



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

**Newsletter for May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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### **Message from the President**

**Dave and Lorraine Burson**

We would like to tell you about 2 rather important events coming up in the near future. First is the NORTEX Officer Installation and Dance. At the Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 Fort Worth. On Sunday June 3, 2018 the **Installation Ceremony is at 4:00 PM**. We hope you will come and support the Swinging Stars that are being installed. Swinging Stars being installed are Tom and Vicki Evanto as NORTEX Liaisons, Dave and Lorraine Burson as the NORTEX Club Coordinators and Charles Wolfe as NORTEX photographer. Also being installed as Committee chairman are; Membership Chairman Charlie and Linda Harris, 2018-2019, Lessons Grant Chairman, Nick and Diane Stewart. The **Installation Dance is at 5:30 to 7:30**. The dance is free to all member of NORTEX. The Callers will be Wayne Baldwin and Bobby Willis with JL Pelton cueing the Rounds. Sure sounds like fun to us.

Another fun dance coming up is on June 24, 2018 also at the Swingtime Center, the **Kick off Dance for Round-Up**. Donation per person is \$6.00. Or free for pre-registered dancers for Round-Up. You can Register for Round-Up at the door at the Kick-off dance or, register on-line at [www.nortexround-up.com](http://www.nortexround-up.com) prior to the Kickoff dance. The Caller is Staff caller Mike Bramlett and Staff Cuer Christine Hixson. Early rounds at 4:30 to 5:00pm, with the squares at 5:00 to 7:00pm. We hope you will plan to attend both of these dances.

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### **Happening This Week**

**Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Swinging Stars – Proud to be an American**

Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer

7:00 PM Early Rounds- 7:45 PM Plus - 8:00 PM Grand March

**Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Dixie Chainers – Remember Our Fallen Heros**

Vernon Jones & Jack von der Heide

7:00 PM Early Rounds/Workshop - 7:30 PM Grand March

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report**

**From Ron and Donita See**

This week's dances have themes that pay tribute to Memorial Day. It is a time to be "Proud to be an American" and to "Remember our Fallen Heros". Also, if you are in town and looking for a dance on Memorial Day there is a dance at Swingtime Center put on by CASUL – see the May Promenade for details (no charge for veterans).

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
Dixie Chainers	26. Aug. 2017
Triangle Squares	30. Sep. 2017
Kissin' Kuzzins	30. Mar. 2018
Tri-City Promenaders	31. Mar. 2018
T-Square Gadabouts	20. Apr. 2018

**Swinging Stars Banners Out**

Club	Date Captured

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

**Plus 4s, Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Eleven Swinging Stars visited Plus 4s Wednesday evening. Squares were called by the club caller Charles Quisenberry ("Quiz"). Quiz called another great dance helping all who attended to improve on their plus dancing skills. Swinging Stars in attendance were P. Amy, Bergesens, J. Duncan, M. Hardin, Kerns, Kilejans, and Sees.

**2018 Special High Level DBD - May 16-17, 2018 - at Allemande Hall - Speegleville, TX**

Jerry Story superbly called this annual 2-day event for square dancers that enjoy Jerry's inventive and challenging combinations. There were four sessions, 2-hours each session with an A2 star tip after each session. More than 6-squares of dancers from all over Texas attended this year including 7-couples from the NORTEX area and 2-couples from the Swinging Stars, Bondi & Evanto. Thank you to Tom Evanto for this report.

**RoadRunners @ Swingtime Center, - Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.**

More than eleven squares participated in Grand March for the T-Square Gadabouts bi-weekly club dance. Attendees included 3-visitors from Germany. Visiting caller Nelda Eaton from East Texas called the squares and Karen Gloodt cued the rounds. This dance was a lot of fun! 3 Swinging Stars attended: P Amy, Evanto. Thank you to Tom Evanto for this report.

**Texas Reelers, Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Fourteen Swinging Stars attended the Texas Reelers for their MASH dance Friday night and, therefore, successfully retrieved our banner. Deborah Carroll-Jones was the caller and Chris Farabaugh was the cuer. There were many uniforms on display at this dance in appreciation of MASH and our Armed Forces in general. Thank you to these Swinging Stars for attending this dance: Bergesens, Hamms, Kerns, Nesters, Pitts, Reids, and Sees.

**T-Square Gadabouts @ Swingtime Center, May 18<sup>th</sup>.**

More than eleven squares participated in Grand March for the T-Square Gadabouts bi-weekly club dance. The Vernon Jones called the squares and Karen Gloodt cued the rounds. Vernon introduced the calls "Carousel Promenade" and "1/2-Crazy Scoot Back". The first call is under consideration for addition to the CallerLab list of calls. The second call is part of a concept on the current CallerLab C2 list. 5-Swinging Stars attended: P Amy, Bondi, Evanto. Thank you to Tom Evanto for this report.

## **Rebel Rousers, Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Eleven Swinging Stars attended the Rebel Rousers at their Armed Forces Salute dance Saturday night to successfully retrieve our banner. Texas Hall of Fame and club caller Mike Bramlett and the wonderful Christine Hixson teamed up to provide a great dance and tribute to the Armed Forces. Thank you to these Swinging Stars for attending this dance: P. Amy, Bondis, Evantos, Perrotts, Pitts, and Sees.

