



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club



*Newsletter for October 28, 2012*

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### OFFICIAL DANCE

**Solitaires Square and Round Dance**

**30th Birthday Dance**

**Saturday, November 3**

**Nasser Shukayr-- Guest Caller**

**JL Pelton-- Club Cuer**

**Early Rounds--7 to 8**

**Grand March 8 pm**

**Webb Chapel United Methodist Church**

**2536 Valley View Lane Farmers Branch**

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### COOK-OFF

We only have 4 entries in the chili category and 4 entries in the desserts category.

I know there are more of you that can make a great chili and oh, the desserts this group can make are divine. We need MORE entrants for this cook-off. Please enter today!

EMAIL GARY AMY AT: [garyfamy@yahoo.com](mailto:garyfamy@yahoo.com) . The cook-off is at our next dance November 9th. SO ACT NOW!

## SWINGING STARS THIRD ANNUAL

## CHILI AND DESSERTS

## COOK OFF



**Friday, November 9th**

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.

We usually have a good turn out of visitors for this special event, so we will need several entries for the competitions.

Please plan to participate, we'd like you to sign up ASAP.

Send an email to [garyfamy@yahoo.com](mailto:garyfamy@yahoo.com)

- Everyone will be judging the Chili and Desserts. Taste as many as you would like.
- The refreshments committee will be supplying the cheese, onions etc, along with the beverage.
- Please bring your chili in a crock pot.
- Be sure to bring a serving utensil for both Chili and Desserts.
- Awards will be given for "Best Chili" and "Best Dessert"
- Voting will be by the dancers the night of the dance.

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

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## Exhibition

We have been invited to dance for the Friends Place Adult Day Services in Richardson, on November 29 at 2:00. If you are interested in dancing exhibition with us please let me know. Wayne will be doing the calling. We are not trying to recruit people at this event. This is to entertain the fine folks for an hour or so. If you are available on November 29 at 2:00 and would love to participate, please contact me [lorraine@bursons.us](mailto:lorraine@bursons.us). We will need at least one square but 2 would be better. We will be wearing square dance attire. They love to see all the pretty colors and frill of the petticoats etc. Yes even I will wear a petticoat for this exhibition.

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## MAINSTREAM LESSONS

The lessons are going great. The students are all having fun learning to square dance. Wayne is doing a fabulous job teaching them the skill they will need to know to be good dancers. These students are really doing well and we will be proud to call the Swinging Stars in the near future. Please come by the lesson on Tuesday to meet them. We were able to have six squares and all the Angles were in a square all evening. There was no one sitting out.

Thank you to the Angels that came this past week:

Ralph & Lucy Hamm  
Sally Henneberger  
Coleta Lewis  
Louise Duncan  
Jack Duncan  
Gary & Peggy Amy  
Richard & Jan Covington  
Jeff & Anne Stuart  
Dave & Lorraine Burson  
Barry & Helen Feldman  
John & Ann Barber  
Andy & Debbie Piziali  
Hope to see more of you next week.

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## And The Nominations are:

The Nominations Committee has a full slate of officers that will serve as the Executive Committee for the first half of 2013.

They are:

President, Richard and Jan Covington

1st Vice President, Mark and Karen Hawkins

2nd Vice President, Bob and Terri Pitts

Secretary, Gene and Phyllis Deluke

Treasurer, John and Ann Barber.

Election of officers will be at our Regular Fourth Quarter Business Meeting to be held on November 11, at Spring Creek Barbecue, 270 North Central Expressway, Richardson at 3:00pm.

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## Anniversary Dance for 2013

Here is a report from the Russ and Anne NejdI, Chairman of the Anniversary Dance 2013.

Russ and I are the chairpersons for the Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance on Friday, January 25th at Shepherd Elementary School. The theme of the dance is "Dancing with the Stars" after my (Anne's) favorite TV show. Ballroom or square dance attire may be worn, but think "flashy".

Callers will be our own Wayne Baldwin and Guest Caller Nasser Shukayr. Cuer is our own Walter and Eula Brewer.

Committee chairs are as follows:

Registration and Admissions: Jim and Debbie Reid

Honey Pot: Richard and Jan Covington

Money Auction: Russ and Bev McGuire

Decorations: Helen and Barry Feldman

Refreshments: Mary Hardin and John Smith

Beverages: Mark and Karen Hawkins

This year we will be serving finger foods. Over the next few weeks you will be given opportunities to volunteer on the various committees as well as to sign up for the food you will bring. For this dance to be a success, we need everyone involved. Everyone is expected to participate by bring food and serving on one of the committees. Please call me for questions for suggestions (972-964-5979).

Thank you in advance for volunteering

Anne and Russ NejdI

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## EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

**Friday, October 26. CALLER'S CAVALCADE.** All that attended had a great time dancing to a variety of callers from the NTCA. Thanks to all the Swinging Stars that attended. I am not sure if I counted everyone, but I think we had about 44 dancers plus Wayne and Jodie, Walter and Eula.

