

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 7th, 2018

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

We know a lot of our club members were away at the Winterfest dance in Waco this weekend, but some of us who remained behind, enjoyed dancing at the club visitations. We were really impressed to see Lorraine on the dance floor so soon after her hip replacement back in November. She attended both visitations and danced several tips at each. She is amazing.

We are so impressed that we had 19 attend the Saturday night anniversary dance at the Triangle Squares considering how many of our usual visiting club members were in Waco. We had the most visitors of all the clubs in attendance. Way to go Swinging Stars!



Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

Two Step Beginning Lessons - Sign up NOW

Beginning Two Step class, #2000071 (listed as Ballroom Two Step Beginning)

Tuesday Nights, January 9th through February 27th -- 7:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Carpenter Recreation Center - 6701 Coit Road, Plano Texas

Call Carpenter Rec Center at 972-208-8087 to register or go online to the Plano Parks and Rec site.

Note: Carpenter will cancel on us if we don't have enough people signed up, and we have a few couples signed up that would be very disappointed if the class does not make. So if you are thinking about taking Two Step lessons, please sign up. Linda & JL won't be offering Two Step again for several years, so now is the time to take the class if you would like to dance Two Step at the square dances.

Saturday Lessons

Signup is also open for our Saturday Refresher Lessons - Starting January 13th - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We will be focusing on Waltz this session. These are lessons and practice dancing, like an easy round dance club.

Ignore the dates on the website. This class continues through March at Plano Senior Center, 401 W. 16th Street (just off the south access road of 75 and north of George Bush)

The class is listed as Round Dance (Continuing Basics) New -- Class #199430. If you are looking for the class in the catalog, it is listed in the 50+ section under Dance. We think it's easiest to sign up directly by calling the Senior Center at 972-941-7155.

All Plus Dances

Those of you who plus dance, Dave Viera is hosting All Plus Dances starting on Monday 8th 7:00-9:00 PM at the Lavon City Hall, 1200 School Road, Lavon. The cost is \$5 per person. If you need directions, email Russ or me and we will forward the flyer on to you.

Easy Practice Dances

Attention all new dancers or dancers needing more floor time and practice. Dixie Chainers is hosting easy mainstream practice dances starting on Tuesday, January 9th from 7:00-8:30 PM at the Farmers Branch Senior Center, 14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch. Vernon Jones is the caller and the cost is \$4 per dancer.

Jodie has been sick

Jodie Baldwin is home now after an 8 day stay in the hospital in McKinney to treat pneumonia. She says she is doing better but she is totally beat. Jodie wanted everyone to know that when she got home from the hospital, the house was clean, the refrigerator was stocked and all the laundry was done. Jodie says that Wayne is awesome! If you wish to send a get well card to Jodie, her address is: Jodie Baldwin, 981 Timber Lake, McKinney, TX 75096.

Sad News

Keith and Kathy Elliott's daughter-in-law died yesterday due to inoperable brain cancer. The funeral will be for family only. If you wish to send a card of condolence, send to Keith and Kathy Elliott, 5200 Englebrook Court, Plano, TX 75023.

Swinging Stars Southern Junction Outing in Irving– Friday, January 19th at 7:00 PM

We sure hope you can join us and other club members for this social outing at Southern Junction. The Pitts checked it out and said it was a really fun place. The steaks and other selections are delicious. You can cook it yourself or have it cooked for you for a small extra charge. The dance floor is smooth and the facility is nice and clean. They have line dancing. Country and Western dancing, billiards, and great food. Southern Junction is located at 101 N. Rogers Road, Irving. If you are interested in joining us, we will have sign-up sheets at the club dance next week Friday so we know who is attending and get reserve a table to accommodate all of us. Check out the website: <http://sojoirving.com/>

Happening This Week

Friday, January 12th – Swinging Stars – Wayne Baldwin & JL Pelton – 7:00 PM Workshop – 7:45 PM Plus – 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, January 13th – Dixie Chainers – New Dancer Dance – Vernon Jones & Jack von der Heide – 7:00PM Rounds/Mainstream Workshop – 7:30 PM Grand March

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The weather outside isn't as frightful now, and it's nice to get back in the swing of dancing after all the delicious holiday food. Our own Swinging Stars dance will be this coming Friday and on Saturday there is a new dancer dance with the Dixie Chainers. Hopefully, our new dancers will take advantage of these opportunities to get some great dancing practice in Farmers Branch and with our club members.

Club Visitations

Kissin' Kuzzins Fresh Start to the New Year dance, 05Jan18 – Thanks to the 10 Swinging Stars who danced with the Kuzzins Friday night. For many of us this was the first dance of 2018. An hour of early rounds and rounds between tips were cued by JL Pelton. And the mainstream and plus squares were called by Hall of Fame caller, Wayne Baldwin.

