

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for August 15, 2021

Message from Presidents

Russ and Anne Nejd

It was great to see familiar faces at our club dance. We had a surprise appearance by Peggy Pharr who visited with us and shared pictures on her phone of the cat she inherited from Decker. There were a lot of brightly colored shirts, pooka beads, and leis. Russ and I wore grass skirts, which led to the highlight of the evening – my grass skirt got stuck in one of the floor fans, but fortunately I was able to pull it out of the fan before it got ripped off my body. JL cued a lot of rumbas and cha-chas which Russ and I can sort of dance. The Cuban shuffle was one dance even non round dancers were able to dance. Jan Bergesen called one tip. Her singing call of “Summertime” is a favorite highlighting her strong singing voice. Bobby kept the dance fun with plus calls interspersed in every tip. Bobby summed up the evening perfectly – a small group, but a lot of fun.

Square Dance Clothes:

Linda Jolly, Mary Hardin’s daughter, mentioned that Mary had a lot of square dance clothes the family would like to get rid of. If anyone is interested in obtaining any of these, please contact me (yo_red@verizon.net) and I will give you Linda’s phone number.

This is from Linda Harris: FREE FREE

There is a free hearing assist free to anyone. It does not have to be Swinging Stars just anyone that will use it. Call or Email Linda Harris at lindaharristx@hotmail.com.

Russ and Anne Nejd

In Memory of Mary Hardin



Swinging Stars lost a beloved member of our club and the whole square dance community last week. Prior to joining our club, Mary had been president of the Solitaires Square and Round Dance Club before it folded. As a Swinging Star, Mary served as second vice president. She was always willing to help out and never failed to attend a dance with her dance partner, the late John Smith. They were known as beautiful round and square dancers. Mary continued to dance with various partners up until COVID hit. We remember Mary as an avid quilter, devoted mother and grandmother. She loved to work in her garden and would come up with fun dishes to bring to our dances. Mary seldom missed a ladies luncheon, holiday party, or club visitation. When she started to have vision changes, she would seek a ride from a club member to the dance or have her daughter drive her, never missing an opportunity to dance. Mary had many beautiful square dance outfits and petticoats, which were hand made. Many people from the dance community attended the wake and funeral, sharing fond memories of Mary and our combined grief.

Mary Rachel Hardin

September 5, 1939 - August 7, 2021

Many NORTEX clubs have resumed dancing or will in the near future. NORTEX is maintaining a listing of clubs with their status on this web page:

http://new.nortex.org/nortex/?page_id=3043

In addition, most clubs that have resumed dancing have ads in the *Promenade*. To reach the August *Promenade*, click here: <http://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2021-08-Promenade.pdf>

*** * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * ***

Saturday, August 14: Dixie Chainers -- Party at the beach -- Official Visitation

Bobby called an excellent dance at the Dixie Chainers. This was Bobby's last time to call for the Dixie Chainers. The Dixie Chainers decided to change their dance night to the first Saturday night and Bobby didn't want to tie up 3 weekends a month. Also retiring from the Dixie Chainers was Jack Von der Heide. Thank you to these 10 Swinging Stars members for supporting our Official Visitation: Bursons, Kilejians, Nejdls, Rodgers, and Sees. We did get a signature on the Club Visitation card working toward the 980-signature patch. We didn't capture a banner. They tried to give us another banner, but we already have two banners from the Dixie Chainers. Hopefully they will come and retrieve them soon.

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

Friday August 20: T-Square Gadabouts -- Pre Roundup Dance-- Official Visitation

Where: Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 Fort Worth, TX

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Work Shop: 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Caller: Vernon Jones

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

Donation: \$8.00 per person

Two signature Dance

Light Snacks, Coffee and water are provided

See Flyer on 21 of the August Promenade for more info

Saturday, August 21: Rebel Rousers Celebration Dance -- Of Interest Visitation

Where: Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX

Time: Rounds 7pm; Fun Shop 7:30pm, Grand March 8:00pm

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Bring your own food and drinks, Casual attire

See Flyer on 24 of the August Promenade for more info

The Rebel Rousers will be hosting a surprise milestone birthday celebration for Theron Hixson. Rebel Rousers would love for all of you to join the party. The Club will have a basket to collect cards or you are welcome to sign a card the Club will have available. No gifts, please.

Friday, August 27: Swinging Stars -- Regular Dance Night

Where: Grace Church, 2005 Estates Parkway Lucas, TX (enter around back)

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Square Refresher 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: JL Pelton

Bring your own food and drinks, Casual attire

See Flyer on page 16 of the August Promenade for more info

Saturday, August 28: -- Tri City Promenaders -- Official Visitation Big Band Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy Dance

Where: Brookside Center. 1244 Brookside Dr.

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Workshop 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Bring your own food and drinks, Casual attire

See page 29 of the August Promenade

*** * * OTHER EVENTS * * ***

Sunday, August 15 -- NORTEX QUARTERLY MEETING

Where: Swingtime Center, 5100 SE Loop 820 Ft. Worth TX

Time: 2:00pm

Wednesday, August 18: Plus 4's

Where: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch

Time: "A" Dance 6:30, Plus Dance 7:30

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Bring your own snacks and Drinks, Casual attire

Round Dance Lessons Schedule

JL and Linda Pelton

JL and Linda will be offering two classes starting in September: Jive on Saturdays in the middle of the day and Rumba on Tuesday evenings. Classes will be held at Carpenter Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano in the downstairs multi-purpose room.

Here are the start dates of each class along with the course # needed to sign up.

