



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 19, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Sixteen Swinging Stars couples met at Don Pepe Rancho Restaurant in Richardson prior to attending the Black and White Ball at the Rebel Rouser Dance on Saturday night. The food was wonderful and we all had a great time visiting with each other. This was so successful, we will probably host another dinner at a later date. Keep reading the newsletter and emails for updates.

There will be a hot time at Shepard Elementary School on Friday, February 24th as we celebrate National Tortilla Chip Day with a Mexican Fiesta dance. Come in colorful attire as you marvel at the awesome decorations the committee has put together and let your taste buds savor salsa, cheese and chips and other delights provided by our refreshment committee. Early rounds start at 7:00PM, Plus at 7:45 PM and Grand March is at 8:00 PM. Ole!

You may have seen some of our students at our last club dance. We will be inviting them to attend our Mexican Fiesta dance so please welcome them and spend some time visiting with them. If Wayne calls a tip geared to their level, please consider joining their square and giving them encouragement.

Russ and Anne

Announcements

42nd Anniversary Dance:

The Swinging Stars 42nd Anniversary Dance is on Friday, 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 are still in need of angels and would like another 4 couples so we can add a 5th square to spread out the students more. We want to thank all those who have been showing up to angel (B. Perrot, Estep, C. Wolfe, N. Mulvin, Mosher, Bergesen, T. Evanto, D. Rhinehart, Feldman, Hamm, H. Kilejian, and See). Please consider attending lessons as an angel which are held on Tuesdays from 7:15 to 9:15 at Carpenter Rec Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano.

Club Dues:

We still have some couples who have not paid their dues. Please pay your dues at the next dance or mail them as soon as possible. You are in jeopardy of being dropped from the club. 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.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, February 21st – Square Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:15 PM

Tuesday, February 21st – Round Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:30 PM

Friday, February 24th – Swinging Stars Mexican Fiesta Dance – Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer

Saturday, February 25th – Tri City Promenaders President's Day Dance – Paul Kinsey & Chris Farabaugh

Sunday, February 26th – NTCA Club 50 Dance & Seminar – Jerry Story – 2:00 PM to 5 PM

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Bob and Terri Pitts

We hope you had as much fun this past week dancing as we did. It was great to see our club's massive support of the 2 Double Deal dances of our neighboring clubs this week.

Hang in there and brace yourselves as, even though we don't have next month's Promenade yet, we KNOW there are a lot of anniversary dances in March. We listed the ones we know about, and this year there is a 'once in a blue moon' opportunity where we can attend the Stone Steppers' anniversary dance (usually a conflict dance night) AND they can attend OURS.

It is not required, but you are welcome to send a BRIEF write up on visitations we personally don't attend for inclusion in our report. Make sure to get it to us before noon Sunday to include in the newsletter.

Club Visitations

Note: We would like to apologize for an oversight in our Dixie Chainers dance write-up last week. We accidentally made a cut/paste error which resulted in us missing the Kilejians in our attendees list. Sorry Zari and Harry, and we fixed the error in our yearly stats totals.

Roadrunners, 16Feb17 – Thank you to the 2 Swinging Stars who visited the Roadrunners at Swingtime Center in Ft. Worth for their Valentine's dance. Barbara Yeargan filled in on the rounds for Karen Gloodt since Ed is recovering from recent knee surgery on Feb. 14th. Barbara did a great job with the early rounds and dances between tips. The SUPER vivacious Joey Duhamel, now living in Arkansas, entertained the square dancers with a great workshop and VERY fun enjoyable fast paced tips

Texas Reelers, 17Feb17 – Thank you to the 26 Swinging Stars!!! who visited the Texas Reelers in Richardson for their Valentine dance. This double deal dance had good turnout from several clubs and featured Deborah Carroll-Jones (combined with Jon Jones for a couple tips) calling a lovely valentines dance. Chris Farabaugh cued the valentine rounds and had several dance offerings aimed to entice new round dancing students out on the floor.

Rebel Rousers, 18Feb17 – Thank you to the **30 Swinging Stars!!!** who visited the Rebel Rousers in Richardson for their Black and White Ball double deal dance. Christine Hixson cued a bevy of fun early rounds and rounds between tips. Mike Bramlett called the early plus squares and mixed mainstream and plus tips during the rest of the evening. His calling kept us on our toes the entire evening. And Mike shared the stage with two other callers: Bill Hinckley and Calvin Hollis, who both did great. And we really enjoyed the Mexican food club dinner attended by 16 Swinging Stars before the dance – hopefully the totally optional opportunity will arise again.

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		
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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 – 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
Attire: Be festive... Sombreros, Serapes, fiesta dresses, Turquoise, flowers in hair

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
Attire: Red, White, and Blue, or Royal Blue

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

Swinging Stars Club Dance

Date: Friday, 10Mar17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: 7:00PM squares work shop, 7:45PM plus, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

Diamond Jubileers 56th Anniversary (OFFICIAL) – Mardi Gras Celebration

Date: Saturday, 11Mar17
Caller: Paul Kinsey, Jon Jones, and Ray Savell
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 E. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX
Attire: Purple or Mardi Gras colors

Kissin' Kuzzins 44th Anniversary (OFFICIAL) – Blarney Blast

Date: Friday, 17Mar17
Caller: Ray Savell and Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Senior Activity Center
600 Avenue A, Garland, TX
Attire: Some shade of Green since it IS on the day

Stone Steppers 59th Anniversary (OFFICIAL) – Spring Celebration (our dance is cancelled!)

Date: Friday, 24Mar17
Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: 7:30PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Hazel Goodbar Rec Center
3000 Concord Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150

Cotton Pickin' Squares 23rd Anniversary (OFFICIAL) – Annual Picnic in the Cotton Patch

Date: Saturday, 25Mar17
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march
Location: L-3 Recreation Hall
10001 Jack Finney, Greenville, TX

Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance!!! – Dancing with the Stars – 5th Friday of March

Date: Friday, 31Mar17
Callers: Guest Paul Cote and Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march
Location: All Saints Catholic Church
5231 Meadowcreek Drive, Dallas, TX
Attire: Dressy/fancy or decorated with Stars (square or round dance attire)

Special and Weekend Dances (that don't conflict with Swinging Stars dances)

Louisiana State Square Dance Festival

Date: 2-4Mar17
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>

Ghost Riders Square Dance Band in Fort Worth

Date: 05Mar17
Callers: Paul Cote and the Ghost Riders and the 3 Joneses
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 E. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX

IMPORTANT: Advanced Tickets: \$10 each (Jones-pg. 22 Promenade) or \$15 at the door

Refreshments Duty and Information

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.karenl@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 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 (janbergesen@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 around sooner than it used to so you may be on the refreshment team three or four times a year.

February 24 - **Ross**, R/N Smith, Dennison, Pitts

March 10 - **Rickets**, Colter, McGuire, Halvorson

March 31 - Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance – Everyone brings refreshments

April 14 - **Heinz**, Hardin, Pharr, See

April 28 - **Kern**, Duncan, Covington, Jung
May 12 - **Lee**, Burson, Amy, Reid
May 26 - **Jimison**, Kilejian, Feldman, Bivins

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 - Wayne's 50th Anniversary as a square dance caller

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

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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

