



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for April 16, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Our Friday dance was small as expected since we had so many visitors at that stupendous Anniversary Dance, but what a fun dance it was! The refreshments were absolutely delicious. Mary Hardin made individual Easter egg cakes which she frosted and decorated with a decorative flower. Thank you to Heinz, Hardin, Pharr and See for all that wonderful food. 47 Swinging Stars were in attendance and we had no visitors from other clubs, but we did have 6 of our students show up for the workshop and dance. They danced every tip they could and one couple even engaged in hot hash. We were amazed how well they did. There was only \$2 in the honey pot drawing, The Mulvin's and the Nestor's were the only ones to purchase a ticket, so we had no drawing. Nevin gave Alex the drawing money.

Attention Swinging Star Club members: The Swinging Stars is hosting a special dance on July 29th. It is called Wayne's World in honor of Wayne Baldwin's 50th year of calling. This will be our Double Deal dance for 2017. Please try to be in town for this special dance. Lucy and Ralph Hamm are the chairman for the dance. They will be forming committees soon. It is going to be at the All Saints Catholic Church.

Happy Easter and Happy Passover to all our Swinging Stars. We hope your holiday has been one filled with family, food and wonderful memories.

Russ and Anne

Announcements

Lessons Update:

Graduation is a week from Tuesday (April 25th). We have invited our couples to join our club. We are now encouraging our students to attend new dancer dances with their mentors including our own new dancer dance in May – the Chocoholic Frolic. We would like the entire club to come to graduation on April 25th. There will be cake! We still need angels this week even though the students have been exposed to all the calls now. If you come, we promise to put you in a square to dance. We want to thank all those who have showed up to angel this past week: C. Wolfe, N. Mulvin, Mosher, Burson, H. Kilejian, Harris, Hamm, Bergesen, D. Rhinehart, Rose, Estep, See, and Nejd. 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 are getting down to the wire here and need to turn hand the money over to Bill Dick from the Reelers who is coordinating this trip. We will accept and forward checks payable to Bill Dick, of the Texas Reelers by the end of the week. 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 Nejdil, 4105 Cassandra Lane, Plano, TX 75093**

We will be meeting at the Richardson dart station at Greenville and Arapaho at 5:00PM. We should be back by 11:00 PM.

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. 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 and have elections for officers.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, April 18th – Square Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:15 PM

Tuesday, April 18th – Round Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center

Friday, April 21st – T Square Gadabouts – Official - Joey Duhamel & Jack Kenny –7:00 PM Early Rounds, 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, April 22nd – Dixie Chainers Annual Luau – Toby Thomason & Jack van der Heide– 7:00 PM Early Rounds/Workshop, 7:30 PM Grand March

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Bob and Terri Pitts

We had a fun Spring weekend of dancing with our friends at our club dance and with the Rebel Rousers. This weekend there is an official dance Friday with the T-Square Gadabouts celebrating their anniversary (guest caller Joey Duhamel and cuer Jack Kenny), on Saturday the Dixie Chainers' are hosting their annual luau dance which is always a favorite, and there is an additional opportunity for the round dancers on Sunday at the Round Dance Mini-Fest, an all afternoon and evening dancing event including teaches. We hope to see you on the dance floor.

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

Rebel Rousers Empty Pockets Dance, 15Apr – Thank you to the 14 Swinging Stars who attended the Rebel Rousers fun dance. Christine Hixson cued the early rounds and rounds between tips with many numbers enjoyed by the round dancers including ‘Save your love’ aka ‘the pizza song’. Mike Bramlett called the plus and mainstream tips, and as usual, entertained the squares with his unique choreography that challenged the dancers. We had to be on our toes the entire evening. Since Christine arrived a few minutes late due to accident traffic, Mike cued the first couple of round dances, exhibiting his unique flair and, since turnaround is fair play, Christine tag teamed with Mike on the last fun tip. A feast of delicious treats were shared by the Rebel Rousers and there were some interesting ‘empty pocket’ outfits worn at the dance. We recaptured our Swinging Stars banner.

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-Apr-2017	Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016
Dixie Chainers	08-Apr-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

Coming Events

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
Location: Swingtime Center
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.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).

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 28 - **Kern**, Amy, Covington, Estep
May 12 - **Lee**, Burson, Jung, Reid
May 26 - **Jimison**, Bivins, Feldman, Kilejian,
June 9 – **Whipple**, Bondi, Deluke, Kendrick
June 23 – **Trujillo**, Evanto, Mosher, Rose

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 Nejd

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingstars.org

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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



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.

Caller: Wayne Baldwin Cuer: Walter Brewer