- Beginning Jive – Saturday Mornings -- Course #38869
Starts Saturday, September 18
11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
- Beginning Rumba – Tuesday Evenings -- Course #40597
- Starts Tuesday, September 21
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

You can sign up through the Plano Parks and Recreation Catalog online, or you can register by calling the center at 972-208-8087.

Both classes finish in mid-November before the Thanksgiving holidays.

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Friday night's dance was really one with something for everyone. During early rounds JL cued a phase 4 bolero "My Heart Will Go On" choreographed by Debbie and Tim Vogt. The Vogts are coming to Texas in October to teach and cue for a dance weekend. Round dancers from Dance Arounds, Rainbow Rounds and Ramblin Rounds clubs have learned this dance recently. During the square dance workshop, Bobby mixed some easier plus calls, leading up to Load the Boat, to his regular mainstream calls. During the evening Bobby's singing tips were very good to listen to as usual. He also continued offering a few plus tips as well as mainstream. It was good to see Bob and Janet Rogers, our newest members, participating enthusiastically. Our most recent square

dance lessons graduates, Debra and Grant Gulickson, were frequently dancing plus along with mainstream. They had taken bolero round dance lessons also before 2020. JL cued a phase 3 bolero and they surprised themselves how well they did. JL offered a variety of all level round dances including 2 phase 4 waltzes "Scheherezade" and "Coney Island" choreographed by Karen and Ed Gloodt. JL also cued a phase 4 slow two step "From Hello" which was introduced at the ICBDA convention in Reno (our first attendance) . It was choreographed by JL and Linda Pelton.(..a long time favorite dance of mine which I still managed to mess up; a few steps in the middle). We all appreciate former Presidents, Doug and Jan Bergesen, who received their Past President bars at the dance. It was a challenging period while they served. We extend best wishes and good luck to our present Presidents Russ and Anne NejdI who began on August 1st.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Sunday, September 12th Club Picnic at Hoblitzelle Park Pavilion in Plano (7500 Red River Drive).

Friday October 29, 2021 – NTCA 2021 Caller's Cavalcade

Saturday October 30, 2021 – NORTEX 2021 Round-Up

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.

Message from Newsletter Editor

Thank you for making it this far down the newsletter.

As we streamlining the newsletter, if we remove something or change something that you liked the way it was, or have any suggestions, please send your comments and suggestions to:

newsletter_editor@swingingstars.org Anything sent to that email address will go to the **President of the Swinging Stars** and to the **Newsletter Editor** (Dave Burson).

Dave Burson

Newsletter Editor

Swinging Stars

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See Flyer below



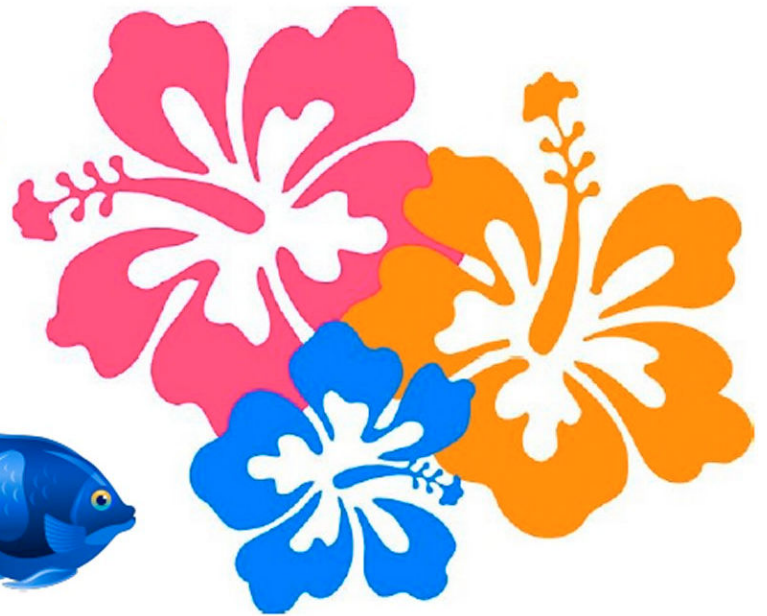
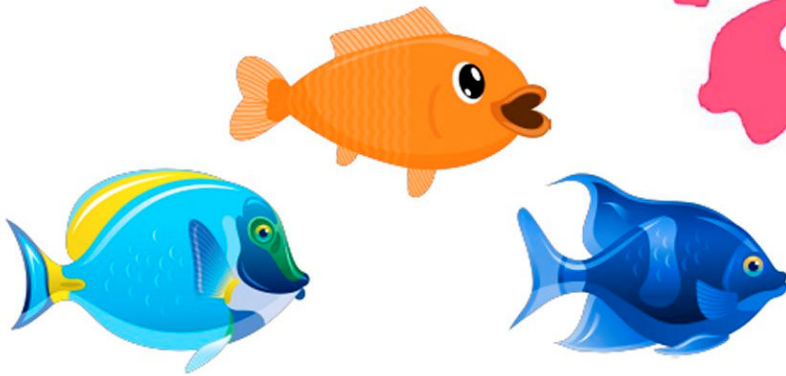


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Caller:
Bobby Willis

Cuer:
JL Pelton



Hawaiian Dance on Friday, Aug. 13, 2021
Regular Dance on Friday, Aug. 27, 2021

**New Location: Grace Church: 2005 Estates Parkway,
Lucas, TX 75002 (Enter around back.)**

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| Early Rounds | 7:00 |
| Squares Refresher | 7:30 |
| Grand March | 8:00 |



** Casual summer attire-
Shorts are fine.**
** Please bring your own
food and drinks.**

For Info: 972-964-5979
or President@swingingstars.org
Visit our Web Site:
www.swingingstars.org

Dancers Under 18 Free
When Accompanied
By A Paying Adult

