

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 2, 2017

From Russ and Anne NejdI, Swinging Stars Presidents:

We hope you are enjoying your summer as much as we are. Russ and I just returned from a 3 ½ week trip in Europe. We won't bore you with the details, but we wanted to share our square dancing experience in Prague. I know some of you travel abroad and I know the Bondi's have danced in Germany. Square dancing is called in English all over the world so we were pretty sure we would be able to understand the calls. Russ researched all the cities we were visiting but only Prague had a dance on the days we were in the Czech Republic. We were given instructions from the club president prompting us on which subway train to take and where to get off. While riding the train, some people came up to us and tapped my arm, smiled and made other signals. I thought how delightfully friendly the Czech people are. Shortly thereafter, an English speaking young lady came over to say, it was the end of the line and we had to get off the train. Fortunately, our English speaking angel told us how to catch the next train. Once we got off the train, we had to snake our way through a shopping mall and even a large grocery store to get out of the station. After asking for further directions from several people, we found the dance. What a delight it was! There were two callers. There was an hour of plus and 2 hours of mainstream dancing. The club was so friendly even though some did not speak English. It is good to know square dancing is appreciated all over the world. The caller even heard of Wayne Baldwin, the Jones's and Jerry Story. This was an experience we won't soon forget.



Happy 4th of July to all.

Russ and Anne NejdI

Announcements

Wayne's World Double Deal Dance July 29, 2017

Ralph and Lucy Hamm tell me that all the committee chairs have their lists of their committee members. The food lists and volunteer duty roster will come out soon in a separate email to all Swinging Stars. Lucy has been taking calls from club members asking for clarification regarding food items needed. The Hamm's suggested we wear our club colors as the dance: royal blue, purple or turquoise. Thank you Ralph and Lucy for chairing this dance. You are doing a wonderful job. We are sure this dance will be very successful and a true tribute to Wayne's 50 years as a caller.

Lessons Advertising (Linda Harris)

Last year Valpak was used to help with advertising. The three zip codes around Carpenter were used. We will use 3 different zip codes this year. If you can help with the cost, please send your check to:

Linda Harris
9434 Hilldale Drive
Dallas, TX 75231

Let's thank our fellow club members for their generous contribution of supporting a Valpak zone each in the upcoming August Valpak mail out.

Nevin and Sara Mulvin
Bob and Kathy Estep
Charlie and Linda Harris

Lessons ensure the continuation of our favorite club and activity...In addition to Valpak advertising any free advertising available in and around Plano will be utilized. If you have any suggestions, please submit them to Linda Harris. All club members, continue to recruit your friends and neighbors!

Next-door App <https://nextdoor.com/join/> ...Please sign up for your local Next-door app (it's free)..This app is very useful as it allows you to share info with your neighbors (good painters, lawn care, dog walkers, free items, plumbers, remodelers, etc). I will send you input for lessons to include in your next-door location closer to lessons. Thank you for supporting our favorite activity! Lessons keep the club alive!!

Fall Round Dance Lessons (submitted by JL & Linda Pelton)

Refresher Lessons start Saturday, September 2 at the Plano Senior Center, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. These are lessons and practice dancing, like an easy round dance club. The Senior Center is at 401 W. 16th Street just off the south access road of 75 and north of George Bush.

If you have had some lessons, no matter what rhythm, but are really rusty or if your dancing level is easy square dance rounds, this class is perfect for you to refresh your dancing skills and for you to be able to get out and enjoy yourself on the dance floor. The class curriculum will be set by the dancers who sign up for the class. Signup opens in early August on the Plano Parks and Recreation Center website.

Note: Beginning basic lessons will start in January at Carpenter Recreation Center. We are planning at this time to offer Beginning Two Step. We are not teaching any fall lessons at Carpenter.

JL & Linda Pelton's 10th Wedding Anniversary Dance (by JL & Linda Pelton)

JL and Linda Pelton would like to invite all the Swinging Stars to their 10 year Wedding Anniversary Party at Swingtime Center, Sunday afternoon, July 23, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. It's a square and round dance party. Early rounds will be from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. From 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. will be squares and rounds with Bobby Willis calling and area cuers helping JL cue. We would love to see all of you there at our party.

New Dancers Opportunity for More Floor Time

Dixie Chainers is hosting Club 50 Just for Fun Floor time for all new dancers on Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Farmer's Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane). The cost is just \$3 per person. We are always telling our new dancers get out and dance more and this is a perfect opportunity to get more floor time. We understand the workshops will continue after the 4th of July Holiday and will continue as long as there is interest.

We want to remind our new dancers that Wayne always hosts a mainstream workshop on the second Friday each month at 7 PM prior to the dance.

You may also get additional instruction from Wayne by attending club lessons this fall by serving as an angel. We know several club members who have benefited from attending lessons in this manner. You don't even need to sign up or commit to all 16 lessons, but we will always welcome club members who want to help.

