

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 27, 2013

Thank You to The Swinging Stars

This has been a wonderful year for us. We are grateful to all the members for everything you have done to support us to make this a successful year. Everyone has been so willing when asked to help. This is our last message that we will be writing to you while serving as President of the Swinging Stars. It has been an honor to serve as Presidents of the largest and best club in the NORTEX. We have enjoyed serving as Presidents this year. We are looking forward to continuing to be members and staying active with the club activities. We extend our thanks and appreciation to our fellow officers; 1st V.P. Ralph and Lucy Hmm, 2nd V.P. Deckard and Peggy Pharr, Sec. James and Judy Ross and Treas. Jim and Debbie Reid, without you we could not have been able to accomplish the many task of running the club. We thank all the committees and club members for the support that you have given to us and we know you will continue to give support to the new officers; President Richard and Jan Covington, 1st V.P. Mark and Karen Hawkins, 2nd V.P. Bob and Terri Pitts, Sec. Gene and Phyllis Deluke and Treas. John and Anne Barber. Again thank you for letting us be your president.

SWINGING STARS

38TH Anniversary Dance



The Swinging Stars Anniversary has come and is over for another year. What a wonderful dance we had. Words can not express all our gratitude to Russ and Ann NejdI for all the hard work and time spent planning and chairing our Anniversary Dance. Thank you to all the committee chairmen and to all the workers on each committee, to whom we say "Job well done." We also give a big thanks to all the members that supplied the finger food and the wonderful delicious desserts. We would also like to say thank you to all that stayed to clean up. I think that just about everyone stayed to help. Gee, we are so grateful to all of you! Wayne's and Nasser's calling could only be described as fun, fast and above and beyond the usual. John did a fabulous job cueing, the floor was full for every round dance cued. I heard many glowing reports about how much everyone enjoyed the dance. The Swinging Stars had 122 member attending (and I might add mostly working). We had 177 visitor for a total of 299 dancers.

Thank you to Ken and Vickie Bullock for hosting a lovely after Party. I thing there were around 50 to 60 attending. It was fun to sit, visit and relax (and eat more) after a fun evening of dancing and "work".

THE ANNIVERSARY REPORT



Anniversary Dance for 2013

Here is a final report on the status of the Swinging Stars 38th Annual Anniversary Dance:

The dance was a HUGE success! There were 299 dancers with 122 Swinging Stars in attendance. The music was fabulous, the decorations perfect, and the food (particularly those tortilla roll-ups) was delicious. No one left hungry. We even left a plate of food for the school custodians and took the extra food to the after party at the Bullock's house. The Swinging

Stars looked particularly stunning in their beautiful gowns, tuxedos and sparkling jewels. This dance could not have been a success without the hard work and dedication of all the members. I want to particularly thank our presidents, Dave and Lorraine Burson for their support and continued suggestions up until the afternoon of the dance (Lorraine, did I buy enough table cloths?). Other honorable mentions go to Barry and Helen Feldman for the creative use of stars and lights to make our dance and dining areas really light up. The decoration committee efficiently strung garland, lights, stars and mirror balls giving the illusion that we really were on the ABC TV show (eat your heart out Tom Bergeron). The set-up crew, under the direction of Charlie and Linda Harris, were focused and moved furniture in record time. Mary Hardin and John Smith and their team keep the tables filled with food and facilitated the flow of our guests through the dinner line. Mark and Karen Hawkins and the beverage attendants kept everyone well hydrated.

Also needing an acknowledgement of their hard work, I wish to thank the following:

- Wayne and Jodie Baldwin with the help of Nasser Shukayr as callers
- Walter and Eula Brewer for cueing the round dancers
- Registration under the direction of Jim and Debbie Reid and co-manned by Andy and Debbie Piziali, and Ralph and Lucy Hamm
- Honey-Pot chairmen Richard and Jan Covington and all their team
- Money Auction chairmen Russ and Bev McGuire and all their team
- Greeters comprised of old and new officers, Eula Brewer, Jodie Baldwin and our area Vice Presidents, Tom and Vicki Evanto
- Ken and Vickie Bullock who hosted the after party at their home on Ken's birthday

Again, thank you to everyone who made this dance such a success.

Russ and Anne NejdI

Fourth 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, Treasurer, John and Anne Barber Treasurer@swingingstars.org

You may send you 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.

Contact our new Treasurer

Treasurer@swingingstars.org 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 (2ndVP@swingingstars.org) know if you plan to go so we can organize our group.

Thanks,

Bob Pitts

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Ladies Luncheon

Monday, January 21. Thank you Peggy Pharr for hosting the ladies luncheon at Mimi's in Allen. We had an enjoyable lunch and enjoyed chatting with each other and getting to know one another a little better. There were 9 of the Lady Stars attending.

