Newsletter for August 12th, 2018

Message from the President

Dave and Lorraine Burson

Last week in our message I ask for volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee to nominate new officers for the next six months starting February 1st 2019.

Not receiving any volunteers I took to the phone and started recruiting members for the nominating committee. Walla, we now have a nominating committee. These wonderful helpful members of the Swinging Stars are: Jan and Doug Bergesen (Chairman), Mary Hardin and Jim Reid. I can not thank them enough for excepting the responsibility of selecting a slate of officers for the next term.

PLEASE be courteous when approached by the nominating committee to serve as an office for the term February 1st to July 31st. Read your Constitution and by-laws to see what all these Jobs include. They will be recruiting a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. There are many aspects in each of the positions that you may be willing to help to lessen the responsibilities of the Office holder. When called upon tell the committee member what it is that you would be willing to do. If you are not willing or able to except an office please consider helping with one of the officers duties. Having members that are willing to assist the officers with their responsibilities will make it easier to have volunteers for each office. You may be willing to assist the President with responsibilities. I know we have several members that help us with our many activities as president. And believe me this helps a lot. For the 1st VP you may be willing to help with being a Fan carrier, the Refreshment scheduler, or on Lessons committee. You may be willing to help the treasurer with the sign-in table so the treasurer can have a chance to dance a little. These are just a few examples, there are too many to list. Be sure to read your constitution and by-laws for the list of duties that the officers do for the club members.

If you do not have a copy of the constitution and By-laws you can go to our Web site to view and/or download a copy (http://www.swingingstars.org/SS Constitution and ByLaws 11-2014.pdf). When the nominations committee has a full slate of nominates, we will publish the list. If we don't get a full slate of nominates for Officers, we are going to be in trouble as a club. PLEASE step up and volunteer to serve. We will be glad to help you with your new position, and we will train you. The Election of Officers will be at our Regular Club meeting on November 18, at 4:00 PM at Norma's Café in Plano. We hope you will plan to attend!

3rd Quarter Dues are Past due!!

The 3rd quarter started July 1st for the Swinging Stars. That means that it is time to pay dues again. If you have not paid your 3rd quarter dues you can bring your dues to the next dance or you can mail your dues to our club Treasurer Linda and Charlie Harris, 9434 Hilldale Drive, Dallas 75231-2702. If you are not sure if you have paid the 3rd quarter dues you can check with Linda at 214-534-7632.

Report on the Square Dance Lessons Lucy and Ralph Hamm

It's time to get the word out! Lessons will start September 4 -- only three weeks from Tuesday. The important thing now is to get the word to as many potential students as we can. Most of you got your promotional materials at our dance Friday night. Those of you who missed the dance, be sure to get your materials from us at our Luau Dance on August 24.

The promotional materials does no good lying on a table or in your waste basket. They can only help get the new members our club has to have to survive in the long run if you get them into people's hands. Give a trifold to friends in your neighborhood or at church and tell them how much you enjoy square dancing and the friendships that naturally come with it. Be sure to tell them that the first two lessons are free, so they can try it out before committing. Ask at a business you visit often if they will display a flyer for you. We're sure you can think of many ways to get the information out about our lessons.

Your lessons committee is working to get information in recreation centers and other public places, but your personal contact with friends and neighbors will be far more effective at getting people to the lessons. Let's all do our part!

Happening This Week

Wednesday, Aug 15th - Plus 4s

Charles Quisenberry- 7:30 PM Plus

Friday, Aug 17th - T-Square Gadabouts - Kaleidoscope of Color

Vernon Jones & Karen Gloodt

7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:30 PM Workshop - 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, Aug 18th - Rebel Rousers - Ice Cream Social

Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixson

7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:30 PM Plus – 8:00 PM Grand March

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

This week has a Pre-Roundup dance and an ice cream social. A great chance to dance to Vernon Jones (and get a double signature) and enjoy an ice cream social close to home.

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
Triangle Squares	30. Sep. 2017
Tri-City Promenaders	31. Mar. 2018
T-Square Gadabouts	20. Apr. 2018
Dixie Chainers	23. Jun. 2018
Kissin' Kuzzins	6. Jul. 2018
Rebel Rousers	21. Jul. 2018

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Diamond Jubileers, Saturday, August 11th

4 Swinging Stars made the trip to the Diamond Jubileers Saturday evening for their Pre-Roundup Luau Dance. Ray Savell was the caller and Karen Gloodt was the cuer for this special event. Everyone was presented with a lei as they came in the door, and there was a lot of colorful island garb to be seen on the dance floor. There were 15 squares on the floor – not bad for a club that has only 16 members. The Swinging Stars in attendance were: P. Amy, T. Evanto, and the Sees.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Plus 4s

Date: Wednesday, 15Aug18
Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Time: PL - 7:30PM

Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

T-Square Gadabouts – Kaleidoscope of Color

Date: Friday, 17Aug18
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Karen Gloodt

Time: ER – 7:00PM, WS – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM

Location: Swingtime Center

5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth

Note: Pre-Roundup dance, 2-signature

Rebel Rousers – Ice Cream Social

Date: Saturday, 18Aug18
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson

Time: ER - 7:00PM / Plus - 7:30PM / GM - 8:00PM

Location: Richardson Senior Center 820 W Arapaho, Richardson

Swinging Stars - Friday, August 24th

Theme: Aloha Luau
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

Dixie Chainers – Ice Cream Social

Date: Saturday, 25Aug18

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Time: ER/WS – 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center

