



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for October 14th, 2018

Message from the President

Dave and Lorraine Burson

4th Quarter Dues are due!!

This is the start of the 4th quarter for the Swinging Stars. That means that it is time to pay dues again. If you have not paid your 4th quarter dues you can bring your dues to the next dance on Friday. If you are not going to be there you can mail them to our club Treasurer Linda and Charlie Harris, 9434 Hilldale Drive, Dallas 75231-2702. If you are not sure if you have paid the 4th quarter dues you can check with Linda at 214-534-7632.

PLANNING

I would like to say a word about planning to go square dancing.

An important part of going square dancing is to plan ahead. If you do not plan to go, you probably will not go. This is why we send out a calendar each month, so that you can go over it and see where the club is planning to go dancing. When you receive the calendar each month, print it out so you will have it at hand, to be able to check where it is the Swinging Stars are going to be dancing. If you don't plan in advance to attend a dance you probably will not go. I know that many members already do this and they do go dancing with the club frequently. But obviously not all members do this or we would have a better participation for our visitation to other clubs. If you are only dancing once a month or less after taking lessons you are not going to get the most from your efforts. Members need to dance as frequently as they can to get the most of their square dancing experience. If you are a person that is afraid that you will break down a square if you miss a call, just remember that we **all** mess up sometimes and have not always been the best dancers. It takes practice, practice, practice.

Quick reminder about Round up registration:

NTCA CAVALCADE is Oct. 19th, \$ 10 per person at the door.

ROUND UP is Oct. 20th \$ 25 per person at the door.

Note: Mail-in registration must have been postmarked by 9/15/2018, so it is closed.

The cutoff date for online registration was October 1st, 2018. It is also closed.

You can still buy advanced tickets from the Area VPs or from the Round-Up Chairs (Sheila Milliron & Bobby Clark) or buy full priced tickets at the door.

One more note of interest for those of us that collect Friendship badge signatures. I contacted John Curry, President of NORTEX, to inquire about the signatures for Cavalcade and Roundup. There seemed to be some confusion about the signatures we could get and those we could not. This is his reply: "Hi Lorraine. The friendship fun rules says the NORTEX President can designate any dance as a NORTEX dance for the purpose of signatures, so the 5 limit will not apply in the case of Cavalcade. The actual Round-Up will be a double signature dance, so a total of three signatures can be gotten. John Curry"

If you need more information about the Cavalcade and Roundup, check back on September 30th newsletter or the October Promenade.

Reminding you about our Location change on Oct. 26th and Nov. 9th

Please don't forget that on October 26, and November 9 we will be at an alternate school location, Sigler Elementary School, Located at 1400 Janwood Dr., Plano. It is a very interesting set up there; the Gym and Cafeteria are divided with a stage. Our contract with PISD is in effect from August 1, 2018 until July 31, 2019. For some reason they want to use the school for school activities. Hum, imagine that! The school location is not far from where we regularly dance and is easy to find. Janwood Dr. is west of Alma just south of 15th Street. The following is a link to the Google Maps for that location: <https://goo.gl/maps/wYsLwWcaxPQ2>. The dance format for these dances will be our regular dance format for the 2nd and 4th Fridays dances. For the October 26th dance **Freaky Friday** we will be having a **costume party dance** with Wayne Baldwin Calling and Walter Brewer Cueing. For the November 9th Dance we will be having Wayne Baldwin Calling and a **GUEST CUER Karen Bloodt**. Round dancers will not want to miss this one.

SWINGING STARS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCT. 21st

We will be having the Swinging Stars Executive Committee Meeting on October 21st at the home of Dave and Lorraine Burson. If you have an issue that you would like to be brought up for discussion, please notify us by Wednesday Oct. 17th, so that we can put it on the agenda.

SWINGING STARS REGULAR CLUB BUSINESS MEETING ON NOV. 18th

Swinging Stars Regular business meeting will be on November 18th, at 4:00PM. We will meet at Norma's Café 605 W 15th St. in Plano. Check out their website at www.normascafe.com. Come for the meeting and stay for dinner. We will be voting for our new slate of officers and will have other items of interest for to discuss. You will want to be there to give your opinion during the discussion.