## **\* \* \* COMING EVENTS \* \* \***

### **Swinging Stars – Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Theme: **Proud to be an American**  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
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: Club Dance

### **Dixie Chainers – Remember Our Fallen Heros**

Date: Saturday, 26May18  
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

### **Lone Star Solos – Double Deal Dance**

Date: Thursday, 31May18  
Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones, Jon Jones  
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh  
Time: ER – 7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM  
Location: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
3217 Guthrie Rd, Garland

## **Other Events:**

### **May 23, 2018**

#### **Ladies Luncheon BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse**

This month's Ladies Luncheon is being hosted by Kathy Elliott on May 23, at 11:30. She has chosen BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, 1101 North Central Exp. BJ's is in Plano at highway 75 access road just south of 15th Street. West side of 75. BJ's has been there a long time and has a big variety of food to offer. They have lots of the sports on but it's really not too loud. Most of us know this location, because Swinging Stars has gone there several times after the Friday night dances a few years ago. **Contact Kathy Elliott** at [hibooger@hotmail.com](mailto:hibooger@hotmail.com) by Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> to let her know you are planning to attend.

**May 31 – June 3, 2018**

## **56<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas State & Round Dance Festival**

For a great weekend to experience multiple callers and cuers from all over the state of Texas you can head to the Harvey Convention Center in Tyler, Texas. For more information about this weekend opportunity go to <http://www.swingingstars.org> under the Weekend tab.

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## **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 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 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.karen@gmail.com](mailto:markt.karen@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.karen@gmail.com](mailto:markt.karen@gmail.com) of the change.

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

June 8 – **Feldman**, Bondi, Edwards, Halverson

June 22 – **Mosher**, Bushell/Perry, Jung, Perrott (Theme – It's time for Baseball. Put me in coach!!)

July 13 – **Evanto**, Boyd, McClasky, Rose

July 27 – **Nejdl**, Goebel, Nestor, Reid (Theme – Ice Cream Social)

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## **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.

### **Beginning Jive Lessons - Starts Saturday, June 16th**

Linda and JL will be offering Beginning Jive classes starting in June. Jive is a really fun rhythm and is very similar to what you might call swing or jitterbug. This class starts from the very beginning of Jive as if you have had no instruction in the Jive rhythm. Even if you have never taken a round dance class before, you can start with this rhythm.

This class is from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Saturdays and will be held at Carpenter Recreation Center in the multi-purpose room. Signup is already open with Plano Parks and Recreation. You can signup either online, or you can call the Carpenter Rec Center at 972-208-8087. The class number is 11242 and is listed as Round Dance Basics.

## Update on the Two Step Lessons

We are winding up our Two Step classes at the end of May. We have had a great class and everyone has really had a good time. On Saturday, Gene DeLuke asked for Pink Shoelaces to be cued, and everyone just needed a quick review on the middle "interesting" part, and were dancing it to cues without a formal teach on the dance. The Saturday class also featured the Fishtail as the "figure of the day," so they now have added both Turn Your Radio On and Where Am I Going to Live to their dance repertoire.

## Exhibition Dance by Richard Covington

Richard have another exhibition planed for Sunday, August 19th 2PM at the Frisco Heritage Museum in the train depot. The address of the train depot is 6499 Page St, Frisco, TX. It will be a dance format and last about two hours. Come for all or part. We would love to fill the room. This could be a good time to recruit students for the up coming lessons in September.

## Plus Dance

**May 20 is the last of these dances until further notice. Dave Viera is going to Australia for some weeks and may start them up again when he returns. I will let you know when and if the do get started again.**

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.

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## Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm

Nothing to report.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:harris0907@sbcglobal.net) or phone 214-348-5361.

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## Web Master Dave Burson

Be sure to check out our web page: [www.swingingstars.org](http://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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## **Special dates to put on your calendar**

Sunday June 3, 2018 NORTEX Officer Installation and Dance  
Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> Baldwin's Fish Fry  
Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> Round-Up Kick Off Dance  
Friday September 28<sup>th</sup> Swinging Stars Pre Round up Dance  
Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> NTCA Caller's Cavalcade  
Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> NORTEX Round-Up  
Friday November 30, 2018 Swinging Stars Double Deal Dance  
Saturday December 8th Swinging Stars Holiday Party  
Saturday March 30, 2019 Swinging Stars 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance

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**Dave and Lorraine Burson**

**Swinging Stars Presidents**

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**See Flyer below**



# Swinging Stars



Proud To Be An

**American**

*A Memorial Day Tribute To  
All Who Gave Their Lives So  
We Will Always Live Free*

**May 25, 2018**

Caller Wayne Baldwin

Early Rounds 7:00

Cuer Walter Brewer

Plus Tips 7:45 & 3rd Tip

Shepard Elementary School

Grand March 8:00

1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

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Solos Board Honey Pot Banners Refreshments

Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by paying adult

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