



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 19, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Five Swinging Stars ladies attended the ladies luncheon this week at Café de France in North Dallas. The food was delicious, the service was great and best of all, and the fellowship was superb. Thank you Maryann Starrett for arranging the luncheon.

Russ and I keep asking for angels for lessons on Tuesday nights. We cast our net very deep and Jack Kemp from the Texas Reelers showed up to help and Debbie Anderson, our Area Vice President from NORTEX. Thank you Jack and Debbie. Associate member J.B. Morrison also came to angel and brush up on his dance moves, not that he needed much brushing up on his dancing. We hope to see J.B. again this week and hopefully at a club dance.

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), has sent out a reminder email this week to refresh our memories as to what food items and duties we have volunteered to provide or work. Lorraine is now asking for volunteers who can show up at the church around 3:30 to help set up tables. If you can come early, let Lorraine know.

Lessons Update:

We hate to sound like a broken record, but we really do need angels on Tuesdays. This week, 8 of our students were absent probably due to spring break. Angels kept coming in late from other engagements, but we needed one more woman to make that 4th square and that was with Russ dancing the female part. One square was really struggling with the new dance moves, but we were unable to move anyone out of that square. 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, P. Amy, D. Dennison, Bergesen, D. Rhinehart, Feldman, and Bondi. And not to forget J. Kemp and Debbie Anderson as well as J.B. Morrison who also angeled. 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. The Reelers are reaching out to the Rebel Rousers to join us on the bus which should lead to all sorts of fun. We will accept and forward checks payable to Bill Dick, of the Texas Reelers who is arranging this trip. See the flyer at end of newsletter for more details.

Memorial Service:

We are saddened to hear of the death of the Underwood's son several weeks ago in Florida. Fred and Thelma are associate members and have not danced in several years, but were great round dancers. There will be a memorial service in honor of their son on Saturday, March 25th at 2 PM at the Suncreek United Methodist Church in Allen at 1517 W. McDermott Road.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, March 21th – Square Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:15 PM

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Friday, March 24th – Stone Steppers 59th Anniversary Dance – Official Visitation – Deborah Carroll Jones & Jon Jones and Christine Hixson

Saturday, March 25th – Cotton Pickin' Squares 23rd Anniversary Dance – Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixson

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Bob and Terri Pitts

There was every shade of green to be seen this weekend and it was refreshing! Hopefully you took time to dance a jig or two. The pots of gold were the fun and fellowship, and let's not forget the amazing food with which we recharged our batteries.

Today is the first day of spring so get ready for a unique dance opportunity with our friends the Stone Steppers at their Spring Celebration Anniversary dance. Usually we dance on conflicting nights but not this Friday, so come on out and partake of the party. On Saturday we will be celebrating another club anniversary with a Picnic in the Cotton Patch with the Cotton Pickin' Squares. See the details below to help get you there.

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

Kissin' Kuzzins Blarney Blast Anniversary Dance, 17Mar (St. Patrick's Day) – Thank you to the **25 Swinging Stars** who attended our Kuzzins' dance Friday night. JL Pelton cued an hour of early rounds and rounds between tips for a nice sized round dance crowd. Club caller, Wayne Baldwin, was joined by guest caller, Ray Savell, for the evening. They called many fun tips and were joined in a couple of tips by Bill Hinkley and Linda Savell for some awesome harmonization. The Kissin' Kuzzins decorated their dance hall and common areas very nicely and shared a wonderful spread with the crowd.

Rebel Rousers' Pot of Gold Dance, 18Mar – Thank you to the **16 Swinging Stars** who visited the Rebel Rousers for some Saturday evening fun! Christine Hixson cued some enjoyable early rounds and fun 'Irish' rounds between tips. Club caller, Mike Bramlett, who always has some tricks up his sleeve, called some terrific fast paced tips and taught us some 'lessons'. Don't automatically circle after roll away or it will mess you up on the following square through 4! Bill Hinkley was visiting and called a tip with some crowd participation ... Ooooh Ahhhhh.

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

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: Evening or Square 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

Refreshments Duty and Information

Contact Karen Hawkins for problems or questions regarding refreshments @ markt.karen1@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).

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.

March 31 - Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance – Everyone brings refreshments

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

April 28 - **Kern**, Estep, 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

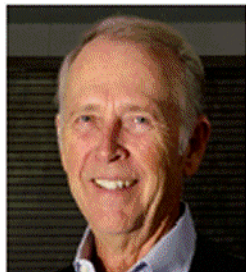
Email: president@swingingstars.org

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

Swinging Stars

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

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

