

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 25, 2012

VISITATIONS THIS WEEK

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

AND get your visitation cards signed.

228 Chamberlain Senter Park East, Irving.

We will be there. Hope you are too.

See ad on page 22 of the November Promenade.



Please wear you aqua.



OFFICIAL VISITATION

Saturday, December 1.

Texoma Squares Annual Christmas Dance.

Caller: Wayne Baldwin Cuer: Patti Wheelington.

Early Rounds: 7:30 Grand March: 8:00

929 Desvoignes Road Denison, Texas.

From Hwy 75 in Denison Take Exit 66 (Spur 503)

Turn right on Hwy 69 at Texoma Inn.

Go .8 tenths of a mile to Desvoignes Road.

Turn right and go 1 mile. Clubhouse is on the Right.

See ad on Page 6 of the December Promenade.

Christmas square dance attire. Car pool, it's fun!

Exhibition Dance Is This Week

The exhibition for the Friends Place Adult Day Services is this week. The date is November 29th at 2:00. We should get there a little early. Be there about 1:45 to get set up and ready to go. The address is 1960 Nantucket Drive, Richardson.

I have Starrett, Luxsom, Lewis, Feldman, Hamm, Stuart, Hardin/Smith and Burson on my list of volunteers to do the exhibition. If this is incorrect please let me know. Also, if you would like to go and you are not on this list please let me know. It would be nice to have a few more in the event some one can't make it.

Wayne will be doing the calling. We are not trying to recruit people at this event. This is to entertain the fine folks for a 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 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.

FROM THE NORTH TEXAS CALLER'S ASSOCIATION

HOW MANY DANGLES HAVE YOU COLLECTED?

We hope you have them all and you have earned your free meal. The Dangle Dance will be on December 16th. If you have collected everyone's dangle make sure you RSVP that you are coming. Visit the NTCA website to submit your RSVP between November 26th and December 1st. (and only then). We are looking forward to seeing you at the dance.

Copy and paste this and it should bring up the link to RSVP for the Dangle Dance. You won't be able to find the link to RSVP until the 26th.

www.squaredancing.com/ntca/

MAINSTREAM LESSONS

This last week the students have shown a big improvement in their dancing skills. One thing that has helped, more of the students have been showing up for the lessons and are able to learn the calls. As Wayne says, "Repetition is the teacher". Showing up for the lessons is the best way to learn. Everyone seems to be having fun and enjoying square dancing.

This passed week we invited the students to join our magnificent club. We have already have received an application form from the Bondi's and they have joined for the entire year.

The following members were angels at lessons this week: Peggy Amy, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Dennis and Karen Dennison, Barry and Helen Feldman, Ralph and Lucy Hamm, Mark and Karen Hawkins, Russ and Anne Nejdil, Bob and Terri Pitts, Roger and Janelle Row, and Jeff and Anne Stuart.

Thank you so much for your help with the students at the lessons.

If you are interested in being a mentor to a student couple please let Kenneth and Sally Henneberger know. kenneth.sally@verizon.net



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

Anniversary Dance update for November 25th:

The Swinging Stars Anniversary dance is about 2 months away and there is a lot of planning left to do. As mentioned in earlier newsletters, Russ and I are the chair persons for this dance. The theme is "Dancing with the Stars" to honor my favorite TV show (Anne's favorite TV show). Ballroom or square dance attire is acceptable and flashy is desirable. In addition to all the swinging stars in attendance, there will be stars decorating the gym and mirror balls galore. We will be serving finger foods and there will be no eating utensils. **After conferring with Lorraine Burson, a decision has been made to ask each Swinging Star couple to sign up for two food items. Some of the things needed are simple such as ice, or chips and dip, so hopefully this will not be a burden on anyone or their time.**

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

The committee chairs are as follows:

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

Ken and Vickie Bullock will host the after party at their home. Maps and directions to their home will be provided at the Anniversary Dance.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to serve on a committee. We still have some openings available. **We also need many more Stars to sign up to bring (2) food items. I will have the sign-up sheets on Tuesday night for those who attend lessons as angels. The next times the sign-up sheets will be available will be at the holiday party on December 7th and at**

the only December club dance on December 14th (the Toys and Book Dance/New Dancer Dance). There is only one dance in January before the anniversary dance. We need everyone's participation to make this dance a success. As you can see, there are few opportunities left to make your choices known to me. You can email or call me to volunteer. You can email me @ Yo_Red@verizon.net or call 972-964-5979. After January 14th, I will be contacting YOU with the openings that are left that have to be filled.