SWINGING STARS DOUBLE DEAL DANCE ON NOV.30TH

The theme is Romance Dance, We have been mentioning to you about our Double Deal Dance coming up on November 30th for awhile .The Double Deal Dance is much the same as having the Anniversary Dance. It is a fundraiser for the Swinging Stars to help with the expenses during the year. You already know that Wendy and Bill Perrott are chairman for the dance. They will have the signup sheets at our Dances for the next few dances. Please try to be at a dance so that you can get signed up for the job that you would most like to do and also for what food you prefer to bring to the dance. If you wait until later you will get what is left to do. If you are not going to be able to attend the dance on October 26th, or November 9th you can contact Wendy (214-726-9383) and tell her what you would like to do. Also if you are not going to be able to attend our Double Deal dance, please consider giving a donation to the club so we can give it to the members that are doubling up to bring food in your absence. November seems like a long time away, but we only have 2 more club dances before the Double Deal Dance. The dance will be at Shepherd Elementary School with Caller Wayne Baldwin, Guest Caller Charles Quizenberry, and with Walter Brewer Cueing. We will have the Cafeteria and the Gym, so we will have plenty of room. Let's put on a great dance. About two weeks before the Double Deal Dance, Wendy will be sending out a reminder as to what it is you have signed up to do and what food you are bringing. I would also like to remind everyone that the November 23rd dance is canceled, because of Thanksgiving and in place of the dance on the 23rd we are having the Double Deal Dance on November 30th.

Happening This Week

Wednesday, Oct 17th – **Plus 4s**

Charles Quiseberry– 7:30 PM Plus

Friday, Oct 19th– **NTCA Callers Calvalcade**

Various callers & cuers–

Saturday, Oct 20th – **NORTEX 2018 Round-Up – Kaleidoscope of Color**

Featured Caller: Jet Roberts

Staff Caller: Mike & D' Bramlett

Staff Cuer: Christine & Theron Hixson

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

This week features what we have all been planning for all year: the NTCA Callers Cavalcade and the NORTEX 2018 Round-Up. This year it is expected to be bigger and better than ever. Do not miss this opportunity.

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
Tri-City Promenaders	03/31/18
T-Square Gadabouts	04/20/18
Dixie Chainers	06/23/18
Texas Reelers	08/31/18
Roadrunners	09/29/18
Kissin' Kuzzins	10/05/18
Circle I	10/06/18

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Rebel Rousers	09/28/18

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Dixie Chainers – Saturday, October 13th

7 Swinging Stars attended the Dixie Chainers Octoberfest dance in Farmers Branch Saturday evening. Club caller Bobby Willis called squares and club cuer Jack von der Heide cued rounds for this special double deal dance. The Swinging Stars who attended were: Bursons, Feldmans, M. Hardin, and the Sees.

31st annual CEN-TEX Round Dance (phase 3-5) Festival in La Grange October 12-14.

96 dancers from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Washington attended this festival. Featured clinicians, dance instructors, and cuers were internationally recognized Randy and Marie Preskitt of Everett, Washington. In addition to cueing 14 dances on Friday and Saturday nights, the Preskitts taught their own phase 5+2+3 jive and Curt and Tammy Worlock's phase 4+2 waltz. They also reviewed techniques, style and frame for dancing waltzes. Six other cuers who also cued for Friday and Saturday night dances included JL Pelton, Karen Gloodt, and Jack Kenny. Friday night

the Preskitts danced several of the scheduled dances with the rest of the dancers. A highlight was when they danced one of their ICBDA Hall of Fame dances, Beat of Your Heart, a phase 5 slow 2 step. The 12 attending Swinging Stars were the Bondis, Hamms, Jungs, Peltons, Pitts and Zhangs. Many thanks to Lucy Hamm and Jim Bondi for their reports.

