



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for September 24th, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

What a fun week our club had! On Wednesday, 12 Swinging Stars ladies met at the Chocolate Angel in Plano for the ladies luncheon. The Chocolate Angel has expanded and improved the dining area and we were amazed how packed it was with every table and room filled to capacity. Joining the luncheon were: Lassiter, Starrett, Stuart, Burson, Nejd, Harris, Amy, Hawkins, Rose, Mulvin, Hardin and Estep. Thank you to Peggy Amy for hosting this fun luncheon.

On Friday night, the Swinging Stars celebrated a tribute to the State Fair of Texas with traditional fair foods, decorations and of course, Big Tex. Thank you to Jan Bergesen who painted our giant Big Tex. The Feldmans did a fantastic job on decorations, borrowing Cowboy hats from David Edwards and bandanas from us. Barry made a cute sign. Lorraine set up a display of her quilts for the "Quilt Show". There was a lot of interest in the jelly bean count raffle which was won by Bobby Clark from the Rebel Rousers who had the closest guess (1649) to the actual count of 1665 jelly beans. A special thanks to the refreshment team for all their hard work providing those outstanding snacks reminiscent of the State Fair – Colter, Pharr, Heinz, and See. Cinemark Movie Theater popped 3 huge bags of popcorn for us. Area Vice Presidents Don and Pam von Minden awarded the club our 720 Visitation Award. Swinging Stars sure do visit a lot as evidenced by all those Stars who received their friendship visitation awards. As this was an official NORTEX Round-Up visitation, our club presented the von Mindens with our contribution to the Round-Up dance in October – a beautiful and unique handmade quilt created by Lorraine Burson. If you missed our dance, you will have to attend Round-up to see it and to use your raffle tickets for a chance to win it.

We had 115 dancers attending our dance including 4 of our students who managed to dance a tip each. We cannot tell you the exact number of NORTEX visitors as each NORTEX visitor signed in for their own clubs, but we did have the NORTEX presidents John and Shirley Currie, Area Vice Presidents Don and Pam von Minden as well as NORTEX treasurer Debbie Anderson in attendance.

Model A's	1	Rebel Rousers	17	Circle I	3
Kissin' Kuzzins	13	Texas Reelers	5	Triangle Squares	4
Lone Star Solos	1	Independents	1	Swinging Stars	65

Thank you to everyone who made this dance a success. There was good dancing and Wayne was so pleased at the size of the friendship circle at the end of the night.

Enjoy some the pictures from our dance compliments of Russ and Wolfie,



Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

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

Our lessons are moving along at Carpenter Rec Center. Our students are all awesome with most of them having had previous square dance experience. We are still limited in the number of “angel teachers” the Rec center will allow us and those angels must agree to a background check. So we continue to ask club members not to try to angel as will have to turn you away. We continue to look at facilities and churches where we can host the next set of lessons and hope to have a report by the annual meeting in November. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know so we can evaluate the suggested venue.

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 Kissin' 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.

Save the Date

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 12th at 3PM at Spring Creek BBQ in Addison for our semi-annual club meeting. More information will follow.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee for next year's slate of officers has formed with the Hamms as chairs and the Trujillos and the Mulvins as committee members. Please let them know if you are interested in serving on the board next year. The committee will be contacting potential candidates for each office and we will vote on the slate of officers at the semi-annual meeting in November.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, September 26th – Mainstream Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM

Friday, September 29th - Triangle Squares Schmitz at the Hop Double Deal Dance (Official) – Toby Thomason, Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll-Jones and Chris Farabaugh - 7:30 PM Early Rounds –8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, September 30th – Rainbow Rounds 25th Anniversary Dance (Dance of Interest) – Deborah Carroll-Jones & Karen Glodt - 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 8:00 PM PM Grand March

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By Bob and Terri Pitts

It was a great weekend for dancing and we saw a lot of Stars at our own State Fair dance and visiting as well. Come with us to the Triangle Squares' Schmitz at the Hop dance this Friday. This is a double deal dance featuring callers Toby Thomason, Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll-Jones, and cuer, Chris Farabaugh. We need to capture our banner and this would be the best time to do that, so let's make it happen Stars!

On Saturday, there is a dance of interest in Ft. Worth. Rainbow Rounds are celebrating their 25th anniversary and, while they are round dance club, they are having squares also for this dance. Details are listed below in coming events.

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

Recent Club Visitations

Dixie Chainers Olde Time dance, Saturday, 24Sep – Thank you to the 15 Swinging Stars who joined the Dixie Chainers for their fun dance. Jack von der Heide expertly led early rounds and rounds between tips with an assortment of waltzes, two steps, rumbas, foxtrots, boleros, and jives. Then Vernon Jones took over calling the olde time tips that included some fun calls, one of which was from the 1930's, including: star around, triple allemand, three ladies chain, dip and dive, grand colonel spin, and rattlesnake twist. This double deal dance was well attended and everyone had a great time.

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	22-Sep-2017
Dixie Chainers	26-Aug-2017	Rebel Rousers	22-Sep-2017

Coming Events

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 Glodt
Time: ER – 7:00PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

Other Events

October Ladies' Luncheon – Into My Garden Tea Room

Lorraine Burson is the hostess for the month of October. She has chosen Into My Garden Tea Room to be on October 19th at 11.30. Into My Garden is located at 1726 Avenue K at 18th street. It is the second building on the east side of Avenue K south of 18th street. If you turn east at 18th street and turn in behind the two buildings you can park there. Lunch is served in the quaint surroundings filled with frills & flowers. To view the lunch menu go to www.intomygarden.com. Please let Lorraine know if you are planning to attend by October 17, at Lorraine@Bursons.us or 972-396-0941. Hope to see you all there!

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). Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Bergesen's.

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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Solo Board
Available

Sock Hop

Shoes Optional
(Sox required)



October 13, 2017

Shepherd Elementary 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, TX

Caller Wayne Baldwin

Cuer Walter Brewer



Mainstream workshop 7:00

Plus Workshop 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip



72.9 MHz

Honey Pot Refreshments Banner Game Fun Fellowship

Dancers under 18 Dance for free when accompanied by a paying adult

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

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