



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for September 10th, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

We had a wonderful dance on Friday night even though the attendance was low. Wayne did an outstanding job on mainstream workshop even though there were only 2 squares participating. Walter's rounds were lively and precise. We know Rockwell Squares had an anniversary dance we were competing with and there was an away A weekend which took away some of our dancers. In all there were 52 Swinging Stars, 2 Plus Fours, and 2 Triangle Squares. Thank you to the refreshment team: Pitts, Duncan, Hamm, and Burson. The meatballs, little wienies, chips, cookies and sandwiches were delicious, but Jack's special cherry dessert made with Cool Whip, cream cheese and vanilla wafers was to die for.

In two weeks, on Friday, September 22nd, we are hosting our themed dance, State Fair of Texas. NORTEX is planning on visiting us as part of their Round-Up visitations. The refreshment committee has been working hard on their State Fair themed menu and I have asked Helen to serve as chair of the decorations committee. Anyone who can come early and help decorate, please let me or Helen know. We have some fun ideas and we know the food will be fantastic. Let's show our visitors and NORTEX just what a great club we have by our great attendance and by staying for the entire dance.

When we made our friendship circle at last Friday night's club dance, it was so small that we were practically in Wayne's face. So many people had left early that it was difficult to come up with two squares at the end of the evening and that was mainstream – not hot hash. Swinging Stars, you can do better than this!

Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

Fall Mainstream Lessons – Tuesdays, September 5th to December 19th, 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM

Lessons started last Tuesday at Carpenter Rec Center in Plano. We had a disappointing turnout with just 3 couples, but a 4th couple had paid and called Jan to say the husband was sick but they planned on being at the next lesson. We need 4 more couples for this class to make. Please encourage your friends, neighbors, co-workers or fellow church members to come. This is the last free lesson. If we do not get those 4 additional couples, the class will not make.

To clarify what has been transpiring with Carpenter Rec Center, they are fixated on the fact that we have angels in the class and perceive our angels have been receiving free lessons. Carpenter Rec Center wanted to charge our angels for each lesson they showed up to angel. We fought that, but unfortunately they now look at angels as “teachers” to help Wayne and Jodie so they will only allow 4 angels in the class period and those angels have to pass a background check. We have not received a satisfactory explanation as to why the sudden policy change just prior to our class. **Anyone who is a member of the rec center may not use their membership to get into the class without paying.** So we continue to ask club members not to show up to angel. We are looking at other places to hold lessons next year and hope to be able to have angels again in January. If anyone knows of a church, a clubhouse, or somewhere where we could dance, please let us know. We have had several suggestions and will evaluate our options.

Sign up Open for Fall Round Dance Lessons (submitted by JL & Linda Pelton)

Our Refresher Round Dance Lessons have started and we currently have three couples from Swinging Stars, three from Kizzin' Kuzzins along with a couple of other dancers. Because of the wide variety of rhythm knowledge, we started out working on Rumba figures which are incorporated in a Bob Heath dance called Amafidia. Our plan is to work a few weeks on a rhythm, and then move on to a different square dance level rhythm depending on the class choice. It's not too late to join us. Please contact Linda or JL Pelton if you have questions or want to join the class. These classes are on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Plano Senior Center at 401 W. 16th Street just off the south access road of 75 and north of George Bush.

If you are wondering about the next set of basic lessons at Carpenter, we will be teaching Beginning Two Step starting in January. We have asked to move from Tuesdays to avoid the conflict with square dance lessons, but we are not yet sure what day we will have for class. We will update the club as soon as we have more information.

Do's and Don'ts of Square Dancing

In our opening president's message, I vented about how many people left our dance early. This is Article IX from the above:

IX. Be on time and don't leave early. In square dancing, one late couple or person may mean that three other couples or seven people must sit out. By leaving early, you are telling the other dancers and caller that you did not have a good time at the dance. The "wind-down" tip is just as important as the first or middle tips. Plan to spend the complete evening when you come.

Let's show our caller and cuer the respect they deserve by staying for the entire dance.