Triangle Squares Grab Your Passport and Dance Around the World anniversary dance, 06Jan1 – Thank you to the 19 Swinging Stars who joined the Triangle Squares for their anniversary dance. Christine Hixson cued the early rounds and rounds between tips. The mainstream and plus squares were called by club caller, Toby Thomason, and guest caller from Arkansas, Joey Duhamel. This was a fun and well attended dance with 100 guests.

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. We have 8 Swinging Stars banners in our possession and 1 is out.

Other Clubs' Banners on our Wall		Swinging Stars' Banners Out	
Club	Date Captured	Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	25-Mar-2017	Ft. Worth Squares	29-Jul-2017
Log Cabin Swingers	06-May-2017		
Circle I	05-Aug-2017		
Dixie Chainers	26-Aug-2017		
Triangle Squares	30-Sep-2017		
Rebel Rousers	18-Nov-2017		
Lone Star Solos	30-Nov-2017		
Kissin' Kuzzins	15-Dec-2017		

Coming Events

Swinging Stars – Club Dance

Date: Friday, 12Jan18
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: WS – 7:00PM, PL – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano

Dixie Chainers – New Dancer Dance

Date: Saturday, 13Jan18
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Time: ER – 7:00PM, WS – 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center
14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch

Swinging Stars – Club Outing at Southern Junction in Irving

Date: Friday, 19Jan18
Time: 7:00PM
Activity: Steaks and other assorted entrees, Country and Western/Line Dancing, billiards, etc.
Location: Southern Junction (NOTE: new location in Irving)
101 N. Rogers Road, Irving
Website: <http://sojoirving.com/>

Rebel Rousers – Rock Around the Clock

Date: Saturday, 20Jan18
Caller: Scott Bennett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER – 7:00PM, PL – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road

Swinging Stars – Boot Scootin' Boogie New Dancer Dance

Date: Friday, 26Jan18
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER – 7:00PM, PL – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano

Tri-City Promenaders – Winter Wonderland Dance

Date: Saturday, 27Jan18
Caller: Paul Kinsey
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER – 7:00PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Brookside Center
1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst

Harvest Holiday – Winter Fun Rounds Phases II-V

Date: Sunday, 28Jan18
Cuers: Area cuers
Time: Dance – 2:00PM - 5:00PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth

NTCA – Dancer Appreciation Dance

Date: Sunday, 28Jan18
Callers: Area callers
Cuers: Area cuers
Time: Dance – 7:30PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth
Note: Admission is free

Other Events

Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon – Sara Mulvin is the hostess for the January 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 Thursday, January 18th, at 11:30. Please notify Sara by January 16th by phone [972-618-0750](tel:972-618-0750) or email nrmulvin@verizon.net 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, it's a fun place to shop or just browse around and check out all the lovely antique items in the antique mall.

Refreshment Duty Information

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. 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). Teams are responsible for food of their choice, ice and 5 tablecloths which can be purchased at any Walmart or Dollar Tree. If you need supplies contact Jan Bergesen. Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Bergesens. If you have additional questions, call or text Mark and Karen Hawkins (M 214.536.5863 or K 214.537.0446).

January 12 – **Rose**, Bushell/Perry, Edwards, Mosher
January 26 – **Perrott**, Evanto, Goebel, Nestor (Theme – Boot Scootin' Boogie)
February 9 – **Reid**, Bergesen, Dennison, Mulvin
February 23 – **Hardin**, Elliott, Gifford, NejdI (Theme – Mardi Gras)
March 9 – **Lassiter**, Duncan, See, Zhang
March 23 – Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance

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

January 19th - Swinging Stars dinner and dancing at Southern Junction
March 23rd - Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance

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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Swinging Stars



Boot Scootin' Boogie

New Dancer Dance

Friday January 26, 2018

Western, Casual or Square dance attire are all acceptable for this dance

Shepard Elementary School -- 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, Tx

Caller Wayne Baldwin

Guest Cuer Christine Hixson

COMING DANCES:

Jan. 12, 2018 Regular dance night

w/JL Pelton Guest Cuer

Feb.23 Theme Dance Mardi Gras

Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Tip 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash After the Last Tip

SAVE This DATE MARCH 23,2018 43RD ANNIVERSARY DANCE
(THE STARS OF TEXAS ARE UPON YOU WESTERN BALL)
GUEST CALLER TIM TYL



Banner Game Refreshments Honey Pot Solo Board

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

For Info Contact 972-946-5979 or president @Swingingstars.org

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