



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for April 9, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

There was so much to say about our successful 42nd Anniversary Dance last week that I neglected to mention a few things in the last newsletter. I wanted to thank Peggy Amy for providing the white board for our single dancers. There have been comments from dancers from other clubs mentioning how they would attend more of our dances if the white board were available at all the Swinging Stars dances. We hope this is something we can continue to do and advertise.

We continue to hear from other clubs saying how much they enjoyed our Anniversary Dance. As it is never too soon to start planning ahead, if anyone would like to chair the 2017 dance, let me know.

We saw a lot of familiar faces at our dance including former members Andy and Debbie Piziali. We sure miss them and wish they would come back to the club.

We may have had more than that 264 dancers at the dance. We have heard some attendees did not sign in so our count may be off. But overall, the volunteers at the registration desk did a great job keeping it moving, handling the money and signing cards. Thank you Sarah and Nevin Mulvin and Dan Lassiter for manning the registration desk throughout the night. Great job!

Russ and Anne

Announcements

Lessons Update:

Graduation is coming up soon. We are inviting our couples to join our club this week. We are encouraging our students to attend new dancer dances with their mentors and will include our own new dancer dance in May. We hope the entire club will turn out to welcome our new graduates on April 25th. More information will be provided in next week's newsletter. 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. Russ and I were out of town and missed lessons this week. We want to thank all those who have been showed up to angel this past week: C. Wolfe, Mulvin, Mosher, Burson, H. Kilejian, P. Amy, Bergesen, D. Rhinehart, Estep, See, B. Perrot, T. Evanto, Hamm, 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 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. 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 Nejd, 4105 Cassandra Lane, Plano, TX 75093**

Semi-Annual Meeting

Save the date Sunday, May 7th 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 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:

There was a beautiful memorial service for Associate Member, John Smith on Friday. Many Swinging Stars attended the viewing on Thursday and many were present at the memorial service on Friday. We saw many square dancers from other clubs too. John had been square dancing for 63 years and had been dancing as recently at October of 2016. John had been active in many clubs through the years as confirmed by the many badges on display from a variety of clubs I had never heard of. We will miss you John.

Vicki Evanto, club member and NORTEX Liaison, has shared the plans for her Dad's funeral. The funeral will be on Wednesday, April 12th at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Plano at 1801 W. Plano Parkway. Visitation will be from 11:30 to 12:15 with the funeral service at 12:15 to 12:45. He will be laid to rest at the DFW National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy in Dallas.

The following is a message from Joni McClure regarding the memorial service for Jerry:

“We have set a date for the celebration of precious Jerry's life-- a time to uplift us all and to praise our Lord for his 89 years. It will be at the Legacy Room at Chase Oaks Church in Plano (corner of Legacy and Chase Oaks) on Sat. April 15th at 10 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either Chase Oaks Church-Love Fund, or Sacra Script Ministry (2001 West Plano Parkway, Suite 1010, Plano, TX 75075) (Wonderful teachings by Rhome Dyck--Jerry's favorite). We would love to have you join us on the Easter weekend.

Blessings,

Joni and the entire family”

Happening This Week

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

Tuesday, March 21st – Round Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center

Friday, April 14th – Swinging Stars – Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer –7:00 PM Workshop, 7:45 PM Plus, 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, April 15th Rebel Rousers Empty Pocket Dance (Dance of Interest) – Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixson– 7:00 PM Early Rounds, 7:30 PM Plus, 8:00 PM Grand March

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Bob and Terri Pitts

Gorgeous Spring weather abounds lately and we are lucky here because it has not been so terrific in other parts of the country. This week we have a Saturday night visitation to the Rebel Rousers for their 'empty pockets' dance. Hopefully you still have some money left after the tax man cometh.

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

Oklahoma Round Dance Association 50th Anniversary Dance Weekend at Lake Murray, 31Mar–02Apr – Six Swinging Stars enjoyed an exciting weekend at the all new lodge at Lake Murray State Park. During Friday and Saturday evenings there were 68 phase 3-5 dances cued. These were chosen in advance by the participating dancers. Waltz, foxtrot and bolero were the most popular rhythms but 7 other dance rhythms were also included. JL Pelton and Karen Gloodt represented the DFW area cuers. Karen also lives in Oklahoma. In addition to Oklahoma, there were cuers from New Mexico, Missouri and Kansas. Saturday dance teaches included, in the morning, a challenging phase 5 waltz and, in the afternoon, a phase 4 rumba. These were taught by guest clinicians-instructors Bob and Sally Nolen, who have over 40 years of round dance experience. They are also Presidents of ICBD (International Choreographed Ballroom Dance Association) and have served since 2014. In the morning Karen and Ed Gloodt held a bolero workshop and taught "Valentine Bolero" and "El Reloj" phase 3 and 4 boleros. This served as an alternative to the phase 5 waltz teach. At the business meeting Karen and Ed Gloodt agreed to serve a second year as Presidents of ORDA. The 2018 Anniversary ORDA dance weekend will be held again at Lake Murray on April 13-15. Several dancers from the DFW area plan to attend. Thank you to Lucy Hamm for this report.

Texas Reelers' Take Me Out to the Ballgame (Dance of Interest), 07Apr – Thank you to the 20 Swinging Stars who attended the Reelers' fun dance celebrating baseball season. Deborah Carroll-Jones taught us a new move with a baseball theme. The ladies chained to first, second, third base as well as home plate. All throughout the dance, Deborah gave us updates on the real Rangers game. Chris Farabaugh called the rounds. The Swinging Star attendees included: Bondi, Burson, Mulvin, Estep, Nestor, Nejd, Perrott, C. Wolfe, Pharr, D. Rhinehart, and Kilejian. The Nejd's wrote this report.

The Dixie Chainers' Wayne Baldwin dance, 08Apr – Thank you to the 11 Swinging Stars who attended this enjoyable Saturday night dance. Although only 3 squares danced throughout the night, Wayne did a great job of calling and Jack van der Heide always seemed to work his way into a square. The Swinging Star attendees included: Burson, Nejd, Harris, C. Wolfe, Kilejian, and Estep. The Nejd's wrote this 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
Texas Reelers	07-April-2017	Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016
Dixie Chainers	08-April-2017	Rebel Rousers	31-Mar-2017
		Kissin' Kuzzins	31-Mar-2017
		Circle I	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

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 (OFFICIAL)

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

Dixie Chainers – 56th 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 – 46th Anniversary Barn Dance (OFFICIAL)

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

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.

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.

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!):

May 7, 2017 – Swinging Stars Semi-Annual Meeting
June 11, 2017 – Swinging Stars Annual Fish Fry
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

Email: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-964-5979

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

Swinging in the Rain With The

Swinging Stars

April 28, 2017

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



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



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Visit our Website: 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.

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