

# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for October 14, 2012*

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### OFFICIAL VISITATION DANCE

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### SWINGING STARS ANNUAL CHILI

### AND DESSERTS COOK OFF



**Please act on this ASAP, we only have a month. We need as many contestants as we can get!  
Please send your "reply" to [garyfamy@yahoo.com](mailto:garyfamy@yahoo.com).**

**WHAT:** Swinging Stars Third Annual Chili and Dessert Cook off

**WHEN:** Swinging Stars November 9<sup>th</sup> Friday Dance

#### NOTES:

If you plan to participate, we'd like you to sign up today if possible. Send an email to [garyfamy@yahoo.com](mailto:garyfamy@yahoo.com) ASAP

- We plan to serve the chili in very small sample-size disposable bowls along with cheese, onions drinks and desserts so the guests can taste as many of the Chilies as possible
- Desserts are also part of the contest. So if you want to enter your favorite dessert instead of chili (or in addition to), that would be fine.
- Please bring your chili in a crock pot. We may be able to find enough electrical outlets to plug it in until serving time.
- Awards will be given for "Best Chili" and "Best Dessert"
- Voting will be by the dancers the night of the dance.

Send this to [garyfamy@yahoo.com](mailto:garyfamy@yahoo.com). Please let me know what you are bringing: Chili; Dessert; or Both.

Thanks,  
Gary Amy

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## Nominating Committee

We have chosen a Nominating Committee for the purpose of nominating a slate of Officers for the Swinging Stars for 2013. They are: Tom and Vicki Evanto, Chairman, Gary and Fran Bivins, Jack Duncan, Louise Duncan and Peggy Amy. Please be kind to them when they call upon you to serve. It isn't an easy job and is very time consuming.

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## The Fourth Quarter Dues Are Due

Many of you have paid your dues by the year, some by the half year, and some by the quarter. If you are not sure whether you are up to date with your dues contact the Treasurer, Jim Reid at [jreid45@att.net](mailto:jreid45@att.net)

Dues are due by the first dance of the quarter. The quarters being January, April, July and October.

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## LESSONS ARE UNDERWAY

Thank you to all the Angels for last Tuesday's Lessons:

Dave & Lorraine Burson	George Loxsom
Ralph & Lucy Hamm	Joe & Coleta Lewis
Andy & Debbie Piziali	Kris Delosua
Jack & Louise Duncan	Chris & Merry Trujillo
Richard & Jan Covington	Kenneth Henneberger

We had 5 student couples not show up Tuesday. Possibly you came to be an angel and had to sit out some. We think we will have more of the students show up for lessons this week. We will be needing angles to angel them. Please contact me [Lorraine@Bursons.us](mailto:Lorraine@Bursons.us) and let me know if you are coming. That way if we are not going to have enough angles coming I can try to get some more people to attend the lessons.

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## ROUND DANCE LESSONS TO START IN MARCH

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 18 at 7:00 PM 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.

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## EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

### Swinging Stars Club Dance

**Friday, October 12. Swinging Stars. Tailgate Party and Greenie Night.**

This was so much fun. Our Greenies are very good. We enjoyed dancing to Dorinda and Richard Maier, Joe Rose and a visiting member of the Tri City Promenaders. I must say they all did great. I think they all have futures in the square dancing world as callers. We were also treated to a set of rounds from J.L. Pelton (A not so Green visiting guest cuer). The Tailgate Party was pretty much a Cowboy fan's theme. To bad it didn't help the Cowboys win their game.

There were 5 different clubs represented. Having a total of 83 dancers present, 11 guests and only 72 of our Swinging Stars attending. Thank you to the refreshments committee for the fine food and cool Cowboy decorations: Joe and Coleta Lewis, Richard, Peggy, and Jackie Jung, Tommy and JoAn Meyer and Joe and Colby Whitaker.

