



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for October 21st, 2018

Message from the President

Dave and Lorraine Burson

ROUNDUP 2018 was a wonderful experience this year with the caller Jet Roberts. He hails from California, and he is an exceptional caller. If you were not there you need to know that you missed the best Round up that we had been to in 20 or more years. Jet is extremely good at keeping your attention and I think he has one of the best singing voices I have heard in square dancing to date. That is really saying a lot because here in North Texas we have a lot of good Callers that have great singing voices.

The Swinging Stars had 36 members at one time or another during the Friday night and Saturday festivities. The number of dancers attending the weekend was low, but the calling and cueing was the best ever. We are glad to report that we had 4 students from our mainstream lessons that attend the Student Dance at 12:00 on Saturday. They were enthusiastic and I believe they enjoyed themselves. Mile Bartlett was the staff caller for the Student Dance. They all did very well following a caller they had never danced to before. The Saturday evening dance was great! At the end of the dance the floor was still full of very tired square dancers. So glad I lasted to the end, because the after party was really good. Moses Snow an Elvis impersonator did a great job of entertaining all of us worn out teenagers while we remembered our youth and Elvis as he sang the tunes that we all loved so much back when. Good show and a very good entertainer!

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, and more practice.

Swinging Stars Holiday Party better known as the Christmas Party.

Speaking of planning. Planning is under way for the 2018 Holiday Party that for me it is the annual Christmas Party. The date is December 8th. Please put this date on your calendar and make plans to go. Be on the lookout for more details soon in a later newsletter.

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 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 two 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 will be 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

Friday, Oct 26th – **Swinging Stars – Freaky Friday Party**

Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer–

7:00 PM Workshop – 7:45 PM Plus - 8:00 PM Grand March

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

This week the Swinging Stars have their advertised Freaky Friday Party dance. Come costumed or not – but come.

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 * * *

Plus 4s

12 Swinging Stars braved the rain and flooded roads to visit the Plus 4s Wednesday evening. Squares were called by the club caller Charles Quisenberry ("Quiz"). Quiz did another amazing evening of calling and treated us to an all time high of three singing calls. Swinging Stars in attendance were: P. Amy, Bergesens, J. Duncan, T. Evanto, Goebels, M. Hardin, Sees, and Stewarts.

NTCA Callers Cavalcade – Friday, October 19th

18 Swinging Stars drove through the rain to attend the NTCA Callers Cavalcade dance at the Grapevine Convention Center Friday evening. The dancers were treated to many veteran and new callers and cuers from our area, as well as being treated to the calling of the Round-Up featured caller Jet Roberts. The Swinging Stars who attended were: Bursons, Caves, Goebels, M. Hardin, Harrises, Nejdls, Pitts, Sees, Stewarts, and C. Wolfe.

NORTEX 2018 Round-Up – Saturday, October 20th.

Many thanks to the 32 Swinging Stars who attended the NORTEX 2018 Kaleidoscope of Color Round-Up dance at the Grapevine Convention Center Saturday. The day was filled with a variety of dancing at various levels of both square dancing and rounds. Featured caller Jet Roberts was aided by Mike Bramlett and Christine Hixson to provide an entertaining and challenging day of dancing. The after party entertainment, Moses Snow's Elvis impersonation, was as great as advertised. The

Swinging Stars who attended (I apologize if I missed someone – there were some activities I missed and I couldn't be in two halls at the same time): Bergesens, Bursons, L. Bushell, Caves, Covingtons, Feldmans, Goebels, Hamms, M. Hardin, HARRISES, Kilejians, Nejdls, Perrotts, Pitts, Sees, Stewarts, M. Trujillo, and C. Wolfe.

*** COMING EVENTS ***

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:

November Ladies Luncheon - Thursday November 8

The Ladies Luncheon for November will be hosted by Lorraine Burson, at the "INTO MY GARDEN TEA ROOM", at 1726 Avenue K Plano at 11:30. INTO MY GARDEN is located on the east side of Ave. K, just south of 18th street. INTO MY GARDEN is one of the Lady Stars favorite places to have lunch. But we have not been there for awhile. If you have not been there before, you will be pleasantly surprised with the deco. The food is awesome too! It is home cooking with tender loving care. I hope you will plan to attend the November Ladies Luncheon. Please reply to Lorraine by November 5th at Lorraine@Bursons.us to let her know you are planning to attend, so she can inform INTO MY GARDEN how many to be set up to serve.

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 Whipplés (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.karen1@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, Whipple (Theme - Freaky Friday Costume Dance)
(**Location Change to - Sigler Elementary**)

November 9 – **Halvorson**, Bushell, Feldman, Mulvin (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 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, 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@swingingstars.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
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