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

Plus 4s

Date: Wednesday, 17Oct18
Caller: Charles Quisenberry
Time: PL - 7:30PM
Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

NTCA Callers Cavalcade

Date: Friday, 19Oct18
Callers: Various
Cuers: Various
Time: ER – 7:00PM / GM – 7:45PM
Location: Grapevine Convention Center
1209 South Main St, Grapevine

NORTEX 2018 Round-Up – Kaleidoscope of Color

Date: Saturday, 20Oct18
Featured Caller: Jet Roberts
Staff Caller: Mike & D' Bramlett
Staff Cuer: Christine & Theron Hixson
Time: All day - See Promenade
Location: Grapevine Convention Center
1209 South Main St, Grapevine
Note: 2- signature

Swinging Stars – Friday, Oct 26th

Theme: **Freaky Friday Party**
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: ER – 7:00PM / PL – 7:45PM / GM – 8:00PM
Location: Sigler Elementary School ← **Note: Location Change**
1400 Janwood, Plano, TX ← **Note: Location Change**
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Notes: Club Dance

Plus 4s

Date: Wednesday, 31Oct18
Caller: Charles Quisenberry
Time: PL - 7:30PM
Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

Other Events:

Ladies Luncheon – October 2018

Our October Ladies Luncheon, hosted by Linda Harris, is Wednesday, October 17th, at 11:30. We will meet at Whistle Britches located at 6110 Frankford Road, Dallas, Texas 75252. You will find it near Preston Road. When Chef Omar Flores opened Whistle Britches, only one thing was on his mind. That was to serve the tastiest, juiciest and crunchiest bird in town, hence they are all about chicken. They also serve fresh buttermilk biscuits. Their web address:

<http://whistlebritcheschicken.com> Please RSVP Linda Harris by Monday, October 15th at lindaharristx@hotmail.com or phone (214) 534-7632.

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 metropolx.

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) or 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.

October 26 – **Stewart**, Deluke, Edwards, Feldman (Theme - Freaky Friday Costume Dance)
(Location Change to - Sigler Elementary)

November 9 – **Halvorson**, Bushell, Mulvin, Whipple (Unadvertised Theme - Honor Our Veterans Dance) (Location Change to - Sigler Elementary)

November 30 – **ALL Members Participate**, Double Deal Dance

December 14 – **Nestor**, Jung, McClaskey, Rose (Theme - Jingle Bells Dance)

Workshops, Easy Practice and Exhibition Dances

Plus Dance--Monday Plus in Lavon

I received this message about the Monday Plus dances and wanted to pass it along to anyone interested in doing some plus dancing on Monday evenings. These Monday night plus dances are a great way to obtain floor time and to workshop moves of which you are having trouble.

Here is the current schedule:

October 15th, October 22nd, October 29th,
Starts at 7:00pm until 9:00pm

Remember, if you would like a call to be worked on, just ask and it will appear!!!!

All Plus Dances are on Mondays at the Lavon City Hall, 120 School Road, Lavon, TX.

The cost is \$5 per person.

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm

No updates

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 devices, 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 are 17 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

Friday October 19, 2018 NTCA Caller's Cavalcade

Saturday October 20, 2018 NORTEX Round-Up

Friday, November 9, 2018 Guest Cuer Karen Gloodt.

Sunday, November 18, 2018 Swinging Stars Regular Business Meeting

Friday November 30, 2018 Swinging Stars Double Deal Dance

Saturday December 8, 2018 Swinging Stars Holiday Party

Saturday March 30, 2019 Swinging Stars 44th Anniversary Dance

Dave and Lorraine Burson

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingsstars.org

Phone: 972-396-0941

See Flyer below



Swinging Stars

Location Change To



Sigler Elementary School
1400 Janwood Dr. Plano



Friday, October 26, 2018

Freaky Friday Party
Calling All Ghosts, Goblins,
And Freaks Of The Night

YOU'RE INVITED TO A HALLOWEEN SCARE.



Come Join Us If You Dare

BOO!

Costumes and Square Dance attire welcome

Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer

Early Rounds 7:00
Plus Dancing 7:45
Grand March 8:00



Hot Hash after last tip if requested

Banners Honey Pot Fun Singles Whiteboard Refreshments
Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adults



For info: 972-396-0941 or president@swingingstars.org
Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org

