



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 5, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Russ and I met with the new board this week and planned a really fun and unique calendar. We have suggested activities which will enhance our square dancing fun and bring us together socially. We hope you will attend so we can build stronger ties to each other and our club and have some fun along the way. Keep reading the newsletter for upcoming events.

Please remain a few minutes after the last tip at our next club dance so we may vote on an expenditure greater than \$200. There will be no hot hash this week only.

Russ and Anne

Announcements

42nd Anniversary Dance

The Swinging Stars 42nd Anniversary Dance is on Saturday, March 31, 2017 at All Saints Catholic Church. Our Dance Chairperson, Lorraine Burson (lorraine@bursons.us), will have signup sheets at the next few club dances. She really needs your help with salads and desserts as well as the labor involved in setting up, serving, busing tables, selling tickets and a plethora of other duties to make this dance a success. Please be sure to check the sheets to see where your help is most needed. Remember, the entire club is responsible for cleanup.

Lessons Update:

We have 20 students in class including 7 single ladies and 1 male who need angels. We want to thank all those who have been showing up to angel (Colter, B. Perrot, Estep, C. Wolfe, N. Mulvin, Mosher, Bergeson, Hamm, Burson, T. Evanto, D. Rhine, Rose, See, and Alderson (Camping Squares). We could use 4 additional angel couples so we could add another square to spread out our students more. Please consider attending lessons which are on Tuesdays from 7:15 to 9:15 at Carpenter Rec Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano.

Club Dues:

Those who have not paid their dues at the last dance or have not mailed them in, please pay your dues as soon as possible. New club dues effective January 1, 2017 are now \$45.00 per couple per quarter. Those who pre-paid their 2017 first quarter dues will owe an additional \$10 to meet the new \$45.00 rate. You may pay by the quarter or for the whole year (\$180.00). Mail your checks payable to Swinging Stars to Nevin Mulvin, 3409 Eisenhower Lane, Plano, TX 75023. If you have any questions, you may email Nevin at nmulvin@verizon.net. His phone number is 214-790-3908.

Refreshment Duty

Karen Hawkins has assumed the role of refreshment duty scheduler. If you know you are going out of town or scheduled for a surgery or have some other conflict like a grandchild's piano recital, please let Karen (markt.karen@gmail.com) know well in advance so she can make sure she has not scheduled you for those dates. Once you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to trade with someone on one of the other teams. Karen tries to schedule several weeks in advance so be sure to read the entire newsletter to see if you are scheduled. Teams are responsible for ice and 5 tablecloths which may be purchased at any dollar store. If you need any supplies, contact Jan Bergeson (janbergeson@gmail.com). Everyone should be aware that we have lost some members and several have changed their status to Associates. As a result of this, you may notice refreshment duty will come around sooner than it used to so you may be on the refreshment team three or four times a year.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, February 7 – Square Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:15 PM

Tuesday, February 7 – Round Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:30 PM

Friday, February 10 – Swinging Stars – Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer – 7:00 Work Shop

Saturday, February 11 – Dixie Chainers St. Valentine's Day Dance – Vernon Jones & Jack Van der Heide – 7:00 Early Rounds, 7:30 Grand March

2nd VP Report – 5 February 2017

Bob & Terri Pitts

We want to extend a special thanks to the Swinging Stars visitors this weekend which enabled us to retrieve one of our banners and capture the banners of the two clubs we visited. Woo hoo! Good visiting weekend.

Not required, but you are welcome to send a BRIEF write up on visitations we personally don't attend for inclusion in our report to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org.

Club Visitations

Kissin' Kuzzins', 03Feb17 – Thank you to the 17 Swinging Stars who visited our Kuzzins' in Garland. We thoroughly enjoyed their Dancing to Gospel Music dance. JL Pelton cued the early rounds and rounds between tips keeping both seasoned and new round dancers entertained. JL picked several tunes that were in keeping with the gospel theme. Wayne Baldwin, Texas Hall of Fame caller, led the all singing call square dance evening. He was accompanied on a couple of tips by new NTCA caller, Bill Hinkley. They belted out many gospel favorites including some fun dancer sing-alongs.

