



Aug 2011 No. 2

President's Corner

Fri Aug 12

This Friday's Dance!

Help out Children's Advocacy Center – Cash or Check

This year, we recommend you give cash or check to support the Children's Advocacy Center at our Annual Back to School Dance . Please make checks out to CACCC and **on the Memo Line write "Back to School Fair"**.

John Smith – John was hospitalized briefly, but is back home and doing fine now.

Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers in Plano. It takes about an hour from the time you pick up the lunches. Often people pair up in one car to make it easier (and more fun). They need regular volunteers (one or two days a month) and substitutes. For info contact Laura Kitchens 972-562-6996 ext 125.

New Dancers moving up.

Eddie and Marilyn Gifford and Gene and Phyllis Deluke are taking Plus Lessons. If you get a chance go out and support them by angeling at the Richardson Senior Center any Tuesday 7:00 – 9:00 PM from now thru Nov 1. Free to angels.

Sat Oct 1

Bus Trip — Log Cabin Swingers 36th Anniversary AND Reveille Dance

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Only \$20 per person – dance admission extra. Pay Dave Burson by Sep 9.

(Dave@Bursons.us).

**Have you distributed all your Square Dance Lesson flyers and tri-folds yet?
Contact Anne Stewart if you need more.**

Lessons Lessons ... Lessons ... Lessons ...

Our lessons will be at the Carpenter Recreation Center at **6701 Coit Rd, Plano** Starting **Tuesday August 23rd, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm**. The first 2 lessons are free and we will have 17 lessons ending **on Tuesday, December 13th**.

***** Please plan on attending the first lesson if at all possible *****

Calling all Angels

As we have done in the past, we will be making up an Angel schedule. Please make this a priority. The schedule will start with the SECOND lesson. We expect a large number at the first lesson to kick them off.

From our NORTEX President, Kevin & Christine Hadley...regarding the Promenade.

We filed an official complaint with the post office today regarding the delays in our membership receiving their Promenade. While this will not help with those who have not gotten their August Promenade (we got ours yesterday), we hope it resolves the problem going forward.

We have had a number of inquires regarding our mailing policy and process. The Promenade is labeled on the 4th Tuesday of each month. It is taken to the post office the next day. We pay periodical class postage which is second priority only to 1st class mail. Our representative at the post office said normal delivery time for the **state of Texas** should be 4 to 6 days. For the past two years the mailing process has been done electronically. There has been no change in our process since August 2009 when we converted to the electronic system.

Please let your members know we understand their concerns. We hope our efforts the past week result in better service going forward. Let's Do It!

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Kevin and Christine

Be sure to view our Swinging Stars Website at:

<http://swingjngstars.org>

Our web master is Dave Burson.

LOOK NOW and LOOK OFTEN.

Swinging Stars Banners out (go retrieve one if you can - it only takes one square)
None.

Banners on hand (Do not accept one if you visit these clubs)

Dublin Cloverleaves, Duncanville Cliff Dwellers, Buttons and Bows, Lone Star Solos, T Square Gadabouts, Log Cabin Swingers, Solitaires, Rebel Rousers, Dixie Chainers, Rockwall Squares, Texas Reelers, Texoma Squares.

Important Refreshment Duty Changes:

Beginning with our August 12 dance many refreshment duty assignments have been changed in some shape form or another. We added four couples to help with the September 23 Reville Dance. As a result other refreshment duty assignments had to be adjusted.

Contact Jeff & Anne Stuart (972-699-1317 or jwstuart@flash.net) with any switching you need to do. Lead couple is first name on the list in bold. Thank you in advance for your patience and support. Adding extra people to help with the Reveille Dance was the right thing to do.

Refreshment Duty Schedule as of August 1, 2011:

August 12 **Rose**, Mosher, Capps
August 26 **Stuart**, Jung, Loven
September 9 **DeLuke**, Bivens, Lewis, Dennison
September 23 **Giaudrone/Benedetto**, Acker, Ross, Whipple, NejdI, Smith/Hardin,
 Jimison, Piziali (note: 8 couples will be serving at this dance)
October 14 **Starrett**, Bullock, Duncan, McGuire
November 11 **Feldman**, Cowdin, Reid, Wolfe
December 9 **Thompson**, Tysver, Trujillo, Milligan
Dec 23 Dance cancelled due to Christmas Holiday

Refreshment Duty Reminders:

1. If you have a conflict with the Refreshment Schedule please contact someone on the refreshment list to sub for you. Notify the refreshment schedulers: Jeff & Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email: jwstuart@flash.net with the names of your subs.
2. Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments to pick up the three bags. Check Refreshment Bags for the info regarding "Refreshment Duty Tips" and "List of Items Supplied by the Club." Contact Tim & Rita Putnam Heintz for supplies prior to purchase at 972-699-3616 or timheintz@att.net or ritajp@att.net Monday prior to dance.
3. First name on the list is the lead/contact couple.
4. Lead couple should contact their committee to plan refreshments 10 days ahead.
5. Per our contract with PISD we may not enter the gym prior to 7:00 pm

ALL SQUARE and ROUND DANCERS

Past Week's Events and News ...