### Dance of Interest

**Saturday, October 13. OCTOBER FEAST NORTEX/NTCA Reunion and Food Bank**

**Benefit Dance.** The callers were Deborah Carroll-Jones, Jon Jones, and Vernon Jones. They are a great team of callers. They are also pretty great each by themselves. Jack von der Heide did a variety of tunes that were nostalgic to the great tunes of the past. There were 11 squares in the Grand March, but there were several people came in a little late. I didn't hear how many were actually there. For the Benefit part of the dance, they collected 2,187 dollars in cash and a whole lot of nonperishable food to donate to the Food Bank. For the Reunion part of the dance, there were several people attending that had been dancers in past and for one reason or other had dropped out of square dancing. We met and danced with one couple that had been Swinging Stars a few years ago that are planning to rejoin our club. They are Dan and Nina Lassiter. Thank you to the few Swinging Stars that attended; Larry Giandrone, Rosemary Benedetto, Charlie and Linda Harris, Bill and Windy Parrott, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Peggy Amy and Charles Wolfe.

### Dance of Interest

**Sunday, October 14. Log Cabin Swingers.** Sunday Special with Caller/Cuer Jerry Junck.

Jerry Junck did a terrific job calling to 5 squares this Sunday afternoon. What a nice time to have a dance. You go have fun dancing to a caller that is well know, when the dance is over it isn't to late to have dinner with some of the nicest people you could ever be with and it still isn't very late. Thank you to Bob and Terri Pitts and Peggy Amy for attending this dance with Dave and me.

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## COMING IN OCTOBER

### Ladies Luncheon

**Wednesday, October 17 @ 11:30.** The host for this month is Janelle Row. Janelle has made reservations for us at an intimate Italian restaurant near her house. It is Venezia Italian Cafe at 908 Audelia Rd, Richardson, 75081. Their Web Site is: [www.veneziainitaliancafe.com](http://www.veneziainitaliancafe.com). There is a menu and map on the website. All of their pastas come with salad and rolls for \$5.99. And the food is good.

She needs to let them know the number coming by Saturday, Oct 13. Email Janelle at [flowerskid@sbcglobal.net](mailto:flowerskid@sbcglobal.net) to make your reservation.

## Dance of Interest

### Friday, October 19. PEA PICKER & SINGLE PEAS Square Dance CLUB SPECIAL.

Caller: Mike Sikorsky. Henderson County Sr. Citizens Building, 3344 Hwy 31 E. Athens, TX. (just outside Loop 7 next to the Fairgrounds) Athens, Texas. 7:00 pm-9:30 pm. MS & Plus with Tough Plus Tip. If you have never danced to this caller you are in for a real treat. Dave and I are planning to go. Please let me know if you are interested. We will need to car pool. Athens isn't really much further than Tool.

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## Dance of Interest

### Sunday, October 21, 2:00 to 4:00. NTCA and NORTEX invite you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fun Dance

Party. Callers: Mike Bramlett and Deborah Carroll-Jones. Line Dancing and Mixers: John Pryor. Basic calls 1 thru 30. Swinging Stars please come and invite some of our students to come with you. I guarantee you will have a great time dancing with the students. They are fun people. Senter Park East 228 Chamberlain Irving, Tx. This is a free dance. See ad on page 29 of the October Promenade.

## Official Dance

### Friday, October 26. CALLER'S CAVALCADE.

Callers and Cuers will be a cavalcade of members of the North Texas Caller's Association. Early Rounds at 7:00 Grand March at 7:45. We need you to attend so that we can get our club in the drawing for a \$50.00 rebate from the NTCA. Please read the ad on page 7 of the October Promenade for more information. I know you will be there!

## OFFICIAL NORTEX ROUND-UP DANCE 2012

Saturday, October 27. Let's Do It... have A Ball. Featured Caller: Hunter Keller, Staff Caller: Mike Bramlett, and Staff Cuer: Christine and Theron Hixson. Read the schedule for time of the events on Page 18 of the October Promenade.

Read the ad on page 12 of the October Promenade for details of the Round-up. Please don't plan to miss this Big Event. If you miss this dance you will miss the best and a most exciting young caller around. If you don't believe me ask Peggy Pharr, she just spent a week dancing to him in Colorado.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, November 3. The Swinging Stars fourth quarter Executive Committee will be meeting at 1:00 at the Burson's home. If anyone has a topic of interest that they would like to have the Committee discuss, please contact Dave Burson and arrange for a time to visit with the committee to have your ideas or thoughts discussed.

