



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 2nd, 2018

Message from the President

Dave and Lorraine Burson

November 30, Double Deal Dance, The Theme Was Romance Dance.

Hooray, it has come and gone! What a wonderful dance it was.

I just want to say a big THANK YOU to all the Swinging Stars that helped to make it a success. We want to express our gratitude to Bill and Wendy Perrott for their hard work chairing the event. Wasn't that photo booth a fun idea with the backdrop for a Romance Dance? Thank you to Charles Wolfe for taking all the pictures. We hope everyone has found their picture on the link that was provided to those of you that had your Pictures taken. Thank you to all the committee Chairman, and their committees for a job well done. Beverage, Dave and Mary Colter, Food Services, Russ and Anne Nejd, Greeters Mary Hardin, Sign in Charlie and Linda Harris, Honey Pot Ralph and Lucy Hamm, Decorations Jim and Debbie Reid. Dan and Nina Lassiter, we owe you special thanks for opening your home for a lovely after party.

Let's not forget the superb calling of Quiz and Wayne and the commendable cueing of Walter. Without these fine Callers and Cues there would not be a dance. An added attraction was when Wayne invited visiting Callers Dave Vieria and Bill Hinkley, to join in with Quiz to finish out the evening with the four callers taking turns.

We had 77 visitors, 79 Swinging Stars with a total of 156 dancers. In this group of dancers we had 10 NORTEX Officers. We enjoyed dancing with guests from 11 clubs: Circle I, Cliff Dwellers, Cotton Pickin Squares, Dixie Chainers, Kissin Kuzzins, Model A's, Rebel Rousers, Road Runners, Stone Steppers, Tri City Promenaders, Triangle Squares. We will be looking forward to visiting these club in the near future. If you missed our dance for whatever reason, we truly missed you.

NOTE: Lost and found from the Double Deal dance. Anne said leftover items were put on table back in foyer, where we usually eat. Lucy is missing a clear juice glass with blue flowers in which she put plastic "spears" (fancy toothpicks) for fruit tray. More important Jodie is missing her cake server. If you have knowledge of these items please contact either Jodie or Lucy.

Message from the Treasurer

Charlie and Linda Harris

Congratulations!

I wanted each of you to know the Swinging Stars took in \$793.00 at the door last Friday night. A boost to the treasury! Wendy and Bill did a wonderful job! And thanks to all the hard work, it paid off! Linda and Charlie

Message from the Double Deal Dance Chairman Bill and Wendy Perrott

Sincere thanks to our club for making our Double Deal Romance Dance a success. Our club members were helpful and cooperative with me and with each other. Set up and clean up both went smoothly, and the food was varied and delicious. Our outstanding chairmen deserve a round of applause for making sure that everything was in place and ran right. Special thanks to Lorraine and Dave Burson (Table Set Up), Mary Hardin (Greeters), Linda and Charlie Harris (Sign In/Registration), Debbie and Jim Reid (Decorations Set Up), Lucy and Ralph Hamm (Honey Pot), Mary and Dave Colter (Beverage), Anne and Russ Nejdil (Food Service), and to Nina and Dan Lassiter for a wonderful after party. Charles Wolfe was a wonderful photographer, as usual. Bill and I are happy to be part of such a great club!

Swinging Stars Holiday Party – Saturday December 8th, 2018

You will not want to miss the Annual Holiday Party. Linda and Charley Harris are in charge of the Annual event. This year it is going to be at a different venue. We are not going to be able to have the party at the Haggard Party Barn. It isn't available to us anymore. We will be celebrating the Holidays at the American Legion Hall – post 321, 1236 J Avenue Plano, TX 75074 at 6:00P.M.

****Fun and Games** – Dancing to Wayne and Walter, BBQ, Trimming! Cash Bar!**

Location: American Legion Hall – post 321*

1236 J Avenue
Plano, TX 75074

Price: \$21.00 per person includes BBQ dinner and all the trimmings, skits and dancing, with lots of Fun!

