

Newsletter for April 22nd, 2018

Message from the President

Dave and Lorraine Burson

This week we have so much to tell you what is going on with the Swinging Stars.

First, the PISD is going to be having some sort of event on May11, 2018 at the Shepard Elementary school. The PISD has moved our May 11 dance to the Wilson Middle School. For those of you that are not familiars with that location, it is the school on the corner of Custer Road and Wilson Dr., close to the Shepard Elementary School. We park in the lot on the north side on Wilson Middle School and enter thru the doors there.

Second, we have had to change the date of the annual Double Deal Dance that was previously scheduled for September 28, 2018 to November 30, 2018. The Double Deal Dance will be held at the Shepard Elementary School. We are able to do this since Thanksgiving is one week prior to the November 30th date. The school will be having school on the 30th. The change is because we are to have our Pre Round Up dance on September 28, 2018. The Pre Roundup will be held at the Shepherd Elementary School. Neither of these two dances should be confused with the Anniversary Dance that is to be held on March 30, 2019 at the All Saints Catholic Church 5231 Meadow Creek Dr. Dallas, at Arapaho and Meadow Creek. All three of these dances are special dances, and they are 2 signature dances. The Pre Roundup dance will be treated as a theme dance. The theme for the Pre Round up dance will be adding a few more couples to help with the refreshments etc. The Double Deal Dance and the Anniversary are the Swinging Stars regular annual special dance. They are our fundraisers for the year. Chairman for the Double Deal dance is going to be Bill and Wendy Perrott. I think everyone already know that the chairman for the 2019 Anniversary dance is Anne and Russell Nejdl. There will not be a chairman for the Pre Roundup dance.

Third, The theme for the NORTEX Roundup this year is **Kaleidoscope of Colors** and will be on October 20,2018 with the callers Cavalcade on October 19. This year we will not have to cancel our 2nd Friday or 4th Friday night dance in October, for the Roundup, as we have had to do in past years. **Fourth**, with Kaleidoscope Of Colors being the theme for Roundup, we should start getting our bright colors ready to wear for these special dances. All NORTEX clubs will be having a Pre Roundup dance (Double Signature Dance) during the time period of June 24 to October 20 and I am sure Swinging Stars will be going to several of the clubs for a visitations.

Fifth, the Swinging Executive Committee will be having our Quarterly board meeting on Sunday April 29th at the Burson's home (600 Meadow Lane, Allen). If you would like to come by to present something to the committee, for discussion, please call Lorraine or Dave Burson at 972-396-0941 by April 26th, to make an appointment to be heard.

Sixth Swinging Stars semi annual Business meeting will be held on May 20th, at 4:00PM, to elect officers for the next 6 months. All the present officers are nominated and have agreed to serve for the next 6 months. Thank you to Sandra Rose for being the Chair for the nominating committee. We will also be discussing other important topics of interest to the club. The meeting will be at Norma's Café. Located at 605 W 15th St Plano, TX 75075. Please come to the meeting and stay for dinner. Please! They are so kind to allow us to use their backroom for our meeting; we will have the room to

ourselves, consider eating your dinner with the Swinging Stars at this venue. Take a look at the menu <u>www.normascafe.com</u>. From breakfasts to their Blue Plate Specials, every satisfying, Texassize dish at Norma's Cafe is made with the highest quality ingredients and will have you hankering for more.

Thank you, Lorraine and Dave Burson

Message from the Treasurer

Charlie and Linda Harris

Dues Are Due!

Your 2018 second quarter dues were due as of April 1st, 2018. You can Pay:

1 Quarter = 45.00 per couple 2 Quarters = 90.00 per couple 3 Quarters = 135.00 per couple 4 Quarters - 180.00 per couple

Please send check PAYABLE TO Swinging Stars. Charlie and Linda Harris 9434 Hilldale Drive Dallas, Tx 75231

Happening This Week

<u>Friday, April 27th</u> – Swinging Stars Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:45 PM Plus - 8:00 PM Grand March <u>Saturday, April 28th</u> – **Stone Steppers – 60th Anniversary Dance – Diamonds & Dancing** Jerry Gilbreath & Christine Hixson 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 8:00 PM Grand March

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

This week brings a great opportunity to attend an Anniversary dance at a club we normally don't get a chance to dance with – as they dance on the same nights as our club. The Stone Steppers are holding the dance in Richardson. Very convenient. Hope to see you all in a square.

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.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	25. Mar. 2017
Log Cabin Swingers	6. May. 2017
Dixie Chainers	26. Aug. 2017
Triangle Squares	30. Sep. 2017
Kissin' Kuzzins	30. Mar. 2018
Tri-City Promenaders	31. Mar. 2018
T-Square Gadabouts	20. Apr. 2018

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured	
Rebel Rousers	23. Mar. 2018	
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Plus 4s, Wednesday, April 18th

Fifteen (15) Swinging Stars visited Plus 4s Wednesday evening. Squares were called by the club caller Charles Quisenberry ("Quiz"). Quiz called another great dance by challenging us to some DBD moves we normally don't see at a dance (i.e. Track Two with the men or a man and a woman on the inside track). Swinging Stars in attendance were P. Amy, Bergesens, Bursons, J. Duncan, Evantos, Halvorsons, Sees, Stewarts, and M. Trujillo.

