



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 4th, 2018

Message from the President

Dave and Lorraine Burson

First we would like to thank the 2017 Board for the wonderful job they did keeping the club running. We are sure we will be looking to them from time to time for advice. Next, thank you for allowing us to be your presidents for 2018, we promise to do our best to continue keeping the club being one of the best clubs in NORTEX. One more thing we want you to know, it is every member's duty to read the newsletter each week. It takes a lot of time to compose and write the newsletter and only a few minutes to read it. By reading the newsletter you are can keep up to date as to what is going on with the club, such as where the club is visiting and who is on the refreshments committee. Dave and I will not be doing duplicate reporting on the visitations, since the 2nd Vice President will be listing the visitations for each coming week and will be reporting on the visitations in their report.

We want to bring you up to date with a few small changes in the format of the dance, that the board thought we should make, and Wayne has approved. We will keep the Plus tip that is before the Grand March, but move the Plus tip that was during the dance from the 2nd tip to the 3rd tip. We also decided to stop advertising the Hot Hash after the last tip in the Flyers and Promenade, but if there are enough dancers that want to do a hot hash tip, Wayne said, "I want to do it".

The following is a list of the theme dances the board choose for the year April 2018 thru February 2019.

April 27 -- Spring Fling

May 25 -- Patriotic Memorial Day

June 22 -- It's time for Baseball, Put me in coach!

July 27 -- Ice Cream Social

August 24 -- Wear your Favorite Team Cap or Shirt Colors

September 28 -- Double Deal Chili Dinner Dance (not a cook off)

October 26 -- Freaky Friday Costume Dance

November 9 -- Honor Our Veterans Dance

December 14 -- Jingle Bells Dance, Fill Santa's sleigh with gifts

January 25, 2019-- Super Bowl Dance

February 8, 2019 -- Mardi Gras Dance

March 29, 2019 Anniversary Dance (No theme was picked)

Note: These are subject to change

Swinging Stars 2018 Anniversary Dance Report

Our anniversary dance is on Friday, March 23rd at Sheppard Elementary School. The theme of the dance is The Stars of Texas Are Upon You Western Ball. We appreciate all that have already signed up to help and bring food. There are still some of the members that have not signed up to help. This is an all club event so everyone must volunteer to bring food **and** work. We still need help with the Beverage Service Attendants in the 8:10 to 8:45 time slot, the Honey Pot from 8:40 to 9:15 time slot, Money Raffle from 7:40 to 8:15 and 8:10 to 8:45, and for Food Services Attendants in the 8:40 to 9:15 time slot. Lorraine will continue to bring all the sign-up sheets to our club dances. If you have not signed up to help please do so either by calling Lorraine at 972-396-0941 or email Lorraine@bursons.us A.S.A.P. The anniversary dance is the Swinging Star's fund raiser; therefore, we need everyone to help. We do have several members that have other commitments. If you are not going to be able to attend the Anniversary Dance we are asking that you do your part by making a cash donation to help the members that have to double up with the food donation to make up for the members that cannot attend.

Please note: In case you have forgotten what you signed up for, Lorraine will be sending a reminder about what you have signed up to do and what food you signed up to bring.

Message from the Treasurer

From Charlie and Linda Harris

The First Quarter Dues are Past Due. The first quarter dues were due the first dance in January. Dues are \$22.50 per member or \$45.00 per couple per quarter. You may choose to pay by the ½ year for \$90.00 per couple or by the 1 year for \$180.00 per couple. If you have not yet paid your current dues please do so at the next Swinging Stars Dance or mail your check payable to the **Swinging Stars**, to the new club treasurer Charlie and Linda Harris, 9434 Hilldale Dr. Dallas, TX 75231-2702. For answers to your questions about the dues contact Linda Harris at 214-348-5361 or email Treasurer@swingingstars.org.

Happening This Week

Wednesday, February 7th – Plus 4's (All Plus Dance) – Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM

Friday, February 9th – Swinging Stars-- Club dance – Wayne Baldwin & JL Pelton

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

Saturday, February 10th – Dixie Chainers Valentine Dance

Vernon Jones & Jack von der Heide

7:00 PM Early Rounds/Square Workshop – 7:30 PM Grand March

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

This is our first 2nd VP report as our term in office has just begun. We have had a great time visiting other clubs and hope we can provide you with information that will help you get out to other clubs to experience the additional friendships, unique calling and cueing of other callers/cuers, and help our club continue as the club that does more visitations than any other club in North Texas.