Round-Up Grand Prize Tickets

The Lassiter's have our club's Round-Up Grand Prize tickets for sale. Tickets are \$1 each and the club received 50% of the money. The drawings will not be until the round-up dance October 21st and 22nd. The grand prize is a 7 night Caribbean cruise aboard the Carnival Breeze which will go to Montego Bay, Jamaica Grand Cayman and Cozumel. The grand prize includes a balcony stateroom for two and pre-paid gratuities. And if that doesn't entice you to buy a ticket, the prize includes \$300 cash for expenses. There are many other prizes various away-weekends which include cash. You do not have to be present to win, but if you don't buy a ticket, you cannot win. Be sure to stop by the table at our next dance to pick up your "winning" tickets and to give Dan any money you may owe for the tickets you already got.

Sick Club Member

Betty Wheaton, a long time club member has been in the hospital with pneumonia. We understand she is on the mend and should be home at the time of this newsletter. Betty and her late husband, Royce, were the most amazing round dancers and a real help to Russ and me when we were new dancers. You may send get-well cards to Betty Wheaton, 6102 Lakeshore Drive, Rowlett, TX 75089

Happening This Week

Wednesday, July 5th – Plus 4's – Charles Quisenberry – 7:30 PM

Friday, July 7th – Kissin Kuzzins (Dance of Interest) – God Bless America - Wayne Baldwin and JL Pelton – Workshop – 7:00 PM, Grand March 8:00 PM

Sunday, July 9th – Round-Up Kick-Off Dance – Official – Rock Around the Clock – Vernon Jones, Toby Thompson, Christine Hixson and Karen Gloodt – Early Rounds - 4:30-5:00PM, Squares – 5:00-7:00 PM

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By Bob and Terri Pitts

This past weekend the visiting Swinging Stars had a great showing at the Texas Reelers' Anniversary Dance and at the Circle I dance! We earned banners at both dances and both clubs appreciated our friendly presence helping make their dances festive!

Get ready for some fun this coming weekend with a God Bless America dance with the Kissin' Kuzzins on Friday night (Wayne Baldwin calling and Christine Hixson cueing) AND the Rock Around the Clock Round-Up Kick Off dance Sunday afternoon at Swingtime Center featuring callers Vernon Jones and Toby Tomason, and cuers Christine Hixson and Karen Gloodt! This should be a fabulous dance and should be well attended by all the NORTEX clubs. So, hopefully you can go shopping in your closet for more patriotic attire for Friday's dance and perhaps some 50's attire for Sunday's dance. Saturday is open on our club calendar however, on page 8 of the Promenade, there are details for the Diamond Jubileers' and the Cotton Pickin' Squares' patriotic dances.

While not required, you are welcome to send a BRIEF visitation write up – make sure to get it to us before noon Sunday.

Recent Club Visitations

Texas Reelers Come Sail Away Anniversary Dance, 30Jun – Thank you to the 31 Swinging Stars who joined the Texas Reelers for their 42nd anniversary in Richardson. The Reelers hosted a fun evening of round dancing cued by Chris Farabaugh and squares called by club caller Deborah Carroll-Jones and guest callers, Jon Jones and yodeling Joey Duhamel of Arkansas. Chris cued fun early rounds and rounds between tips and, as usual, entertained the dancers with a couple of new numbers that kept the dancers on their toes. Joey Duhamel and Deborah-Carroll called fun squares the entire night.

Circle I Stars and Stripes Dance, 01Jul – Thank you to the 14 Swinging Stars who padded over to Irving to dance with Circle I on Saturday night. It took us just 20 minutes to get over there. Chris Farabaugh cued early rounds and rounds between tips keeping the dance floor alive with his collection of enjoyable dance tunes and choreography. Club caller, Ray Savell, expertly manned the mainstream and plus tips with his unique and fun style. There was plenty of red, white, and blue in line with the theme of the dance. We had enough Swinging Stars at their dance to bring home a banner.

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
Cotton Pickin' Squares	25-Mar-2017	Lone Star Solos	31-Mar-2017
Dixie Chainers	08-Apr-2017	Texas Reelers ^{*1}	09-Jun-2017
T-Square Gadabouts	21-Apr-2017	Rebel Rousers	23-Jun-2017
Log Cabin Swingers	06-May-2017		
Trail Blazers	20-May-2017		
Kissin' Kuzzins	02-Jun-2017		
Texas Reelers	30-Jun-2017		
Circle I	02-Jul-2017		

*1 – The Reelers misplaced our banner and will return it to us when found

Coming Events

Kissin' Kuzzins – God Bless the USA

Date: Friday, 07Jul17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Garland Senior Activity Center
600 Avenue A, Garland, TX

