

Newsletter for August 19th, 2018

Message from the President Dave and Lorraine Burson CHANGE IN LOCATION

This week we have an important message about a **change in location** for a few or our dances. The PISD has told us that the Shepard Elementary School would not be available for us to use on 3 occasions during this coming year. Our contract with PISD is in effect from August 1, 2018 until July 31, 2019. For some reason they want to use the school for school activities. Hum, imagine that! Linda Harris, our PISD facilities coordinator, went to work and worked very hard to find another school in the PISD for us to use for our dances. You are probably wondering why not use the Wilson Middle School. It is not available either. They are renovating the whole school. They say it will take all year. Linda was given a choice to use Sigler Elementary School. LOCATED AT 1400 Janwood Dr. Plano. We went to view the school and decided that it will do well for us to have all 3 of the location changes dates at this very nice school. It is very interesting the have a set up where there is a Gym and Cafeteria divided with a stage. The dates for the location changes are October 26th (our Freaky Friday Dance), November 9th (the dance when we will be having Karen Gloodt guest cueing for us), and April 26, 2019. We feel very fortunate to have gotten this location for these dances. The school location is not far from where we regularly dance and is easy to find. Janwood Dr. is west of Alma just south of 15th Street. The following is a link to the Google Maps for that location: https://goo.gl/maps/wYsLwWcaxPQ2

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 on lessons!

Lessons will start September 4 -- just two weeks away! Here's what each of us needs to do this week:

 Talk to friends about square dancing (how much you enjoy it and the friendships that come with it) and give them one of the promotional items with the details of the upcoming lessons. If you didn't get your promotional packet at our last dance, be sure to get it at this Friday's dance. If you need more promotional materials, call us (214-872-7219), and we'll get them to you.

- Post a flyer on your neighborhood's <u>nextdoor.com</u> web page. If you need help on how to do this, call us. Plan to post a flyer weekly through September 11.
- Ask at a business you visit often if they will display a flyer for you.

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!

Request from our Round Dance Cuer Walter Brewer

As you all know, most of you dance with other cuers and you have favorite round dances, which I don't cue. So . . . in order for me to help enhance your enjoyment at Swinging Stars dances; would each of you send me (via email) a list of five (5) dances which you'd like for me to add to my repertoire. Now this is each person send a list - not each couple. This is because I know that no couple is 100% of the same mind. No collusion please. And when you submit your list - please place the dances in preferred order, not alphabetical.

Cheers, Walter Brewer r.dancers@att.net

Happening This Week

<u>Friday, Aug 24th</u> – Swinging Stars - Aloha Luau Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:45 PM Plus - 8:00 PM Grand March Saturday, Aug 25th – Dixie Chainers – Ice Cream Social Bobby Willis & Jack von der Heide 7:00 PM Early Rounds/Workshop – 7:30 PM Grand March

2nd VP Report From Ron and Donita See

The Swinging Stars are having their Aloha Luau dance and the Dixie Chainers are having an ice cream social this week. This provides a great chance to dance at your home club and also enjoy an ice cream social.

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 * * *

Plus 4s, Wednesday, August 15th

12 Swinging Stars visited Plus 4s Wednesday evening. Squares were called by the club caller Charles Quisenberry ("Quiz"). Quiz called another great dance. Swinging Stars in attendance were P. Amy, J. Duncan, Bergesens, Hamms, Kerns, Sees, and the Stewarts.

T-Square Gadabouts, Friday, August 17th

12 Swinging Stars made the trip to the T-Square Gadabouts Friday evening for their Pre-Roundup Kaleidoscope of Color Dance. Vernon Jones was the caller and Karen Gloodt was the cuer for this special event. During the workshop and dance Vernon taught and used the call "Carousel Promenade" to take the place of the Grand Square. The Swinging Stars in attendance were: P. Amy, Bondis, Bursons, T. Evanto, Hamms, Sees, and the Stewarts.

Rebel Rousers, Saturday, August 18th

15 Swinging Stars made the trip to the Rebel Rousers Saturday evening for their Ice Cream Social Dance. Mike Bramlett was the caller and Christine Hixson was the cuer. Despite the stormy weather a great crowd gathered to not only enjoy Mike and Christine, but to sample several different flavors of homemade ice cream. The Swinging Stars in attendance were: P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, T. Evanto, M. Hardin, Harrises, Nesters, and the Sees.

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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

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Other Events:

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

If you are interested in attending the Evening in Paris weekend please let us know asap (email: <u>2ndvp@swingingstars.org</u>). 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 <u>markt.karenl@gmail.com</u>.

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 <u>markt.karenl@gmail.com</u> of the change.

August 24 – Gifford, Bergesen, Dennison, Marshall (Theme – Luau)
September 14 – See, Colter, Lassiter, Rickert
September 28 – Hawkins, 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

Yes -- we're "WALTZING INTO PLANO" on September 8 -- the class name has been changed online. So you now only have to remember Beginning Waltz. The class number is #11243 and has not changed.

You can sign up now for our Beginning Waltz Class -- everyone always says they want 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. Sign up now through Plano Parks and Recreation through the online catalog or give the rec center as call directly at 972-208-8087 -- Hope to see you there!

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 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

Sandra Rose reports that Joe had a heart procedure last Thursday with very good results. The doctor did not have to use paddles--he was able to use Joe's defibrillator to shock his heart back into rhythm. He went home that day and returned to normal activities Friday. Special thoughts and prayers for the Roses.

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 **<u>gene deluke@hotmail.com</u>** 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 <u>harris0907@sbcglobal.net</u> or phone 214-348-5361.

Web Master Dave Burson

Be sure to check out our web page: <u>www.swingingstars.org</u> 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

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See Flyer below



