

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 20, 2013

**BE SURE TO READ THE 2 ATTACHMENTS OF THE REMINDERS FOR THE
FOOD SIGN UP SHEETS AND THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
ALSO READ THE DETAILS FOR THE AFTERPARTY IN THE MESSAGE BELOW
THE ANNIVERSARY REPORT**



ANNIVERSARY REPORT FOR JAN 20

Friday, January 25

**Swinging Stars 38th Anniversary
Dancing With the Stars Dance.**

**Caller: Wayne Baldwin Guest Caller: Nasser Shukayr
Cuer: Walter Brewer**

**Early Rounds: 7:00 Grand March 8:00
Shepard Elementary School, 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano**

Here is the weekly and final report from Russ and Anne Nejdil, the chairs of Swinging Stars 38th Anniversary Dance. Just in case you forgot or have been out of the country... the theme of this dance is "Dancing with the Stars" which happens to be my all-time favorite TV show (Anne's favorite). If you are familiar with the show, everyone including the audience is dressed in the flashiest clothes. You may wear square dance attire, tuxedos optional, but dressy gowns would fit in the theme of the dance. No outfit would be too outrageous.

The after party will be hosted by Ken and Vickie Bullock. Maps and directions to their home will be distributed at the dance. Thank you Ken and Vickie for hosting this party especially since it is Ken's birthday on Friday! **SEE THE DETAILS BELOW THIS MESSAGE**

We have less than 1 week to review our assignments and make sure we know what is expected of each of us. The decoration committee and set-up committee should be at the school Gym door by 6:30. Please enter through the Gym door only . We have just ½ hour to set up and decorate the dance floor before early rounds begin at 7pm. Once this area is completed, we will move into the dining hall to set up and decorate that room. If you find yourself with some spare time, you may come early to help so our committee chairs won't feel so stressed by the time constraints.

You may deliver your food to the tables in the area of the school (where we usually dine). Food will be moved to the dining room once the tables are set up and decorated. Disposable platters or plates are desirable, but if you want to bring your food on expensive "Star Glow" china, be sure to label your plate with your name so you can retrieve it at the end of the evening. I have some serving pieces and will be buying toothpicks to pick up things like olives and pickles and other things, but I could use more serving pieces (labeled with your name, of course). As stated in the last newsletter, we have no access to a kitchen, so dirty plates will be placed in the back room. There will be paper towels for you to wipe off your plates for transport to home.

We are not going to announce this at the dance, so read this carefully. Our guests will go through the dinner lines first. So unless you are a diabetic and just have to eat, we will all wait until the lines have lessened before we eat.

Russ is wearing his tuxedo and plans on circulating the dining room sort of as a butler, serving food to our guests.

I have had to juggle assignments around some as the Burson's have asked we close the Honey Pot and Money Auction at 9pm so the drawings can be done at a reasonable time.

At 9:30 we will stop serving dinner and start taking down the dining hall. The entire club is expected to help with the clean-up which includes the dance hall at the end of the evening.

READ THE JOB DUTY ASSIGNMENTS AND FOOD LISTS ATTACHMENTS. Russ and I tried hard to understand who signed up for what, but often we had just first names and had to try to match these names against the club roster. One person wrote no name on one sheet, just "cheese and crackers". Look over the assignments carefully, and if you have any questions or wish to revolt because you "just don't know how to make those tortilla roll-ups", or perhaps think you signed up for something else you may contact me at Yo_Red@verizon.net or call me at 972-964-5979.

Thank you for volunteering to help with our Anniversary Dance. Swinging Stars is the best club in NORTEX because of the dedication of its members.

Thank you for your help,

Russ and Anne NejdI

Food Sign Up Sheets: http://www.swingingstars.org/Anniversary_Dance_Food_Sign-up_Sheets.pdf

Committee Assignments: http://www.swingingstars.org/Committee_Assignments.pdf

INFORMATION FOR THE AFTER PARTY



Everyone is invited to Ken and Vickie Bullock's
as they will be hosting the after party at their home.

