



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 12, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Looks like there are a lot of opportunities to dance this week including a plus dance, 2 official double deal dances, and a cookie dance at the Swingtime Center. You can dance from Thursday to Sunday. We want to draw many visitors to our anniversary dance in March and by visiting other clubs and securing their banner, we can promote our club and perhaps they will visit our dance to retrieve their banner. So you will see weekly emails from Russ and me letting you know which dances are coming up and in hopes we will see you there.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Russ and Anne

Announcements

42nd Anniversary Dance

The Swinging Stars 42nd Anniversary Dance is on Saturday, March 31, 2017 at All Saints Catholic Church. Our Dance Chairperson, Lorraine Burson (lorraine@bursons.us), will have signup sheets at the next few club dances. She really needs your help with salads and desserts as well as the labor involved in setting up, serving, busing tables, selling tickets and a plethora of other duties to make this dance a success. Please be sure to check the sheets to see where your help is most needed. Remember, the entire club is responsible for cleanup.

Lessons Update:

Swinging Stars is hosting a small **Valentine's Day celebration** with our class this Tuesday which coincidentally is Valentine's Day. Everyone should wear red in honor of this day. We are still in need of angels and would like another 4 couples so we can add a 5th square to spread out the students more. We want to thank all those who have been showing up to angel (B. Perrot, Estep, C. Wolfe, N. Mulvin, Mosher, Bergeson, T. Evanto, D. Rhinehart, Feldman, and See). Please consider attending lessons as an angel which are held on Tuesdays from 7:15 to 9:15 at Carpenter Rec Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano.

Club Dues:

Those who have not paid their dues at the last dance or have not mailed them in, please pay your dues as soon as possible. New club dues effective January 1, 2017 are now \$45.00 per couple per quarter. Those who pre-paid their 2017 first quarter dues will owe an additional \$10 to meet the new \$45.00 rate. You may pay by the quarter or for the whole year (\$180.00). Mail your checks payable to Swinging Stars to Nevin Mulvin, 3409 Eisenhower Lane, Plano, TX 75023. If you have any questions, you may email Nevin at nmulvin@verizon.net. His phone number is 214-790-3908.

Newsletter Change

We are trying to get the newsletter to the Burson's earlier in the day so we will not be including reports of Sunday visitations or away weekends unless Russ and I receive the reports prior to 4 PM. Those items will be included in the following week's newsletter.

Associate Designation

If you glance at the club roster, you will notice we have about 28 associate members on the list. According to the club constitution and by-laws, Associate membership is applied to current or former members who can no longer dance due to a loss or incapacitation of a spouse or an extended medical condition which prevents the couple from dancing for some time (usually three months). Associate members are entitled to copies of the newsletter and all communications to our full club membership. Associate members pay no dues and have to pay our treasurer if they wish to be members of NORTEX and receive the Promenade. Associate members must pay the standard guest fee when dancing at our club dances. Associate members have no voting privileges but may attend the holiday party, ladies luncheons and other social functions the club hosts. The Executive Committee has the right to rescind the membership should circumstances change. As you can see, if are planning an extended trip away, you may not qualify as an associate member. We want to keep you in the club loop and connected to our club, but if you think you no longer want to be on this list, let us know and we will remove you.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, February 14 – Square Dance Lessons – Carpenter Rec. Center – 7:15 PM

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Wednesday, February 15th – Plus Fours – Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM

Thursday, February 16th – Roadrunners – Valentine's Day Dance – Joey Duhamel & Karen Gloodt – 6:45 PM Early Rounds, 7:00 PM Workshop, 7:30 PM Grand March

Friday, February 17 – Texas Reelers – Valentines Dance (Official & Double Deal) – Deborah Carroll Jones, Jon Jones & Chris Farabaugh - 7:30 PM Early Rounds, 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, February 18 – Rebel Rousers – Black and White Ball (Official & Double Deal) – Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixon – 7:00 PM Early Rounds, 7:30 PM All Plus, 8:00 PM Grand March

Sunday, February 19 – NORTEX Crazy Cookie Dance – Ray Savell, Bobby Willis, & Chris Farabaugh – 4:30PM - 6:30PM

2nd VP Report – 12 February 2017

Bob & Terri Pitts

Saturday night, it was uplifting to see a large group of Swinging Stars visiting our friends, the Dixie Chainers! Keep spreading the friendship and cheer!

This coming weekend we have TWO close by and IMPORTANT Double Deal dances with our friends, the Texas Reelers (Valentine) and the Rebel Rousers (Black and White Ball). NOTE: There is also a Thursday dance option on the calendar – the Roadrunners with the energetic Joey Duhamel on tips and the charismatic Karen Gloodt on rounds. Also read the details below regarding this Sunday's NORTEX lessons grant benefit dance (Crazy Cookie dance) which promises great fun dancing to Ray Savell, Bobby Willis, and Chris Farabaugh.

It is not required, but you are welcome to send a BRIEF write up on visitations we personally don't attend for inclusion in our report. Make sure to get it to us before noon Sunday to include in the newsletter.

Club Visitations

Dixie Chainers, 11Feb17 – Thank you to the **19 Swinging Stars** who visited the Dixie Chainers in Farmers Branch for their St. Valentine's Day dance. Jack von der Heide opened with the early rounds and cued rounds between tips picking from his unique list of fun tunes. He even catered to the bolero students playing 3 boleros during the evening. Vernon Jones expertly led the square tips with many fun and some newly choreographed tunes although one tip was mildly affected by a 'stupid' carrot. Vernon also yielded the mike to Calvin Hollis, a talented caller who was visiting from Will Rogers, OK, who belted out a fun tip.