### 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. This was a very special day of dancing. We had around 59 Swinging Stars attending through out the day on Saturday. Plus 10 students at the new dancer dance. Thanks to all the Angles that came to help angel the students. I have not heard a report as to how many actually were in attendance to the Roundup Weekend. Hopefully I will hear in the near future.

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## EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

### DANCE OF INTEREST

**Friday, November 2. Kissin Kuzzins.** Regular dance night. Caller is Wayne Baldwin and the Cuer JL Pelton. Garland Senior Activity Center, 600 Avenue A. Early Rounds 7:00 Grand March 8:00. We don't have their banner so is a banner raid.

### OFFICIAL VISITATION

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### 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.

### NORTEX QUARTERLY MEETING

**Sunday, November 4.** 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.

## **SWINGING STARS CLUB DANCE**

**Friday, November 9 Honor our Veterans and Chili & Dessert Cook.**

Caller Wayne Baldwin and Cued Walter Brewer. DBD Work shop at 7:30 and Square dancing at 8:00. You will want to sample all the chili dishes and desserts. Then vote which you think is the best. Don't forget we all meet up at Mama's Pizza after the dance for fellowship with our club members. And there is that boloney and yellow soda water.

## **OFFICIAL VISITATION AND BANNER RETRIEVAL.**

**Saturday, November 10 Dixie Chainers 54th Anniversary Stars and Stripes Party.**

Three great callers spells FUN, FUN, FUN: Jon / Deborah Carroll /Vernon Jones. What a "Triple Treat". Jack von der Heide will be cueing the rounds. Early Rounds at 7:00 and Grand March at **7:30**. Farmers Branch Senior Center 14055 Dennis at Valwood.

I am guessing that the colors for the night are Red, White and Blue.

## **Swinging Stars Regular Business Meeting**

**Sunday, 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.

## **Ladies Luncheon**

**Tuesday, November 13 At 11:30.** Mary Hardin is the hostess for the November luncheon.

The ladies luncheon will be at the CHOCOLATE ANGEL inside the High Street Antique Mall located on the northeast side of Plano Parkway and Central Expressway.

Please make your reservation with Mary by November 11 so she can confirm the number of ladies that are planning to attend. Contact Mary Email [myhn2@yahoo.com](mailto:myhn2@yahoo.com) or cell phone 214-632-4230. Any questions about the date or place contact Mary Hardin.

**I WILL HAVE THE REMAINDER OF THE EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.**

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## Holiday Ladies Luncheon



The holiday luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at noon in the home of Anne Nejd. As in years past, we will have games, prizes and the “dreaded” white elephant gift exchange. I will have invitations for the ladies with directions to my house at the chili cook-off dance.

Anne

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The GRAM Committee  
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# Day of Dancing and Toys

December 2nd at the

Grapevine Convention Center

1209 S. Main Street

Admission: 1 new unwrapped toy per dancer

Events

- ★ Toys for Tots Drop Off  
Marine Toys for Tots Foundation with  
Drop Off host Chip Wagner of Fox News
  - ★ New and Prospective Dancer Dance -- 2:00 to 3:30
  - ★ New Round Dancers -- 3:30 to 4:30
  - ★ Round Dancing -- 4:30 to 6:00
  - ★ Club Wreath Contest and Auction
  - ★ Evening Square and Round Dancing -- 6:00 to 8:00
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# **NORTH TEXAS CALLERS ASSOCIATION**

## **Singing Call / Round Dance of the Year Dance**

**January 27, 2013**

**Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 at the Anglin Drive exit, Ft. Worth.**

Just to let you all know what this is. This is an annual dance held by the North Texas Callers Association. This year the voting will be done with a donation to the to the Muscular Dystrophy Association / ALS Research Dallas North District. Here is how it works this year. Each ballot has 3 votes per ballot. You can vote up to 3 different dances or 3 votes for one dance called or cued by your favorite caller or cuer. Ballots are for both voting ballots and a means to raise funds. When voting please include \$1.00 for each ballot you submit. You can submit as many ballots as you wish.

In the past we have organized our club to vote for Wayne and Walter by recommended a specific Singing Call or Round Dance Song that we would like them to perform at the dance. We are still open for suggestions for both Wayne and Walter. If you have a specific preference please let me know and we will try to get organized. The idea is to have our club caller and cuer get the most votes. So lets be generous and vote early and vote often! When we have decided on the Singing Call and Round Dance song we will put out the word. Of course you can vote for whom ever you like, but we would like for Wayne and Walter to get the most votes.

### **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

## **REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION**

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

Lead couple is first name on the list.

- 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

Time is closing in on the lower rate registration date. If you are going and have not registered, it is time. The \$25.00 per person early registration ends Oct. 30th. The Registration at the door is \$30.00 per person.

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,
- 4) 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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Dave and Lorraine Burson  
Swinging Stars President  
Email: [Dave@Bursons.us](mailto:Dave@Bursons.us)

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