



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 2, 2012

VISITATIONS THIS WEEK

Dixie Chainers

Toys for Kids Dance

Saturday, December 8

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Caller Vernon Jones and Cuer Jack von der Heide.

Early Rounds at 7:00 and Grand March at 7:30.

Farmers Branch Senior Center 14055 Dennis At Valwood.

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

Refreshment Schedule – December 2012 Through March 2013

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.
January 11	Perrott , Starrett, Jimison, Kendrick
January 25	Anniversary Dance - All Club Members Help
February 8	Morse , Trujillo, Evanto, Underwood
February 22	Piziali , Ryder, Foust*, McGuire
March 8	Maier , Hardin/Smith, Kilejian*, Ramirez

Names with an * should not appear as the lead couple.

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 PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 7:00.
- Enter thru the Gym door.
- Refreshments shut down at 9:30 pm (no earlier).
- If you take home a refreshment bag check that it has all the items listed on the Fluorescent Hang Tag on the bag.
- Be sure all items are clean.
- Repack bags in a Tidy Manner.

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. If unable to do so 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@grail.com for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. We may already have what you need. **Starting in February 2013 the new First VP contact is: Mark & Karen Hawkins at 972-436-4868 or markt.karenl@gmail.com**

MAINSTREAM LESSONS

Thank you to the members that have been angels this past Tuesday. Peggy Amy, John and Ann Barber, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Richard and Jan Covington, Dennis Dennison, Barry and Helen Feldman, Ralph and Lucy Hamm, Charlie Harris, Joe and Coleta Lewis, Russ and Anne NejdI, Bob and Terri Pitts, and Jeff and Anne Stuart. Your continued help has made the lessons go a lot easier. This week we are going to need more members to come angel. We are going to be short on angles, so if you would please help we would appreciate it. If you have not been angles during this set of lessons, this would be a good time to come and meet the students. Several have already applied for membership and will be receiving their badges at graduation. Please let me (lorraine@bursons.us) know you are planning to attend.

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

This month is full of events for us to attend. I know everyone is extremely busy at this time of year. Please try to attend when ever you can.

Tuesday, December 4. Holiday Ladies Luncheon

The holiday luncheon will be hosted by Anne NejdI at her home 4105 Cassandra Lane, Plano. 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. Please call or email Anne to let her know you plan on attending the luncheon. She will be serving turkey breast, ham, and drinks. She is asking everyone to bring a dish to share. Yo_Red@verizon.net

Friday December 7. Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party!! The Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party. The fun starts at 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! 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

Dance of Interest

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Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, December 14. Swinging Stars New Dancer Dance



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Swinging Stars Annual Toys and Books Holiday Benefit Dance

Caller Wayne Baldwin. Cuer: Walter Brewer. We will be having Early Rounds at 7:30. (Yes,we really will.) Grand March at 8:00. This is a New Dancer Dance so we will be having Mainstream only with some Line dances between tips.

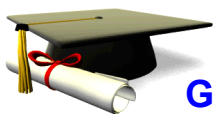
Since this is also our Annual Toys and Books Holiday Benefit dance, We are asking for donations to the Children's Advocacy Center. Donations can be either Toys, Children's Books or Cash to the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center. Thank you for your donations. I know it will make the children happy and will bring some joy into their lives at this time of year.

Official Visitation

Saturday, December 15. Rebel Rousers. Old Mother Hubbard Food Drive Dance. Caller Mike Bramlett. Cuer Christine Hixson. Early Rounds 7:30. Grand March at 8:00. They will be collecting donations of canned and packaged food. Richardson Senior Center, 820 West Arapaho, Richardson.

Dangle Dance

Sunday, December 16. Those of us that have collected all 17 dangles, the Caller's Dangle Dance meal is at 12:30 to 1:30 and dancing is to start around 2:00 lasting to about 4:00. Hopefully you have made you reservations. The dead line was Dec.1st.



Graduation

Tuesday, December 18, Mainstream Lessons Graduation. The graduation will be at the Carpenter Rec Center. The festivities will start at 7:00. We hope you will come celebrate with the students as they become New Dancers and New Swinging Stars.

Dance of Interest

Friday, December 21. Kissin Kuzzins. Kandy Kane Karnival Dance. Caller Wayne Baldwin and Cuer J.L. Pelton. Workshop at 7:30 and Grand March at 8:00. Garland Sr. Activity Center. 600 Ave. A, Garland. Read ad on page 13 of the Dec. Promenade.

