



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for November 11, 2012*

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## Official Visitation

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**Saturday, November 17 Buttons and Bows Fall Festival**

Charles Crockett will be cueing the rounds and calling the squares.

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.

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## MAINSTREAM LESSONS

The students are progressing very well. Wayne says that they only have 4 more calls to learn, then they can spend the remainder of the class time practicing the calls and pick up the speed dancing. They are going to be a wonderful addition to our club once they become Swinging Stars. Please come and dance with them and get to know them.

Last week we were able to have 5 squares with angels in each square. We really do appreciate all of the angels for helping with the lessons.

Thank you to the Angels that came this past week:

Kenneth Henneberger

Lorraine Burson

Gary & Peggy Amy

Jeff & Anne Stuart

Mark & Karen Hawkins

Dennis & Karen Dennison

George Loxsom

Barry & Helen Feldman

Richard & Jan Covington

Joe & Coleta Lewis

Hope to see more of you next week. Please let me know if you are planning to attend.

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## Swinging Star 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 18 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.

Thanks,  
Ralph Hamm  
First Vice President,  
Swinging Stars

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A message about advertising our Anniversary Dance,

## Dancing with the Stars

I would like to point out that we need to do a lot of visiting these next two months. Not only do we need to visit the Rebel Rousers, Reelers and Kissin Kuzzins we need to have larger numbers visiting the other clubs that we have scheduled to visit. We would love to have a large turn out for our Anniversary dance. One way to achieve this result is for us to visit more clubs and advertise our anniversary dance. If you are planning to attend a dance that isn't on our calendar, please print a 5 or 6 flyers and take them to the dance. Usually there will be a place you can put them for people to see and take. Also, be sure to give one to the caller or cuer and have them announce our Anniversary Dance. You would be surprised how much difference this will make in the number of visitors we get. I am attaching the flyer of our anniversary dance. Please be sure to copy and take it with you to any unscheduled dances that you might attend. This can be to a round dance or square dance.

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## Anniversary Dance for 2013

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

## ANNIVERSARY DANCE REPORT

### Chairs: Russ and Anne NejdI

Date: Friday, January 25, 2013

Location: Shepherd Elementary School

Callers: Wayne Baldwin and Guest Caller Nasser Shukayr

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Theme: Dancing with the Stars

Early Rounds at 7:00

Squares at 8:00

## Committees:

Food Service Attendants: Mary Hardin and John Smith

Beverage Attendants: Mark and Karen Hawkins

Honey Pot: Richard and Jan Covington

Money Auction: Russ and Bev McGuire

Decorations: Barry and Helen Feldman

Set-up: Charlie and Linda Harris

Greeters: Old and new officers

Registration: Jim and Debbie Reid

- Decorations will feature mirror balls, stars, and even more stars. Gold or silver will be the colors of the table cloths.
- We will be serving finger foods and will not be providing any silverware. Foods will include small sandwiches, tortilla wraps, cheeses and crackers, nuts, relish trays, fruit trays, vegetable trays and various chips and dips. Suggested desserts include cookies, brownies, and sliced breads or cakes that can be eaten with fingers.
- Ballroom or square dance attire is acceptable, but flashy is best. I have asked several of our men to wear their tuxedos and to walk around the eating area serving trays of food to the tables so they will be our "roving butlers".
- As usual, the entire club is expected to help clean up at the end of the evening.

The AFTER PARTY will be at the home of Ken and Vickie Bullock (4076 Olympic Ct, Plano). Maps and directions will be provided on the evening of the anniversary dance.

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

### NORTEX 4th Business Meeting

**Sunday November 4.** The NORTEX 4th quarter business meeting was held at the Swingtime Center in FT. Worth . Swinging Stars attending were; Dave and Lorraine Burson Rosemary Benedetto and Larry Giaudrone, Chris and Merry Trujillo, Vicki and Tom Evanto. I am enclosing an attachment of a report of the meeting. Please take a minute and review it. This will help you stay in tune with what is going on in the NORTEX Association.

### SWINGING STARS CLUB DANCE

**Friday, November 9. Honor our Veterans and Chili & Dessert Cook.** Caller Wayne Baldwin and Cuer Walter Brewer. I believe this was one of our best dances of the year. 149 in attendance. 17 students, 97 members and 35 visitors. Trail Blazers had 9 and retrieved their banner. Thank you to everyone that entered the Chili and Dessert Cookoff. There were 11 entries in the chili category, and 9 entries in the dessert category. Everyone attending was treated to the

delicious samplings of the different varieties of chili and the scrumptiously delicious desserts prepared by our extraordinarily good cooks.

And the winners are:

Desserts 1st - Dorinda Maier, 2nd - Bob Pitts, 3rd - JoAn Meyer

Chili 1st - Mark Hawkins, 2nd - Lorraine Burson, 3rd - Mary Hardin

We also had a treat of a different kind. Richard Covington had his Swinging Stars debut as a caller. He has been practicing with Wayne. We congratulate Richard on a job well done.