T-Square Gadabouts, Friday, April 20th

We had 15 Swinging Stars at the T-Square Gadabouts "Under the Stars" Dance Friday night and captured their banner. Vernon Jones and Joey Duhamel called squares and Karen Gloodt cued rounds. This was the first time Vernon and Joey had called a dance together and they did an amazing job to the delight of all the dancers attending. It is always great to hear Joey when he yodels. It is also great to hear Karen cue with such enthusiasm. The Swinging Stars attending were: P. Amy, Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, Evantos, Pitts, Sees, and Stewarts.

Trailblazers, Saturday, April 21st

We only had 4 Swinging Stars brave the rain to attend the Trailblazers "April brings a Spring Fling" Dance Saturday night. Bobby Willis and Oklahoma caller Jim Howard called squares and Barb Yeargan cued rounds. Bobby always calls a great dance and Jim Howard was a delight to dance to since we didn't know what calls to expect (no anticipation could be done!). The Swinging Stars attending were: Harrises and the Sees.

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Swinging Stars – Friday, April 27th

Theme:	Spring Fling
Caller:	Wayne Baldwin
Cuer:	Walter Brewer
Time:	ER – 7:00PM / PL – 7:45PM / GM – 8:00PM
Location:	Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website:	http://www.swingingstars.org
Notes:	Club Dance

Stone Steppers – Diamonds & Dancing

Date:	Saturday, 28Apr18
Caller:	Jerry Gilbreath
Cuer:	Christine Hixson
Time:	ER – 7:00PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location:	St. Luke's Lutheran Church 1210 Beltline Road, Richardson
Note:	60 th Anniversary Dance

Other Events:

None

Refreshment Duty Information

From Mark and Karen Hawkins (Refreshment scheduler)

We want to thank these team members for your contribution to Swinging Stars. Your efforts make Swinging Stars the best club to visit in the metropolex.

Team leader should contact their team members the week before the dance prior to their scheduled dance so that each member can pick up a Refreshment Bag after that dance. Teams are responsible for food of their choice, ice and 5 tablecloths, which can be purchased at any Wal-Mart or Dollar Tree. If you need supplies contact First Vice Presidents Walt and Diana Whipple. Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Whipples (469.737.3632). For answers to your questions about the Refreshments Committee Duties please call or text Mark (214.536.5863) or Karen Hawkins (214.537.0446). Email markt.karenl@gmail.com.

Team members are responsible for finding a replacement if they are unable to fulfill their scheduled obligation (refer to the schedule below for possible subs – see current roster for email address or phone number). Please email Mark and Karen at <u>markt.karenl@gmail.com</u> of the change.

April 27 – **Covington,** Hawkins, Kern, Pitts (Theme – Spring Fling) May 11 – **Hamm,** Amy, Heintz, Trujillo May 25 – **Whipple,** Deluke, Stewart, Kilejian (Theme – Patriotic Memorial Day) June 8 – **Feldman,** Bondi, Edwards, Halverson June 22 – **Mosher,** Bushell/Perry, Jung, Perrott (Theme – It's time for Baseball. Put me in coach!!)

Lessons, Workshops, Easy Practice and Exhibition Dances

We thought you may be interested in some of these secessions. These were sent to us to pass along to our members in case anyone is interested in attending.

Plus Dance

Those of you interested in plus dancing, Dave Vieira is hosting All Plus Dances on Mondays **7:15**-**9:15** PM at the Lavon City Hall, 120 School Road, Lavon. The cost is \$5 per person. These Monday night plus dances are an awesome way to obtain floor time and to workshop moves of which you are having trouble. (No dance April 23)

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm

Information about Gary Bivins

Please continue to keep Fran and Gary Bivins in your thoughts and prayers.

Listening device Information

From Gene and Phyllis Deluke

At our dances, the Swinging Stars are pleased to loan, free of charge, a "listening device" to any requesting dancer. Current inventory is two device, offered on a first-come first-served basis as each dance starts. To answer questions about the listening device email **gene deluke@hotmail.com** or phone 972-234-2401.

Notice to anyone interested in purchasing a listening device receiver for square or round dancing, Charles Harris has two new William Sound PPA R-37 receivers and one like new used. The new units are priced at \$90.00 and the used one at \$50.00. All units include the earphone. These are17 channel units versus the 3 channel Listen Brand units and have a five year warranty. If you are interested in purchasing a unit, email Charlie Harris at <u>harris0907@sbcglobal.net</u> or phone 214-348-5361.

Web Master Dave Burson

Be sure to check out our web page: <u>www.swingingstars.org</u> There is a lot of information about what is going on with the Swinging Stars. For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page and click on Weekends.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Sunday May 20, 2018 Swinging Stars Business Meeting Sunday June 3, 2018 NORTEX Officer Installation and Dance Sunday June 10th Baldwin's Fish Fry Sunday June 24th Round-Up Kick Off Dance Friday September 28th Swinging Stars Pre Round up Dance Friday October 19th NTCA Caller's Cavalcade Saturday October 20th NORTEX Round-Up Friday November 30, 2018 Swinging Stars Double Deal Dance Saturday December 8th Swinging Stars Holiday Party Saturday March 30, 2019 Swinging Stars 44th Anniversary Dance

Dave and Lorraine Burson Swinging Stars Presidents Email: <u>president@swingingstars.org</u> Phone: 972-396-0941



Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



Early Rounds: 7:00
Plus Tip: 7:45
Grand March 8:00