



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 11th, 2018

Message from the President

Dave and Lorraine Burson

We would like to address the Promenade or we should say the late delivery of the Promenade. We know many of us did not receive the Promenade until about Thursday. We believe a few of you got it a few days earlier. We want you to know that it isn't the fault of NORTEX. It is the fault of the Postal system. We know for fact that the NORTEX officers get together on the 3rd Tuesday of each month to have a short meeting and apply the mailing labels on the Promenades. The next day they are taken to the post office to be distributed to the specific post offices for each zipcode. Which should allow the Promenades to be delivered on time. If this late delivery of the Promenades continues to be a problem, please email the NORTEX Secretary, David and Ann Ouzts (secretary@NORTEX.org), and let them know your Promenade is arriving too late to get some of the information on time. Please don't call them that would overload their phone answering ability. Perhaps if they know so many people are having this problem they can get the postal service to correct this problem.

Our dance on Friday was filled with a lot of fun for everyone. We had visitors from Kissin Kussins, Dixie Chainers, Texas Reelers, Ramblin Rounds, Triangle Squares, Circle I, and Model A's. There was a total of 85 Dancers whirling and twirling to the calling of our own Texas Hall of Fame Caller Wayne Baldwin and the Cueing was cued by our good friend and club member Cuer, JL Pelton. Thank you to both of you for making the dance so much fun. We wish to thank the refreshments committee, Lassiters, Hawkins, Sees, and Peltons for the delicious food you provided.

Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance Report

From Lorraine Burson, Anniversary Dance Chair

The Reminder for the Swinging Stars Anniversary went out on Friday March 9, but unfortunately I made a few mistakes. Be sure that you read the correct version of the reminder.

Happening This Week

Friday, March 16th – **Texas Reelers** – Deborah Carroll-Jones, Jon Jones & Chris Farabaugh

7:30 PM Early Rounds – 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, March 17th – **Rebel Rousers** – Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixson

7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:30 PM Plus - 8:00 PM Grand March

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

This week has a couple of close dances in Richardson so we expect a high turnout of Swinging Stars to both dances. These dances should appeal to dancers at all levels. See ya'll in a square soon.

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
Rebel Rousers	17. Feb. 2018
Kissin Kuzzins	2. Mar. 2018

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Ft Worth Squares	29. Jul. 2017
Tri-City Promenaders	23. Feb. 2018

*** EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK ***

Plus 4s, Friday, March 7th

Sixteen (16) Swinging Stars attended the Plus 4s dance in Farmers Branch Wednesday evening. Squares were called by Charles Quisenberry. There was a large, lively group that enjoyed the evening dance filling as many as seven squares. Swinging Stars in attendance were P. Amy, Bergesens, Bursons, J. Duncan, T. Evanto, Hamms, M. Hardin, Kerns, Sees and the Stewarts.

Diamond Jubileers, Saturday, March 10th

Seventeen (17) Swinging Stars traveled to the Diamond Jubileers anniversary dance at Swingtime Center Saturday evening. The theme of the dance was "Mardi Gras". Squares were called by Ray Savell and Toby Thomason (Paul Kinsey was also scheduled to call but couldn't due to his health.) and rounds were cued by Karen Gloodt. The dance featured a King and Queen, and everyone was given Mardi Gras beads to wear. It was a very festive affair with lots of great dancing. Swinging Stars in attendance were the Bondis, Bursons, Halvorsons, Hamms, HARRISES, PITTS, SEES, STEWARTS and C. Wolfe.

*** COMING EVENTS ***

Texas Reelers – Pot O' Gold

Date: Friday, 16Mar18
Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones, Jon Jones
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER - 7:30PM / GM – 8:00PM
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson

Rebel Rousers – St Pat Potato Hobbit

Date: Saturday, 17Mar18
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

Plus 4s

Date: Wednesday, 21Mar18
Caller: Charles Quisenberry
Time: PL - 7:30PM
Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

Swinging Stars- The Stars of Texas Are Upon You Western Ball

Date: Friday, 23Mar18
Callers: Wayne Baldwin and Tim Tyl
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER - 7:00PM / GM – 8:00PM
Location: Shepard Elementary School (1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX)
Website: <http://www.swingingstars.org>
Notes: 43rd Anniversary Dance –
Dress: Western or Square Attire