4076 Olympic Ct. Plano, right after the Big Dance.
Please bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage.
Maps and directions to their home will be provided at the Anniversary Dance.
We hope to see everyone at the dance and the after party.



Notice change in schedule.

Since we changed the visitation on Jan. 12 to the Dixie Chainers we changed the visitation this week to:

Dance of Interest
Saturday, January 26. Tri-City Promenaders.
January Dance.

Caller: Paul Kinsey, Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Early Rounds 7:00 Work Shop 7:30 Grand March 8:00
Brookside Center 1244 Brookside Drive Hurst

OFFICIAL DANCE



North Texas Callers Association
Sunday January 27.

NTCA Singing Call/Round Dance of the Year Dance.

This is always a fun dance. Who will be doing the most requested
Singing Call and Round Dance of the year?

The dance starts at 7:30.

Callers and Cuers will be the most voted for from the North Texas area.

Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin in Fort Worth.

Come and bring some friends with you.

Car pool it is fun!

Third Notice

1st QUARTER DUES ARE DUE

Membership Dues:

The dues for the first quarter of 2013 are due. Dues are due the first Swinging Stars dance of each quarter. The quarters start January, April, July and October. If you are not sure if your dues have been paid for the 1st quarter, please contact the Treasurer, Jim and Debbie Reid.

jimbobreid@gmail.com

You may send your payment to the address listed below. Or bring your payment to our next dance, if you have not already done so.

Dues are: \$35.00 per quarter per couple
 \$70.00 per half year per couple (preferred)
 \$140.00 per year per couple

Please make your check payable to Swinging Stars

Thank you for paying your dues in a timely manner.

Jim and Debbie Reid
7614 Queens Ferry
Dallas, Texas 75248-1647
972-789-1167

After February 1, Contact our new Treasurer

jbarber@flash.net or

John Barber
4905 Hackberry Lane
Parker, Texas 75002-5627

Is this something you would be interested in doing?

Lottie Ainsworth at North Star 8 in Paris Saturday, Feb 09th

Swinging Stars, you may be interested in the Lottie Ainsworth dance planned at North Star 8 in Paris, TX on Saturday, Feb 09th. Lottie is a vibrant caller from Louisiana who is a lot of fun to dance to. North Star 8 dances begin with a 7:30pm workshop followed by square dancing from 8:00PM until 10:00PM. There will be country and western dancing between the tips and they are planning a great meal. Let Bob Pitts (bobp8211@gmail.com) know if you plan to go so we can organize our group.

Thanks,

Bob Pitts

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Official Visitation

Friday, January 18. Triangle Squares 38th Anniversary Winter Ball Dance.

As you would expect, Guest Caller Deborah Carroll-Jones along with their Club Caller and Cuer Toby Thomason provided the dancers with the a lot of the wonderful singing calls and round dances that we love to hear and dance to. I especially like listening to Deborah Carroll singing. She has a magnificent voice and excellent sense of timing. All together this is a winning combination for a caller. The Swinging Stars had 24 attending and everyone had a fun time. Thank you to P Amy, Ken and Vickie Bullock, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Richard and Jan Covington, Barry and Helen Feldman, Mel and Sondra Foust, Ralph and Lucy Hamm, Mark and Karen Hawkins, Dan and Nina Lassiter, George and Mary Loxsom, Bob and Terri Pitts, Ron and Donita See, and Charles Wolfe.

Dance of Interest

Saturday, January 19. Rebel Rousers Sock Hop. "Socks for the homeless dance".