Payment for the Holiday Party must have been paid to Betty Wheaton by Saturday December 1st to be able to have an accurate count for the caterer.

Be sure to run by the location, as there are many one way streets in the area.

Thanks to Joe and Sandra Rose for the location!

There will be a donation jar for contributions to the American Legion Hall. The American Legion generously made their hall available to us for our Holiday Party. Bring CASH!!

Contact Linda or Charlie Harris 214-534-7632 or lindaharristx@hotmail.com, if you can help with setup or cleanup. Click the following link for **Stars Holiday Party** invitation:

http://www.swingingstars.org/Holiday_Party_2018_Invitation.pdf

Graduation for the Swinging Star Students December 18

The true facts about not attending,

This week Jodie sent me a better explanation about the Parks and Rec. Rules. So I am passing this along to all of you.

Only those who have the background checks can attend graduation. This is not new. It has always been Carpenter rules and we unknowingly have been breaking the rules for many years.

The Center is legally responsible and subject to lawsuits for actions by the instructor of any class and any persons the instructor uses for help. Therefore, these persons must have background checks provided by the Rec. Center. They are not responsible for the actions of the users of their services, i.e., class students or visitors. Most businesses and institutions have these rules.

All these past years the Rec. Center staff was not aware that other people were in our room besides the Instructor and paying students were in the room because our representative who arranged our lessons was with the morning staff and knew who the students were and the staff person who came in to set up the room was from the evening staff...until one of our members visited our representative's room to chat and was talking about angels and the Rep wanted to know what she was talking about. ...Then everything exploded and our Rep was soon gone.

Carpenter is going out of their way in allowing us to have as many Angels as we want as long as they have background checks. It is important to be able to teach at Carpenter so that we do not have to pay for a place to have lessons.

Thank you for your understanding.

Jodie Baldwin,

Swinging Stars Liaison to Parks and Rec. Dept.

JANUARY 11, NEW DANCER DANCE AND CHILI DINNER

The students are doing a great job learning to square dance. With this in mind we will be having a New Dancer Dance. We hope you all will come out to meet and dance along with them. If you remember your first new dancer dance, how much you enjoyed having help dancing. It is time to give back and do your part to help these new dancers enjoy dancing at a real square dance. We do appreciate all Swinging Stars Angles that have given time to help with the lessons. They were all helpful making these students become square dancers. The students will be graduating on December 18, but with the restrictions of the Plano Parks and Rec. we can only have those that are designated angels that will be able to attend. The NEW DANCER DANCE is usually well attended by other clubs with new dancers. With great hopes, we are expecting this again this year. The board thought this to be a good time to have a Chili Dinner. So far we have the number of chili pots we will need for the dance refreshments, but we still need 4 more desserts. If you would like to donate some dessert for the dance please tell Lorraine (lorraine@bursons.us). This is not a Cook Off dance; it's a Chili Dinner. There will not be winners or losers. I guess we will all be winners in that we get to enjoy the yummy chili and desserts.

Happening This Week

Wednesday, Dec 5th – **Plus 4s**

Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM Plus

Friday, Dec 7th – **Kissin' Kuzzins**

Wayne Baldwin & JL Pelton – 7:00 PM Early Rounds, 8:00 PM Grand March

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

This week we have two fairly close dances: Plus 4s and Kissin' Kuzzins – and – the Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party.

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
Log Cabin Swingers	6. May. 2017
T-Square Gadabouts	04/20/18
Tri-City Promenaders	03/31/18
Texas Reelers	11/16/18
Lone Star Solos	11/29/18

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Roadrunners	11/30/18
Kissin' Kuzzins	11/30/18
Rebel Rousers	11/30/18

*** * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * ***

Lone Star Solos – Thursday, November 29

17 Swinging Stars visited the Lone Star Solos for their 54th Anniversary dance Thursday evening – retrieving our banner and capturing theirs. Rounds were cued early and between tips by Jan Toms, while squares were called by the club caller Dave Vieira and guest caller Tim Tyl. It was a fun, enjoyable evening with lots of dancing and food. Swinging Stars in attendance were: Bergesens, Bursons, Edwards, Hamms, HARRISES, McClaskeys, Sees, Stewarts, and C. Wolfe.

