



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 18th, 2018

Message from the President

Dave and Lorraine Burson

We are so proud to be the Presidents of the Swinging Stars; everyone is so helpful and willing to support the club. We had 2 visitations this weekend and our club had the most club members attending at both dances. We are extending a huge thank you to all the members that visited with the Swinging Stars visitations to help us capture 2 banners and retrieve one this weekend. We were happy to have some of our newly graduated club members out dancing with us. Be sure to read the 2nd Vice Presidents Report for the details.

Swinging Stars 2018 Anniversary Dance Report

From Lorraine Burson, Anniversary Dance Chair

Response has been very good. It is nearly a month and a half away and we have all the members signed up to help and supply food for the dance. There are still a few details to be clarified but all is going well.

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.

Happening This Week

Wednesday, February 21st – Plus 4s–

Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM Plus

Friday, February 23rd – Swinging Stars Mardi Gras dance –

Wayne Baldwin & Chris Farabaugh

7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:45 PM Plus – 8:00 PM Grand March

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

This has been another great week where many Swinging Stars came out to visit other clubs. Hope to see you at our club dance this Friday to celebrate our own Mardi Gras dance.

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

Club	Date Captured
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
Kissin Kuzzins	16. Feb. 2018
Rebel Rousers	17. Feb. 2018

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Ft Worth Squares	29. Jul. 2017

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Kissin' Kuzzins, Friday, February 16th

Twenty (20) Swinging Stars visited Kissin' Kuzzins Friday evening and captured their banner. Squares were called by Texas Hall of Fame and the club caller Wayne Baldwin and rounds were cued by JL Pelton. The theme of the dance was "Mardi Gras". There was a lot of Mardi Gras beads and outfits in purple, gold and green. Swinging Stars in attendance were the Bursons, Delukes, Edwards, Halvorsons, M. Hardin, Harrises, Nejdls, Perrotts, Sees, Stewarts and C. Wolfe.

Rebel Rousers, Saturday, February 17th

Twenty-two (22) Swinging Stars visited the Rebel Rousers Saturday evening retrieving our banner and capturing theirs. Squares were called by Texas Hall of Fame and club caller Mike Bramlett along with visiting caller from California Jay Henderson and rounds were cued by Christine Hixson. The theme of the double deal dance was "Black and White Ball". It was a great evening of dancing for all who attended. Swinging Stars in attendance were Bergesens, Bursons, Edwards, Feldmans, Goebels, Halvorsons, M. Hardin, Harrises, Marshalls, Pitts, Sees, and C. Wolfe.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Plus 4s

Date: Wednesday, 21Feb18
Callers: Charles Quisenberry
Time: 7:30PM
Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

Swinging Stars – Mardi Gras, Friday, Friday, February 23rd

Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER – 7:00PM / PL – 7:45PM / GM – 8:00PM
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 15th Street Plano. Check out this establishment by going to 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 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.

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 Wal-Mart or Dollar Tree. If you need supplies contact First Vice Presidents Walt and Diana Whipple. Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Whipples (469.737.3632). For answers to your questions about the Refreshments Committee Duties please call or text Mark (214.536.5863) or Karen Hawkins (214.537.0446). Email markt.karenl@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.karenl@gmail.com of the change.

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

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

March 23 – Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance

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

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

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

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

Lessons, Workshops, Easy Practice and Exhibition Dances

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 12th. 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 12th and each Monday thru mid April

Caller: Ray Savell

Cost: \$5.00 per person each participating Monday

Contact: Chris Mills 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. 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.

Square Dance Exhibition Invitation

Calling all dancers.... We will have a Square Dance exhibition 2:00 PM on April 15th at the Frisco Heritage Museum Train Depot, 6455 Page Street, Frisco, TX. It will last about two hours and it will be in a dance format with instructional lessons for interested parties. Between tips it gives us the opportunity to visit with on-lookers and tell them about our favorite pass time. Flyers, business cards and handouts are encouraged. As in the past it is open to all clubs. No charge.

Caller Richard Covington.

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm

Gary Bivens had a pace maker inserted last week and prognosis is good. If you would like to send a card, send it to Gary Bivins 4510 Sachse Rd. Sachse, TX 75048-3921

Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at lhamm45@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 Or Phone 972-234-2401.

Notice to anyone interested in purchasing a listening device receiver for square or round dancing, Charles Harris has two new William Sound PPA R-37 receivers and one like new used. The new units are priced at \$90.00 and the used one at \$50.00. All units include the earphone. These are 17 channel units versus the 3 channel Listen Brand units and have a five year warranty. If you are interested in purchasing a unit email Charlie Harris at harris0907@sbcglobal.net or phone 214-348-5361

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.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday March 23rd – Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance

Sunday June 10th Baldwin's fish fry

Friday September 28th Swinging Stars Double Deal Dance

Friday October 19th NTCA Caller's Cavalcade

Saturday October 20th NORTEX Round-up

Friday March 29, 2019 Swinging Stars 44th Anniversary Dance

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Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingsstars.org

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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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