Banner Status

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.

Other Clubs' Banners Held by the Swinging Stars		Swinging Stars' Banners Held by Other Clubs	
Club	Date Captured	Club	Date Captured
T Square Gadabouts	20-Feb-2015	Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016
Diamond Jubileers	14-Mar-2015		
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015		
Cotton Pickin' Squares	23-Apr-2016		
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016		
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016		
Lone Star Solos	10-Nov-2016		
Rebel Rousers	19-Nov-2016		
Texas Reelers	13-Jan-2017		
Kissin' Kuzzins	03-Feb-2017		
Circle I	04-Feb-2017		

Swinging Stars Dance Classes

Mainstream Square Dance Lessons

Date: Tuesdays 31 January thru 25 April
Instructor: Wayne Baldwin
Time: 7:15PM-9:15PM
Location: Carpenter Park Recreation Center
6701 Coit Road, Plano, TX 75024

Bolero Round Dance Lessons

Date: Tuesdays 31 January thru 28 February
Instructors: J.L & Linda Pelton
Time: 7:30PM-9:30PM
Location: Carpenter Park Recreation Center
6701 Coit Road, Plano, TX 75024

Coming Events

Roadrunners – Valentine's Dance

Date: Thursday, 16Feb17
Caller: Joey Duhamel
Cuer: Karen Glodt
Time: 6:45PM early rounds, 7:00PM workshop, 7:30PM grand march
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 E. Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

Texas Reelers – Official Double Deal Valentine Dance

Date: Friday, 17Feb17
Callers: Deborah Carroll Jones and Jon Jones
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: 7:30PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX

Rebel Rousers – Official Double Deal Black and White Ball

Date: Saturday, 18Feb17
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 7:30PM plus, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX

NORTEX – Crazy Cookie Lessons Grant Benefit Dance (follows quarterly meeting)

Date: Sunday, 19Feb17
Callers: Ray Savell and Bobby Willis
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: 4:30PM-6:30PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 E. Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX
Notes: You can bring 2 dozen cookies to be judged and/or donation \$\$ to vote on cookies.
(Winning chef will be rewarded with \$25 gift card...see front page of Promenade)

Swinging Stars – Mexican Fiesta Home Dance

Date: Friday, 24Feb17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 7:45PM plus, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX
Attire: Be festive...Sombremos, Serapes, Mexican fiesta dresses, flowers in hair etc.

Tri-City Promenaders – President's Day Dance

Date: Saturday, 25Feb17
Caller: Paul Kinsey
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 7:30PM workshop, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Brookside Center
1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst, TX 76053
Attire: Red, White, and Blue, or Royal Blue

NTCA – Club 50 New Dancer Dance and Seminar

Date: Sunday, 26Feb17
Caller: Jerry Story
Time: 2:00PM-5:00PM
Location: Senter Park East
228 Chamberlain Street, Irving, TX 75060
Special notes: No admission fee, tips accepted for caller
For dancers still in class, new graduates, and experienced dancers

Special and Weekend Dances (that don't conflict with Swinging Stars dances)

Louisiana State Square Dance Festival

Date: 2-4March
Callers: Paul Cote and the Ghost Riders and Louisiana callers
Location: Castine Center at Pelican Park
63350 Pelican Blvd, Mandeville, LA 70448
Flyer: <http://www.ozonesquares.com/convention-2017>

UPCOMING ACTIVITY – OTHER

Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon – Eddy's Pizza

Date: Thursday, 16Feb17
Coordinator: Helen Feldman
(Contact Helen by Tue., 14Feb at hfeldman73@yahoo.com or 972-250-6815)
Time: 11:30AM
Location: Eddy' Pizza
2108 W. 15th Street, Plano, TX
Notes: Eddy's is a family owned Italian Restaurant which serves delicious Italian pasta dishes as well as salads, cold and hot subs, calzones, and yummy pizza. Their food is reasonably priced in a cozy restaurant setting.

Refreshments Duty and Information

Karen Hawkins has assumed the role of refreshment duty scheduler. If you know you are going out of town or scheduled for a surgery or have some other conflict like a grandchild's piano recital, please let Karen (markt.karenl@gmail.com) know well in advance so she can make sure she has not scheduled you for those dates. Once you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to trade with someone on one of the other teams. Karen tries to schedule several weeks in advance so be sure to read the entire newsletter to see if you scheduled. Teams are responsible for ice and 5 tablecloths which may be purchased at any dollar store. If you need any supplies, contact Jan Bergeson (janbergeson@gmail.com). Everyone should be aware that we have lost some members and several have changed their status to Associates. As a result of this, you may notice refreshment duty will around sooner than it used to so you may be on the refreshment team three or four times a year.

February 24 - **Ross**, R/N Smith, Dennison, Pitts

March 10 - **Rickets**, Colter, McGuire, Halvorson

March 31 - Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance – Everyone brings refreshments

Important dates for this year (you should have these on your calendar!):

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance (Lorraine Burson coordinator)

July 29, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance - Wayne's 50th Anniversary as a square dance caller

Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

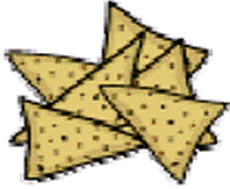
For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

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.

Russ & Anne Nejd
Swinging Stars Presidents
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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:

Swinging Stars



In Honor Of

National Tortilla Chip Day

We Are Hosting A



Mexican Fiesta



Friday, February 24, 2017



Wayne Baldwin, Caller



Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Walter Brewer, Cuer



Hot Hash after the last tip



Fun Food Friendship Honey Pot Banners

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied with a paying adult

Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr Plano

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Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org

