



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 25th, 2018

Message from the President

Dave and Lorraine Burson

The Swinging Stars theme dance Friday was so much fun. We had a total of 88 dancers, 33 visitors and 55 Swinging Stars. We were happy to have as many visitors as we did since we knew there was going to be competition with two other dances. There was Stampede in Paris Texas and a Round dance in LaGrange, Texas. Several of our own club members were traveling to these dances. The theme Mardi Gras was really fun and colorful. Thanks to Peggy and Gary Amy for providing the decorations. Good job! We also thank Bob Estep for offering the opening prayer. As usual the refreshments committee did an outstanding job serving refreshments. Thank you Mary Hardin, Elliotts, Giffords and Nejdls. We had special guests from North Dakota, Mark and Mina Krebengski are traveling the country trying to dance in all 50 states for the second time.

Swinging Stars 2018 Anniversary Dance Report

From Lorraine Burson, Anniversary Dance Chair

I am very hopeful that we are going to have a good turnout for this Anniversary Dance. Several of the clubs has told me that they are planning to attend. For this reason it is very important that all the Swinging Stars that have signed up to work and bring food show up and do their part. I already know we have several dancers that are not going to be in town for this dance. If for some reason such as sickness you will not be able to attend **please** let me know.

Happening This Week

Friday, March 2nd – Kissin' Kuzzins Grand March Dance – Wayne Baldwin & JL Pelton

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

Saturday, March 3rd – Circle I – Ray Savell & Chris Farabaugh

7:00 PM Workshop – 8:00 PM Grand March

NORTEX REPORT

Sunday, February 18, The Swinging Stars Delegates, the Sees, Nejdls and Bursons attend the NORTEX Quarterly business meeting at the Swingtime Center and here is a brief summary of the meeting.

U.S.O. Dance Report. Delanna Willis cochairman of the dance reported that the NTCA along with the NORTEX raised over \$8,000 for the U.S.O.

GRaM Report was given by Sam Stephen. They have in the works that there is to be a training secession for new Club Officers. It was not reported when it will be happening.

Teen Scholarship Report. It was reported that there is around \$19,000 in the fund. With one scholarship out standing (It has not been picked up).

Nominating committee report. The Chair Russ and Anne NejdI presented the report. The nominations were:

President: John and Shirley Curry

Secretary: David and Ann Ouzts

Treasurer: Debbie Anderson

Area Vice Presidents were:

Allan and Dorothy Mussler

JW and Nellie Kuether

Fred and Terri Lanier

Don and Pam vonMinden

James and Carolyn Ehlinger

Round up report given by Sheila Milliron.

There will be no Raffle Tickets Sales this year. We will have Pre Roundup Dances instead.

Pre Round up Dance sign ups will be on April 14th at the NORTEX Quarterly Meeting.

Round up will be a Double Deal Dance.

You will be able to buy lunch at the facility again this year.

There will not be a Sunday morning dance.

Lessons grant report given by Nick and Diane Stewart.

Receiving Grants were:

Kissin Kuzzins

Rockwell Squares

Swinging Stars

Texas Reelers

Triangle Squares

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

The weather made it difficult for many Swinging Stars to visit other clubs and for other clubs to come visit us. Remember that if you do visit other clubs, a short report of your visit is always welcome to be included in our newsletter.

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
Rebel Rousers	17. Feb. 2018

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Ft Worth Squares	29. Jul. 2017
Tri-City Promenaders	23. Feb. 2018

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Plus 4s, Wednesday, February 21st

Fourteen (14) Swinging Stars braved the rain and cold to dance at Plus 4s Wednesday evening. Squares were called by Charles Quisenberry. We only had three squares but Quiz called his usual great tips. Swinging Stars in attendance were P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, J. Duncan, Evantos, Goebels, Kilejians, and the Sees.

Paris TX Stampede, Friday - Sunday, February 23rd - 25th

Twelve (12) Swinging Stars spent the weekend in Paris, Texas at the Texas Stampede. Squares were called by nationally known callers Tony Oxendine and Wade Driver (Jerry Story stayed home to care for his mother) and rounds were cued by Christine Hixson. The squares were very fast paced and challenging – but that is why most of the attendees were there. Swinging Stars in attendance were the Bergesens, Bondis, Goebels, Pharrs, Sees, and the Stewarts.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Kissin' Kuzzins

Date: Friday, 02Mar18
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: ER - 7:00PM / GM – 8:00PM
Location: Garland Senior Center
600 Ave A, Garland, TX

Circle I

Date: Saturday, 03Mar18
Caller: Ray Savell
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: WS – 7:00PM / GM – 7:30PM
Location: Senter Park East
228 Chamberlain, Irving, TX

Swinging Stars, Friday, March 9th

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

Other Events:

March Ladies Luncheon.

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 metropollex.

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.

March 9 – **Lassiter**, Hawkins, 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, Stewart, 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.

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.

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

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 to let him know if you can attend. 214-675-8523

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm

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. 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 two 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

Dave and Lorraine Burson

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-396-0941

See Flyer below





The Stars Of Texas Are Upon You

Western Ball

Swinging Stars 43rd

Anniversary Dance

March 23, 2018

Shepard Elementary -- 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Caller Wayne Baldwin

Guest Caller Tim Tyl

Guest Cuer Christine Hixson



Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Tip 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash After The Last Tip

★ Barbecue Dinner ★ Double Signature ★ Solos Board

★ Money Raffle ★ Banners ★ Honey Pot

★ Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by paying adult

★ Western or square dance attire

For Info 972-396-0941 or [President@Swinging stars.org](mailto:President@Swingingstars.org)

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