



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 12, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Our Swinging Stars club dance was small but a lot of fun. We know that many clubs are planning on attending our upcoming Anniversary Dance at the end of the month and we suspect that is why attendance was low as well as the fact that it was spring break for the schools. Thank you to the refreshment team for the lovely St. Patrick's Day decorations and all the green food. Great job! The Stars looked festive in their green, but Wayne was positively dashing in his green hat.

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. Remember, once your name is on the refreshment schedule, you must find someone to switch with should you need to change your week. Email: markt.karenl@gmail.com. Text: 214-537-0446 (Karen's cell phone). Karen and Mark thank all those who took the time to let them know of upcoming vacations so as to avoid a scheduling conflict.

What a surprise to see associate member J.B. Morrison at our lessons on Tuesday. He drove all the way from Irving to watch and visit with us. We hope to see him this week as an angel. We also were surprised by a visit by another associate member, Donna Williams. She and her husband Doug hope to get back to dancing in the fall.

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.

Lessons Update:

There were only 3 squares at lessons this week. We were fortunate to be able to fit all the students in squares as several students were absent. We may not be as lucky next week if they all show up and we do not have enough angels to fill the squares. Please help us by coming to lessons as an angel this week. If you come, we promise to put you in a square to dance. We want to thank all those who have been showed up to angel this past week: C. Wolfe, Mulvin, Mosher, Burson, H. Kilejian, See, and Bondi. 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.

Friendship Party Bus:

There is still room **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. See the flyer at end of newsletter for more details.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, March 14th – Square Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:15 PM

Friday, March 17th – Kissin Kuzzins 44th Anniversary Dance – Blarney Blast (Official Visitation –wear green) – Wayne Baldwin, Ray Savell & JL Pelton

Saturday, March 18th – Rebel Rousers - Pot of Gold – Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixson

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Bob and Terri Pitts

This week has flown by! We enjoyed some great dancing last weekend and this weekend too. But wait, the fun isn't over. Please join us for the official visitation this Friday to our Kuzzins for their anniversary Blarney Dance on St. Patrick's Day, and the dance of interest to the Rebel Rousers on Saturday night for their Pot of Gold Dance.

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

Louisiana State Square and Round Dance Festival, 04-05Mar – This was a very fun dance weekend that **2 Swinging Stars** attended. It featured Paul Cote and the Ghost Riders Band Friday night and the Louisiana callers and cuers Saturday night. The special guest cuer was Tim Eum from Alabama. The host club, Ozone Squares, prepared a totally impressive and delicious Louisiana-style dinner Friday night for all the weekend attendees!

Ghost Riders with Paul Cote, 05Mar – Thank you to the **15 Swinging Stars** who attended the dance last Sunday with the Ghost Riders live band and Paul Cote and the Joneses at Swingtime Center. This is the first time the headliner band for the National Square Dance Festival since 1987 have played in Dallas. Woo Hoo! Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll-Jones, and Vernon Jones entertained us well and it is always a wonderful treat to dance to a live band.

Diamond Jubileers Anniversary Mardi Gras Dance, 11Mar – Thank you to the **14 Swinging Stars** who attended the Diamond Jubileers dance Saturday night. Paul Kinsey, Jon Jones, Deborah-Carroll Jones, and Ray Savell called a wonderfully festive Mardi Gras dance and Chris Farabaugh cued.

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		
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

Beginning Jive Dance Lessons

Date: Tuesdays 21 April thru 09May
Instructors: J.L & Linda Pelton
Time: 7:30PM-9:30PM
Location: Carpenter Park Recreation Center
6701 Coit Road, Plano, TX 75024

Coming Events

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

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

Other

Ladies Luncheon Café De France Restaurant – Wed., 15Mar17 at 11:30AM

The March Ladies Luncheon will be at the Café De France located at 17370 Preston Road Dallas. On Wed., 15Mar. Maryann Starrett is the hostess for this luncheon. Maryann 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 Maryann Starrett fmstar@swbell.net or 214-387-4799 by Monday, 13Mar. 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 Bergesen (janbergesen@gmail.com).

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 NejdI

Swinging Stars Presidents

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:

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42nd Anniversary Dance

dancing
with the stars



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

Friendship Party Bus

To Tool Texas for the Log Cabin Swingers

42 Anniversary Party

Sponsored by the Texas Reelers and the Swinging Stars

Saturday, May 6th, 2017

Bus: 5:00, Dinner: 6:30, Early Rounds: 7:00, Mainstream Dance: 7:30 to 9:30, Home: 11:00

The price of \$24.00 includes the bus ride, dinner, and dance.

Caller: Wayne Baldwin Cuer: Walter Brewer

