



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 30, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

What a fabulous dance we had last night, celebrating Wayne's 50 years of calling! We heard so many comments about how much our visitors enjoyed the dance and appreciated all the effort that went into this dance. We told everyone that Russ and I had the easy job. All the hard work was done by the club members, particularly by Ralph and Lucy Hamm and Dave and Lorraine Burson. The Hamms did an outstanding job coordinating everything including the workers, the food and all the committees. And they did all this while their son was critically ill in the ICU! Dave and Lorraine started the ball rolling by facilitating the venue, securing the guest caller, creating the flyer, and by answering all our hundreds of questions about the agenda. Lorraine even made the most beautiful quilt in club colors for Wayne with club member's names embroidered in each panel. Charlie and Linda Harris presented Wayne with an engraved glass Texas remembrance plaque. Thanks Walter for early rounds and keeping the rounds going all night long. Eula did the most amazing job of selling honey pot tickets. We had to have 3 drawings because we set a record for money collected.

I know we will miss some members but we want to recognize certain individuals for all the work they did above and beyond what was required:

Decorations: Debbie Reid + her team
Beverages: Linda & Charlie Harris + their team
Set-up: Burson + team
Honey Pot: Perrott + team
Greeters: Estep + team

Clean-up: Trujillo, Pitts, Pelton, and Stuart
Food Service: Rickert + team
Registration: Mulvin, Lassiter
Friendship: Mulvin + team
After Party: Lassiter

Thank you to all the callers and cuers who came to the dance and made this such a special occasion. Wayne was able to invite each caller on stage for a special tip with each. Thank you to Deborah Carroll-Jones, Jon Jones, Rick Smith, Bill Hinckley, Toby Thomason, Dave Viera, Lee Meador and our guest caller Charles Quisenberry. Guest cuers present were Christine Hixson, our own JL Pelton, Chris Farabaugh, Charles Crockett, and Michele Viera.

We also were pleased to see some familiar faces of former members: Andy and Debbie Piziali, Marcy and Mark Sherman, Carol and Don Capps, and associate member, Gary Amy. Wish we could see more of all of you.

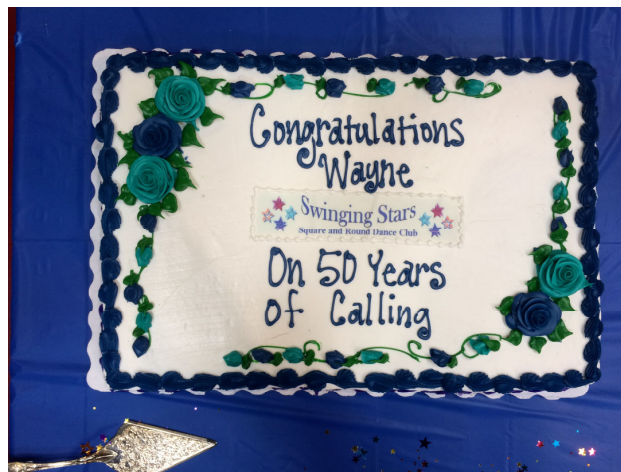
We had a total of 152 guests and 86 Swinging Stars in attendance for a total of 243 attendees. Nevin tells us he only counted the paying guests. Callers and cuers do not pay so we probably had an additional 12 visitors.

Here is the breakdown on clubs who attended this dance:

Rebel Rousers: 20
Fort Worth Squares: 11
Dixie Chainers: 11
Kissin' Kuzzins: 10
Diamond Jubileers: 2
Lone Star Solos: 1
Stone Steppers: 2

Model A: 5
T Square Gadabouts: 8
Texas Reelers: 22
Cotton Pickin' Squares: 2
Independents: 13
Pioneer: 3
NTCA: 2

Ramblin' Rounds: 3
Triangle Squares: 16
Circle I: 14
Cliff Dwellers: 2
Dynamic Squares: 1
Rockwell Squares: 4



Thank you again to the entire club for taking the effort to help, donate food and be there for Wayne.

Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

From the Chairmen of Wayne's World Dance (Ralph and Lucy Hamm)

A great big thank you to all Swinging Stars members, and to Jodie Baldwin and Eula Brewer, who volunteered to work and brought food to Wayne's special dance. You are responsible for the very successful celebration of the stellar calling career of the gentleman who has enabled all of us to enjoy our favorite pastime so much.

Special thanks go to the chairmen: the Bursons (their advice and assistance was greatly appreciated); the Reids (wonderful decorations, many compliments from attendees), the Harrises (expert beverage service, and your personal encouragement was very important to us); Jeanne Rickert (extremely efficient food service she led on her own since Peter was in Asia); the Mulvins (in charge of two committees and our ever efficient Treasurers); the Perrotts ("honey pot experienced", and they also gave us moral support); the Esteps (calmly handled the ever changing greeters list and had the faith to ask us to chair this event back when they were Presidents); and the Lassiters (fabulous after party hosts).

