



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 2, 2020

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Dear Swinging Stars,

As we take over the reins of leadership from the outgoing board, we want to sincerely thank them for all their hard work... especially since they were faced with the unexpected and daunting task of finding a new caller! They also started us with G-Suite! More on that later.

Going forward, Jan is well known for having ideas – some good and some not so good. A prime example of the “not so good” ideas is having the last tip be a Plus tip. We need to rethink that in a hurry! Feel free to give me your input.

One more thing: we’re thinking of streamlining the newsletter. Let us know your thoughts on that as well.

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Swinging Stars 1st Quarter Dues are Due!

Just a friendly reminder, your **2020 1st Quarter** dues are **Due!**

You can pay:

Quarters	Couple	Single
1 Qtr	55.00	27.50
2 Qtrs.	110.00	55.00
3 Qtrs.	165.00	82.50
4 Qtrs.	220.00	110.00

Bring to the next dance or,

Send To: Nevin Mulvin 3409 Eisenhower Ln. Plano TX 75023-3933

Please make check **PAYABLE TO: Swinging Stars.**

Happening This Week

Do you like this section to give you a quick peak at the week ahead or should it go?

Wednesday, February 5 – Plus 4's

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, February 7 – Texas Reelers – Sweetheart Dance – Double Deal Official Visitation – Banner Retrieval

Caller: Deborah Carroll and Jon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Location: 820 W. Arapaho, Richardson

Saturday, February 8 – Dixie Chainers – Love is in the Air Of Interest Visitation

Caller: Bobby Willis
 Cuer: Jack von der Heide
 Time: Early rounds 7:00. Grand March 7:30
 Location: Christ United Methodist Church 2807 Valwood Parkway Farmers Branch
 Attention: The Dixie Chainers have gone to dancing once a month, the second Saturday of each month.

**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
Texas Reelers	1/17/2020
Rebel Rousers	1/18/2020
Triangle Squares	1/25/2020

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Kissin Kuzzins	1/24/2020
Lone Star Solos	1/24/2020

***** EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK *****

Sunday, January 26 – NTCA Installation Dance and Official Visitation NORTEX Swingtime Benefit Dance

We wanted you to see the excitement that happened at the January 26th NTCA Installation Dance. Wayne received the NTCA Lifetime Achievement Award. Both Wayne and Jodie were pleasantly surprised to be receiving this prestigious award. For whatever the reason you couldn't be there, we are sorry so many of the Swinging Stars missed this event. We say thank you to those that were able to attend. Thank you to members that attended: Bergesens, Brewers, Bursons, Hamms, Harrisers, Nejdls, Nestors, and Willisers.



Saturday, February 1 – Circle I – Blue Jeans and Cowboy Boots – Rodeo Ball Of Interest Visitation

Was attended by just 4 Swinging Stars, but what fun we all had dancing with all our friends from other clubs, especially those who dance on the same night as us. Ray Savell always chooses an interesting mix of songs from Bruno Mars to the Eagles. Chris Farabaugh cued a lot of boleros and led an interesting line dance. 71 were in attendance with 39 visitors. Thank you to these Swinging Stars for attending Nejdls and the Edwards. Also thank you to Ann Nejdl for the report.

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

Wednesday, February 5 – Plus 4's

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, February 7 – Texas Reelers – Sweetheart Dance – Double Deal Official Visitation – Banner Retrieval

We hope you will support the Swinging Stars visitation to the Texas Reelers, we always enjoy dancing to Deborah Carroll Jones. She is very easy to dance to and understand the calls when she is calling. This is a Double Deal dance and you can get two signatures for your visitation card. And the club can also get 2 signatures for the club's visitation patch.

Caller: Deborah Carroll and Jon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Location: 820 W. Arapaho, Richardson

Saturday, February 8 – Dixie Chainers – Love is in the Air Of Interest Visitation

We all love dancing to Bobby. Please come and support the club visitation, Bobby and the Dixie Chainers. This is not a two-signature dance, but you can collect one more signature on your visitation signature card and if we have 8 Swinging Stars attending we will collect a signature for the Club's visitation signature card.

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Time: Early Rounds 7:00. Grand March 7:30

Location: Christ United Methodist Church 2807 Valwood Parkway Farmers Branch

Attention: The Dixie Chainers have gone to dancing once a month, the second Saturday of each month.

Friday, February 14 – Swinging Stars – Be My Valentine

Oh yes, this is the sweetest day of all days. I just can't help it. I just have to say this. Dave and I will have been married for 55 years on the 14th. We will be at the dance and hope you will be there too.

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Walter Brewer

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

Location: Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Saturday, February 15 – Rebel Rousers – Black and White Ball Official Visitation – Double Deal Dance

This is their annual Black and White Ball. Swinging Stars enjoy attending attend this dance every year. You can dress up or not. Personally I like to dress up a little. Their guest caller hails from Tom Ball Texas a suburb of Houston. He is a member of the Texas Poor Boys. For those of you unfamiliar with the Texas Poor Boys, they are a group of 4 harmonizing Callers. I promise you will enjoy listening and dancing to them call. If you miss this you will surely miss a great dance.