Cotton Pickin Squares – Picnic in the Cotton Patch

Date: Saturday, 24Mar18
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: ER - 7:00PM / GM – 8:00PM
Location: Rec. Center
10001 Jack Finney, Greenville, TX
Note: 24th Anniversary Dance
Color: **Turquoise**

Kissin' Kuzzins – Come Home with the Kuzzins

Date: Friday, 30Mar18
Callers: Wayne Baldwin and Paul Cote
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: ER - 7:00PM / GM – 8:00PM
Location: Garland Senior Center
600 Ave A, Garland
Note: 45th Anniversary Dance
Color: **Royal Blue**

Tri-City Promenaders – Denim & Diamonds

Date: Saturday, 31Mar18
Callers: Paul Kinsey and KO Jeanes
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: ER - 7:00PM / GM – 8:00PM
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 S.E. Loop 820, Ft. Worth
Note: 58th Anniversary Dance

Other Events:

March 14, 2018 Ladies Luncheon Norma's Cafe

The March Swinging Stars ladies luncheon will be held Wednesday March 14th, at 11:30. It will be held at Norma's Cafe at 605 W. 15th Street in Plano. Mary Hardin is the hostess, please email your responses to rmhardin39@gmail.com or phone 972-517-8691 by Monday, March 12th so that Norma's Café will be ready for us. Mary said they have reserved the back room for us. Since 1956 Norma's Café has been a Dallas institution for Texas home cooking. From an award-winning menu to famous Mile-High Pies, the food and atmosphere will take you back in time and create a memory you can take home with you. To see the menu for Norma's Café go to www.normascafe.com. looking forward to seeing everyone!

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 metropolx.

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). 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.

March 23 – Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance

April 13 – **Rickert**, Colter, Estep, Pharr

April 27 – **Covington**, Bivens, Kern, Pitts (Theme – Spring Fling)

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

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

Lessons, Workshops, Easy Practice and Exhibition Dances

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

Plus Dance

Those of you interested in plus dancing, Dave Vieira is hosting All Plus Dances on Mondays **7:15-9:15** 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. **(No dance March 26, 2018)**

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

Square Dance Exhibition Invitation

Calling all dancers.... We will have a Square Dance exhibition 2:00 PM on April 15th at the Frisco Heritage Museum Train Depot, 6455 Page Street, Frisco, TX. It will last about two hours and it will be in a dance format with instructional lessons for interested parties. Between tips it gives us the opportunity to visit with on-lookers and tell them about our favorite pass time. Flyers, business cards and handouts are encouraged. As in the past it is open to all clubs. No charge.

Caller Richard Covington to let him know if you can attend. 214-675-8523

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm

Gary Bivins is in the Plano Medical Center hospital because he fell and broke his leg last week. We all send our thoughts and prayers as he recovers from the fall. He will probably go through rehabilitation as well. Thanks to Mary Hardin for keeping us informed. Gary and Fran 's address is 4510 Sachse Road Sachse, Texas 75048-3921 in case you would like to send a note or card.

Lucy Hamm is the Swinging Stars sunshine contact person. If you have anything we need to be aware of in regards to illness or other issues. Please contact Lucy at her email address lhamm45@gmail.com or phone 214-872-7219. We would also like to hear about happy items of interest.

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 device, 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 March 23rd – Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance

Sunday June 10th Baldwin's fish fry

Friday September 28th Swinging Stars Double Deal Dance

Friday October 19th NTCA Caller's Cavalcade

Saturday October 20th NORTEX Round-up

Friday March 29, 2019 Swinging Stars 44th Anniversary Dance

Dave and Lorraine Burson

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-396-0941

See Flyer below





The Stars Of Texas Are Upon You

Western Ball

Swinging Stars 43rd

Anniversary Dance

March 23, 2018

Shepard Elementary -- 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Caller Wayne Baldwin

Guest Caller Tim Tyl

Guest Cuer Christine Hixson



Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Tip 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash After The Last Tip

★ Barbecue Dinner ★ Double Signature ★ Solos Board

★ Money Raffle ★ Banners ★ Honey Pot

★ Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by paying adult

★ Western or square dance attire

For Info 972-396-0941 or [President@Swinging stars.org](mailto:President@Swingingstars.org)

Visit our web site: www.swingingstars.org



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