Round-Up Kick Off Dance

Date: Sunday, 09Jul17
Caller: Staff and guest callers
Cuer: Staff cuers
Time: 4:30PM early rounds, 5:00PM squares
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

Swinging Stars – Club Dance

Date: Friday, 14Jul17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: 7:00PM workshop, 7:45PM plus, 8:00PM grand march
Location: Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

Rebel Rousers – Texas Heritage 28th Anniversary Dance (OFFICIAL)

Date: Saturday, 15Jul17
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, Richardson, TX

Dixie Chainers – Rock & Roll Dance

Date: Saturday, 22Jul17
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Time: 7:00PM workshop and early rounds, 7:30PM grand march
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center
14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX

Pelton's 10th Anniversary Celebration

Date: Sunday, 23Jul17
Caller: Bobby Willis
Cuer: Area cuers
Time: 2:00PM early rounds, 3:00PM-5:00PM squares and rounds
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

Rockwall Squares

Date: Saturday, 28Jul17
Caller: Wayne Shoemaker
Cuer: Michelle Vieira
Time: 7:30PM early rounds, 8:00PM grand march
Location: 108 E. Washington, Rockwall, TX

Swinging Stars – Wayne’s World, 50th Anniversary Edition, Double Deal Dance

Date: Saturday, 29Jul17
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Guest caller: Charles Quisenberry
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Time: 7:00PM early rounds, 7:45PM plus, 8:00PM grand march
Location: All Saints Catholic Church
5231 Meadowcreek Drive, Dallas, TX

Harvest Holiday – Summer Fun Rounds Ph. II-IV – Double Deal

Date: Sunday, 30Jul17
Cuer: Area instructors
Time: 2:00PM-5:00PM rounds
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

Other Events

Straight from the desk of Lorraine Burson:

The July Ladies Luncheon will be hosted by Linda Harris at First Watch 3131 Custer Rd. Plano, Texas on the (southwest corner of Custer and W Parker) at 11:30 on Wednesday, June 21st. All Swinging Star ladies are invited... Enjoy our social time together!! You may check out First Watch by going to <https://www.firstwatch.com/>. Please RSVP to LindaHarristx@hotmail.com by July 16th, so the restaurant can organize the room. Hope to see you there.

Refreshments Duty and Information

Contact Karen Hawkins for problems or questions regarding refreshments @ markt.karen1@gmail.com or text: 214-537-0446 (Karen's cell phone). Each team member is to pick up a refreshment bag at the dance prior to their refreshment duty date. Teams are responsible for ice and 5 tablecloths which may be purchased at any dollar store. If you need any supplies, contact Jan Bergesen (janbergesen@gmail.com). Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Bergesen's.

July 14 - **Dennison**, Harris, Perrott, and Stuart
July 29th- Wayne’s World – all club member participation
August 11 - **Hawkins**, Hardin, Nestor, and Ross
August 25 - **Bergesen**, Gifford, Lassiter, and Zhang
September 8 – **Pitts**, Duncan, Hamms, and Rickert
September 22 – **Colter**, Heintz, Pharr, and See

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

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 llhamm45@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

Email: president@swingingsstars.org

Phone: 972-964-5979

Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances – Flyer(s) follow below:

**It's Our
10-Year Wedding Anniversary**
And we're celebrating with a
Square and Round Dance Party



Sunday Afternoon ~ July 23rd

2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Swingtime Center

5100 SE Loop 820 ~ Fort Worth, TX 76140
(Anglin Drive Exit off I-20)

Square Dance called by Bobby Willis
Rounds by JL and Local Cuers

Early Rounds ~ 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Squares and Rounds ~ 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Come Celebrate with Us

For information, call Linda at 972-897-6006 or JL at 972-822-1926,
or email peltondances@gmail.com

Swinging Stars

Invite You to

Wayne's World

Double Deal Dance
Great Dancing
Honey Pot



Singles White Board
Refreshments
Banners

Celebrating Wayne's 50th year Calling
Saturday July 29th 2017

Friday July 28th 2017 Dance Cancelled

All Saints Catholic Church 5231 Meadow Creek Dr., Dallas

Caller Wayne Baldwin
Guest Caller Charles Quizenberry
Cuer Walter Brewer

Early Rounds 7:00
Plus Dancing 7:45
Grand March 8:00
Hot Hash after the last tip

Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by an adult

For Info: 972-964-5979 or President@Swingingstars.org

Visit our Web Site: www.swingingstars.org



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Swinging Stars
Square and Round Dance Club



**Ice Cream
Social**



I scream, you scream, we all scream for Ice Cream

Friday August 11, 2017

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Sq workshop: 7:00

Plus Dancing: 7:45

Grand March: 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

Need a dancing Partner?...A White Board is available to sign up
for your choice of tip and dancing partners.

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adults



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