Circle I, 03Feb17 – Thank you to the 12 Swinging Stars who visited Circle I in Irving. Saturday night Circle I was alive and hopping at their Valentine's Dance with headliners Chris Farabaugh leading the early fun line and round dancing between tips and Ray Savell leading the square workshop and square tips. All of Ray's tips were long, fun, and full of energy – we got our money's worth for sure. And he was joined by his wife, Linda, in a couple of the tips. Moving to Saturday night paid off for their club as they had more than 80 visitors including a dozen Swinging Stars in attendance!

Plus 4s, 01Feb17 – Thank you to the 15 Swinging Stars who visited the Plus 4s.

During the early “A” dance, for 75 minutes, Quiz directed dancers through a variety of A1/A2 calls. This night, he drilled dancers thoroughly on Motivate, allowing each dancer to experience the call from different starting positions. During the main Plus dance that followed, 15 Swinging Stars participated in the sometimes challenging and always entertaining 2 hours of good Plus from Quiz. A brain tickler call this evening was (Left) Spin Chain and Double Exchange the Gears, where the "snake" proceeds normally to the other side of the square (as in a Single Exchange) but then suddenly wraps back on itself and returns to its original side to finish. Write up provided by Jim Bondi.

APD Plus Dancing with Jerry Story, 03-04Feb – Thank you to the 4 Swinging Stars who visited the Plus 4s. 4 Swinging Stars journeyed to Allemande Hall in Speegleville, TX (just west of the southern end of Waco, TX) to test their All-Position Plus dancing mettle with renown caller, Jerry Story. Largely because the dance date and location had to be moved from prior years, attendance was a bit light at just 5 squares. That said, these 5 squares had a ball, grew in experience, and learned a lot. The weekend comprised four 2-hour sessions of long, fast-paced tips and very short breaks: in short, we danced our behinds off. It was grueling but also great fun. Before the event ended, we'd experienced a lot of solid multi-position plus thoroughly sprinkled with many of the "tests" that keep bringing dancers back to Jerry's events. These included: 1) follow-your-neighbor 3 times (#1 from "quarter tag," #2 from "right circulate box," #3 from "left circulate box"), 2) cross peel off, 3) fractional calls (esp. swing through 1+1/4, 1+1/2, 1+3/4, and scoot back 1+1/2) 4) "Track n" (of which the Track 2 we all know is just one "n"; full set is Track 0,1,2,3, or 4) and 5) Load the Boat starting with 4 centers in a wave and 4 ends in 2 mini-waves. This last one is terrific for teaching you how important it is to form your waves with a pronounced saw-tooth effect, almost pulled apart into 2 facing couples (or 2 facing dancers for a mini-wave). When your waves are formed this way, instead of "flat" with all dancers shoulder-to-shoulder, you can actually see your wave (or mini-wave) as 2 facing couples (or 2 facing dancers). Then, you realize that you can execute the call the way you already know and as you've always done. As a good teacher should, Jerry reviewed and re-reviewed various "wave start" Load the Boats until most dancers were comfortable with it. Write up provided by Jim Bondi.

Banner Status

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.

Other Clubs' Banners Held by the Swinging Stars		Swinging Stars' Banners Held by Other Clubs	
Club	Date Captured	Club	Date Captured
T Square Gadabouts	20-Feb-2015	Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016
Diamond Jubileers	14-Mar-2015		
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015		
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016		
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016		
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016		
Lone Star Solos	10-Nov-2016		
Rebel Rousers	19-Nov-2016		
Texas Reelers	13-Jan-2017		
Kissin' Kuzzins	03-Feb-2017		
Circle I	04-Feb-2017		

Swinging Stars Dance Classes

Mainstream Square Dance Lessons

Date: Tuesdays 31 January thru 25 April
Instructor: Wayne Baldwin
Time: 7:15PM-9:15PM
Location: Carpenter Park Recreation Center
6701 Coit Road, Plano, TX 75024