Official Visitation

Saturday, December 22. Tri City Promenaders. New Dancer Dance. This is a great opportunity to invite your new Swinging Stars to go with you to a dance. Early Round 7:00 Workshop 7:30 Grand March 8:00. Paul Kinsey will be calling and Chris Farabaugh cueing the rounds. Brookside Center, 1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst. Car Pool, its fun!

Dance of Interest

Friday, December 28. Worth Forth Squares. Holiday Dance. Come celebrate the season with the Ft. Worth Squares. Caller Charles Crockett and cuer Jack Kenny. The ad doesn't mention a time but I am guessing that it is the same as usual. 7:00 Early Rounds, 7:30 Workshop, 8:00 Grand March. Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin in Fort Worth.

NEW YEARS EVE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31. ROADRUNNERS. Join in on the fun for a Roaring 20's Party. A historical snapshot of life in the 20's. Several of the Swinging Stars have decided that we would like to attend this New Years Eve Party Dance this year. Some have their Roaring 20's costumes ready to go. We hope you will join us for the fun. Wayne Baldwin and Rick Smith the callers and Karen Gloodt is the cuer. 7:00 Early Rounds 9:00 Grand March 12:00 Happy New Year. Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin in Fort Worth. Please read ad on Page 23 of the December Promenade for details.

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Thursday, November 29 Exhibition Dance

Thank you to everyone that performed at the exhibition for the Friends Place Adult Day Services this week. Reports were that they really enjoyed watching the dancers and were actually trying to dance along some. Attending were: Wayne (calling) and Jodie Baldwin, Frank and Maryann Starrett. George and Mary Loxsom, Joe and Coleta Lewis, Barry and Helen Feldman, Ralph and Lucy Hamm, Jeff and Ann Stuart, John Smith, Mary Hardin, Peggy Amy and Dave Burson. I really do appreciate you for taking the time to bring some joy into the lives of these fine people.

DANCE OF INTEREST

Thursday, November 29 Yellow Rockers 5th Thursday Dance. Caller Ray Stenger and Cuer Chris Farabaugh. I missed this dance but I heard that everyone had fun dancing to Ray Stenger. He really keeps the dancing moving fast. Thank to our 2 Swinging Star couples for attending. Attending were the Covingtons and Carters.

DANCE OF INTEREST

Friday, November 30. Circle I 5th Friday Special Dance.

Guest Caller: Wayne Baldwin Cuer: Chris Farabaugh. Wayne and Chris did a super job keeping us dancing and enjoying our favorite pastime. Swinging Stars had 16 including Wayne and Jodie attending. We did not get a banner because our clubs dance on the same nights. This was a fifth Friday so we were able to visit their club. They showed their gratitude for visiting their club by giving us a consolation gift of a two pound can of coffee. Thank you to Bursons, Lewises, Loxsoms. Smith/Hardin, Starretts, Stuarts, Underwoods and Jodie Baldwin for visiting.

OFFICIAL VISITATION



Saturday, December 1. **Texoma Squares Annual Christmas Dance.**

Caller: Wayne Baldwin. Cues: Patti Wheelington. This was another fun dance with Wayne calling. He treated us to all Christmas songs and everyone had fun dancing to the Christmas songs we love to hear this time of year. Thank you these Swinging Stars for attending: P. Amy, Bursons, Covingtons, Feldmans, Fousts, Lassiters, Starretts, Underwoods and Jodie.

Dance of Interest

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

I can only report on the money collected and the silent auction. They collected \$2000 in cash and checks and the silent auction netted \$1950. They won't know how much the toy donations add up until they inventory them back at the Toys for Tots warehouse. But there were a lot of toys donated. I was pleasantly surprised to see so many Swinging Stars attending. We had Alys, Bursons, Evantos, Giadrone/Benedetto, Hawkins, Lassiters, Loxsoms, Perrotts, Rows, and Trujillo. We also had 2 couples that are going to graduate on the 18th and have already joined the Swinging Stars, the Sees and Archeys. I hope I didn't miss anyone. If I did I am truly sorry. Thank you to everyone that attended. Also I would like to thank Debbie Reid for making our wreath contribution for the silent auction. It is just beautiful. I am sorry to say I do not know who bought it or how much it brought for the Toys for Tots.



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 December 2nd:

The Swinging Stars Anniversary dance is less than 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 NejdI

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



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 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.

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



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

Tuesday, March 19 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 19 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
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