

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 19, 2021



Message from Presidents

Russ and Anne Nejd

What a busy time of year for all of us. Russ and I are so busy getting ready for the holidays and need to finish up our shopping, wrapping, baking and cleaning. This is why you will not see us at a dance. We had to take one thing off our plates to make room for what has to get done. We hope to see all of you on a dance floor soon.

We have been busy getting contracts signed for all the guest callers who will be filling in at the dances. This is an opportunity for all club members to help us evaluate each one before a decision is made on a permanent caller.

Last week Russ and I went shopping with the donated Teddy bear money and dropped off all the stuffed animals we collected to the Plano Police Department. They were very appreciative. About 45 stuffed animals were donated. Thank you dancers for your generosity.



Anne and Russ Nejd

Many NORTEX clubs have resumed dancing or will in the near future. Most clubs that have resumed dancing have ads in the *Promenade*. To reach the December *Promenade*, click here: <http://www.swingingstars.org/2021-12-Promenade.pdf>

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

Thursday, December 16 -- Dance of interest.

Road Runners -- White Christmas -- Theme Dance

I think Scott Bennett was at the top of his game calling for the Roadrunner's White Christmas Dance. He called several Christmas songs, most of which I had never heard before. There was no Round Dancing at this dance. There were 5 Squares in the Grand March and during most of the night. There were 29 visitors and 30 Roadrunner members attending. With 6 Swinging Stars attending, they gave us their banner. We were also able to collect another signature toward our 1020 Club Visitation Award patch. Thank you to Rodgers, Sees, and Bursons for attending and supporting this visitation.

Friday, December 17 -- Official Visitation

Texas Reelers -- Ugly Sweater -- Theme Dance.

Nobody had the Ugliest Christmas Sweater, they were all very nice. So they decided not to have a vote for who had the ugliest sweater. It was fun to see the different kinds of sweaters or Tee Shirts for Christmas. It made the dance more festive. Deborah Carroll sang an array of Christmas tunes. Chris Farabaugh cued several different rhythms and some line dances. There were 5 squares in the Grand March. There were 20 visitors, with 22 Texas Reelers for a total of 42 dancers attending. Swinging Stars did very well with 13 attending. We already had their banner so we did not bring home another one. We collected another signature toward our 1020 Club Visitation Award patch. Thank you to all the Swinging Stars that were in attendance: Fran Bivins, Bursons, Caves, Hamms, Rodgers and Sees. Good Job Swinging Stars.

Saturday, December 18 -- Dance of Interest

Rebel Rousers -- Winter Wonderland -- Theme Dance

Good Dancin', at the Rebel Rousers. The Workshop was fantastic. I didn't realize there were so many ways to do Spin Chain Thru. I was happy to see so many round dancers on the floor. At one point in time there were 10 couples enjoying dancing to Christine's cueing. I am feeling like things are starting to get back to normal. We are not there yet, but things are looking up. Swinging Stars had 14 members attending. They wanted to give us a banner, but we already have one. We got one more signature for the Club Visitation Award patch. Thank you to these club members for supporting the Club Visitation: Bursons, Edwards, HARRISES, Hamms, Nestors, Rodgers, and Sees.

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

Tuesday, December 21

Ladies Luncheon

The December ladies luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 21st at noon at the NejdI house (4105 Cassandra Lane, Plano). She will serve two types of quiche and drinks. She has been researching fun games for us to play as well as looking for those high quality prizes the winners have come to expect. If you wish to attend, let her know by the 18th of December so she may plan accordingly. Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share and let her know what you will bring when you RSVP. If you wish to participate in the optional dreaded white elephant gift exchange, bring a wrapped item – regifting is totally OK too. Reply to Anne NejdI at Yo_Red@Verizon.net

Friday, December 31 -- Of Interest visitation

T-Square Gadabouts -- New Years Eve, Light up the night -- Theme dance

Where: Swingtime Center Swingtime Center, Loop 820 @ Anglin, Ft. Worth

Time: Early Rounds 7:00 to 8:30.

Squares and Rounds 8:30 to 11:00 (midnight in New York)

Club Caller: Vernon Jones

Guest Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

Admission: Pre ordered, \$15.00 per person or \$20.00 per person at the door.

Call Becky for reservations and more information at 972-849-6673

Note: See page 28 for more details about the refreshments.

* * * OTHER EVENTS * * *

Square Dance Lessons Starting January 3

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Everyone is busy now; there is still a dance to attend. Cards, both print and e cards, are being mailed or sent. Shopping should be over by now. Wrapping presents is going on. Christmas this year is better than last year. We have more hope. Remember the main reason for this season. Merry Christmas to all.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Monday, January 3, 2022, 7:15 – 9:15 PM, **Swinging Stars Square Dance Lessons begin**

At Liberty Recreation Center, 2601 Glencliff Dr, Plano, TX

Saturday, April 30, 2022, **Swinging Stars 47th Anniversary** Dance.

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.

Message from Newsletter Editor

Thank you for making it this far down the newsletter.

As we streamlining the newsletter, if we remove something or change something that you liked the way it was, or have any suggestions, please send your comments and suggestions to:

newsletter_editor@swingingstars.org Anything sent to that email address will go to the **President of the Swinging Stars** and to the **Newsletter Editor** (Dave Burson).

Dave Burson

Newsletter Editor

Swinging Stars

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See Flyers below



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Square Dancing Is Friendship Set to Music



Square Dance Lessons
(FOR NEW DANCERS - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!)
Partner recommended but not required

In cooperation with
Plano Parks and Recreation
Where: Liberty Recreation Center, 2601 Glencliff Dr, Plano
When: Monday nights, 7:15 - 9:15
January 3 - April 18, 2022

To register call Liberty Recreation Center at 972-769-4234 or register online at
<https://www.plano.gov/749/Parks-Recreation>
Class #41632, Modern Square Dance

Questions? Contact Ralph and Lucy Hamm, 214-308-8958

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

Swinging Stars

Guest
Caller:
"Mike
Bramlett"



January 14th
Boot
Scootn'
Dance

Cuer:
JL
Pelton



Singles
Board

Farewell
and
Good Luck

Caller:
Bobby
Willis

Cuer:
JL Pelton



January 28th
Farewell to
Bobby and
Dalaina



WE HAVE
MOVED

New Location:
ELKS LODGE - PLANO

1111 Jupiter Rd #105B
Plano TX 75074

Early Rounds: 7:00
Sq. Workshop: 7:30
Grand March: 8:00

For Info: 972-964-5979 or President@swingingstars.org
Visit our Web Site: www.swingingstars.org

Dancers Under 18 free When accompanied by a paying adult



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