Bolero Round Dance Lessons

Date: Tuesdays 31 January thru 28 February
Instructors: J.L & Linda Pelton
Time: 7:30PM-9:30PM
Location: Carpenter Park Recreation Center
6701 Coit Road, Plano, TX 75024

Coming Events

Swinging Stars – Home Dance

Date: Friday, 10Feb17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: 7:00PM squares workshop, 7:45PM plus, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

Dixie Chainers – St. Valentine's Day Dance

Date: Saturday, 11Feb17
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Time: 7:00PM early rounds and workshop, 7:30PM grand march
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center
14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX

Roadrunners – Valentine's Dance

Date: Thursday, 16Feb17
Caller: Joey Duhamel
Cuer: Karen Gloodt
Time: 6:45PM early rounds, 7:00PM workshop, 7:30PM grand march
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 E. Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

Texas Reelers – Official Double Deal Valentine Dance

Date: Friday, 17Feb17
Callers: Deborah Carroll Jones and Jon Jones
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: 7:30PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX

Rebel Rousers – Official Double Deal Black and White Ball

Date: Saturday, 18Feb17
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 7:30PM plus, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX

NORTEX – Crazy Cookie Lessons Grant Benefit Dance (follows quarterly meeting)

Date: Sunday, 19Feb17
Callers: Ray Savell and Bobby Willis
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: 4:30PM-6:30PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 E. Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX
Notes: If you want bring 2 dozen cookies to be judged and donations to vote on cookies
Winning cookie will get \$25 gift card

Swinging Stars – Mexican Fiesta Home Dance

Date: Friday, 24Feb17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 7:45PM plus, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

Tri-City Promenaders – President's Day Dance

Date: Saturday, 25Feb17
Caller: Paul Kinsey
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 7:30PM workshop, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Brookside Center
1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst, TX 76053

NTCA – Club 50 New Dancer Dance and Seminar

Date: Sunday, 26Feb17
Caller: Jerry Story
Time: 2:00PM-5:00PM
Location: Senter Park East
228 Chamberlain Street, Irving, TX 75060
Special notes: No admission fee, tips accepted for caller
For dancers still in class, new graduates, and experienced dancers

Special and Weekend Dance

Louisiana State Square Dance Festival

Date: 2-4March
Callers: Paul Cote and the Ghost Riders and Louisiana callers
Location: Castine Center at Pelican Park
63350 Pelican Blvd, Mandeville, LA 70448
Flyer: <http://www.ozonesquares.com/convention-2017>

UPCOMING ACTIVITY – OTHER

Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon – Eddy’s Pizza

Date: Thursday, 16Feb17
Coordinator: Helen Feldman
(Contact Helen by Tue., 14Feb at hfeldman73@yahoo.com or 972-250-6815)
Time: 11:30AM
Location: Eddy’ Pizza
2108 W. 15th Street, Plano, TX
Notes: Eddy’s is a family owned Italian Restaurant which serves delicious Italian pasta dishes as well as salads, cold and hot subs, calzones, and yummy pizza. Their food is reasonably priced in a cozy restaurant setting.

Refreshments Duty and Information

February 10 - **Hamm**, Gifford, Zhang/Chen, Nestor
February 24 - **Ross**, R/N Smith, Dennison, Pitts
March 10 - **Ricketts**, Colter, McGuire, Halvorson
March 31 - Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance – Everyone brings refreshments

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

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance (Lorraine Burson coordinator)
July 29, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance (Something Special)

Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

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

Email: president@swingingstars.org

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:

Swinging Stars



In Honor Of

National Tortilla Chip Day

We Are Hosting A



Mexican Fiesta



Friday, February 24, 2017



Wayne Baldwin, Caller



Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Walter Brewer, Cuer



Hot Hash after the last tip



Fun Food Friendship Honey Pot Banners

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied with a paying adult

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr Plano

For Info: 972-964-5979 or president@swingingstars.org

Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org