Richard thank you. You did great!

An extra big thank you to Gary and Peggy Amy for organizing the cookoff and to the all of the refreshments committee that work so hard to keep things going; Barry and Helen Feldman, Kenneth and Sally Henneberger and Mark and Marcy Sherman.

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

**Saturday, November 10 Dixie Chainers 54th Anniversary Stars and Stripes Party.** Callers Jon / Deborah Carroll /Vernon Jones. Jack von der Heide. This was a FUN, FUN, FUN dance with these 3 terrific callers. The Swinging Stars had 29 attending. We retrieved our banner and captured theirs. Thank you to the Swinging Stars that attended: Gary and Peggy Amy, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Richard and Jan Covington, Tom and Vickie Evanto, Barry and Helen Feldman, Charlie and Linda Harris, Mark and Karen Hawkins, Dan and Nina Lassiter, George and Mary Loxsom, Rick and Dorinda Maier, Wendy and Bill Perrott, Frank and Maryann Starrett, Jeff and Anne Stuart, Chris and Merry Trujillo, and our own NORTEX East Flasher Charles Wolfe.

## **Swinging Stars Regular Business Meeting**

**Sunday, November 11.** The Fourth Quarter Regular Business Meeting was held at Spring Creek Barbeque. We had two major items on the agenda for the meeting. One to elect new officers and one to pass a constitutional amendment.

Congratulations to our newly elected Officers:

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

We are so happy that you are going to be our leaders for the next six months. Hopefully you will enjoy your time as officers and you will want to continue serving the next six months. Thank you for graciously accepting to serve as the Executive Committee.

The Amendment to the Swinging Stars Constitution is as follows:

### **ARTICAL III MEMBERSHIP, 1. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP,**

b. New members shall be 18 years of age or older and shall be experienced dancers or graduates from a class of this or another recognized dance club. **Since the Club is a couples club, new members must have a dance partner that is a club member or is joining the Club at the same time.**

The new text is in **red**.

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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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## EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

### 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

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### 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Please wear you aqua.  
Read the ad on page 22 of the November Promenade.



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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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# SWINGING STARS



Merry Christmas  
and Happy Hanukkah



Annual Holiday Party!!



The Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party is Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:LindaHarrisTX@hotmail.com)

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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  
Anyone can drop off toys all day starting at 2:00
  - ★ New and Prospective Dancer Dance -- 2:00 to 3:30  
If you know anyone interested in learning to dance invite them to come.
  - ★ New Round Dancers -- 3:30 to 4:30
  - ★ Round Dancing -- 4:30 to 6:00
  - ★ Club Wreath Contest and Auction  
The Club Wreath contest and auction is open for participation from all  
NORTEX clubs. The wreaths will be used as decorations during the dance  
and be sold to the highest bidder by silent auction throughout the evening  
dance.
  - ★ Evening Square and Round Dancing -- 6:00 to 8:00  
The club whose wreath raises the most money will receive a gift certificate  
from Mike Bramlett for his services free of charge at a regular dance.
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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.**

These are the two songs we are promoting for our caller and cuer.

Singing Call for Wayne, "Apple Jack", and the Round Dance for Walter, "Adagio III".

In the November Promenade on page 29 are 4 ballots. The instructions for voting are also printed there. You can cut them out or copy them or go to the Web Site for the NTCA and download them.

I will have a few ballots at our dance on Dec 11, and I will be willing to collect them and the \$1.00 per ballot to submit to the Callers Association. This is for a worthy cause all donations for balloting will go to the MLS/ALS-Dallas North District. If you can't go to the dance please vote anyway.

**VOTE EARLY AND VOTE OFTEN!**

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 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 let's 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.

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## **NORTEX**

### **Square and Round Dance Club Community Involvement Program**

You might ask. "What is this?"

Well to the best that I can ascertain, it is a means to identify in what activities NORTEX members are involved. This way we can show how active a group we are. So when we are looking for advertisement thru the media they will recognize that we are a large and an active group of people in the North Texas area. This would make square and round dancing better known through out the community. Also this committee will be able to communicate from one club to another club what is being done to promote our favorite past time. What is working and what is not. I am asking that if you have special talents or are participating in charities, community projects or any kind of community type activities, please send me that information. For example I know several of our members participate in the Walk for the Cure, some work with the Baptist Men, sing with your church group etc. Perhaps you volunteer at a hospital, or anything that we can show how active we are in the community. Please send me this information ASAP so that I can send it on to the committee. Thank you for your help with this project.

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

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

January 25, 2013  Anniversary Dance

February 22, 2013  Mid Winter Dance

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## REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

### Refreshment Schedule – thru December 2012

Lead couple is first name on the list.

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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## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS:**

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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  
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