Anne and Russ Nejdil

ADVERTISE OUR 38TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE



Dancing with the Stars

Our December and January calendars will have several clubs listed for visitation. Please review the list of clubs to be visited and plan to attend as many as you can. Perhaps you have a different club that you are planning to attend please print 10 flyers and take them to the dance. Dave and I will be taking flyers to all the clubs that we will be visiting. Usually there will be a place for you put the flyers for people to see and take. Most important be sure to give one to the caller or cuer and have them announce our Anniversary Dance.

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 for visitation. 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. 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. Thank you in advance for your help in making our 38th Anniversary dance a huge success. Go Swinging Stars!

Click the following link for the flyer: http://www.swingingstars.org/Dancing_with_the_stars.pdf

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

DANCE OF INTEREST

Saturday, November 24 Tri City Promenaders. Incredible GOSPEL Square Dance.

For those of you that didn't go you sure missed a good dance with lots of good food. The music was really heart warming and inspirational. If you knew the old gospel song you were able to sing along. There was a lot of "singing along" going on. You also missed the debut of our NORTEX president, Kevin Hadley when Mike Bramlett surprised him with an invitation to do a singing call with him. Kevin did very well. We were short one person for a square. We only had 7 Swinging Stars attending. There was one former Swinging Star president attending. Marion Neff was there and I am told that she served as president more than once. Thank you to the Swinging Stars attending: Dave and Lorraine Burson, Dan and Nina Lassiter, Peggy and Gary Amy and Jack Duncan.

EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

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.

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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.



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EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Saturday, December 1. Texoma Squares Annual Christmas Dance.

Caller: Wayne Baldwin. Cuer: Patti Wheelington. Early Rounds: 7:30 Grand March: 8:00 929 Desvoignes Road Denison, Texas. From Hwy 75 in Denison Take Exit 66 (Spur 503) Turn right on Hwy 69 at the Texoma Inn. Go .8 tenths of a mile to Desvoignes Road. Turn right and go 1 mile. Clubhouse is on the Right.

Christmas square dance attire. See ad on Page 6 of the December Promenade. Car pool, it's fun!

Dance of Interest

Sunday December 2. The GRAM Committee presents Day of Dancing and Toys.

A list of activities is on the front of the December Promenade, and also in this newsletter. Scroll down for more information. I hope you will attend part or all of the days events. We will have a wreath on display as our contribution to the wreath silent auction. Debbie Reid has graciously volunteered to make the wreath for the Swinging Stars. Please go by and make a bid on our wreath. 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.



Holiday Ladies Luncheon

RSVP to Anne Nejd Yo_Red@verizon.net

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. The luncheon is coming up fast. If you did not RSVP already, please do so ASAP. Anne needs a head count by **December 1st** so she will know how many to set up for. Please call or email Anne to let her know if you plan on attending this luncheon. She will be serving a turkey breast, ham, and drinks. She is asking everyone to bring a dish to share.

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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



Swinging Stars Annual Toys and Books Holiday Benefit Dance

As you know, we have our Annual Toys and Books Holiday Benefit dance coming up on Friday December 14. It is also a New Dancer Dance. But what I want to tell you about at this time is the need for donations to the Children's Advocacy Center. This is a dance where we ask for donations either Toys, Children's Books or Cash to the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center.



The following is a list of the most recommended by the Children's Advocacy Center:

- Cash
- Developmental Toys
- Leapfrog/V-Tech
- Legos/Megablocks
- Cabbage Patch Dolls
- Sports Apparel/sports equipment
- Exersaucers
- Jewelry
- Perfume/Cologne
- LaLaLoopsy Dolls
- Games for gaming systems
- Infant Activity Gyms
- DVD Movies
- Beauty Supplies
- Furbys
- Books



Thank you for helping the Swinging Stars with your donations. I know it will make the children happy and will bring some joy into their lives at this time of year.

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.



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 14, 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 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.

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

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

Refreshment Schedule – thru December 2012

Lead couple is first name on the list.

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

Friday, December 7th. Swinging Stars Christmas Party

Monday, December 31 Road Runners Roaring 20's "New Years Eve Dance"

Friday, January 25th. Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance.

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

Monday, March 18 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.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

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
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