Ron & Donita See

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
Circle I	5. Aug. 2017
Dixie Chainers	26. Aug. 2017
Triangle Squares	30. Sep. 2017
Lone Star Solos	30. Nov. 2017
Texas Reelers	2. Feb. 2018

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Ft Worth Squares	29. Jul. 2017
Rebel Rousers	26. Feb. 2018

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

Harvest Holiday Winter Fun Rounds, Sunday, 28Jan18 – Thank you to the 14 Swinging who went to the Harvest Holiday dance Sunday. This great dance was cued by many of our area cuers. They cued a variety of Phase II – IV request rounds that included many rhythms including a tango and quick step. Thanks Bob and Terri Pitts for the dance write up. The visiting Swinging Stars included: the Bondis, Hamms, HARRISES, Perrotts, Peltons, Pitts, and Zhang / Chen.

NTCA Dancer Appreciation Dance, Sunday, 28Jan18 – Thank you to the 12 Swinging Stars who participated in the Appreciation Dance. Our generous North Texas callers and cuers put on a wonderful dance. Bobby Willis was the MC as the president of the Association and he had asked the callers' and cuers' wives to select a favorite song of theirs for our dancing pleasure. All who attended had a great time and really expressed our appreciation for our callers and cuers and all they do for us. Thanks to Bob and Terri Pitts for this dance summary. The following Swinging Stars were there: Baldwins, Bergesens, Bursons, HARRISES, Pitts, and Sees.

Official, Texas Reelers, Friday, February 2nd

WOW !! Thirty-four (34) Swinging Stars visited the Texas Reelers Friday evening to retrieve our banner and capture theirs. Squares were called by the club caller Deborah Carroll-Jones with occasional help from Texas Hall of Fame caller Jon Jones and "Willie" the groundhog, and rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh. The theme of the dance was "Groundhog Shadow Dance" and, because it was a double deal dance, many dancers from various clubs were present. Deborah wove the groundhog theme into many of her singing calls. Swinging Stars in attendance were P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Edwards, Esteps, Evantos, Feldmans, Halvorsons, Hamms, M. Hardin, HARRISES, Kerns, Kilejians, Nejdls, Nesters, Pitts, and the Sees.

Of Interest, Circle I, Saturday, February 3rd

Seven (7) Swinging Stars visited Circle I Saturday evening. Squares were called by the club caller Ray Savell and rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh. The theme of the dance was "Super Bowl Party Dance". Ray "workshopped" Cross Trail Thru – and used it periodically throughout the evening. Swinging Stars in attendance were Bursons, M. Hardin, Pitts, and the Sees.

*** * COMING EVENTS * * ***

Swinging Stars, Friday, February 9th

Time: WS – 7:00PM / PL – 7:45PM / GM – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Notes: club dance

Dixie Chainers – Valentine Dance

Date: Saturday, 10Feb18
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Time: ER/WS – 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center
14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch

Kissin' Kuzzins – Mardi Gras

Date: Friday, 16Feb18
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: ER – 7:00PM, WS – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Garland Senior Center
600 Avenue A, Garland

Rebel Rousers – Black & White Ball (Official/Double Deal)

Date: Saturday, 17Feb18
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER – 7:00PM, PL – 7:30PM, GM – 8:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W Arapaho Rd, Richardson

NORTEX – Lessons Grant Benefit Dance / Crazy Cookie Dance

Date: Sunday, 18Feb18
Callers: Bobby Willis & Ray Savell
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Time: 4:30PM – 6:30PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 Loop 820, Fort Worth

Swinging Stars, Friday, February 23rd

Time: ER – 7:00PM / PL – 7:45PM / GM – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Notes: club dance

Other Events:

February Ladies Luncheon.

The February Luncheon is being hosted by Kathy Elliott, on Feb 22, 2018 at 11:30. Kathy has chosen the Urban Crust. The Urban Crust is a multilevel wood fired pizzeria in a historic building located at 1006 E 15th Street Plano. Check out this establishment by going to www.urbancrust.com and read all they have listed on their site. Urban Crust specializes in wood fired pizzas and Italian fair(food etc.). While looking at their site be sure to read their menus, Don't miss the Brunch Menu. All of it looks interesting and yummy. Reply to Kathy by email kelliott/plano@gmail.com or by Phone 214-616-9066 by February 19 to let her know you are planning to attend, so she can let the restaurant know in advance how many are coming. We hope we will have a good attendance for this new(to us) place for lunch. Also we hope that we will have our newer Lady Stars come and visit with those of us that regularly attend these luncheons. We would like for you to get to know us better and we would like to get to know you as well.

Paris Texas Stampede.

A great opportunity to experience a weekend of exceptional Plus square and Round dancing will occur The weekend of February 23 – 25, 2018 in Paris, Texas at the Red River Fairgrounds. Two nationally known square dance callers, Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine, and cuer Christine Hixson will certainly provide the hall with challenging and entertaining dancing.