Guest Caller: Pat Kotal

Club Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer Christine Hixson

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

Location: Richardson Senior Center 820 W. Arapaho Rd. Richardson

Note: Don't forget to get your card signed with 2 signatures

Wednesday, February 19 – Plus 4's

This is Quiz's regular Wednesday plus dance night. We would like to see more Plus Dancers attending the Plus dance.

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

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

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

Friday, February 21 – T Square Gadabouts – Snow Flake Dance Of Interest Visitation

The T Square Gadabouts invite you to enjoy the winter at their theme dance. I actually doubt there will be any snow, but it is sure to be hot with the dancing. They are having one of the very best cuers in the business, If you are a newer Round dancer you will be happy to enjoy dancing to her. It is well worth the trip. If you are also a newer square dancer you will also enjoy dancing to a caller you may have not danced to before. Please come and support the Swinging Stars club visitation. You will make Dave and me very happy

Caller: Vernon Jones

Cuer: Karen Gloodt.

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

Location: Swingtime Center 5100 South East Loop 820 Fort Worth

Note: Don't feel you want to drive to the Swingtime Center, try Carpooling, It's fun!

Saturday, February 22 – Tri City Promenaders – Celtic Fling Dance Official Visitation – Banner Raid

Ok, I will admit that I am not sure what a Celtic Fling is or what the attire would be, but I am sure that Square dance attire is perfectly fine for a fling of any sort. I am also very sure that the dance will be fun to attend. Dancing will be first class with Ray calling and Chris cueing. Please come and help us capture their Banner.

Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Location: Brookside Center, 1244 Brookside Dr., Hurst

Friday, February 28 – Swinging Stars – 4th Friday Night Dance

We hope to see many of our dancing friends that may have been unable to attend dances because of various different reasons. We welcome you back.

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Walter Brewer

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

Location: Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Saturday, February 29 – Kissin Kuzzins – 47th Anniversary Dance Official Visitation and Banner Retrieval Leap into Spring

We hope you will plan to attend this special Anniversary Dance for the Kissin Kuzzins. They have chosen to have it at the **Swingtime Center**. They will be having a very special caller. He is well known thru out the square dancing community here and nationally. He is in my opinion, the smoothest caller and I have always thought it is almost impossible to mess up when he calls. Not only are they having this great caller they have their own well-known cuer. Please make it an effort to make the trip to the Swingtime Center. If you would like to car pool let us know if you would be willing to drive or if you are looking to ride with someone. We will make a list of those that would like to carpool.

Guest Caller: Darryl Lipscomb

Cuer: JL Pelton

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

Location: Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820/Anglin Dr., Fort Worth

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

Sunday February 9 – NORTEX Quarterly Meeting

Anyone interested in attending is welcome to come and hear more about what NORTEX is and what it does for us. Following the meeting there will be an Informational Seminar. Our own Jan Bergesen will present a talk about our mentoring program.

Meeting Time: 2:00, Informational Seminar: Immediately following the Quarterly meeting

Location: Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820/Anglin Dr., Fort Worth

Wednesday February 19 – Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon

Debbie Reid has graciously volunteered to host the February Ladies Luncheon. The Ladies Luncheon is on Wednesday Feb. 19th at 11:30 at **Torchey's Tacos**, 300 W Campbell Rd #160, Richardson, TX. Please Reply to Debbie Reid by Feb 17th to give the restaurant ample time to set up for us. Reply to Debbie at debbie.r.reid@gmail.com or 214-669 5723.

Round Dance Lessons Schedule

JL and Linda Pelton have firmed up their class schedules for round dance lessons and wanted to share this early information with the club. Note that they are running two classes starting March 28 -- Intermediate Waltz and Beginning Jive.

Intermediate Waltz

Requires a beginning Waltz class as a prerequisite.

Saturdays 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

March 28 through May 23

Beginning Jive (also called Swing)

Saturdays 1:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

March 28 through May 23

Beginning Rumba and Cha Cha will be offered in the summer with a follow-on class of Intermediate Rumba and Cha Cha in the Fall.

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 Alex & Vanessa Nestor. Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Nestors (469.235.2971) 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.karenl@gmail.com until March 1, 2020.

After March 1 contact Rick Pehrson (972-837-6999 or patrick33081@verizon.net).

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 of the change.

February 14 – **See**, Burson, Kilejian, Pelton (Theme – *Be My Valentine*)

February 28 – **Mosher**, Amy, Chen, Feldman

March 13 – **Trujillo**, Deluke, Edwards, Jung (Theme – March Madness)

March 27 – **Hamm**, Goebel, Harris, Stewart

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

No good or bad news to report.

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.

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Newsletter Editor
Swinging Stars

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See Flyer below



**Be My
Valentine**

Feb 14, 2020

Swinging Stars

**Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, TX**

**Caller: Bobby Willis
Cuer: Walter Brewer**



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**Honey Pot
Banners
Refreshments**

**Early Rounds 7:00 pm
Plus Tip: 7:20 pm
Workshop: 7:40 pm
Grand March: 8:00 pm**



**Dancers under 18 free with paying adults.
We dance every 2nd and 4th Friday.
For more info: president@swingingstars.org
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