Guest Caller Scott Bennett did a superb job calling this dance. Scott has some really cool song that he did here in Texas for the first time. Christine Hixson is an exceptionally good cuer doing all the latest tunes being done as of late. The Rebel Rousers collected a whole lot of socks for homeless. What a neat way to give back to the community. The Swinging Stars were shinning pretty bright at this visitation. We had 33 Stars twinkling all around the dance floor. Thank you Skip and Margaret Archey, Jim and Knarik Bondi, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Richard and Jan Covington, Dennis and Karen Dennison, Tom Evanto, Barry and Helen Feldman, Mel and Sondra Foust, Charlie and Linda Harris, Mark and Karen Hawkins, Russell and Bev McGuire, Tommy and JoAn Meyer, Bob and Terri Pitts, Andy and Debbie Piziali, Peter and Jeanne Rickert, Ron and Donita See, John Smith and Mary Hardin for attending.

Dance of Interest

Sunday, January 20. Harvest Holiday Winter Fun Rounds. Thank you Ralph Hamm for this report. Ten Swinging Stars attended Harvest Holiday's Winter Fun Rounds/Swingtime Fund Raiser Sunday afternoon. They enjoyed three hours of great round dancing led by most of the NORTEX cuers. It was a really fun afternoon of dancing. Donations from the dancers attending will go toward paving the Swingtime Center parking lot. Swinging Stars attending were Ralph and Lucy Hamm, Charlie and Linda Harris, George and Mary Loxsom, Bill and Wendy Perrott, and Fred and Thelma Underwood.

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Ladies Luncheon

Monday, January 21. The Luncheon will be hosted by Peggy Pharr at Mimi's in Allen. The time is 12:00. Mimi's is located at 810 W. McDermott Dr. You can go to www.mimiscafe.com and check them out. Peggy Pharr's email address: pjp0901@juno.com or 972-843-3991.



NORTEX QUARTERLY MEETING **Sunday, January 27**

The meeting will start at 2:00. We have as Delegates: Dave and Lorraine Burson, Charlie and Linda Harris and Chris and Merry Trujillo. We welcome anyone that would like to learn more about the NORTEX organization to join us at the meeting. For those that don't know the NORTEX is the larger association made up of all the clubs in the North Texas area. The meeting is at Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin in Fort Worth.

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Official Visitation – 01Feb2013

Dance: Texas Reelers – 1st Annual Pink Bow Tie Dance
Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 W. Arapaho Richardson)
Times: Early rounds – 7:30PM Grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Notes: Double signature dance

Official Visitation – 02Feb2013

Dance: Buttons and Bows – 48th Anniversary Valentine's Dance
Location: Georgia Farrow Rec Center – West Park (530 W. Davis Irving)
Times: Early rounds – 7:00PM / Grand march – 8:00PM
Callers: Jerry Gilbreath and Barry Hendricks
Cuer: Charles Crockett

Dance of Interest – 07Feb2013

Dance: Roadrunners
Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820 Ft. Worth)
Times: Early rounds – 6:45PM / Plus Workshop – 7:00PM / Grand march – 7:30PM
Caller: Joey Duhamel
Cuer: Charles Crockett
Notes: Special guest appearance – Wasaru Wada (National Caller from Japan)

Dance of Interest – 09Feb2013

Dance: Dixie Chainers
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane Farmers Branch)
Times: Early rounds – 7:00PM / Grand march – 7:30PM
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Dance of Interest : -- 15Feb2013

T-Square Gadabouts – Miss Match Dance

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820 Ft. Worth)
Times: Early rounds – 7:00PM / Workshop – 7:30PM / Grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Rick Smith
Cuer: Charles Crockett
Notes: Dress mismatched

Official Visitation – 16Feb2013

Dance: Rebel Rousers – Black & White Ball
Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 W. Arapaho Richardson)
Times: Early rounds – 7:30PM Grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Notes: Double signature dance

Ladies Luncheon – 19Feb2013

Location: Chocolate Angel Café and Tearoom (635 W. Campbell Richardson)
Website: www.chocolateangel.com
Time: 11:30AM
Host: Terri Pitts (972-392-4325 / tjtpitts@sbcglobal.net)
Notes: This is the original Chocolate Angel which has fabulous lunches.
Let Terri know if you plan to attend by 15Feb2013

