



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club



Newsletter for November 4, 2012

Official Visitation

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. That's 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.
Square dance attire

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

- 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. Please let Gary know what you are bringing: Chili; Dessert; or Both.

Exhibition

So far we only have 3 couples volunteering

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. 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.

MAINSTREAM LESSONS

Lessons were a little more challenging this past week. We had some students that were not there for several weeks that showed up and we were short on Angles. I would like to stress it is important to come to the lessons to angel these students so they get the maximum learning experience in square dancing. This coming week we are going to be short on angels again, especially men. We encourage as many angles that can come, to come to the lessons this week. Please let me know if you are coming. I would like to ask that promptly at 7:00 to start squaring up and not waste a lot of time socializing. I have had trouble in getting the word out to start squaring up because there is so much noise with visiting etc. I do like that everyone is friendly, but we need to get started on time to get the most of our time learning.

Thank you to the Angels that came this past week:

Ralph & Lucy Hamm

Kenneth and Sally Henneberger

Joe and Coleta Lewis

Louise Duncan

Peggy Amy

Jeff & Anne Stuart

Lorraine Burson

Barry & Helen Feldman

Hope to see more of you next week.

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.



Anniversary Dance for 2013

This week's report from the Russ and Anne NejdI, Chairman of the Anniversary Dance 2013.

Last week I mentioned that Russ and I are the chairpersons for the anniversary dance on Friday, January 25th at Shepard Elementary School. The theme for the dance is "Dancing with the Stars" in tribute to my (Anne's) favorite TV show. You may dress in traditional square dance attire or in your favorite ballroom clothes - the flashier the better. Ken and Vickie Bullock have graciously volunteered to host the after party at their home. We need the support of the entire club serving on the various committees and providing food for the finger food supper to make this dance a success. This weekend at the chili cook-off I will have the sign-up sheets for the various committees and food suggestions. Those of you that sign up early will have the first chance at the assignments. If you have any questions or just want to get a head start on volunteering, you can email me at Yo_Red@verizon.net.

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

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

DANCE OF INTEREST

Friday, November 2. Kissin Kuzzins. Regular dance night. Caller is Wayne Baldwin and the Cuer JL Pelton. The report given by Peggy Pharr was that everyone had a fun time. There were 31 Swinging Stars attending and we captured their banner. Thanks to all that attended; Covington, L. Duncan, Feldman, Foust, Gifford, Hamm, Harris, Hawkins, Henneberger, Loxsom, McGuire, Pharr, Pitts, Smith/Hardin, Starrett, and Underwood. We really appreciate all of you for attending.

OFFICIAL VISITATION

Saturday, November 3 Solitaries 30th Birthday Dance

Nasser Shukayr-- Guest Caller. JL Pelton-- Club Cuer. What a wonderful dance this was Nasser was his usual crazy self. He was dressed as Elvis a strutted his stuff as if to be Elvis. Thank you to everyone that attended. P Amy, Burson, Covington, T Evanto, Foust, Giadrone /Benedetto, Harris, Hawkins, Kilejian, Luxsom, Pitts, Trujillo, Whitaker, C Wolfe and soon to be Swinging Stars the Lassiters. We also hade Smith/Hardin that were counted as Solitaries.
We captured their banner.

EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

SWINGING STARS CLUB DANCE

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

Caller Wayne Baldwin and Cuer 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. Than 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. I was asked what the dress is for the dance. It is a regular dance with square dance attire.

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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.

DANCE OF INTEREST Banner Raid

Friday, November 16 Texas Reelers Caller Mike Bramlett and Cuer Jack von der Heide. Early Rounds at 7:30 and Grand March at 8:00. Richardson Senior Center. 820 W Arapaho Richardson.

OFFICIAL VISITATION

Saturday, November 17 Buttons and Bows Fall Festival . Caller and Cuer will be Charles Crockett. Workshop 7:00. Early Rounds 7:30 and the Grand March at 8:00. Senter Park East Rec. Center 228 Chamberlain Irving. See ad on page 19 of the Nov. Promenade.

