

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for May 21, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

What a wonderful square dance demo we had at the Frisco 3rd Sunday Open House this afternoon. Jane, the program coordinator for the City of Frisco said this was the best visitor participation they have ever had. Thank you to Richard Covington for calling for this event. Also helping were the Bondi's, the Feldman's, the Nejd's, the Bergesen's and Glenda and Deane Peters from the Triangle Squares who came to make sure we had enough dancers to make a square. The visitors were all so eager to get into a square and learn some of the fancy moves Richard taught the beginners. It was great to share the square dance experience with everyone who genuinely seemed to enjoy dancing. We did get a few names of couples who decided they wanted to learn more about square dancing by coming to our lessons in the fall.



Last Tuesday, twelve Swinging Stars ladies enjoyed lunch together at the Cheesecake Factory in Allen where the portions are huge and the calories are almost nonexistent (if you chose not to look at the calories listed on the menu). Thank you Nina for arranging this. In attendance were Perry, Amy, Stuart, Nejd, Perrott, Harris, Burson, Lassiter, Hardin, Pharr, Hamm and Mulvin.

Be sure to attend this Friday's club dance. There will be sign-up sheets for Wayne's World 50th Anniversary Dance and the Baldwin annual fish fry in June. More information is below.

Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

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.

Sign-Up for Wayne's World Double Deal Dance, July 29, 2017 (Ralph and Lucy Hamm)

The Swinging Stars will be hosting a big dance on July 29th as we celebrate and honor Wayne's 50 years as a caller. This will be on a 5th Saturday at All Saints Catholic Church (where we had our Anniversary Dance), and we expect a big crowd. To stage such a dance, we will need **every** Swinging Stars couple to work on a committee as well as bring food.

We had the sign-up sheets for committees and food at our club dance Friday night, and a good number of couples signed up. Thank you to all of you who did. If you have not signed up, please do so within the next few weeks. Food categories we really need couples to sign up for are desserts (especially) and deli spirals (available at Sam's and Walmart). Committees that need volunteers to sign up to help with include food service (especially), facility set-up, decorations, and greeters.

We will have the sign-up sheets at the next few club dances, or you can email or call the dance chairman, Lucy and Ralph Hamm, at llhamm45@gmail.com or 214-872-7219. Please select the committee you want to be on and the food you want to bring and sign up soon!

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.

Lessons Advertising (Linda Harris)

For the past several years, I've input the lessons ads in any and all FREE advertising around Plano and surrounding cities. Plano Profile, Plano Image, Bubble life, etc. Please send me any **Free** advertising source you think would be productive. I'll do the input.

Last January, in addition to FREE advertising, an ad was run in VALPAC for 3 surrounding zip codes (minimum required for price break). We did have a larger turn out for the first two lessons than in the past. Each zip code is \$170.00. Currently, we have two generous couples donating a zip code each. If you can cover the cost of one zip code let me know. LindaHarrisTX@hotmail.com<<mailto:LindaHarrisTX@hotmail.com>>.

Nextdoor App <https://nextdoor.com/join/> ...Please sign up for your local Nextdoor app (it's free)..This app is very useful as it allows you to share info with your neighbors (good painters, lawn care, dog walkers, free items, plumbers, remodelers, etc). I will send you input for lessons to include in your nextdoor location closer to lessons. Thank you for supporting our favorite activity! Lessons keep the club alive!!

Fall Round Dance Lessons

The Pelton's will be conducting round dance lessons at the Plano Senior Center in September. This will be a class for those new to round dancing or those who had some lessons but need a refresher. Please watch the newsletter for more information and the Plano Parks and Rec fall catalog to sign up.

JL & Linda Pelton's 10th Wedding Anniversary Dance

JL and Linda will be celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary and has invited the club to dance at the Swingtime Center on Sunday, July 23rd from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. There will be square and round dancing. We will provide more information as the date gets closer.

Baldwin Annual Fish Fry (Jodie Baldwin)

Fish Fry for the Swinging Stars is coming up second Sunday in June, which is the 11th. Wayne and I really hope our new dancers (can't call them students any more) will be here with us. The Party is around the pool and a little more, so dress is very casual and if you want to earn a square duck dangle bring your swimsuit-cutoffs also OK. Fish of the day is Crappie. Happy hour starts at **5:30 so those bringing appetizers or margaritas should arrive at 5:00**. We ask that each couple or single sign in on a list to bring one dish only.

This allows us to get a good head count to know how many fish to thaw and extra chairs to order. As time gets nearer we will have a map on line and maps at our dances... also sign-up sheets. We live at 981 Timber Ln., McKinney TX 75069 which is actually in Fairview. If anyone has any questions, please call me at 972-562-2174.