How to Improve your Square Dancing

Once a month, our caller, Wayne Baldwin leads the club in a mainstream workshop. Many other clubs also host workshops prior to their dance. We are always saying to improve your dancing, you need to dance. Practice your dance moves through the workshops and through visitations. The more you dance, the more you will improve.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, September 12th – Mainstream Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM

Friday, September 15th– Kissin' Kuzzins/Texas Reelers (Dance of Interest) Friendship Dance– Wayne Baldwin, Deborah Carroll-Jones, & JL Pelton– 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:30 PM Workshop – 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, September 16th – Rebel Rousers (Dance of Interest) Oldies but Goodies– Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixson - 7:30 PM Early Rounds – 7:30 Plus – Grand March 8:00PM

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By Bob and Terri Pitts

This weekend we have two dances of interest on our Swinging Star visitation calendar. Friday night we will head to the Friendship dance in Garland being held by the Kissin' Kuzzins and the Texas Reelers. Saturday night will be a visit to the Rebel Rousers in Richardson for their Oldies but Goodies dance. Hope to see you at one or both dances.

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

Recent Club Visitations

Roadrunners, Feasta Fiesta dance, 06Sep. Thank you to the 4 Swinging Stars who visited the Roadrunners at Swingtime Center Thursday night. Karen Gloodt cued fun early rounds and rounds between tips. And visiting caller, Darryl Lipscomb, thoroughly entertained the square dancers during a fun workshop and mainstream and plus tips. On top of that we had an incredible Mexican feast prepared by the Roadrunners

Diamond Jubileers Red Had dance, 09Sep. If anyone went to this dance on Saturday night, please let the Pitts know and we will update this in the next newsletter.

Friendship Banner Status

Our current 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	Ft. Worth Squares	29-Jul-2017
Texas Reelers	04-Aug-2017	Triangle Squares	29-Jul-2017
Circle I	05-Aug-2017		
Kissin' Kuzzins	18-Aug-2017		
Rebel Rousers	19-Aug-2017		
Dixie Chainers	26-Aug-2017		

Coming Events

Friendship Dance with Texas Reelers & Kissin' Kuzzins – Int'l Square Dance Month

Date: Friday, 15Sep17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Deborah Carroll-Jones
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: ER – 7:00PM, WS – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Garland Senior Activity Center
600 Avenue A, Garland, TX

Rebel Rousers – Oldies but Goodies

Date: Saturday, 16Sep17
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER – 7:00PM, PL – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX

Swinging Stars – Squares Workshop – Tribute to the State Fair of Texas

Date: Friday, 22Sep17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: ER – 7:00PM, PL – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM
Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

Chainers – Olde Time Dance

Date: Saturday, 23Sep17
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Time: ER / WS – 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center
14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX

Autumn Fun Rounds – Phases II-IV

Date: Sunday, 24Sep17
Cuers: Area cuers
Time: 2:00PM – 5:00PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

Rainbow Rounds – 25th Anniversary Dance (double deal)

Date: Saturday, 30Sep17
Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones
Cuer: Karen Gloodt
Time: ER – 7:00PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

Other Events

Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon – Peggy Amy is the hostess for the September Ladies Luncheon. She has chosen the Chocolate Angle Café and Tearoom in the High Street Antique Mall, at the corner of Hwy. 75 and Plano Parkway in Plano. The Chocolate Angel is one of the Lady Stars' favorite luncheon places. We hope everyone can join us on Wednesday, September 20, at 11:30. Please notify Peggy Amy by Sept.18 so she can firm up the reservation with the Chocolate Angel as to how many will be attending the luncheon. It is a good idea to go to chocolateangel.highstreet@gmail.com to check out their menu. Not only is it a great place for lunch, if you like, you can shop or just browse around and check out all the lovely antique items in the antique mall.

Refreshments Duty and Information

Contact Karen Hawkins for problems or questions regarding refreshments @ 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.

September 22 – **Colter**, Heintz, Pharr, See (Theme – State Fair)

October 13 – **Estep**, Jung, Kern, Reid (Theme – Sock Hop)

October 27 – **Amy**, Rickert, Covington, Lee

November 10 – **Deluke**, Jimison, Kilejian, Whipple (Theme – Honor Our Veterans)

December 8 – **Bondi**, Biven, Feldman, Stewart (Theme – Good Samaritan)

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

October 21 & 22 – 2017 Round-Up

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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A Tribute to the Texas State Fair



Friday September 22, 2017

Shepard Elementary School -- 1000 Wilson Dr., Plano

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Squares 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash After the Last Tip

Fun Food Banners Honey pot Great Dancing

Singles Rotation board is available for Tip and Dance Partner choice

Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied a paying Adult

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

Visit our website: www.swingingstars.org



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