Newsletter for March 25th, 2018

Message from the President

Dave and Lorraine Burson

I am writing this message to give a special thank you to all Swinging Stars that participated in making the 43 Anniversary Dance a wonderful success. From the set up to the clean up everyone was very helpful. Thank you to Wayne Baldwin and Tim Tyl for calling a superb dance. Thank you to Christine Hixson for the fantastic cueing of all the favorite tunes for the Round Dancers. The biggest thank you goes to Nevin Mulvin for cooking all the Briskets and Turkey breasts.... Delicious. Thank you to the whole club for donating all the food. Thank you to the Greeting Committee the Esteps, Moshers, Trujillo, Covingtons, Pharrs, Edwards, Giffords and Feldmans. It is always a warm welcome when someone says welcome we are glad you are here. Thank you to Dave and my Set up Committee, Hamms, Hardin, Whipples, and everyone else that helped out setting up. This is not an easy job to come in and get everything all set up so others can get to their jobs. Thank you to Debbie Reid's Decoration Committee, the Bergesens, Edwards and Dennisons. The stars and balloons really set the mood for a fun time, Thank you to the Registration Committee chaired by the Harrises, with their helpers the Moshers, Jodie Baldwin, Mulvins and Lassiters. I guess, just after dancing, the next most fun thing to do would be to collect money. Just kidding, I know there was a lot of difficult things to do working there. One more big thank you goes to the Food Services committee chaired by the Stewarts with a lot of help from the Neidls, Rickerts, Tim and Rita Putman-Heintz, Terri Pitts, Whipples, Elliotts, Boyds, Nestors, and Gary Amy. Working just as hard as the rest of the committees is the Beverage Services Committee, thank you to the Elliotts for a job well done along with the rest of their committee Sees, Colters, Delukes and the Jungs, for keeping the fluids flowing for the dancers to stay hydrated. Thank you to the Money Raffle Committee chaired by the Hamms, helpers were Roses, Zhangs, and Marshalls. The Honey Pot Committee was chaired by the Hawkins. Thank you to them and the rest of their committee, Mary Hardin, Halvorsons Jodie Baldwin, Dennisons, and Lassiters.

I am very appreciative of the member that couldn't be at the dance. They did their part to help by donating cash. Thank you to the Peltons, Creed-McClaskey and Kerns. Your Cash donations helped others that had to do extra. Also thanks to the Bondis, Peggy Amy and the Nickolas for sending their share of the food. I sure hope I didn't miss thanking anyone. If I did it was not on purpose. I really appreciated everyone that helped. I could not have done this job without all of your help. If I missed thanking you please let me know.

Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance Report

From Lorraine Burson, Anniversary Dance Chair

This was a wonderful, fun .exciting, well attended dance. What more could I report. Well....there was 12 squares in the Plus Dancing, before the Grand March, with a lot of visitors standing around talking.

There were 17 squares in the Grand March with several sitting out or still working to get ready for the refreshments to be served. We had 134 visitors and 74 Swinging Stars for a total of 208 dancers. I just want to point out that when I started planning this dance I estimated we would probably only have 200 dancers attending. I was pretty close. Again thanks everyone for your help.

Happening This Week

Friday, March 30th – Kissin' Kuzzins – 45th Anniversary Dance
Wayne Baldwin, Paul Cote & JL Pelton
7:00 PM Early Rounds - 8:00 PM Grand March
Saturday, March 31th – Tri-City Promenaders – 58th Anniversary Dance
Paul Kinsey, KO Jeanes & Chris Farabaugh –
7:00 PM Early Rounds - 8:00 PM Grand March

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

This past week was great with our hosting our own Anniversary dance and being able to attend the Anniversary dance at Cotton Pickin' Squares. As expected at our anniversary dance we returned a lot of banners to clubs whose banners we had captured. This coming week we will be trying to retrieve two of our banners by going to the Kissin' Kuzzins and the Tri-City Promenaders.

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
Dixie Chainers	26. Aug. 2017
Triangle Squares	30. Sep. 2017

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Ft Worth Squares	29. Jul. 2017
Tri-City Promenaders	23. Feb. 2018
Circle I	23. Mar. 2018
Rebel Rousers	23. Mar. 2018
Kissin' Kuzzins	23. Mar. 2018
Texas Reelers	23. Mar. 2018

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Plus 4s, Wednesday, March 21st

Fifteen (15) Swinging Stars attended the Plus 4s dance in Farmers Branch Wednesday evening. Squares were called by Charles Quisenberry. Quiz even included a workshop to learn the "A" call Split Square Thru. It was a fun evening and Quiz said that Toni should be back before the next Plus 4s dance. Swinging Stars in attendance were the Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Evantos, Hamms, M. Hardin, Sees and Stewarts.

