



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 23, 2017

From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:

Last Tuesday, 12 Swinging Stars ladies attended the monthly ladies luncheon at First Watch. The food was great and the fellowship was even better. In attendance were Perry, Burson, Harris, Lassiter, Pharr, Feldman, Elliott, Hawkins, Nejd, Perrott, Hamm, and Stewart. Thank you to Linda Harris for coordinating this fun and delicious luncheon.

Everyone needs to start thinking about lessons and how to recruit students for the class. We want to make this set the best ever. The Valpak advertising is ready and paid for thanks to the generosity of members Harris, Mulvin and Estep. We actually got a discount as we combined our advertising with the Kuzzins. There will be flyers, trifolds and business cards passed out at our August 11th dance for you to entice people you know to take lessons. Our club's fall lessons will start on Tuesdays, September 5th – December 19th at Carpenter Rec Center in Plano. The course # is 193850. Registration starts August 5th

We have a big dance coming up on Saturday celebrating Wayne Baldwin's 50 years of calling. We hope to draw a big crowd and need all of your help. If by any chance, you are unable to fulfill your obligations, please contact the Hamms to let them know so other arrangements can be made. We count on the whole club's help.

Please read the entire newsletter as there is more information about recruitment for lessons and the special tribute dance to Wayne next weekend. Remember our Friday night dance is cancelled as we moved our dance to Saturday night. The club plans to dance with the Rockwell Squares on Friday night – something we normally don't have the opportunity to do as they dance on the same night as us.

Keep dancing.

Russ and Anne Nejd

Announcements

Wayne's World Double Deal Dance, July 29, 2017 (Submitted by Ralph and Lucy Hamm)

Remember Swinging Stars members that the dance we have all been planning and preparing for will happen next Saturday. Work schedules and lists of foods to be brought to the food service area have been sent out. Please make sure you know where and when you are signed up to work. The Rickerts have the updated listing of foods promised by our volunteers. Some members have found they cannot attend and other members have been able to step in and help. Thanks so much. The changes have been sent to the committee chairmen. Those of you who are bringing food, please label your utensils and plates or pans to make sure you get them back if you should forget to pick them up after the dance. Please have food cut into serving size pieces, if applicable, and deliver it to the food service area by 7:30PM. Remember this is a special dance. Please wear appropriate square dance clothes (not casual). Please wear club colors -- either royal blue, purple, or turquoise -- if possible. The Lassiters have agreed to host the after party at their home. Directions to their home will be provided at the dance. BYOB and a snack to share. Thank you, Nina and Dan! Thanks to all members who are working and/or bringing food. Your efforts will make this a successful and meaningful occasion honoring Wayne's fifty years of calling. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Hamms at llhamm45@gmail.com or 214-872-7219.

IT'S TIME TO START INVITING PEOPLE TO SQUARE DANCE LESSONS!!! (Submitted by the Bergesens)

So how can we do that? What can we say to bring it up? Here's a list of things I've thought of. Please add your own thoughts.

1. Wear your square dance t-shirt in hopes of getting someone to notice and ask. Make sure you have with you either fliers or business cards to hand out. (NOTE: write down their info so you can remind them of lessons. You might even give them yours on the back of the card or flier.)
2. Conversation starter: If someone says, "Hi! How are you?" bring up square dancing. Either you're excited because you get to dance or you're tired from dancing so much.
3. Bring it up with service people you meet (doctor, dentist, repairman, grocer, etc.). They have to be nice and listen to you.
4. Think of someone you know that you would like to know better and invite them. There's nothing better for strengthening friendships than doing things together.
5. The fliers use the shotgun approach – giving all the reasons someone might want to dance. But if it's someone you know, use the rifle approach – zoom in on the one reason that would mean the most to them.

These are my ideas. What are some of yours?

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.

Round-Up Grand Prize Tickets

The Lassiters would like to collect unsold tickets and money at the Wayne dance on Saturday night. They plan on turning in the money and tickets by August 1st. Please try to accommodate this deadline.

Swinging Stars Holiday Party

Linda Harris wants to remind everyone to “Save the Date” for Friday, December 1st so you can all attend the best party in town. Our Holiday Party will be at the Haggard Party Barn in Plano. More information, directions and cost for catered BBQ dinner, happy hour, and bar to follow. Linda tells me she has some high quality skits for our entertainment. And there will be great dancing, line dancing, and maybe some rounds too.

Third Quarter Dues

The 3Qtr Dues of \$22.50 per member or \$45.00 per couple is due July 1, 2017.

