



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

### *Newsletter for April 2, 2017*

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**From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:**

Our 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dance was such a huge success! We had 173 visitors and 81 Swinging Stars in attendance helping out where needed. We even had several of our Associate members helping – thank you to Frank and Maryann Starrett and Gary Amy for coming out and lending a hand. Lorraine sent out a very nice email to the whole club thanking everyone for their help and support, but we could not have had such a successful dance without the hard work of the Burson's who were chairs for the dance and took all the headaches from Russ and me so we could just be presidents at this dance. Thank you Dave and Lorraine for being such good chairs. And we were so fortunate to have that beautiful handmade quilt which Lorraine provided for the auction. It wasn't my intention to win it when we purchased our raffle tickets, but were sure pleased to take it home with us!

The salad spread was beyond delicious and the desserts were just perfect. It did not appear that we had a great deal of food left over but just the right balance and we took the few remaining desserts to the after party at the Dennison's home. Thank you Karen and Dennis for opening up your beautiful home to us.

We cannot adequately express our thanks to each of the committee chairs and diligent volunteers who worked all evening and even in the early afternoon for set-up. You all made clean up easy as we worked together.

We heard many positive comments on the guest caller – Paul Cote and how well he harmonized with Wayne. The round dancers also said how much they enjoyed dancing to Walter Brewer. It was so crowded when we marched in for that grand march (24 squares) we had to split the squares down the middle to get everyone in for the announcements.

Here is a breakdown on the clubs that visited us:

Texas Reelers: 37	Rebel Rousers: 20	Kissin' Kuzzins': 18
Circle I: 16	Roadrunners: 14	Tri City Promenaders: 11
Rockwell Squares: 8	Triangle Squares: 8	Dixie Chainers: 7
Stone Steppers: 6	Lone Star Solos: 3	Model A's: 3
Diamond Jubileers: 3	Plus Fours: 3	Trail Blazers: 2
T-Square Gadabouts: 2	Out of State visitors from Ohio: 2	Independents: 10

Thank you everyone for making this dance a success.

Russ and Anne

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# Announcements

## Lessons Update:

The Nejdls will not be at lessons this week so we will be short and need some extra angels. There are only 4 lessons remaining prior to graduation. Associate member JB Morrison continues to angel although he tells us he is brushing up on his dancing. Imagine our surprise when Gary Amy showed up. We had not seen Gary for several years and it was a pleasant seeing him again. We hope to see more of him.

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, Nejdls, Mosher, Burson, H. Kilejian, Amy, Bergesen, D. Rhinehart, See, Rose, J.B. Morrison 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.

## Friendship Party Bus:

Swinging Stars has planned a bus trip to Tool, TX on Saturday, May 6th to attend the Log Cabin Swinger's 42<sup>nd</sup> 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. You can either mail the check to us or hand it to us at one at our next dance. Two weeks before the trip, Bill has to pay the bus company so we would like to firm up who is coming with us and have collected the money to give to him no later than our next club dance on April 14th. The cost is \$24 per person which includes the bus rental, tip to the driver, entry into the dance and of course the dinner the Log Cabin Swingers will provide. We will be playing games on the bus, hosting a sing-a-long and even celebrating our after party on the way home. See the flyer at end of newsletter for more details. **Mail checks made payable to Bill Dick but mail to Russ and Anne Nejdls, 4105 Cassandra Lane, Plano, TX 75093**

## Semi-Annual Meeting

Save the date Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM for the Swinging Stars semi-annual meeting. We have reserved Ojeda's Mexican Restaurant's back room (in Plano). In order to use that room everyone is expected to order food and drinks. We are unable to use either location for Spring Creek BBQ (Addison or Richardson). Since we have been cannot find an alternative location, we will plan on meeting at Ojeda's. They are located on the northwest corner of Coit and Park at 2001 Coit Road in the Park Pavilion Center. Please mark the day on your calendar. We will share the financials from the anniversary dance at that time.

## Bereavement News:

It is with great sadness we report that former club member, Jerry McClure has died. We were told he fell while visiting his daughter and hit his head. He died several hours later from bleeding in his brain. Although Joni and Jerry haven't danced with us in several years, I can remember what great chili he made which won first place in one of our club's past chili cook-offs. Jerry was more than willing to share his recipe with anyone who wanted it. Joni is a member of the ladies' bunco club. There will be a memorial service in about 2 weeks. You may mail sympathy cards to: Joni McClure, 813 Pleasant Valley, Richardson, TX 75080.

## More Bereavement News:

Vicki Evanto, club member and NORTEX Liaison, has recently lost her father. He had been ill for some time and Vicki had very lovingly been attending to his needs. There will be a memorial service soon, but I have no information and will share with the club when I hear more. Anyone wanting to send Vicki a sympathy card can mail it to: Vicki Evanto, 1709 Geneva Lane, Plano, TX 75075.