Cotton Pickin' Squares, Saturday, March 24th

Seventeen (17) Swinging Stars traveled to the Cotton Pickin' Squares in Greenville Saturday evening. The theme of the dance was "Picnic in the Cotton Patch". Squares were called by Mike Bramlett and rounds were cued by Christine Hixson. Swinging Stars in attendance were the Bergesens, Covingtons, Esteps, Feldmans, Halvorsons, Pitts, Sees, Stewarts, and C. Wolfe.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Kissin' Kuzzins – Come Home with the Kuzzins

Date: Friday, 30Mar18

Callers: Wayne Baldwin and Paul Cote

Cuer: JL Pelton

Time: ER - 7:00PM / GM - 8:00PM

Location: Garland Senior Center

600 Ave A, Garland

Note: 45th Anniversary Dance, Banner Retrieval

Color: Royal Blue

Tri-City Promenaders – Denim & Diamonds

Date: Saturday, 31Mar18

Callers: Paul Kinsey and KO Jeanes

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: ER - 7:00PM / GM - 8:00PM

Location: Swingtime Center

5100 S.E. Loop 820, Ft. Worth

Note: 58th Anniversary Dance, Banner Retrieval

Other Events:

April 18, 2018 Ladies Luncheon Covino's Pasta and Pizza

The next ladies lunch is scheduled for April 18, Wednesday at 11:30. It will be held at Covino's Pasta and Pizza restaurant at 3265 Independence Parkway in Lancers Square. That is at the intersection of Parker and Independence on the southwest corner. Peggy Amy is the hostess for the April Luncheon. Contact her at amybpeggy@verizon.net or 972-6124934 by April 15th so Peggy can tell the Restaurant how many to be ready for. If you would like wine or beer you can bring your own and they will provide glasses at a modest fee. You can also check out their menu online by going to www.covinos.com. Covino's have been in Plano since 1990.

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). Email markt.karenl@gmail.com.

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 markt.karenl@gmail.com of the change.

April 13 – **Rickert,** Colter, Estep, Pharr

April 27 – **Covington**, Bivens, Kern, Pitts (Theme – Spring Fling)

May 11 – **Hamm**, Amy, Heintz, Trujillo

May 25 - Whipple, Deluke, Stewart, Kilejian (Theme - Patriotic Memorial Day)

June 8 – **Feldman**, Bondi, Edwards, Halverson

June 22 - Mosher, Bushell/Perry, Jung, Perrott (Theme - It's time for Baseball. Put me in coach!!)

Lessons, Workshops, Easy Practice and Exhibition Dances

We thought you may be interested in some of these secessions. These were sent to us to pass along to our members in case anyone is interested in attending.

Plus Dance

Those of you interested in plus dancing, Dave Vieira is hosting All Plus Dances on Mondays **7:15-9:15** PM at the Lavon City Hall, 120 School Road, Lavon. The cost is \$5 per person.

These Monday night plus dances are an awesome way to obtain floor time and to workshop moves of which you are having trouble. (No dance March 26, April 9, April 16, and April 23)

Mainstream and Plus workshops

Circle I will be conducting Mainstream and Plus Workshops beginning February 12th. This series of Workshops are open to all Square Dancers that want a casual environment to improve their dancing skills.

Here are the Details:

Location: Woodhaven Presbyterian Church, 3650 North O'Connor RD., Irving 75062

Time: 7:00 PM

Date: February 12th and each Monday thru mid April

Caller: Ray Savell

Cost: \$5.00 per person each participating Monday

Contact: Chris Mills ccmills@tx.rr.com or 817-488-7625

Square Dance Exhibition Invitation

Calling all dancers.... We will have a Square Dance exhibition 2:00 PM on April 15th at the Frisco Heritage Museum Train Depot, 6455 Page Street, Frisco, TX. It will last about two hours and it will be in a dance format with instructional lessons for interested parties. Between tips it gives us the opportunity to visit with on-lookers and tell them about our favorite pass time. Flyers, business cards and handouts are encouraged. As in the past it is open to all clubs. No charge.

The Caller will be Richard Covington. Call Richard to let him know if you can attend.214-675-8523

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm

We were glad to see Zari and Harry Kilejian back at our dance after Zari's knee surgery. Zari really gets around well with her walker which Harry says she uses more when they go out. Rita Putnam-Heintz and Tim Heintz were also welcomed back after several months' absence due to illness. We have a sad piece of news to add. Tarrall Arnold passed away March 24th after an illness. Her service is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28th, at 3:00 pm. The location is Christ United Methodist Church in Plano. The address: 3101 Coit Rd Plano, TX 75075

Many of the Swinging Stars may remember her. Tarrall took lessons with us a few years back. Being a Single dancer she joined the Rebel Rousers. We will miss her.

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 device, offered on a first-come first-served basis as each dance starts. To answer questions about the listening device email **gene deluke@hotmail.com** 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 harris0907@sbcglobal.net or phone 214-348-5361.

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.

Special dates to put on your calendar

May 20, 2018 Swinging Stars Business Meeting
June 3, 2018 NORTEX Officer Installation and Dance
Sunday June 10th Baldwin's fish fry
Friday September 28th Swinging Stars Double Deal Dance
Friday October 19th NTCA Caller's Cavalcade
Saturday October 20th NORTEX Round-up
Friday March 29, 2019 Swinging Stars 44th Anniversary Dance

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See Flyer below