Banner Raid – We got it!

Sat Aug 6

Texoma Squares "Salute the Troops" Reveille Dance with Dave Vieira Calling and Michelle Vieira Cueing.

Stars included: **P. Amy, Burson, Evanto, Harris, Wolfe, Rosemary/Larry, Tim/Rita, Trujillo**

Sun Aug 7

An Afternoon of Rounds With Christine Hixson - Greenville

Stars included: **Lewis, Starrett, Underwood.**

Coming up next ...

Banner Raid

Thu Aug 11

Lone Star Solos Reveille Dance – Salute the Troops with Dave Vieira calling and Christine Hixson cueing

Early Rounds at 7:30. Grand March at 8:00

Knights of Columbus Hall

10110 Shoreview Rd, Dallas

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Swinging Stars Back to School Dance with Wayne Baldwin calling and John Brewer cueing.

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Sat Aug 13

Diamond Jubileers Luau with Paul Kinsey calling and Mel Neuman Cueing

Salad Supper – Casual Dress

Early Rounds 7:00. Workshop 7:30. Grand March 8:00

Swingtime Center

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LADIES ONLY

Ladies Luncheon

Vicki Evanto Hosting

vevanto@verizon.net

Weds, Aug 31st

11:30 AM

Purple Cow

Lakeside Market Shopping Center

5809 Preston Rd, ste 588

Plano

Round Corner

See above past weeks Events

Refreshment Schedule – thru December

See above. We’ll move it back here next week.

Link: Reveille dances

http://nortex.org/2011RU_schedule.html

This Month

Sun Aug 21

Friendship Set To Music! Benefit Dance

♥♥**Admission by Donation**♥♥

50% of the monies raised will go to the Japanese Square Dance Association to assist our square dance families who were victims of the recent tsunami (www.squaredancers4japan.org); the remaining 50% will go to the tornado victims of Tuscaloosa, AL & Joplin, MO!!

From 3 - 6 pm at Swingtime Center

And Beyond

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Swinging Stars Halloween Dance.

Fri Oct 28

Callers Cavalcade - Beginning the North Texas annual celebration.

Sat Oct 29

Roundup - Best bargain in town. All day with 3 halls going at all times.

PLUS AND ADVANCED DANCERS

Plus Weekends

Plus weekends offer Plus dancing at it's best. Not only do you get lots of floor time in a short period of time, but also great workshops that improve your Plus dancing.

In the link below are weekends that we know some Swinging Stars are registered for. Talk it over and pick one or two. Thanks to Dave Burson!

Two coming up in Sept. Check the link below for more info.

Sept. 2-3, 17th Annual Chaparral Records

Evening in Paris, TX

Sept. 16-17 Square Round the Lake

DeGray Lake Resort Lodge

Arkadelphia, AR

http://www.swingingstars.org/Weekends_Of_Intrest.html

Plus and Advanced Clubs

Plus 4s – Caller “Quiz“

Every 1st and 3rd Wed from 7:30 - 9:30.

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church –

12411 Templeton Tr. Farmers Branch.

Early enough to get home and get some sleep. Even Gary can do this one and make it to work the next day. Email Peggy to be put on the reminder list for these dances. amybpeggy@verizon.net

ADD Plus Club (New NORTEX Club)

NOT a place to “brush up” on your plus. Experienced plus dancers will benefit from this “All position” plus calling by Mike Bramlett. 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays at Richardson Senior Center. Club membership or \$9 per person at the door. Good to attend to warm up for the Texas Stampede.

Friendship Plus Club (Non-NORTEX Club)

A place to “brush up” on your plus. 2nd and 4th Monday Nights 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Richardson Senior Center. Mike Bramlett calling.

Model A's (Advanced Dancers)

Every Thu 7:00 - 9:00. A-1 -- A-2. calling by Wayne. They've moved to Walnut Hill Recreation Center in Dallas. Wayne Baldwin. Info: 972-562-2174

-Gary and Peggy-