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, November 20 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 or cell phone 214-632-4230. Any questions about the date or place contact Mary Hardin.

SWINGING STARS DANCE CANCELED

Friday, November 23 We couldn't use the gym for this dance. The school was completely closed down for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

DANCE OF INTEREST

Saturday, November 24 Tri City Promenaders. Incredible GOSPEL Square Dance. If you enjoy dancing the wonderful Gospel songs, you will not want to miss this dance. Callers Paul Kinsey and Mike Bramlett. With Chris Farabaugh cueing the rounds. Early Rounds at 7:00 and Grand March at 8:00. Brookside enter 1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst. See ad on page 21 of the Nov. Promenade.

DANCE OF INTEREST

Thursday, November 29 Yellow Rockers 5th Thursday Dance. Caller Ray Stenger and Cuer Chris Farabaugh. Early Rounds at 7:00 and Squares at 7:30. Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. 12411 Templeton Tr. Farmers Branch.

DANCE OF INTEREST

Friday, November 30. Circle I 5th Friday Special Dance. Guest caller Wayne Baldwin and cuer Chris Farabaugh Line Dancing 7:15 to 7:30. Rounds at 7:30 and Grand March at 8:00. This is an opportunity to get to dance with the Circle I, since their regular dance night is the same as ours. This will be a good time to get your visitation cards signed also. 228 Chamberlain Senter Park East, Irving. We will be there. Hope you are too.

Holiday Ladies Luncheon



The holiday luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 4th 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

SWINGING STARS



Merry Christmas
and Happy Hanukkah



Annual Holiday Party!!



The Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party is Friday December 7th 6:00 pm at the Haggard Party Barn.

The cost is \$28.00 per couple, which includes catered BBQ dinner, Margaritas, Beer, soft drinks, dancing and fun!

Pay cash to Linda or Charlie Harris or send your check payable to Linda Harris before December 1st.

We'll need a firm head count for the caterers by December 1st.

Rutledge and Susan Haggard generously share their facility with us each year. A tip jar will be out for our bartender service and support. I know you will be generous.

Lots of Fun!! Hope to see everyone there!!

Linda Harris at LindaHarrisTX@hotmail.com

The GRAM Committee
presents

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

February 22, 2013  Mid Winter 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 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 for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. We may already have what you need.



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

Houston Hoe-down

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.

November 16 & 17

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 \$30 ea

Let Bob Pitts (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

Thanks,
Bob

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

A note about Joe and Sandra Rose's performance:

Several Swinging Stars had a real treat tonight when we took advantage of Joe Rose's open invitation to attend a medley of Broadway songs presented by his church choir. Not only did he and Sandra sing several songs with the choir as well as a duet from "Fiddler on the Roof" but; Joe also sang a wonderful solo, Music of the Night from "The Phantom of the Opera." The Swinging Stars who attended were Peggy/Gary Amy, Helen /Barry Feldman, Sally/Kenneth Henneberger, Gloria/John Kershaw, Jean/Adam Sobotka, and Thelma/Fred Underwood.

Thanks,
Helen Feldman

A Note Of Thanks from the Children's Advocacy center.

If you remember we had a Benefit Dance and donated them school supplies. Here is the Thank You note they sent recently.

Dear Swinging Stars,

On behalf of the children we serve, The Children's Advocacy center of Collin County would like to thank you for your generous donation of assorted school supplies and backpacks. It is only through the support of gracious donors like you that the Center is able to provide safety, healing and justice for the thousands of children we serve each year.

From your involvement, you know our mission here. But, were you aware that during fiscal year 2011:

- 7107 Volunteer hours of service were provided
- 6005 Community Resource Services were provided to 2213 client
- 10774 Therapy services were offered to 1090 clients
- 1304 Clients benefited from the Rainbow Room
- 768 Forensic interviews were conducted

Your continued generosity ensures that we are able to provide these vital services to the children that so desperately need out help. Without you, our work would not be possible; please know we are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,
Lynn McLean
Chief Executive Officer

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