Dance of Interest

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

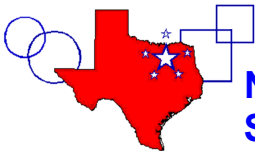
Swinging Stars enjoyed square dancing to Rick Smith. Rick called some fun dances and he is also a very funny guy. Chris Farabaugh kept the dancing going with lots of interesting round dance cues. We had 10 Swinging Stars enough to capture their banner. Thank you to Richard and Jan Covington, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Deckard and Peggy Pharr, Bob and Terri Pitts, and Peter and Jeanne Rickert for attending.

OFFICIAL DANCE



Sunday January 27 North Texas Callers Association NTCA Singing Call/Round Dance of the Year Dance.

This was an extraordinary wonderful dance. We enjoyed dancing to a large number of callers from the NTCA. All the callers and cuers did a magnificent job calling or cueing. I wish more of you were present to see and hear them. Wayne received votes to do 3 Singing calls, Pink Cadillac, Gold Rush (a duo with Rick Smith), and Apple Jack. Walter cued his Adagio III and I must say he did an excellent job as MC for the dance. We had 20 Swinging Stars including Wayne and Jody and Walter and Eula. Thank you to Dave and Lorraine Burson, Richard and Jan Covington, Tom and Vicki Evanto, Larry Giaudrone and Rosemary Benedetto, Charlie and Linda Harris, Richard and Dorinda Maier, Bob and Teri Pitts, and Ron and Donita See.



NORTEX QUARTERLY MEETING Sunday, January 27

Our delegates attending were Dave and Lorraine Burson, Charlie and Linda Harris, Chris and Merry Trujillo. Also attending were our Area VP Tom and Vicki Evanto. The Promenade Editors Larry Giaudrone and Rosemary Benedetto, Peggy Amy our NORTEX Friendship Chairman. Attending as interested members were Gary Amy, Richard and Jan Covington, and Bob and Terri Pitts. Thank all of you for attending this important meeting. We just got home from the Singing Call/Round Dance of the year and it is about 12:00 AM. We will have a full report ready for next weeks newsletter. But I just want you to know that the Round up chairman announced that the theme for the 2013 Round up will be Yellow Rose of Texas. So start looking for yellow fabric or shirts and skirts.

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**

MAINSTREAM LESSONS

The Swinging Stars have 3 or 4 couples that are taking lessons at the Richardson Senior Center. We are asking the Swinging Stars to volunteer to help angel these new students. Lessons are on Tuesdays at 7:00 and last till 9:00. Please contact Richard and Jan at president@swingingstars.org or 972-325-1144 to let them know if you would like to help angel.

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 – February 2013 Through March 2013

Lead couple is first name on the list.

February 8	Hardin/Smith, Trujillo, Ramirez*, Underwood
February 22	Piziali, Ryder, Foust*, McGuire
March 8	Maier, Morse, Evanto, Kilejian*
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 **Mark & Karen Hawkins at 972-436-4868** or 1stVP@swingingstars.org for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. We may already have what you need.

Schedule of advertised Theme Dances thru March 2013.

February 22, 2013  Mid Winter Dance

March 22, 2013  March Madness



Tuesday, March 19 Swinging Star Round Dance Lessons

Tuesday, June 11 Plus Lessons

Tuesday, August 27 Mainstream Lessons

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

THANK YOU NOTES

We received this thank you note from the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center this week. If you will remember we donated several bags of toys, books, etc that was collected at our December 14, 2012 dance.

Dear Swinging Stars,

Your Donation of \$187.00 processed on 12/21/12 for the Holiday Project will ensure that the children victimized by abuse and neglect are provided the safety, healing, and justice they need. Thank you for making a difference in the life of child!.

We are so grateful for your long term commitment to the Center, and the children we serve. Your generosity has ensured that the children victimized by abuse have comprehensive services they need to help them heal. With over 20 years of service to the community, the Center has provided the critical services to more than 40,000 children because of the support of people like you.

Though you will never see their faces, know that there are countless children who have healthier, happier lives because of you. Your continuing legacy that will impact children's lives for years to come.

Sincerely,

Melanie R. Carroll

V.P. of Development

The following is a thank you note Dave received and I wanted to share it with everyone.

Subject: Thanks for helping my youth group with the Swinging Stars Club web page

I just wanted to write you a short email to say thank you for your web page

(<http://www.swingingstars.org/>). My name is Jess, and I volunteer with a youth group where we have activities for elementary school aged children. We usually end up doing the same few projects and activities year after year, so I thought doing some research would give me some new ideas. Your page had some great square dancing resources and info that we will be able to share with the kids. Thanks for all the help! :-)

If you have any dance tips for the kids, I'd love to share it with them. Thanks again, and have a great week!

Take care,
Jess Rangel

Westwood Youth Group

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