14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch

Plus 4s

Date: Wednesday, 29Aug18
Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Time: PL - 7:30PM

Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

Texas Reelers -Yellow Brick Road

Date: Friday, 31Aug18

Caller: Jerry Gilbreath, Deborah Carroll-Jones, and Jon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: ER - 7:00PM / GM – 8:00PM Location: Richardson Senior Center

820 W Arapaho, Richardson

Note: Anniversary dance

Other Events:

August 15: August Ladies Luncheon

Swinging Stars August 15th Ladies Luncheon will be held at First Watch at 3131 Custer (corner of Parker and Custer). RSVP before August 13th to our hostess Kathy Estep at 972-467-4973 or email: bobestep@hotmail.com. First Watch is a breakfast, brunch and lunch restaurant. Their claim to fame is a freshly prepared cuisine. They do not use heat lamps or deep fryers and only the freshest of ingredients. Hoping to see you there at 11:30 on the 15th.

23rd Annual Evening in Paris, 31Aug-1Sep

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, and hot hash. The callers are: Ken Bower, Gary Shoemake, Mike Bramlett, and Hunter Keller. The cuer is Martha Kosloski. This is a fun weekend getaway that is usually well attended by our club. There is a club rebate if enough Swinging Stars attend and we need to send our payments together. Details are described in the August Promenade, pages 12-13. Checks are to be made out to "Evening in Paris 2018" and registration forms and checks should be given/mailed to Ron or Donita See by August 12th.

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) or 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 markt.karenl@gmail.com of the change.

August 24 – **Gifford**, Bergesen, Dennison, Marshall (Theme – Luau)

September 14 – **See**, Colter, Lassiter, Rickert

September 28 – ????, Amy, Covington, Goebel, Hamm, Hawkins, Pharr, Zhang

(Theme – Pre Round-Up Kaleidoscope of Colors)

October 12 – **Heintz**, Bondi, Kilejian, Trujillo

October 26 – **Stewart**, Deluke, Edwards, Feldman (Theme - Freaky Friday Costume Dance)

Workshops, Easy Practice and Exhibition Dances

Round Dance Lessons update from JL and Linda Pelton

JIVE CLASS UPDATE

We're just a-jivin' away on Saturday mornings. The newest addition to the repertoire is Calendar Girl as the two figures needed to do that dance were American Spin and Stop and Go. Yesterday we taught Lindy Catch, Triple Wheel, and Shoulder Shove. Everyone then got to practice their skills with Karen Gloodt's popular Boogie Time.

We're "WALTZING INTO PLANO" on September 8 You can sign up now for our Beginning Waltz Class -- everyone always wants to learn waltz -- so come on out and join us. We guarantee a fun class while you learn to move those feet to the graceful rhythm that is waltz. You can even sign up now through Plano Parks and Rec. as the class is already listed. The class number is #11243 and is listed as Round Dance Basics. Hope to see you there!

Exhibition Dance by Richard Covington

Richard has another exhibition planed for Sunday, August 19th 2PM at the Frisco Heritage Museum in the train depot. The address of the train depot is 6499 Page St, Frisco, TX. It will be a dance format and last about two hours. Come for all or part. We would love to fill the room. This could be a good time to recruit students for the up coming lessons in September. Lets have a good showing of Swinging Stars to help Richard while helping Swinging Stars to maybe recruit some Students for our Square dance lessons that will start on September 4th.

Plus Dance--Monday Plus in Lavon

I received this message about the Monday Plus dances and wanted to pass it along to anyone interested in doing some plus dancing on Monday evenings. These Monday night plus dances are a great way to obtain floor time and to workshop moves of which you are having trouble.

Here is the schedule for August. August 13th, 20th, 27th. Starts at 7:00pm until 9:00pm

Remember, if you would like a call to be worked on, just ask and it will appear!!!! All Plus Dances are on Mondays at the Lavon City Hall, 120 School Road, Lavon, TX.

The cost is \$5 per person.

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm

Friday night at the Swinging Stars dance, we had a surprise visit from Bob and Kathy Estep. It was good to see them even for a short while. Bob has been at home but he will have to go back to the hospital this week for hopefully only 3-4 days. Please continue to keep Bob and Kathy in your thoughts and prayers.

Joe and Sandra Rose also were back to dance and Joe called a tip. Lorraine Burson and Zari Kilejian are recovering nicely from their recent surgeries and were also at our dance.

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 devices, 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 harris0907@sbcglobal.net or phone 214-348-5361.

Web Master Dave Burson

Be sure to check out our web page: www.swingingstars.org

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

Tuesday September 4, 2018 Mainstream Lessons Begin 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: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-396-0941

See Flyer below



ALOHA! Swinging Stars welcomes you to our



Friday August 24, 2018

Shepard Elementary School

1000 Wilson Dr., Plano

Caller: Wayne Baldwin



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

Fun Food Fellowship Honey Pot Banners



Hawaiian, Casual or Square Dance Attire

Singles Rotation Board available for Tip and Dance Partner choice Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by a paying adult

For info: 972-396-0941 or president@swingingstars.org

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