Please pay at the next Swinging Stars Dance or mail a check to our treasurer Nevin Mulvin at:

3409 Eisenhower Lane
Plano, TX 75023-3933
nrmulvin@verizon.net
214-790-3908

Happening This Week

Friday, July 28th – Rockwell Squares – Sweatin’ the Oldies – Dave Viera & Michele Viera – 7:30 PM Workshop and Early Rounds, 8:00 PM Grand March

Saturday, July 29th – Swinging Stars Double Deal Dance – Wayne’s World – 50th Anniversary of Calling – Wayne Baldwin, Charles Quizenberry, & Walter Brewer – 7:00 PM Early Rounds, 7:45 PM – Plus, 8:00 PM Grand March

Sunday, July 30th – Harvest Holiday Summer Fun Rounds – Double Deal - Area Cuers – 1:00 PM – Harvest Holiday Meeting, 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM – Rounds

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By Bob and Terri Pitts

Thanks to all the dancers who danced this past weekend. At the Pelton's anniversary dance, there were a whopping 32 Swinging Stars in attendance!

This coming weekend is an important one for the Swinging Stars. First, and foremost, Saturday we are hosting our double deal dance, Wayne's World 50th Anniversary Edition, to celebrate our Hall of Fame caller's 50 years of square dance calling. Secondly, on Friday is a rare opportunity for us to visit the Rockwall Squares who normally dance the same night we do. Thirdly, on Sunday the Harvest Holidays are having their annual Summer Fun Rounds double deal dance featuring Ph. II-IV rounds. We hope to bump into you at these dances – of course, not literally.

You are welcome to send BRIEF visitation write ups to get included in the newsletters.

Recent Club Visitations

Kissin' Kuzzins, 21Jul – Thank you to the 6 Swinging Stars who attended the Kuzzins' dance. It was a special treat that Dave and Michele Vieira were there. Dave accompanied Wayne on several tips. Great harmony! Love them both. Dos Banderas afterwards! Thanks to Linda Harris for the dance report

Dixie Chainers Rock & Roll dance, 22Jul – Thank you to the 12 Swinging Stars attended the Dixie Chainers' dance. Jack van der Heide had to take his wife, Ann, to the emergency room. She is still battling cancer and Jack said he needed to be with her. Christine Hixson filled in at the last minute and cued some interesting tips. Vernon Jones led a packed workshop and taught us a C4 move called Dixie Derby which he then called in the dance. He also interspersed some great rock tunes throughout the night. Thanks Anne NejdI for the dance write up.

Pelton's 10th Anniversary dance, 23Jul – Thank you to the 32 Swinging Stars (including the Peltons) who trekked to Swingtime Center to celebrate the Pelton's anniversary. It was a true celebration with their family and friends, and dancing enjoyed by all. JL Pelton, Jack Kenny, Barb Yeargan, and Christine Hixson cued and Bobby Willis called squares. The afternoon started with an hour of early rounds that alternated between squares and rounds, with 3 round dances between each tip. And to top it off there were cookies and two anniversary cakes for dessert.

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 on our Wall		Our Banners Out in the World	
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		
Log Cabin Swingers	06-May-2017		
Trail Blazers	20-May-2017		
Kissin' Kuzzins	02-Jun-2017		
Texas Reelers	30-Jul-2017		
Circle I	02-Jul-2017		
Rebel Rousers	15-Jul-2017		

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

Swinging Stars Dance Classes

None now

Coming Events

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

Ladies Luncheon – from Lorraine Burson

Kathy Elliott will be hosting the August Ladies luncheon on August 24, at 11.30. She has chosen Elke’s Market Cafe. "Voted Best Neighborhood Restaurant by “D” Magazine. Visit Elke’s Market Cafe web site at Elkesmarketcafe.com. There is a coupon there if you wish to print it. The address is 105 N. Greenville Ave. Suite 11. Allen, Texas 75002. Elke’s market café is located on the northwest side of Highway 5 at McDermott (close to the Dollar Tree). Please RSVP to Kathy Elliott at hibooger@hotmail.com or [214-228-8874](tel:214-228-8874) by August 23rd, so Kathy will know how many are planning to attend. All Lady Swing Stars are encouraged to attend. Hope you will come and enjoy visiting with the ladies of our fun club.

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.

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!):

September 5, 2017 – Swinging Stars Lessons at Carpenter Rec Center

December 1, 2017 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party

Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Swinging-Stars-Square-and-Round-Dance-Club-of-Plano-174698729255581/>

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:

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

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**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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