



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 18th, 2018

Message from the President

Dave and Lorraine Burson

I am grateful to those that went visiting this weekend. Friday was so much fun dancing to Deborah Carroll Jones. As usual she made it all about the theme. We had enough Stars to capture their banner. Saturday at the Rebel Rousers, we had fewer visiting than was at the Texas Reelers. I believe it was due to the rain. Wow, what a down pour. We did have a good showing of Stars attending. We had 2 squares out of five squares on the floor. Good Job Swinging Stars! Be sure to read the 2nd Vice Presidents report for the detail of these two visitations.

Swinging Stars 43rd Anniversary Dance Report

From Lorraine Burson, Anniversary Dance Chair

For those of you still trying to decide how much food to make for 24 people, here is a piece of information I found to pass along to everyone. I have found a way to know how much food to make for a crowd by going to <https://www.almanac.com/content/party-planner-cooking-crowd> This will help, but you can Google what food you need to make for recipes. This should help if you don't know how much to make. I found a recipe for Potato Salad this way. Here is one for potato salad for 25 <https://www.joyfullythriving.com/homemade-potato-salad-for-a-crowd/> I am not going to use the recipe, but it gave me Ideas of how much of the ingredients to use. Other than that information all I can say is **show up on time**. We have a lot to get done between 6:30 and 7:00. If you are a fan carrier, we need for the fans to be at the dance. If you are not going to attend PLEASE find a way for the fan to get there.

Oh, yes don't forget the **after party** is at the Nejd's home. Please come and enjoy the afterglow of the fun we had at the Anniversary Dance. Bring a snack to share and your favorite *relaxing* adult beverage. Anne will have maps to their home, at the dance, for you if you don't know where they live. The address is 4105 Cassandra Lane, Plano

Happening This Week

Wednesday, March 21st – **Plus 4s** – Charles Quisenberry - 7:30 PM Plus

Friday, March 23rd – **Swinging Stars** – Wayne Baldwin, Tim Tyl & Christine Hixson
7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:45 PM Plus – 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, March 24th – **Cotton Pickin Squares** – Mike Bramlett & Christine Hixson
7:00 PM Early Rounds - 8:00 PM Grand March

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

This past week was great with the expected high turnout of Swinging Stars to both dances in Richardson. This week features our own anniversary dance where we hope to give back a lot of the banners we have captured over this past year – let's hope for a huge turnout of visitors.

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
Texas Reelers	16. 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 * * *

Texas Reelers, Friday, March 16th

Twenty-seven (27) Swinging Stars attended the Texas Reelers dance in Richardson Friday evening. Squares were called by Deborah Carroll-Jones aided by Jon Jones in the 4th tip, and rounds were cued by Chris Farabaugh. The theme of the dance was "Pot O' Gold". Deborah put on her authentic Irish accent and even modified some songs to be Irish to the delight of all who attended. Swinging Stars in attendance were P. Amy, Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, Evantos, Giffords, Halvorsons, Hamms, M. Hardin, Harris, Nejdls, Nestors, Pharrs, Sees and C. Wolfe.

Rebel Rousers, Saturday, March 17th

Seventeen (17) Swinging Stars traveled to the Rebel Rousers in Richardson Saturday evening. The theme of the dance was "St Pat Potato Hobbit". Squares were called by Mike Bramlett and rounds were cued by Christine Hixson. It was a typical Bramlett dance where the dancers had to pay close attention to what was being called. Swinging Stars in attendance were P. Amy, Bondis, Bursons, Esteps, Evantos, Halvorsons, M. Hardin, Harris, Sees, and C. Wolfe.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

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 / PL – 7:45PM / 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:

None

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). 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.

These Monday night plus dances are an awesome way to obtain floor time and to workshop moves of which you are having trouble. **(No dance March 26, April 9, April 16, and April 23)**

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

We send our thoughts and prayers to Beth Goebel who recently lost her 94 year old mother who lived in Sacramento, California. The funeral services are being held in California. You can send cards if you wish, to Beth Goebel at 1002 West Lamar Street McKinney, Texas 75069-3728.

Because of travelling and illnesses involving our members, some Swinging Stars have been missed at our dances. There were some members who had perfect attendance these past 3 months: Peggy Amy, Wayne Baldwin, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Lon Bushell, Jim and Katie Halvorson, Mary Hardin, Charlie and Linda Harris, Richard, Peggy and Jackie Jung, Russ and Anne Nejd, and Bob and Terri Pitts.

We all have busy lives and responsibilities and ALL of our members, who come when they can, are appreciated. We hope everyone who can, will come to our big anniversary dance next Friday. Dave and Lorraine have worked hard planning the event and it will be a success because of all of us.

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@Swingingstars.org

Visit our web site: www.swingingstars.org



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