## **Swinging Stars Regular Business Meeting**

**November, 11.** The fourth quarter regular business meeting will be held at Spring Creek Barbeque at 3:00pm. We will be electing new officers to the club as required by the Constitution that states:

"These officers shall be elected from the Club members to a six-month term beginning February 1st and August 1st of each year. Elections shall take place at November and May quarterly club meetings. An officer may not succeed himself more than once unless approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting, with the exception of the Treasurer's position, which may not be held consecutively for more than two six-month terms."

We can not have a business meeting unless we have a quorum. A quorum at all Club meetings shall consist of the presence of at least one-fourth of the members of the Club and at least two officers of the Club.

Please plan to attend. When I made the reservation at Spring Creek they were very reluctant to reserve it on a Sunday. Saying that was one of their busiest days. The manager went ahead and reserved it for us. So please let's make it worth their while to let us have our meeting there, so we can continue to hold our meetings in their restaurant. It isn't easy to find a place that is willing to let us utilize their space for our Business Meetings.

In case you lost yours, click on the following link:

[http://www.swingingstars.org/SS\\_Constitution\\_and\\_ByLaws\\_11-09\\_Final.pdf](http://www.swingingstars.org/SS_Constitution_and_ByLaws_11-09_Final.pdf)

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## **Schedule of advertised Theme Dances for the remainder of the year.**

November 9 Chili Cook Off and Honor our Veterans Dance

December 14 New Dancer Dance/Toys & Books for Children's Advocacy Cen. Benefit Dance

January 25, 2013 Anniversary Dance

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## **REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION**

### **Refreshment Schedule – thru December 2012**

Lead couple is first name on the list.

October 26 Dance Cancelled due to Callers Cavalcade Dance

November 9 Amy, Feldman, Henneberger, Sherman\*

November 23 Dance Cancelled due to Thanksgiving Holiday

December 14 Dennison, Giaudrone/Benedetto, Loxsom, Bullock

December 28 Dance Cancelled due to the school not being available to us.

Those with a \* next to their name should not be in the Leader position until further notice.

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 the PISD we are not to be in the gym before 7:00; refreshments shut down at 9:30 pm (no earlier).
- Repack bags in a Tidy Manner. If you take home a refreshment bag check that it has all the items listed on the Fluorescent Hang Tag in the bag. And be sure all items are clean.
- 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](mailto: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. Or 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@gmail.com](mailto:rehamm45@gmail.com) for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. We may already have what you need.
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Sunday, November 11. Swinging Stars Regular Business Meeting

Friday, December 7th. Swinging Stars Christmas Party

Sunday, December 2nd. Toys for Tots dance in the afternoon and a Christmas Dance in the evening. More information as it becomes available.

Friday, January 25th. Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance.

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

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## Houston Hoe-down - Galveston, TX November 16 & 17

The Houston Hoe-down (Houston version of NORTEX Round-Up) will be at Moody Gardens in Galveston, TX and features caller Dee Dee Dougherty and cuer Mark Prow.

Dancing will be Friday 7:00PM-11:00PM and Saturday 9:30AM-10:30PM.

There will be four dance halls on Saturday:

- 1) Mainstream / Plus with Rounds,
- 2) Rounds & Intro to Rounds,
- 3) Plus DBD / A1 / A2 and intro to A1,
- 1) Lines / Contra / Clogging.

The cost is \$25 ea. if you register by Oct.30th.

Let Bob Pitts ([bobp8211@gmail.com](mailto:bobp8211@gmail.com)) know so you can be included in the event planning.

The link to the event flyer is:

<http://www.squarethru.com/Hoedown%20Flyer%202012-L.pdf>.

Looks like a good group so far:

Bob & Terri Pitts

Dave & Lorraine Burson

Rick & Jan Covington

Bill & Wendy Perrott

Gary & Peggy Amy

**Peggy & Deckard Pharr - probable**

**Thanks,  
Bob**

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**Out of Town and Weekend Dances:**

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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