



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for May 7, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

This Friday, May 12th, Swinging Stars will be hosting a new dancer's dance. There will be a workshop starting at 7:00 PM. The theme of the dance is Chocoholic Frolic and I have heard that all refreshments will be chocolate-themed. There will even be a chocolate fountain for your chocolate enjoyment. We are asking members to bring square dance clothes to donate to all the new dancers, but please take home anything that is not chosen. Hope to see you then.

Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

Wayne's World Dance (Submitted by the Hamm's, Dance Chairmen)

"Wayne's World", a double deal dance, will be held on a fifth Saturday, July 29th, at All Saints Catholic Church in Dallas. This dance is to honor Wayne Baldwin's 50 years as a square dance caller.

Lorraine Burson has made the flyer for the dance and will make it into an ad to send to the Mosher's for the July *Promenade*. Lorraine and Dave will handle additional publicity through their NORTEX connection. Ralph Hamm will be writing a biography and will meet with Wayne and Jodie for facts and memories.

Committee chairmen who have volunteered already are the Burson's for Set-Up and Clean-Up; the Mulvin' for Registration and Sign-In and Friendship Card Signing; the Reid's for Decorations; the Rickert's and Hawkins's for Food Service; the Harris's for Beverage Service; and the Lasseter's as After Party Hosts.

The Executive Board agreed upon a \$10 per person entry donation. They believe that for this amount, the guests would expect more than a cake, nuts, and mints. A food sign up page will be ready in time for the next Swinging Stars dance on May 12th. The following ideas have been suggested: bakery decorated cake (Nejd's and Hamm's will take care of this); desserts including cookies, pies, candies, and dinner mints; nuts; fruit trays; cheesecake variations; cheese trays; cheese/meat trays with crackers; chips and dips; and small "finger" sandwiches. Please contact the Hamm's if you have additional suggestions. No salads or large sandwiches will be included.

Remember, this dance is in honor of Wayne's 50 years of calling, and we want to show everyone how much we appreciate him and Jodie.

NORTEX News

Russ and I and our club delegates, the Burson's and the See's, attended the quarterly NORTEX meeting in Fort Worth last Sunday. The highlight of the afternoon was the fashion show to promote this year's Round-up theme – "Rock Around the Clock". Elvis narrated the fashion show which featured 50's themed clothing complete with saddle shoes and a poodle skirt. New NORTEX officers were elected. John and Shirley Currie will be the new presidents, replacing Sam and Mary Stephens in June. Other officers will be listed in the Promenade. Due to the inability to find a replacement editor for the Promenade, there will be a format change starting with the July 1st issue. The Promenade will be shorter and cheaper to publish as there will no longer be club articles but it is our understanding that ads will continue as well as some other forms of advertising (new dancer dances, lessons, special dances). We will all have to wait for our July Promenade to see what this change really means.



2nd Quarter Dues are due:

Please pay your dues at the next dance or mail them as soon as possible. New club dues effective January 1, 2017 are now \$22.50 per person or \$45.00 per couple per quarter. You may pay by the quarter or for the rest of the year (\$135.00). Mail your checks payable to Swinging Stars to Nevin Mulvin, our club treasurer at 3409 Eisenhower Lane, Plano, TX 75023. If you have any questions, you may email Nevin at nrmulvin@verizon.net. His phone number is 214-790-3908.

Summer Attire

The club will be observing casual/summer attire at club dances starting Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Square dance clothes are optional, but with the hot weather upon us, short sleeves, pants, capris or any tasteful warm weather clothes will be acceptable. Many of the other clubs observe this tradition also, but be sure to check the Promenade to confirm you are following their dress code. Summer attire will not be appropriate at Wayne's dance.

Medical News:

The Hamm's have shared that their son is in the ICU in Baylor Garland and on a ventilator. He had surgery on Friday to treat an infection and will be having additional surgery on Monday to close up the wound. Lucy said prayers are appreciated. Lucy is our sunshine chair and sends out cards to club members especially during a prolonged illness. If you would like to send a card to the Hamm's to let them know you are thinking of them, send to this address: **Ralph and Lucy Hamm, 10405 Preston Vineyard Drive, Frisco, TX 75035-8080.**

Happening This Week

Tuesday, May 2nd – Round Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:30 PM

Friday, May 12th – Swinging Stars – Chocoholic Frolic – New Dancer Dance – Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer – Workshop 7:00 PM, Grand March 8:00 PM

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Bob and Terri Pitts

What a packed weekend of dance fun we just concluded. A bevy of Swinging Stars cadres visited two Cinco de Mayo extravaganzas and an anniversary dance in Ft. Worth for a trip down memory lane. Read all about it below. The only dance on our calendar this weekend is our own club dance on Friday night.

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.