Dance of Interest – 23Feb2013

Dance: Tri-City Promenaders – President's Day Dance
Location: Brookside Center (1244 Brookside Dr. Hurst)
Times: Early rounds – 7:00PM / Workshop – 7:30PM / Grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Paul Kinsey
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Plus Weekend Dance: -- 22-24Feb2013

Dance: 30th Annual Texas Stampede
Location: Sterling Hotel (1055 Regal Row Dallas)
Times: See flyer on Swinging Stars website
Caller: Tony Oxendine and Jerry Story
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Notes: Plus dance weekend

Free Dance: -- 24Feb2013

Dance: Dean and Cheryl Albrecht 50th Anniversary Celebration
Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820 Ft. Worth)
Times: Early rounds -- 2:30 / Dance:3:00 to 5:00
Caller: Rick Smith
Cuer: Charles Crockett
Note: Free everyone invited

Please see the Flyer at:

http://www.swingingstars.org/ChoreographedBallroom_LessonFlyer.pdf

ROUND DANCE LESSONS

The Swinging Stars will be sponsoring beginner round dance lessons with instructors JL and Linda Pelton at Carpenter Rec Center. JL and Linda have instructed round dancing for several years and have a successful intermediate round dance club on Thursday nights at the Plano Senior Center. Lessons will begin Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00PM and continue each Tuesday night for 11 weeks. Our hope is to continue lessons through the year, teaching students all the rhythms commonly danced at square dances – cha-cha, rumba, two step, waltz, foxtrot, and jive. The first class will teach cha-cha and rumba. This will be a great opportunity for interested couples to enter the tremendously enjoyable activity of round dancing. Students

may register in person at Carpenter Rec Center (west side of Coit Road south of Legacy) or online through the Plano Parks and Recreation catalog beginning the first Saturday in March. If you want to round dance, please make your plans to sign up.

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

Refreshment Schedule – January 2013 Through March 2013

Lead couple is first name on the list.

January 25	Anniversary Dance - All Club Members Help
February 8	Hardin/Smith, Trujillo, Ramirez*, Underwood
February 22	Piziali, Ryder, Foust*, McGuire
March 8	Maier, Morse, Kilejian*, Evanto
March 22	Whipple, Humphrey, Row, Bivins

Names with an * should not appear as the lead couple.

The lead couple should contact all members on the team to be sure they know the following:

- What they are going to bring for refreshments.
- Arrive at dance by 7:00 pm. As per our contract with PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 7:00.
- Enter thru the Gym door.
- Refreshments shut down at 9:30 pm (no earlier).
- If you take home a refreshment bag check that it has all the items listed on the Fluorescent Hang Tag on the bag.
- Be sure all items are clean.
- Repack bags in a Tidy Manner.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team.

Refreshment Duty Reminders:

- If you have a conflict with the Refreshment Schedule
- Please contact someone on the refreshment list to trade with you.
- Notify the refreshment schedulers: Jeff & Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email: jwstuart@flash.net with the names of your schedule changes.
- Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments to pick up the three bags. If unable to do so be sure that someone picks them up for you.
- Check refreshment Bags for the info regarding “Refreshment Duty Tips” and “List of Items Supplied by the Club”.
- Contact Ralph and Lucy Hamm at 214-872-7219 or rehamm45@grail.com for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. We may already have what you need. Starting in February 2013 the new First VP contact is: Mark & Karen Hawkins at 972-436-4868 or markt.karenl@gmail.com

Schedule of advertised Theme Dances thru March 2013.

February 22, 2013  Mid Winter Dance

March 22, 2013  March Madness



Sunday, January 27th. Singing call and Round Dance of the year

Tuesday, March 19 Swinging Star Round Dance Lessons

Tuesday, June 11 Plus Lessons

Tuesday, August 27 Mainstream Lessons

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Out of Town and Weekend Dances:

For information about weekend dances go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

Dave and Lorraine Burson

Swinging Stars President

Email: Dave@Bursons.us
