



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

***Newsletter for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018***

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### **Message from the President**

**Dave and Lorraine Burson**

All went well for our first Club dance as President for the year 2018. The weather was very cold, but we managed to have a fairly good turnout with a total of 75 dancers. JL did an excellent job of cueing and I noticed that the new to round dancing dancers are progressing very well. Good Job!

Wayne conducted a very informative work shop and I am sure that it helped our new club members that just had graduated our last set of lessons. Speaking of new members, we welcomed and introduced Jeff and Jackie Boyd as we presented them with their club badges. They had been unable to attend prior because of an illness etc.

We would like to thank Jim Bondi for his service as the manager of the listening headset device loan-outs during each dance, Jim had served as the manager for several years and has passed this position to Gene and Phyllis Deluke. We thank Gene and Phyllis for accepting the position of managing the listening device loan-outs.

I (Lorraine) personally want to thank Kathy Elliott for taking over managing of the recruitment of hostess for the ladies luncheon. I have done this for several years and I thought it time to pass this responsibility on to someone else. You see it is my goal to involve more of the club members in the activities of the workings of the club.

To the refreshments committee you did a magnificent job, thank you to Reids, Bergesens, Dennisons and Mulvins. Thank you David Edwards for the prayer you offered, your words were very appropriate for the needs of us all.

### **Swinging Stars 2018 Anniversary Dance Report**

**From Lorraine Burson, Anniversary Dance Chair**

Response has been good. I still need a few slots filled and I will be contacting a few of our members that have not signed up yet, or perhaps move some that have signed up to a different slot. We have had some cash donations to help with supplementing those that have doubled up to bring food or have volunteered to buy briskets or turkey breast.

Please note: In case you have forgotten what you signed up to do, I will be sending a reminder about 2 weeks before the dance with a list of everyone's job and what food they are bringing.

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### **Happening This Week**

**Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – Kissin' Kuzzins Mardi Gras dance – Wayne Baldwin & JL Pelton**

**7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:30 PM Square Workshop – 8:00 PM Grand March**

**Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Rebel Rousers Black & White Ball –**

**Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixson –**

**7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:30 PM All Plus – 8:00 PM Grand March**

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – NORTEX Crazy Cookie / Lessons Grant Benefit Dance –  
Bobby Willis/Ray Savell & Jack von der Heide – 4:30 – 6:30 PM**

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report**

**From Ron and Donita See**

It has been great to see so many Swinging Stars out visiting other clubs. It is a great way to experience the additional friendships, unique calling and cuing of other callers/cuers, and help our club continue as the club that does more visitations than any other club in North Texas. Remember to attend the Double Deal dance at the Rebel Rousers so we can retrieve our banner.

Q: How many square dancers does it take to change a light bulb ?

A: Eight, but you have to walk them through it first.

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.

### **Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Date Captured</b>
Cotton Pickin' Squares	25. Mar. 2017
Log Cabin Swingers	6. May. 2017
Circle I	5. Aug. 2017
Dixie Chainers	26. Aug. 2017
Triangle Squares	30. Sep. 2017
Lone Star Solos	30. Nov. 2017
Texas Reelers	2. Feb. 2018

### **Swinging Stars Banners Out**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Date Captured</b>
Ft Worth Squares	29. Jul. 2017
Rebel Rousers	26. Feb. 2018

## **\* \* \* EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK \* \* \***

### **Plus 4s, Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

Seventeen (17) Swinging Stars visited Plus 4s Wednesday evening. Squares were called by the club caller Charles Quisenberry ("Quiz"). Quiz was a little under the weather but still called a great dance, not only for the "regulars" but also for the new plus dancers in attendance. Swinging Stars in attendance were P. Amy, Bursons, J. Duncan, Evantos, Goebels, M. Hardin, Kerns, McClaskeys, Sees, and the Stewarts.

### **Of Interest, Dixie Chainers, Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

Fifteen (15) Swinging Stars visited Dixie Chainers Saturday evening braving the cold and damp. Squares were called by the club caller Vernon Jones and rounds were cued by Jack von der Heide. The theme of the dance was "Valentine Dance". Swinging Stars in attendance were Bursons, Edwards, Evantos, M. Hardin, HARRISES, Kilejians, Pitts, and the Sees.

## **\* \* COMING EVENTS \* \* \***

### **Kissin' Kuzzins – Mardi Gras**

Date: Friday, 16Feb18  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: JL Pelton  
Time: ER – 7:00PM, WS – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM  
Location: Garland Senior Center  
600 Avenue A, Garland

### **Rebel Rousers – Black & White Ball (Official/Double Deal)**

Date: Saturday, 17Feb18  
Caller: Mike Bramlett  
Cuer: Christine Hixson  
Time: ER – 7:00PM, PL – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM  
Location: Richardson Senior Center  
820 W Arapaho Rd, Richardson  
Note: **Banner Retrieval**

### **NORTEX – Lessons Grant Benefit Dance / Crazy Cookie Dance**

Date: Sunday, 18Feb18  
Callers: Bobby Willis & Ray Savell  
Cuer: Jack von der Heide  
Time: 4:30PM – 6:30PM  
Location: Swingtime Center  
5100 Loop 820, Fort Worth

### **Swinging Stars, Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Time: ER – 7:00PM / PL – 7:45PM / GM – 8:00PM  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh  
Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)  
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>  
Notes: club dance

### **Other Events:**

#### **February Ladies Luncheon.**

The February Luncheon is being hosted by Kathy Elliott, on Feb 22, 2018 at 11:30. Kathy has chosen the Urban Crust. The Urban Crust is a multilevel wood fired pizzeria in a historic building located at 1006 E 15<sup>th</sup> Street Plano. Check out this establishment by going to [www.urbancrust.com](http://www.urbancrust.com) and read all they have listed on their site. Urban Crust specializes in wood fired pizzas and Italian fair (food etc.). While looking at their site be sure to read their menus, Don't miss the Brunch Menu. All of it looks interesting and yummy. Reply to Kathy by email [hibooger@hotmail.com](mailto:hibooger@hotmail.com) or by Phone 214-228-8874 by February 19 to let her know you are planning to attend, so she can let the restaurant know in advance how many are coming. We hope we will have a good attendance for this new (to us) place for lunch. Also we hope that we will have our newer Lady Stars come and visit with those of us that regularly attend these luncheons. We would like for you to get to know us better and we would like to get to know you as well.