Refreshment Duty Information

From Mark and Karen Hawkins (Refreshment scheduler)

We want to thank the team members for their 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 the First Vice Presidents, Walt and Diana Whipple. Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Whipples (469-737-3632).

Team members are responsible for finding a replacement if they are unable to fulfill their scheduled obligation (refer to the schedule below for a possible subs, hopefully one will be willing to trade with you. – see current roster for email address or phone number). Please email Mark and Karen at markt.karenl@gmail.com of the change, or call or text Mark (214-536-5863) or Karen Hawkins (214-537-0446).

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 (everyone brings food)

April 13 – **Hamm**, Colter, Pharr, Pitts

April 27 – **Covington**, Bivins, Estep, Kern (Theme – Spring Fling)

May 11 – **Rickert**, Amy, Heintz, Trujillo

May 25 – **Whipple**, Deluke, Hawkins, Kilejian (Theme – Patriotic Memorial Day)

Lessons Reports

From JL and Linda Pelton

Tuesday Beginning Two Step Lessons

Our class is off to a rousing start with 12 couples signed up. By delaying the start of the class two weeks helped us pick up lots of new and returning dancers, most of which are Swinging Stars, with a few Kissin' Kuzzins taking the class. Swinging Stars taking the class include the DeLukes, Giffords, Heintz/Putnam, McClaskeys, Nejdls, Nestors, and the Roses. Last Friday night at Swinging Stars many of them were on the dance floor when Christine Hixson cued a "dance" they could do with the figures they had learned.

Saturday Refresher Lessons

We are having lots of fun with refreshing waltz moves in our Refresher lessons. We've finished Tips of My Fingers and Sandy's Waltz and will be working on Amanda next week. If you are interested in joining this class, contact Linda Pelton at 972-897-6006 for more information.

Lessons, Workshops and or Easy Practice Dance

We thought you may be interested in some of these sessions. These were sent to us to pass along to our members in case anyone is interested in attending.

Easy Practice Dances

Attention all new dancers or dancers needing more floor time and practice. Dixie Chainers is hosting easy **mainstream practice dances** on Tuesdays 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.

Mainstream and Plus workshops

Circle I will be conducting Mainstream and Plus Workshops beginning February 12th. This series of Workshops are open to all Square Dancers that want a casual environment to improve their dancing skills.

Here are the Details:

Location: Woodhaven Presbyterian Church, 3650 North O'Connor RD., Irving 75062

Time: 7:00 PM

Date: February 12th and each Monday thru mid April

Caller: Ray Savell

Cost: \$5.00 per person each participating Monday

Contact: Chris Mills ccmills@tx.rr.com or 817-488-7625

Plus Dance

Those of you interested in plus dancing, Dave Vieira is hosting All Plus Dances on Mondays **7:15-9:00** PM at the Lavon City Hall, 120 School Road, Lavon. The cost is \$5 per person.

This Monday night plus is an awesome way to obtain floor time and to workshop moves of which you are having trouble. The only Monday unavailable in Feb. is the 12th.

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm

Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at lhamm45@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. We would also like to hear about happy items of interests.

Listening device Information

From Jim Bondi

At our dances, the Swinging Stars are pleased to loan, free of charge, a "listening device" to any requesting dancer. Current inventory is one device, offered on a first-come first-served basis as each dance starts. To answer questions about the listening device contact Jim Bondi at j.bondi@ieee.org or 214-228-5922.

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.

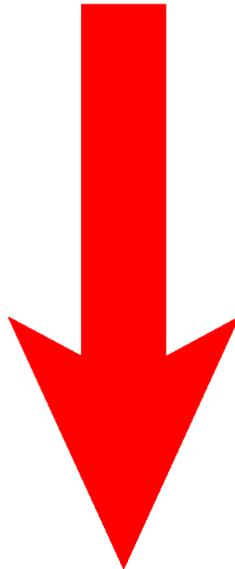
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Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingsstars.org

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See Flyer below



Swinging Stars

Celebrates



Honey Pot
Banner Game

MARDI GRAS

Solo Board
Refreshments

February 23, 2018

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

Caller Wayne Baldwin
Guest Cuer Chris Farabaugh



Early Rounds 7:00
Plus Tip 7:45
Grand March 8:00
Hot Hash After Last Tip

SAVE THE DATE MARCH 23, 2018
SWINGING STARS 43rd ANNIVERSARY DANCE
(THE STARS OF TEXAS ARE UPON YOU WESTERN BALL)
CALLER WAYNE BALDWIN, GUEST CALLER TIM TYL,
GUEST CUER CHRISTINE HIXSON

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adult.
For Info Contact 972-396-0941 or president @Swingingstars.org



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