



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 5, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

We really need angels for our Tuesday lessons. Several of our regular angels have informed us they cannot be there this week. We have had 4 squares pretty regularly but five squares would be better. Please try to help us this Tuesday. This week we are worried we won't have enough angels to spread around the squares and this affects how well our students do. We promise we will put you in a square to dance if you come to lessons.

Refreshment Committee Alert: Mark and Karen Hawkins are ready to set up the schedules for the June, July and August dances. If you know you'll be unavailable any time during the summer please email or text the Hawkins to let them know. Email: markt.karenl@gmail.com. Text: 214-537-0446 (Karen's cell phone).

Swinging Stars has planned a bus trip to Tool, TX on Saturday, May 6th to attend the Log Cabin Swinger's 42nd Anniversary Dance. Our own Wayne Baldwin is calling and Walter Brewer is cueing rounds. This is a joint venture with the Texas Reelers so we will be sharing the bus which should lead to all sorts of fun. The bus will leave from the DART transit center in Richardson at Arapaho and Greenville at 5 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. Early Rounds are from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM with Mainstream and Plus tips from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. We hope to have some games, a sing-along and the after party all on the bus so the miles will just fly away amidst all this fun! The first 11 couples (or 22 people) are guaranteed a place on the bus and after that we work with the Reelers to accommodate those who wish to attend the dance. The cost for all this fun is only \$24.00 a person which includes the bus ride, the driver's tip, entry into the dance and the dinner the Log Cabin Swingers are serving. We should be back to our starting place at the DART transit center in Richardson sometime around 11 PM. Russ and I will have a sign-up sheet and flyers at our next club dance on Friday, March 17th and we will accept checks payable to Bill Dick, the Texas Reeler who is arranging this trip.

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 be sending out reminder lists to club members around the 20th of the month to refresh our memories as to what food items and duties we have volunteered to provide or work. We suspect we will have a very successful dance as this is the only dance in the area that day. Remember, the entire club cleans up after the dance.

Lessons Update:

Our students are doing very well and all seem enthusiastic and eager to learn. Last week many of us and our students went out for ice cream at Braums's after lessons to celebrate Fat Tuesday. We want to thank all those who have been showed up to angel this week: Estep, C. Wolfe, G. Deluke, Mulvin, Mosher, Bergesen, T. Evanto, Burson, 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.

Round Dance Lessons:

Linda and JL Pelton will be starting a new beginning Jive class on Tuesday, March 21st at Carpenter Rec Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano. Lessons are 8 weeks long and are from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Jive is also called triple swing or what you might have called jitterbug. This two-hour class gives you plenty of time to practice (and catch your breath as there be will be frequent breaks) and, just like square dancing, it's practice that makes you a good dancer.

If you are interested in Round Dancing this is an excellent class to start your journey into the fun world of rounds. And if you already know another rhythm, it's much easier to learn a new one. Registration is open. The Class ID # is 187431.

Linda and JL want to be sure Swinging Stars have a chance to sign up if they want to take this class. There are a lot of Kissin Kuzzins planning to take the class too so will be a fun group.

Happening This Week

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

Friday, March 10th – Swinging Stars Dance – Wayne Baldwin and Walter Brewer

Saturday, March 11th – Diamond Jubileers 56th Anniversary (Dance of Interest) – Jon Jones, Ray Savell, Paul Kinsey & Chris Farabaugh

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Bob and Terri Pitts

We spent our weekend near New Orleans at the Louisiana State Dance Festival celebrating Mardi Gras. We hope you had a fun weekend dancing. Note the 2 dances this coming weekend: Friday is our club dance and Saturday is a Mardi Gras-themed anniversary dance with the Diamond Jubileers.

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

Texas State Round Dance Teachers Association Dance Festival at La Grange, 24-25Feb – Thank you to the **6 Swinging Stars** and 6 other North Texas round dancers who enjoyed a packed dance. Friday and Saturday nights had 4 cuers and 40 dances per night (JL Pelton and Jack Kenny from Arlington cued 10 dances each). The dances, which were chosen by the attendees in advance, included phase 2-4 dances from all 9 round dance rhythms. The most popular dances were waltzes, rumbas, boleros, and cha chas. On Saturday dancers had a workshop for selected waltz cues. The rest of the day was spent learning a phase 4 foxtrot, a phase 4 rumba and a phase 3 cha cha. The cha cha was a perfect square dance level round dance taught by Jack and Sharie Kenny. The festival is limited to 60 couples/partners each year. By the end of Saturday night the 2018 festival had 48

paid up pairs of dancers (96 people). Thanks to the Hamm's for providing the write up (written by Lucille and approved by Ralph).

Texas Reelers Black & White Dance, 03Mar – Thank you to the *17 Swinging Stars* who attended the Texas Reelers dance Friday night. Deborah Carroll-Jones introduced a new song which she plans to record. Deborah also called one tip with caller Bill Hinkley from the Stone Steppers. Chris Farabaugh called a cha to an Irish jig, Thanks to Russ and Anne NejdI for the dance report.

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	Texas Reelers	24-Feb-2017
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015		
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016		
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016		
Lone Star Solos	10-Nov-2016		
Rebel Rousers	19-Nov-2016		
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

Coming Events

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 – Mardi Gras Celebration

Date: Saturday, 11Mar17
Callers: 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: Shade of green (it is on the day...)

Rebel Rousers – Pot of Gold

Date: Saturday, 18Mar17
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

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

Date: Friday, 24Mar17
Callers: 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)

Jerry Story Swing into Spring – All Plus Weekend

Date: 7-9 Apr17
Caller: Jerry Story
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Location: Promenade Hall
1210 N. Tool Dr. (Highway 274), Tool, TX
Notes: See March Promenade pp.22 for details

Upcoming Activity - Other

Ladies Luncheon Café De France Restaurant – Wed., 15Mar17

The March Ladies Luncheon will be at the Café De France located at 17370 Preston Road Dallas. On Wed. March 15th at 11:30 AM. Mary Ann Starrett is the hostess for this luncheon. Mary Ann says Cafe De France Restaurant is easy to get to and that it is almost in Plano. To check out their menu please go to www.cafedefrancerestaurant.com and click on menu. Please reply to Mary Ann Starrett fmstar@swbell.net or 214-387-4799 by Monday, March 13th to make your reservation for the luncheon. Hope to see you all there.

Refreshments Duty and Information

Contact Karen Hawkins for problems or questions regarding refreshments @ markt.karenl@gmail.com or text: 214-537-0446 (Karen's cell phone). Each team member is to pick up a refreshment bag at the dance prior to their refreshment duty date. 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.

March 10 - **Ricketts**, Colter, McGuire, Duncan

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:

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42nd Anniversary Dance



Caller
Wayne Baldwin



Guest Caller
Paul Cote



Cuer
Walter and Eula Brewer

Friday, March 31, 2017



All Saints Catholic Church
5231 Meadowcreek Dr. Dallas



Early Rounds 7:00
Grand March 8:00

 Dancing in the Fellowship Hall for Better Acoustics

 Salad Supper With Desserts in the Gym

 Evening or Square Dance Attire 

Quilt Raffle

Honey Pot

Money Raffle

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by paying adults

For info: or president@swingingstars.org

Visit our Web Site: www.swingingstars.org



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