Recent Club Visitations

Kissin' Kuzzins Cinco de Mayo dance, Friday, 05May – Thank you to the 19 Swinging Stars who trekked to the Garland Senior Center Friday night to kick up our heels with the Kissin' Kuzzins for their Cinco de Mayo celebration dance. Fun early rounds and rounds between tips were cued by JL Pelton and the squares were called by our club and Texas Hall of Fame caller, Wayne Baldwin. The Kissin' Kuzzins decorated their hall very nicely for the occasion and had fun treats of nachos and piñata cake and other assorted desserts. We got our Swinging Stars banner back and the Kissin' Kuzzins' banner as well.

Log Cabin Swingers Cinco de Mayo Dance, Saturday, 06May – Thank you to the 14 Swinging Stars who visited the Log Cabin Swingers for their Cinco de Mayo dance. A bus full of Texas Reelers, Swinging Stars, and Kissin' Kuzzins attended the Log Cabin Swingers 42nd Anniversary Dance which happened to be a Cinco de Mayo dance. The bus arrived just in time to have dinner which was tacos, homemade tamales, beans, and all the fixings. Our own Wayne Baldwin and Walter Brewer were the guest caller and cuer. Thank you to the Bill Dick from the Reelers who arranged the bus and Diane and Nick Stewart who co-hosted. The bus ride over went by quickly as we played games (with prizes) and sang such songs as "Rawhide" and "Rock Around the Clock". This was a double deal dance and the Stars managed to capture their banner. Of the 108 attendees, 14 were Swinging Stars.

Circle 8 70th Anniversary Dance, Saturday, 06May – Thank you to the 7 Swinging Stars who attended the Circle 8 dance at Swingtime Center in Ft. Worth. Jack von der Heide cued early rounds and rounds between tips with a good selection of many different rhythms including many that he choreographed. The super fun squares were expertly called by visiting caller, Tim Tyl, and club caller Melton Luttrell. Here are the best adjectives to describe the square dance choreography: energetic, unique, and loaded with hot diggety dog fun. In addition to the evening being a celebration of 70 years of Circle 8 dancing it was also to recognize Jack and Anne von der Heide’s 55th anniversary and 50 years of cueing for Jack. [The Swinging Stars who were there included: P. Amy, Bondis, Perrotts, and the Pitts.](#)

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
Cotton Pickin’ Squares	25-Mar-2017	Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016
Dixie Chainers	08-Apr-2017	Circle I	31-Mar-2017
T-Square Gadabouts	21-Apr-2017		
Kissin’ Kuzzins	05-May-2017		
Log Cabin Swingers	06-May-2017		

Swinging Stars Dance Classes

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 – Chocoholic Frolic New Dancer Dance

Date: Friday, 12May17
 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

Texas Reelers – Gospel Jubilee New Dancer Dance

Date: Friday, 19May17
 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 Rd., Richardson, TX

Trail Blazers – 47th Anniversary Dance (OFFICIAL)

Date: Saturday, 20May17
Callers: Bobby Willis and Ray Savell
Cuer: Jack Kenny
Time: 6:30PM plus rounds, 7:00PM rounds, 7:30PM workshop, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

Swinging Stars – Club Dance

Date: Friday, 26May17
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

Tri-City Promenaders – Memorial Day Dance

Date: Saturday, 27May17
Caller: Paul Kinsey
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 7:30PM workshop, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Brookside Center
1244 Brookside Dr., Hurst, TX

CASUL T-Square Gadabouts – Memorial Day Dance

Date: Monday, 29May17
Caller: Mystery
Cuer: Mystery
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 7:30PM grand march
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

Other Events

Monthly Ladies Luncheon – a note from Lorraine

The monthly Ladies Luncheon for May will be hosted by Nina Lassiter at the Allen Cheesecake Factory in the Waters Creek Mall, 820 Central Expressway Allen, Texas on May 16, at 11:30. Please R.S.V.P. to Nina by May 14th so she will have a head count to give the Cheesecake Factory as to how many will be attending. Her Phone #214-769-6032 or email ninalassiter@gmail.com. You can check out the menu by going to www.cheesecakefactory.com and click on menu. The Cheesecake factory faces Central. Exit at Bethany, turn left and go under Central Expressway. Turn Left on the service road, you will see it immediately on the right. All Swinging Star ladies are invited to come and enjoy visiting and the delicious lunch. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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 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.

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!):

June 11, 2017 – Baldwin (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@swingingsstars.org
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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:



Swinging Stars



NEW DANCER

Mainstream

CHOCOHOLIC FROLIC



May 12, 2017



Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Square workshop: 7:00

Plus Squares: 7:45

Grand March: 8:00

Hot Hash After The Last Tip

All Chocolate Refreshments

Dancers under 18 Dance For Free When accompanied by An Adult

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

For info: 972-964-5979 or president@swingingstars.org

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