Update on our son's condition from Ralph and Lucy Hamm. Thank you to all of you who have sent cards, emails, and talked to us personally to inquire about our son's medical emergency and to wish him and us well. Our son had an incarcerated hernia which resulted in perforation of an intestine which caused contamination of the abdominal cavity. He had a weeklong stay in the ICU to decontaminate the cavity and had two surgeries to repair the intestine and the hernia. He is recovering and was moved late Thursday from the ICU to an acute care facility where he will receive further therapy and rehabilitation for a few weeks.

We deeply appreciate your concern and support. Our Swinging Stars family is tremendously important to us in this trying time.

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 clothing 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 but you can start at our next club dance.

New Dancers Opportunity for More Floor Time

Dixie Chainers is hosting Club 50 Just for Fun Floor time for all new dancers on Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Farmer's Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane). The cost is just \$3 per person. We are always telling our new dancers get out and dance more and this is a perfect opportunity to get more floor time.

Happening This Week

Friday, May 26th – Swinging Stars – Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer – Early Rounds – 7:00 PM, Grand March – 8:00 PM

Saturday, May 27th – Tri-City Promenaders – Memorial Day Dance – Paul Kinsey & Chirrs Farabaugh – Early Rounds – 7:00 PM, Workshop 7:30 PM, Grand March – 8:00 PM

Monday, May 29th – CASUL T Square Gadabouts – Memorial Day Dance – Mystery Callers & Cuers – Early Rounds 7:00 PM, Grand March 7:30 PM

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Bob and Terri Pitts

What a fun weekend of dancing we had this past weekend visiting the Texas Reelers and the Trail Blazers!

This coming weekend is our own Friday Swinging Stars' dance with early rounds. Saturday is a dance of interest with the Tri-City Promenaders for their Memorial Day Dance (possible banner capture), and Monday is the annual Memorial Day Dance at Swingtime Center in Ft. Worth with mystery callers and cuers. Read all the details below, round up your red, white, and blue attire, and have a good time dancing. Above all, have a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend!

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

Texas Reelers Gospel New Dancer Dance, Friday, 19May – Thank you to the 27 Swinging Stars who visited the Texas Reelers in Richardson on Friday night!!! The early rounds and rounds between tips cued by Chris Farabaugh made for quite enjoyable dancing and he even included some fun new tunes. Squares were called by club caller Deborah Carroll-Jones who was joined by her husband, veteran caller, Jon Jones for a couple of the tips. Appropriately, the fun squares were geared to the new dancers on the floor. We got our Swinging Stars banner back AND brought home a Texas Reelers' banner as well

Trail Blazers 47th Anniversary Dance, Saturday, 20May – Thank you to the 17 Swinging Stars who went to Swingtime Center in Ft. Worth to dance with the Trail Blazers. The nice plus rounds, regular early rounds, and rounds between tips were cued by Jack Kenny and Barb Yeargan cued a two-step and waltz. Energetic squares and a fun workshop (including cross circulate) were called by club caller Bobby Willis and guest caller, Ray Savell, who tag teamed for all of the tips. The weather cooperated nicely on Saturday so we were able to retrieve our Swinging Stars' banner which the Trail Blazers have held for nearly a year AND we got one of their banners also.

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	Circle I	31-Mar-2017
Dixie Chainers	08-Apr-2017	Kissin' Kuzzins	12-May-2017
T-Square Gadabouts	21-Apr-2017		
Log Cabin Swingers	06-May-2017		
Texas Reelers	19-May-2017		
Trail Blazers	20-May-2017		

Swinging Stars Dance Classes

None at this time

Coming Events

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

None at this time

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). Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Bergesen's.,

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 26 - **Feldman**, Bivins, Jimison, Kilejian

June 9 - **Whipple**, Bondi, DeLuke, Kendrick

June 23 - **Trujillo**, Evanto, Mosher, Rose

July 14 - **Dennison**, Harris, Perrott, Stuart

August 11 - **Hawkins**, Nestor, Ross, Hardin

August 25 - **Bergesen**, Gifford, Smith, Zhang

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@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-964-5979

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



**Singles
White Board**



Pack Up Your Car And Come To the
Swinging Stars

Beach Party

Friday, June 23, 2017



Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: JL Pelton



Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Squares - 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash After the Last Tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Whiteboard Is Available To Sign-up For Tip and Partner Choice

Dancers under 18 dance for Free when accompanied a paying adult

Note: Summer Attire During June, July, and August

For Info: 972-964-5979 or President@swingingstars.org

Visit our website: www.swingingstars.org



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Swinging Stars

Invite You to

Wayne's World

Double Deal Dance
Great Dancing
Honey Pot



Singles White Board
Refreshments
Banners

Celebrating Wayne's 50th year Calling
Saturday July 29th 2017

Friday July 28th 2017 Dance Cancelled

All Saints Catholic Church 5231 Meadow Creek Dr., Dallas

Caller Wayne Baldwin
Guest Caller Charles Quizenberry
Cuer Walter Brewer



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Plus Dancing 7:45
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