Also, special thanks to Jodie – your memorabilia table was a center of attention and contributed much to this celebration.

Special "shout outs" to the Trujillos and the Stuarts who literally worked most of the evening keeping things straight and cleaning up at the end.

Finally, we give personal thanks to our great Presidents, the Nejdls, and to the Peltons for their weekly support and for being our sounding boards through our son's medical crisis.

Fall Mainstream Lessons:

By now you should have received the Plano Parks and Rec Leisure Catalog for the fall. On page 58, our lessons are listed as "Modern Square Dance (Beg)". The course # is 193850. The 16 lesson class starts on Tuesday, September 5th through December 19th. Now is the time to start recruiting. We have completed our advertising, but we get many class participants through word of mouth from our club members. Next club dance, our Ice Cream Social, August 11th, we will be passing out flyers, trifolds and business cards for you to hand out to your friends and acquaintances. We need your help to make this class successful.

FALL ROUND DANCE LESSONS (submitted by JL & Linda Pelton)

Signup opens Saturday, August 5, for Plano residents and Monday, August 7th for all others. The class is listed in the Plano Parks and Rec catalog and on the website as -- Round Dance (Continuing Basics) New -- Class #195085. If you are looking for the class it is listed in the 50+ section under Dance. You can telephone 972-941-7155 to sign up or register online at <https://parks.planotx.org/econnect>

Class starts Saturday morning, September 2 - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Plano Senior Center, 401 W. 16th Street just off the south access road of 75 and north of George Bush.

Note that September 2 is the start of the Labor Day Weekend. We didn't realize that when we scheduled the start date -- so that is an extra class as the printed catalog shows starting September 9. We figured it would be easier to start the day listed in our advertising regardless -- and just offer it as an extra lesson for everyone. You can ignore the times in the catalog as they are wrong. Class is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

These are lessons and practice dancing, like an easy round dance club.

If you have had some lessons, no matter what rhythm, but are really rusty or if your dancing level is easy square dance rounds, this is perfect for you to refresh your dancing skills and to be able to get out on the dance floor more. The class curriculum will be set by the dancers who sign up for the class.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We loved seeing so many Swinging Stars at our Dance Party last Sunday.

We appreciate your support and so glad you could join us to celebrate our 10 year wedding anniversary. Wendy and Bill Perrott did a fantastic job of the decorations and I know we had many Swinging Stars who helped throughout the dance and cleaning up at Swingtime too. We know it's a long trip over to Swingtime and we were happy to see so many of you.

Round-Up Grand Prize Tickets

Hopefully you have all turned in the money or unsold tickets for Round-up to the Lassiters. They plan on turning everything in by August 1st (Tuesday). Please help them wrap this up.

Third Quarter Dues

The 3Qtr Dues of \$22.50 per member or \$45.00 per couple is due July 1, 2017.

Please pay at the next Swinging Stars Dance or mail a check to our treasurer Nevin Mulvin at:

3409 Eisenhower Lane
Plano, TX 75023-3933
nrmulvin@verizon.net
214-790-3908

Lost and Found

Did anyone leave a hand towel at the dance last night? Look familiar? We will bring it to the next dance if it is yours. Otherwise we will ask the other clubs to circulate the picture among their member.



Happening This Week

Wednesday, August 2nd - Plus 4's- Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM All Plus

Friday, August 4th – Texas Reelers - Disco Fever (Dance of Interest) – Deborah Carroll-Jones & Jon Jones & Chris Farabaugh – 7:30 PM Early Rounds, 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, August 5th – Circle I Nifty Fifties Double Deal Dance (Official) – Ray Savell & Chris Farabaugh – 7:10 PM Line Dancing, 7:30 PM Workshop –8:00 PM Grand March

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By Bob and Terri Pitts

We hope you had as much fun dancing this weekend as we did. It was great to be able to visit the Rockwall Squares on Friday night and an honor to celebrate Wayne's 50 years of calling Saturday night.

There is another fun weekend around the corner with a Friday dance with the Texas Reelers for their Disco Fever dance and Saturday night Circle I is having a Nifty Fifties double deal dance in Irving.

As always, you are welcome to send BRIEF visitation write ups for inclusion in the newsletters.

22nd Annual Evening in Paris, 1-2Sep

If you are interested in attending the Evening in Paris weekend please let us know asap (email: 2ndvp@swingingstars.org). There are 2 dance halls and the dancing will include Plus, Advance, DBD, hot hash, and rounds with teaches. The callers are: Ken Bower, Gary Shoemake, Mike Bramlett, Darryl McMillan, and Elmer Sheffield. The cuer is Martha Kosloski. This is a fun weekend getaway that is usually well attended by our club and includes a club dinner and after party. There is a club rebate if enough Swinging Stars attend and we usually have to send our payments together. We will share more details soon.

