



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for September 17th, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

We have a big dance coming up on Friday as we celebrate our State Fair of Texas dance. Come hungry as the refreshment team has been busy concocting some of the foods popular at the state fair. Helen and Barry have been doing an outstanding job with the decorations. And Jan has created our own Big Tex. We are expecting a lot of visitors including 28 NORTEX officers who are making their official Round-up visit to our club. Let's wear red, white and blue on Friday in honor of our state flag.

By the way, Russ incorrectly announced at the friendship dance in Garland that JL Pelton was cueing. That is incorrect. Walter Brewer will be our cuer, but JL will be cueing at our dance in November commemorating Veterans Day.

See you in a square on Friday.

Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

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

Oddly enough, we believe our lessons at Carpenter Rec Center have made on Tuesdays. We have 3 couples who have not paid yet but we are hopeful they will pay this week so we can continue the lessons with 9 couples. We are asking the club NOT to come to lessons as we are still living with the restrictions placed on us by the park district – limited angel “teachers” who must pass a background check. Let's hope everyone pays. The lessons committee is evaluating other venues to host lessons next year. Please keep the suggestions coming.

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.

Dues

New club dues effective January 1, 2017 is now \$22.50 per member or \$45.00 per couple per quarter. If you have not paid your 3 Qtr Dues, please do so at the next Swinging Stars Dance or mail a check to our current treasurer Nevin R Mulvin at 3409 Eisenhower Lane, Plano, TX 75023-3933. Any questions his phone number is 972-618-0750 or his email is nrmulvin@verizon.net

Thanks,

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Happening This Week

Tuesday, September 19th – Mainstream Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM

**Friday, September 22nd –Swinging Stars State Fair of Texas -Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer–
7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:45 PM Plus Squares – 8:00 PM Grand March**

**Saturday, September 23rd – Dixie Chainers Olde Time Dance (Dance of Interest) – Vernon Jones & Jack
von der Heide – 7:00 PM Early Rounds and Mainstream Workshop – 7:30 PM Grand March**

Sunday, September 24th – 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Autumn Fun Rounds (Phase II-IV) – Area Cuers

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By Bob and Terri Pitts

This Friday will be our own Swinging Stars' Tribute to the State Fair of Texas dance which we hope will be a robust, well attended fun September dance with many visitors. Saturday night is the Dixie Chainers' Olde Time Dance which is always a fun dance where we step back in time with Vernon Jones calling and Jack Von der Heide cueing. On Sunday in Ft. Worth, there is a Harvest Holiday Autumn Fun Rounds Dance Phases 2-4 which will be great fun for all the round dancers. Hope to see you dancing this weekend!

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

Recent Club Visitations

Texas Reelers and Kissin' Kuzzins Friendship dance, Friday, 15Sep – Thank you to the 26 Swinging Stars who attended this visitation. This was a fun, well attended dance. The international food was great and we particularly liked the flags of other countries as well as the doll collection on display. JL cued some interesting rounds. Deborah Carroll-Jones and Wayne Baldwin were spot on harmonizing. The mainstream workshop focused on recycle, and how to get into two lines when the square breaks down. Deborah Carroll-Jones called a make-believe call to force us to form lines. Deborah even did her own rendition of an air drum solo. The special surprise of the night was seeing former club members Tiz and Floretta at the dance. They had moved to California to be near family and were in town for Floretta's high school reunion. It's good to know they have continued to square dance. We did not collect a banner because we already had both club's banners and were told Swinging Stars has everyone's banner! Thanks to the Nejdls for this report.

Rebel Rousers Oldies But Goodies dance, Saturday, 16Sep. Thank you to the 25 Swinging Stars who visited the Rebel Rousers Saturday night. This dance was a boatload of lively fun from the start to the end. Christine Hixson cued the early rounds and rounds between tips with a collection of fun dances including a few Phase IV's. Our Hall of Fame caller, Wayne Baldwin, stepped in for Mike Bramlett and called most energetic mainstream and plus squares. Wayne was at the top of his game as he belted out a bevy of great tips. The dancers were treated with sack lunches like the ones we used to take to school that were packed plum full of goodies.

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		Swinging Stars' Banners Out	
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

Swinging Stars – 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
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

Dixie 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

Triangle Squares – Schmitdz at the Hop (OFFICIAL – double deal)

Date: Friday, 29Sep17
Callers: Toby Thomason
Jon Jones
Deborah Carroll-Jones
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Denton Civic Center
321 East McKinney Street, Denton, 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 <https://www.chocolateangel.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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