



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

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**From Russ and Anne Nejd, Swinging Stars Presidents:**

Ladies, get out your poodle skirts and men dust off your bowling shirts or white T shirts and jeans. Next week Friday, the Swinging Stars is getting on the round-up band wagon and having a sock hop. We are advertising shoes are optional, but socks are required. We borrowed some of the decorations from the Triangle Squares dance and so be prepared to be dazzled. Get ready to dance to some of those oldies from the 50's. This dance features a mainstream workshop and we will invite our students to attend the workshop. So introduce yourself to the new dancers and make them feel welcome.

Less than 2 weeks until round-up. We hope you are planning on attending and hope to see you there.

Russ and Anne Nejd

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## **Announcements**

**Fall Mainstream Lessons – Tuesdays, September 5<sup>th</sup> to December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM**

This class continues to excel and overachieve mastering everything Wayne throws at them. As we mentioned above, we are going to invite the students to attend the mainstream workshop on Friday night's dance. We think you will all be as impressed as we are with their dancing ability.

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

Our Refresher Round Dance Lessons have been going well. In addition to Amafidia, the class has now learned Just Another Woman in Love. For those who have had Rumba in the past, they are learning a dance and learning technique for executing the figures. For those who have never had Rumba before, they are being exposed to the figures, but haven't really assimilated the figure. A bit of explanation -- when we teach "basic lessons", we teach the figures and provide practice for our students using "hash" where the figures are cued in different orders, and the student react to the cue, just like in square dancing when a call is given, students learn to react and execute that figure in a timely manner.

Our Refresher Basics class includes dancers who know the figures and just need practice as well as those who have not yet "learned" the figure. Hence, those new to a rhythm dancers are learning the figures in a dance, but have not yet fully assimilated the cue and the execution of that cue. Therefore, they cannot yet "dance" to the cues and be able to just dance a dance at the square dance level. As we continue with this class, since we are

still "teaching/explaining" the figures, they will eventually learn to dance to the cues in whatever order. It will just take longer for them to get to that point in their dance journey.

We started working on Cha Cha this past week with a dance that has the same Rumba figures that was in the two Rumbas already taught. That dance is called Love is Strange.

We will be working a few weeks on a rhythm, and then move on to a different round dance level rhythm depending on the class choice. It's not too late to join us. Please contact Linda or JL Pelton if you have questions or want to join the class. These classes are on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Plano Senior Center at 401 W. 16th Street just off the south access road of 75 and north of George Bush.

### **Club Holiday Party (submitted by Linda Harris)**

Swinging Stars Holiday Party -- Holiday Party!! Friday December 1st, Haggard Party Barn. If you have not registered yet, please do so now! Get your money in early! \$42.00 per couple. The Evening includes catered BBQ dinner with all the fixins', beer and margaritas, dancing and fun. You can mail your check PAYABLE to Betty Wheaton 6102 Lakeshore Dr, Rowlett, TX 75089. Or you can bring cash or your check (payable to Betty) to an upcoming dance. Thank you Betty for your continued support.

Holiday Cash Gift for Custodial Support Staff Shepard Custodians (Miguel and Gabriel) continue to support our club needs for dances. Please be generous and contribute to their Holiday Cash Gift from the Swinging Stars. Last year we were able to raise \$300. We need your support to match that again this year! Linda and Charlie will have a donation box available at our upcoming dances/events so please help Thank you!

### **Nominating Committee**

The nominating committee for next year's slate of officers has formed with the Hamms as chairs and the Trujillos and the Mulvins as committee members. Please let them know if you are interested in serving on the board next year. The committee will be contacting potential candidates for each office and we will vote on the slate of officers at the semi-annual meeting in November.

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## **Happening This Week**

**Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – Mainstream Lessons – Carpenter Rec Center – 7:15 PM to 9:15 PM**

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – Swinging Stars Sock Hop – Wayne Baldwin & Walter Brewer - 7:00 PM**

**Mainstream Workshop – 7:45 PM Plus – 8:00 PM Grand March**

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – Dixie Chainers & Rebel Rousers Fall Festival Friendship Dance - Mike**

**Bramlett & Vernon Jones on Squares, Jack von der Heide & Christine Hixson on Rounds - 6:30 PM**

**Plus – 7:00 PM Early Rounds – 7:30 PM Grand March**

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**By Bob and Terri Pitts**

Looking forward, this Friday is our own Swinging Stars Sock Hop dance so it will be a flash back to the 50's. This Saturday is a friendship dance with the Dixie Chainers and the Rebel Rousers. Please note the early start time of 6:30pm and the location at Farmers Branch Senior Center. Also note, since the Rebel Rousers have our SS's banner, please sign in on the RR's guest list to get our banner back. The theme for the dance is Fall Y'all.

As always, you are welcome to send BRIEF visitation write ups for inclusion in the newsletters.

## Recent Club Visitations

**Roadrunners, Dip It in Decadent Chocolate dance, 05Oct17** – Thank you to the 4 Swinging Stars went to Ft. Worth on a school night for the Roadrunners' dance. Early rounds and rounds between squares were cued by Karen Gloodt. The workshop and mainstream and plus tips were called by visiting caller Nelda Eaton. Her quality choreography, good pace, and strong voice made for great squares all night.

