



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

### *Newsletter for January 1, 2017*

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From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

2016 is finished, Swinging Stars continued to visit other Clubs at the fastest pace of any NORTEX Club as we completed our 660<sup>th</sup> visit and our patch should be available shortly. This month completes the year for Kathy and I and it has been a fun one. We have near and far as Club representatives, as have many of you! We hope to see all of you out on the visitation train in 2017.

Our next round of square dance lessons start on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>! That is before our next dance so it is time to think of who you know who might enjoy our favorite exercise and social activity. You need to talk it up and offer to bring them to the first lessons. You will find attached the flyer that has all the particulars. Or, they can just show up at Carpenter Rec Center at 6701 Coit Road in Plano at 7:15pm on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please print copies of the flyer to carry with you and hand out. Dan & Kathy Mosher will have copies at our dance on January 13<sup>th</sup>. We are depending on everyone's effort to get enough students. The following is a link to the flyer:

[http://www.swingingstars.org/Mainstream\\_square\\_dance\\_lessons\\_2017.pdf](http://www.swingingstars.org/Mainstream_square_dance_lessons_2017.pdf)

**Club Dues:** The Club voted to raise dues from \$35.00 per couple per quarter to \$45.00 per couple per quarter effective January 1, 2017.

Read all the way to the end of the Newsletter as the "Important Dates" are starting to get filled in for the year.

Kathy and Bob

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### **Happening This Week**

**Wednesday, January 4 – Plus 4's – Charles Quisenberry**

**Friday, January 6 – Kissin Kuzzins – Happy New Year Dance – Wayne Baldwin & JL Pelton**

**Saturday, January 7 – Circle I – Stock Show Hoedown – Ray Savell & Chris Farabaugh**

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### **Announcements**

From Lorraine Burson: I JUST WANT TO SEND A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ANNE NEJDL FOR THE WONDERFUL LUNCHEON SHE PUT ON FOR THE LADY Stars Wednesday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.

The food that everyone brought was ummy, the games were fun and especially the white elephant game had a lot of nice surprises. Those of you that missed this event were missed my all of us that were there. It was truly a fun time.

Square Dance Lessons start January 10, 2017 at Carpenter Rec. Center. Start recruiting NOW!  
Registration open.

Round Dancers: Linda and JL Pelton will be teaching a new beginning class of Bolero starting Tuesday, January 10 at Carpenter Rec Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano. This is an 8-week class from 7:30 to 9:30. A two-hour class gives plenty of time for practice and, just like square dancing, it's practice that makes you a good dancer.

Bolero is a fun Latin rhythm, very similar to Rumba. If you have had Rumba and Cha Cha class, this one will be really easy with similar figure names. If you haven't had Rumba or Cha Cha, it will make that Latin class easier to learn.

Registration is now open for everyone. You can call Carpenter Rec Center at 972-208-8087, or you can register online at [www.planoparks.org](http://www.planoparks.org). The name of the class in the Parks and Rec catalog is Choreographed Ballroom Bolero, Course #187430.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report – 01 January 2017

### Jim & Knarik Bondi

#### RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

##### Square + Round Dance

###### *Friday 30 December – ADD+ -- “Let’s Party”*

Eleven Swinging Stars ventured out Friday evening to attend the ADD+ club’s good-Plus-only (no DBD) “Let’s Party” dance in Richardson, TX. Jack von der Heide cued both early and intermittent rounds in grand style. On squares, it was a fun evening as Mike Bramlett kept everyone guessing how he would mix the calls all evening long. A huge Thank You to these Swinging Stars in attendance: P. Amy, Covingtons, Esteps, Evantos, Lees, and Sees.

##### Square + Round Dance

###### *Saturday 31 December – Rebel Rousers -- “New Year’s Eve”*

Eleven Swinging Stars donned their party hats and headed to the Rebel Rousers’ New Year’s Eve celebration dance Saturday night in Richardson, TX. Rounds, both early and intermittent, were cued by Christine Hixson, who mixed rhythms and phases nicely and also took several requests during the evening. Squares were delivered by club caller, Mike Bramlett, who began with 30 minutes of all-Plus and continued on with a very entertaining evening of tips that included host of solid MainStream, 2 more Plus tips, some great singing calls, and, as always, a healthy dose of Mike’s patentable good-natured levity and quips. Together, Christine and Mike entertained attendees for a whopping 4 hours of virtually non-stop dancing. When taking a break, many attendees sampled the variety of available black-eyed pea and corn bread dishes. And, at midnight, all grabbed a glass of chilled faux champagne, toasting each other and the “infant” (just born) new year. An appreciative Thank You to these Swinging Stars in attendance: P. Amy, Bondis, Covingtons, Evantos, Sees, and Smiths.

#### RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

##### Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you’re a Swinging Star wanting to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered here, please submit it to [2ndvp@swingingstars.org](mailto:2ndvp@swingingstars.org) no later than mid Sunday afternoon for inclusion here in that night’s newsletter. Try to include the names of fellow Swinging Stars who attended with you plus a few salient details (such as club, location, caller, cuer).

## BANNER REPORT

We currently hold 10 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 2 Swinging Stars banners captured from us. Overall banner status is detailed below. Remember, if you visit a club whose banner we already hold, please do not accept another of their banners.

### Other Club Banners Held by Us

Club	Date Captured
Texas Reelers	16-Dec-2016
Rebel Rousers	19-Nov-2016
Lone Star Solos	10-Nov-2016
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016
Solitaires	02-Apr-2016
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015
Diamond Jubileers	14-Mar-2015
T Square Gadabouts	20-Feb-2015

### Swinging Stars Banners Held at Other Clubs

Club	Date Captured
Kissin Kuzzins	11-Nov-2016
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

## UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

### Square + Round Dance

#### *Friday 6 January – Kissin Kuzzins – “Happy New Year”*

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: J.L. Pelton

Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March: 8:00

Garland Senior Center

600 Avenue A, Garland, TX 75040

### Square + Round Dance

#### *Saturday 7 January – Circle I – “Stock Show Hoedown”*

Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Line Dancing: 7:10, Workshop: 7:30, Grand March: 8:00

Senter Park East

228 Chamberlain, Irving, TX 75060

## UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

### “A” Dance + All-Plus Dance

#### *Wednesday 4 January – Plus 4s*

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

“A” Dance: 6:15 – 7:30

Plus Dance: 7:30

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

## Round Dance Weekend

**Friday PM 6 Jan. - Saturday PM 7 Jan. – “Winter Festival” – Waco, TX**

Callers: D. Dougherty, K. Bower, W. Driver, M. Seastrom, K.O. Jeanes, G. Shoemake

Cuers: Mark & Pam Prow

[http://www.rhythmrecords.biz/2017\\_Winter\\_Festival.pdf](http://www.rhythmrecords.biz/2017_Winter_Festival.pdf)

Waco Convention Center,

100 Washington Ave., Waco, TX 76701

## UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

### Ladies Luncheon

**Wednesday 25 January, 11:30 AM – “Into My Garden” (Plano)**

The January Luncheon will be on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at the Into My Garden Tea Room 1725 Avenue K Plano. Check out their menu at [www.intomygarden.com](http://www.intomygarden.com). This is one of our favorite luncheon restaurants. I hope you all will join us for lunch and laughter. Please RSVP by January 23rd so that I can let the restaurant know how many are attending.

Lorraine Burson

Email: [Lorraine@Bursons.us](mailto:Lorraine@Bursons.us)

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## Refreshments Duty and Information

January 13 – **Nejdl**, Bergesen, Stuart, Harris

January 27 -- **Perrott**, Rhinehart/Wittenmyer, R/N Smith, Ross

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc.) without first checking with the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents [Russ and Ann Nejdl] to see if they are already in inventory. **Highlighted name is Refreshments Lead for their assigned Dance.** Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team

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## Important dates for the next year (you should have these on your calendar!):

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance (Lorraine Burson coordinator)

September 22, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance (Something Special)

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Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

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For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org) and click on Weekends.

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Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at [llhamm45@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Kathy & Bob Estep**

**Swinging Stars Presidents**

Email: [president@swingingstars.org](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)

Phone: 972-618-3640

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:

# Swinging Stars



## New Dancer Dance

January 13, 2017

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



Sq Workshop 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

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

Refreshments Banners Honey Pot Fun Dancing

For Info: 972-618-3640 or [president@swingingstars.org](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)

Visit our Website: [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org)



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