## Paris Texas Stampede.

A great opportunity to experience a weekend of exceptional Plus square and Round dancing will occur The weekend of February 23 – 25, 2018 in Paris, Texas at the Red River Fairgrounds. Two nationally known square dance callers, Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine, and cuer Christine Hixson will certainly provide the hall with challenging and entertaining dancing.

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## Refreshment Duty Information

### From Mark and Karen Hawkins (Refreshment scheduler)

We want to thank the team members for their 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 Wal-Mart or Dollar Tree. If you need supplies contact the First Vice Presidents, Walt and Diana Whipple. Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Whipples (469-737-3632).

**Team members are responsible for finding a replacement if they are unable to fulfill their scheduled obligation** (refer to the schedule below for a possible subs, hopefully one will be willing to trade with you. – see current roster for email address or phone number). Please email Mark and Karen at [markt.karen@gmail.com](mailto:markt.karen@gmail.com) of the change, or call or text Mark (214-536-5863) or Karen Hawkins (214-537-0446).

**February 23 – Hardin**, Elliott, Gifford, NejdI (Theme – Mardi Gras)

**March 9 – Lassiter**, Duncan, See, Pelton

**March 23 – Swinging Stars 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Dance** Everyone brings  
(Theme--The Stars of Texas Are upon You Western Ball).

**April 13 – Hamm**, Colter, Pharr, Pitts

**April 27 – Covington**, Bivens, Estep, Kern (Theme – Spring Fling)

**May 11 – Rickert**, Amy, Heintz, Trujillo

**May 25 – Whipple**, Deluke, Hawkins, Kilejian (Theme – Patriotic Memorial Day)

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## Lessons, Workshops and or Easy Practice Dance

We thought you may be interested in some of these secessions. These were sent to us to pass along to our members in case anyone is interested in attending.

### Mainstream and Plus workshops

Circle I will be conducting Mainstream and Plus Workshops beginning February 12<sup>th</sup>. This series of Workshops are open to all Square Dancers that want a casual environment to improve their dancing skills.

Here are the Details:

Location: Woodhaven Presbyterian Church, 3650 North O'Connor RD., Irving 75062

Time: 7:00 PM

Date: February 12<sup>th</sup> and each Monday thru mid April

Caller: Ray Savell

Cost: \$5.00 per person each participating Monday

Contact: Chris Mills [ccmills@tx.rr.com](mailto:ccmills@tx.rr.com) or 817-488-7625

### **Plus Dance**

Those of you interested in plus dancing, Dave Vieira is hosting All Plus Dances on Mondays **7:15-9:15** PM at the Lavon City Hall, 120 School Road, Lavon. There is not going to be a Plus Dance on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, Dances will resume on Feb.19<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$5 per person.

This Monday night plus is an awesome way to obtain floor time and to workshop moves of which you are having trouble.

### **Sunshine information**

#### **From Lucy Hamm**

Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at [llhamm45@gmail.com](mailto: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. We would also like to hear about happy items of interests.

### **Listening device Information**

#### **From Gene and Phyllis Deluke**

At our dances, the Swinging Stars are pleased to loan, free of charge, a "listening device" to any requesting dancer. Current inventory is one device, offered on a first-come first-served basis as each dance starts. To answer questions about the listening device email [gene\\_deluke@hotmail.com](mailto:gene_deluke@hotmail.com)  
Or Phone 972-234-2401

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#### **Web Master Dave Burson**

Be sure to check out our web page [www.swingingstars.org](http://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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#### **Dave and Lorraine Burson**

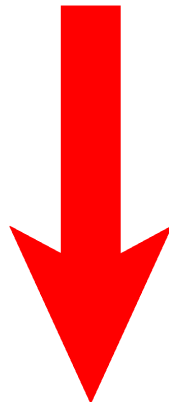
#### **Swinging Stars Presidents**

Email: [president@swingingstars.org](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)

Phone: 972-396-0941

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**See Flyer below**



# Swinging Stars

Celebrates



Honey Pot  
Banner Game

## MARDI GRAS

Solo Board  
Refreshments

February 23, 2018

Shepard Elementary School -- 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, Tx

Caller Wayne Baldwin  
Guest Cuer Chris Farabaugh



Early Rounds 7:00  
Plus Tip 7:45  
Grand March 8:00  
Hot Hash After Last Tip

**SAVE THE DATE MARCH 23, 2018**  
**SWINGING STARS 43rd ANNIVERSARY DANCE**  
**(THE STARS OF TEXAS ARE UPON YOU WESTERN BALL)**  
**CALLER WAYNE BALDWIN, GUEST CALLER TIM TYL,**  
**GUEST CUER CHRISTINE HIXSON**

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adult.  
For Info Contact 972-396-0941 or president @Swingingstars.org



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