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

Plus 4s

Date: Wednesday, 5Dec18
Caller: Charles Quisenberry
Time: PL - 7:30PM
Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

Kissin' Kuzzins – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – Banner Retrieval

Date: Friday, 7Dec18
Callers: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: ER – 7:00PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Garland Senior Center
Ave A, Garland
Note: **Banner retrieval**

Circle I – Ugly Sweater Contest – Banner Raid

Date: Saturday, 15Dec18
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: Line – 6:40PM, Plus - 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM
Location: Senter Park East
228 Chamberlain, Irving
Note: **Banner Raid**

Texas Reelers – It's a Wonderful Life

Date: Friday, 21 Dec18
Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones & Jon Jones
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W Arapaho, Richardson

Rebel Rousers – New Years Eve Dance – Banner Retrieval

Date: Monday, 31Dec18
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER - 8:00PM / GM – 9:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W Arapaho, Richardson
Note: **Banner Retrieval**

Other Events:

December 18, 2018 Ladies Holidays Luncheon

All Swinging Stars Ladies and the Ladies currently taking lessons are invited to attend.

Due to Russ's broken hip, I have opted to **NOT** host the December Ladies Holiday Luncheon at our home. Instead, I have reserved the back room at Macaroni Grill at 5005 West Park in Plano (the northwest corner of Park and Preston) on Tuesday, December 18th at 11:30 AM. I have been working on our usual high-quality games and have been accruing prizes of untold value, which will be awarded to the winners. We will also have the voluntary white elephant gift exchange. Bring an unused item you wish to regift if you wish to participate. Please RSVP to Anne NejdI by Saturday, December 15th (Yo_Red@verizon.net or call 972-964-5979).

To view the menu, follow this link for the lunch menu: [Macaroni Grill Menu](#).

(<https://www.macaronigrill.com/Assets/macaroni-grill-lunch-menu-c-10-18.pdf?krnd=E1K3O0E0J3>)

Hope you can attend.

Anne

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 metropollex.

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.

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

January 11 – **Pitts**, Bivins, Estep, Kilejian (Theme – New Dancer Dance & Chili Dinner)

January 25 – **Elliott**, Boyd, Mulvin, Reid

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm

Our thoughts and prayers continue for Bob and Kathy Estep. Bob had his bone marrow transplant 11 days ago and is feeling pretty good today. I (Lorraine) talked to Bob on the phone this morning and I wanted to pass this along to you. Yesterday he had some back pain due to the stem cell growth. Bob can have visitors but you must be checked out at the nurse's station first. I am sure that he would enjoy your cards or letters. Kathy said he also could take calls (972-676-8572) if you could catch him awake. He is in Medical City Dallas Room 1107.

Round Dance Lessons update from JL and Linda Pelton

Early notice -- we will be teaching Beginning Rumba and Cha Cha in January. Our classes are going to continue to stay on Saturday mornings as that day and time seems to work better for potential students. It also means that we will be able to offer continuous year round dance lessons. More information closer to January.

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

Saturday December 8, 2018 Swinging Stars Holiday Party

Friday January 11, 2019 New Dancer Dance and Chili Dinner

Saturday March 30, 2019 Swinging Stars 44th Anniversary Dance

Dave and Lorraine Burson

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingstars.org

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See Flyer below



Swinging Stars



December 14, 2018

Shepard Elementary 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano Tx.

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer



SD Workshop 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Honey Pot Refreshments Banners Fellowship

Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by paying adult

972-396-0941 or president@swingingstars.org



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