Recent Club Visitations

Bill Haynes Annual Advanced & Challenge Level Square Dance Weekend, 22-23Jul – More than six squares from all over Texas & Oklahoma enjoyed the extraordinary square dance calling of Bill Haynes from Mesa, AZ. The weekend schedule included four 2-hour sessions of A2 level and one 2-hour session of C1 level. The DBD choreography presented many challenges to the strongest dance floor in the 3-years we have attended. The tips were enjoyed by all judging by the standing ovation the caller received at the end of an A2 session. Thanks to Tom Evanto for this write up.

Rockwall Squares, 28Jul – Thank you to the 12 Swinging Stars who took the rare opportunity to visit the Rockwall Squares Friday night for a 50's theme dance. We say rare because they usually dance the same nights we do. Michelle Vieira cued the early rounds and rounds between tips pulling out many fun tunes from the 50's and 60's. Hubby Dave Vieira called the mainstream and plus tips. He also found a great assortment of 50's and 60's songs that were fun to square dance to including an Elvis Presley montage that was very good. The Rockwall Squares graciously gave us their banner which we promptly returned at our Wayne's World dance.

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 on our Wall		Our Banners Out in the World	
Club	Date Captured	Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	25-Mar-2017	Lone Star Solos	31-Mar-2017
Log Cabin Swingers	06-May-2017	Rebel Rousers	29-Jul-2017
Trail Blazers	20-May-2017	Ft. Worth Squares	29-Jul-2017
		Triangle Squares	29-Jul-2017
		Circle I	29-Jul-2017

Swinging Stars Dance Classes

None

Coming Events

Texas Reelers – Disco Fever

Date: Friday, 04Aug17
Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones
Jon Jones
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX

Circle I – Nifty Fifties Double Deal (OFFICIAL)

Date: Saturday, 05Aug17
Caller: Ray Savell
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: Lines – 7:10PM, WS – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Senter Park East
228 Chamberlain, Irving, TX

Swinging Stars – Ice Cream Social

Date: Friday, 11Aug17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: WS – 7:00PM, PL – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shephard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Dr, Plano, TX

Kissin' Kuzzins – Ready for School Double Deal (OFFICIAL)

Date: Friday, 18Aug17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: ER – 7:00PM, WS – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Garland Senior Activity Center
600 Ave A, Garland, TX

Rebel Rousers – Ice Cream Social

Date: Saturday, 19Aug17
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER – 7:30PM, PL – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX

Swinging Stars – Club Dance

Date: Friday, 25Aug17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: ER – 7:00PM, PL – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shephard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Dr, Plano, TX

Tri-City Promenaders – Beat the Heat

Date: Saturday, 26Aug17
Caller: Paul Kinsey
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER – 7:00PM, WS – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Brookside Center
1244 Brookside Dr, Hurst, TX

Other Events

Ladies Luncheon – from Lorraine Burson

Kathy Elliott will be hosting the August Ladies luncheon on August 24 at 11.30AM. She has chosen Elke's Market Cafe. It was voted Best Neighborhood Restaurant by "D" Magazine. Visit Elke's Market Cafe web site at Elkesmarketcafe.com. There is a coupon there if you wish to print it. The address is 105 N. Greenville Ave. Suite 11. Allen, Texas 75002. Elke's market café is located on the northwest side of Highway 5 at McDermott (close to the Dollar Tree). Please RSVP to Kathy Elliott at hibooger@hotmail.com or [214-228-8874](tel:214-228-8874) by August 23rd so Kathy will know how many are planning to attend. All Lady Swing Stars are encouraged to attend. We hope you will come and enjoy visiting with the ladies of our fun club.

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.

August 11 - **Hawkins**, Hardin, Nestor, and Ross
August 25 - **Bergesen**, Gifford, Lassiter, and Zhang
September 8 – **Pitts**, Duncan, Hamms, and Rickert
September 22 – **Colter**, Heintz, Pharr, and See

Important dates for this year (you should have these on your calendar!):

September 5, 2017 – Swinging Stars Lessons at Carpenter Rec Center
November 12, 2017 – Semi Annual Club Meeting
December 1, 2017 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party

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

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**Ice Cream
Social**



I scream, you scream, we all scream for Ice Cream

Friday August 11, 2017

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Sq workshop: 7:00

Plus Dancing: 7:45

Grand March: 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

**Need a dancing Partner?...A White Board is available to sign up
for your choice of tip and dancing partners.**

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adults



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

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