**Texas Reelers, Octoberfest dance, 06Oct17** – Thank you to the whopping 28 Swinging Stars who visited the Reelers Friday night. Chris Farabaugh started the night out with fun early rounds and the rounds between tips. Chris added in a quick 2-step that had a distinct polka feel for good measure. And visiting caller, Dave Vieira, expertly guided the mainstream and plus tips, and taught us some German along the way also. He even tossed in a couple of German-sounding tunes that were fitting for the dance. The Swinging Stars at the dance were:

**Circle I Come Sail the Ocean Blue dance, 08Oct17 (Submitted by NejdI)** – Thank you to the 11 Swinging Stars who visited the Circle I dance in Irving. Our own Wayne Baldwin was caller and Chris Farabaugh cued the rounds. We would have captured their banner, but we already have theirs so we have encouraged them to come out and visit us to retrieve their banner. Circle I started drawing two tickets at each dance for the honeypot. The first winner gets the honeypot money. The second winning ticket gets a scratch off lottery ticket. The Esteps won both but we understand there were no winnings to report on the scratch-off ticket. The Swinging Stars attending the dance to support Wayne were:

## Friendship Banner Status

Our current 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		Swinging Stars' Banners Out	
Club	Date Captured	Club	Date Captured
Cotton Pickin' Squares	25-Mar-2017	Lone Star Solos	31-Mar-2017
Log Cabin Swingers	06-May-2017	Ft. Worth Squares	29-Jul-2017
Texas Reelers	04-Aug-2017	Kissin' Kuzzins	22-Sep-2017
Circle I	05-Aug-2017	Rebel Rousers	22-Sep-2017
Dixie Chainers	26-Aug-2017		
Triangle Squares	30-Sep-2017		

## Coming Events

### Swinging Stars – Sock Hop – Workshop

Date: Friday, 13Oct17  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Time: WS – 7:00PM, PL – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM  
Location: Shepard Elementary School  
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

### Rebel Rousers / Dixie Chainers – Fall Festival Friendship

Date: Saturday, 14Oct17  
Callers: Mike Bramlett / Vernon Jones  
Cuers: Christine Hixson / Jack von der Heide  
Time: PL – 6:30PM, ER – 7:00PM, MSW-7:00PM, GM – 7:30PM  
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center  
14055 Dennis Lane, Farmers Branch, TX

### NTCA Callers Calvacade

Date: Friday, 20Oct17  
Callers: Area callers and Dan Nordbye  
Cuer: Area cuers  
Time: New Cuer Presentation – 7:00PM, ER – 7:15PM, GM – 7:50PM  
Location: Grapevine Convention Center  
1209 Main St., Grapevine, TX

### Round-Up 2017 – Rock Around the Clock (Double Deal)

Date: Saturday, 21Oct17  
Staff Callers: Dan Nordbye, Vernon Jones, and Tim Tyl  
Staff Cuers: Christine Hixson, Karen Gloodt  
Line Dance: Chris Farabaugh  
Time: 9:00AM – 11:30PM – see schedule on NORTEX website  
<http://nortexroundup.com/saturday-schedule>  
Location: Grapevine Convention Center  
1209 Main St., Grapevine, TX

### Round-Up 2017 – Trail Out Dance

Date: Sunday, 22Oct17  
Time: Non-Denominational Devotional Service – 9:00AM, dance – 9:30AM-11:00AM  
Location: Grapevine Convention Center  
1209 Main St., Grapevine, TX

### Swinging Stars – Early Rounds

Date: Friday, 27Oct17  
Caller: Wayne Baldwin  
Cuer: Walter Brewer  
Time: ER – 7:00PM, PL – 7:45PM, GM – 8:00PM  
Location: Shepard Elementary School  
1000 Wilson Drive, Plano, TX

## Other Events

### October Ladies' Luncheon – Into My Garden Tea Room

Lorraine Burson is the hostess for the month of October. Lorraine has chosen Into My Garden Tea Room to be on October 19th at 11.30. Into My Garden is located at 1726 Avenue K at 18th street. It is the second building on the east side of Avenue K south of 18th street. If you turn east at 18th street and turn in behind the two buildings you can park there. Lunch is served in the quaint surroundings filled with frills & flowers. To view the lunch menu, go to [www.intomygarden.com](http://www.intomygarden.com). Please let Lorraine know if you are planning to attend by October 17, at [Lorraine@Bursons.us](mailto:Lorraine@Bursons.us) or 972-396-0941. Hope to see you all there!

### Refreshments Duty and Information

Contact Karen Hawkins for problems or questions regarding refreshments @ 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). Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Bergesen's.

October 13 – **Estep**, Pelton, Kern, Bivins (Theme – Sock Hop)

October 27 – **Amy**, Rickert, Covington, Trujillo

November 10 – **Deluke**, Jimison, Kilejian, Whipple (Theme – Honor Our Veterans)

December 8 – **Bondi**, Reid or Jung? Feldman, Stewart (Theme – Good Samaritan)

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

October 21 & 22 – 2017 Round-Up

November 12, 2017 – Semi Annual Club Meeting

December 1, 2017 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party

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For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org) and click on Weekends.

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Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at [llhamm45@gmail.com](mailto: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**

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# SWINGING STARS

Solo Board  
Available

## Sock Hop

Shoes Optional  
(Sox required)



October 13, 2017

Shepherd Elementary 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, TX

Caller Wayne Baldwin

Cuer Walter Brewer



Mainstream workshop 7:00

Plus Workshop 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip



72.9 MHz

Honey Pot Refreshments Banner Game Fun Fellowship

Dancers under 18 Dance for free when accompanied by a paying adult

For Info 972-964-5979 or [president@swingingstars.org](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)

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