00PM, PL – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road

Swinging Stars – Boot Scootin’ Boogie New Dancer Dance

Date: Friday, 26Jan18
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER – 7:00PM, PL – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano

Tri-City Promenaders – Winter Wonderland Dance

Date: Saturday, 27Jan18
Caller: Paul Kinsey
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER – 7:00PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Brookside Center
1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst

Harvest Holiday – Winter Fun Rounds Phases II-V

Date: Sunday, 28Jan18
Cuers: Area cuers
Time: Dance – 2:00PM - 5:00PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth

NTCA – Dancer Appreciation Dance

Date: Sunday, 28Jan18
Callers: Area callers
Cuers: Area cuers
Time: Dance – 7:30PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth
Note: Admission is free

Other Events

Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon – Sara Mulvin is the hostess for the January Ladies Luncheon. She has chosen the Chocolate Angle Café and Tearoom in the High Street Antique Mall, at the corner of Hwy. 75 and Plano Parkway in Plano. The Chocolate Angel is one of the Lady Stars’ favorite luncheon places. We hope everyone can join us on Thursday, January 18th, at 11:30. Please notify Sara by January 16th by phone [972-618-0750](tel:972-618-0750) or email nrmulvin@verizon.net so she can firm up the reservation with the Chocolate Angel as to how many will be attending the luncheon. It is a good idea to go to chocolateangel.highstreet@gmail.com to check out their menu. Not only is it a great place for lunch, it’s a fun place to shop or just browse around and check out all the lovely antique items in the antique mall.

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, Bergesen
February 23 – **Hardin**, Nejd, 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 19th - Swinging Stars dinner and dancing at Southern Junction
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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