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## Happening This Week

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>th</sup> – Square Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:15 PM**

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Round Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:30 PM**

**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Texas Reeler’s - Take me out to the Ballgame- Deborah Carroll and Jon Jones & Chris Farabaugh - 7:30 PM Early Rounds, 8:00 PM Grand March**

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Dixie Chainers – Wayne Baldwin & Jack von der Hyde – 7:00 PM Early Rounds, 8:00 PM Grand March**

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## \* \* \* 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report \* \* \*

### Bob and Terri Pitts

On Friday we had our Dancing with the Stars Anniversary Dance. It was especially great to see so many visitors come to our anniversary dance from Ft. Worth – this is a tribute to the many Swinging Stars who have visited the Ft. Worth clubs over the months. We gave all the banners we had from other clubs back and even handed out 5 of our own. Saturday we took a day of rest. March was a full month of anniversary dances and visitations. Whew! Good work everyone on the visitations in March.

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.

### Club Visitations

No visitations to 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
		Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016
		Rebel Rousers	31-Mar-2017
		Kissin' Kuzzins	31-Mar-2017
		Circle I	31-Mar-2017
		Texas Reelers	31-Mar-2017
		Roadrunners	31-Mar-2017

## **Swinging Stars Dance Classes**

### **Mainstream Square Dance Lessons**

Date: Tuesdays 31Jan17 thru 25Apr17  
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 21Mar17 thru 09May17  
Instructors: J.L & Linda Pelton  
Time: 7:30PM-9:30PM  
Location: Carpenter Park Recreation Center  
6701 Coit Road, Plano, TX 75024

## **Coming Events**

### **Texas Reelers – Take Me Out to the Ball Game**

Date: Friday, 07Apr17  
Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones  
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh  
Time: 7:30PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march  
Location: Richardson Senior Center  
820 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX

### **Dixie Chainers – Wayne Baldwin Dance**

Date: Saturday, 08Apr17  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Jack von der Heide  
Time: 7:00PM early rounds / workshop, 7:30PM grand march  
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center  
14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX

### **Swinging Stars**

Date: Friday, 14Apr17  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Time: 7:00PM workshop, 7:45PM plus, 8:00PM grand march  
Location: Shepard Elementary School  
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

### **Rebel Rousers – Empty Pockets Dance**

Date: Saturday, 15Apr17  
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

### **T-Square Gadabouts – Let's Swing into Spring**

Date: Friday, 21Apr17  
Caller: Joey Duhamel  
Cuer: Jack Kenny  
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march  
Location: Swingtime Center  
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

### **Dixie Chainers – 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Luau**

Date: Saturday, 22Apr17  
Caller: Toby Thomason  
Cuer: Jack von der Heide  
Time: 7:00PM early rounds / workshop, 7:30PM grand march  
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center  
14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX

### **Round Dance Mini-Fest – Phases II-IV (April Promenade p12)**

Date: Sunday, 23Apr17  
Instructors: Jack Kenny, JL Pelton  
Time: 2:00PM-5:00PM teaches, 6:15PM-8:45PM early rounds / programmed dance  
Location: Swingtime Center  
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

### **Swinging Stars – Swinging in the Rain with the Swinging Stars**

Date: Friday, 28Apr17  
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

### **Roadrunners – 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Barn Dance**

Date: Saturday, 29Apr17  
Caller: K.O. Jeanes  
Cuer: Karen Gloodt  
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march  
Location: Swingtime Center  
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

### **NORTEX Quarterly Business Meeting**

Date: Sunday, 30Apr17  
Time: 2:00PM  
Location: Swingtime Center  
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

## 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 p.22 for details

### Monthly Ladies Luncheon - a note from Lorraine

Mary Hardin is the hostess for the April Luncheon. She has chosen Chocolate Angel at the High Point Antique Mall on April 19th which is a Wednesday at 11:30 am. It is at the corner of Plano Parkway and Central in Plano. She needs to confirm reservations by Mon April 17th. Please let her know ASAP so she will have a good count before the 4/17 date. Contact Mary by phone or email. Mary's Home phone is [972-517-8691](tel:972-517-8691) and Cell [214-632-4230](tel:214-632-4230). This venue is a very nice restaurant inside the Antique Mall. It is all so one of the Lady Stars favorite places for our luncheons.

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### Refreshments Duty and Information

Contact Karen Hawkins for problems or questions regarding refreshments @ [markt.karenl@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

April 14 - **Heinz**, Hardin, Pharr, See  
April 28 - **Kern**, Estep, Covington, Jung  
May 12 - **Lee**, Burson, Amy, Reid  
May 26 - **Jimison**, Kilejian, Feldman, Bivins

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### Important dates for this year (you should have these on your calendar!):

May 7, 2017 – Swinging Stars Semi-Annual Meeting  
July 29, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance - Wayne's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a square dance caller

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Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

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For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org) and click on Weekends.

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Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at [llhamm45@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)

Phone: 972-964-5979

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

# Swinging in the Rain with The

## Swinging Stars

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

April 28, 2017

Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

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

Refreshments Banners Honey Pot Fun Dancing

For Info: 972-964-5979 or [president@swingingstars.org](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)



Visit our Website: [www.swingingstars.org](http://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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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

