

# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for December 9, 2012*

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**Swinging Stars Club Dance**  
**Friday, December 14.**

**Swinging Stars New Dancer Dance**  **And**  
**Swinging Stars Annual Toys and Books Holiday Benefit Dance**



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**VOTE EARLY AND VOTE OFTEN!**

For a better understanding about this please read the article in the lower part of this newsletter

**NORTH TEXAS CALLERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Singing Call / Round Dance of the Year Dance**

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## **VISITATIONS THIS WEEK**

**Official Visitation  
Saturday, December 15  
Rebel Rousers**

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

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## **MAINSTREAM LESSONS**

The students are dancing more like new dancers. We are so excited that most of them have joined already. They are enthusiastic and we are looking forward to dancing with them at our New Dancer dance this Friday. Thank you to the members that have been angels this past Tuesday: Gary and Peggy Amy, John and Ann Barber, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Richard and Jan Covington, Dennis and Karen Dennison, Barry and Helen Feldman, Joe and Coleta Lewis, Bob and Terri Pitts, Andy and Debbie Piziali, George Loxsom, Charles and Linda Harris, and Chris and Merry Trujillo. Your continued support has made the lessons go a lot easier. I love it when we have several Swinging Stars there to angel the students. We are going to need as many as can come this week to help. Some of the angels that usually come are out of town, so please come. There are just two weeks left for this set of lessons. Next week will be our graduation. Please let me ( [lorraine@bursons.us](mailto:lorraine@bursons.us) ) know you are planning to attend.

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## **ROUND DANCE LESSONS**

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## **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.**

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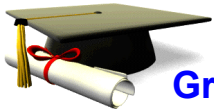
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### **Dangle Dance**

**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.

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## **EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK**

### **Tuesday, December 4. Holiday Ladies Luncheon**

The holiday luncheon was hosted by Anne NejdI at her home. What a wonderful fun party we had. There were 24 Lady Stars and more delicious food than we could ever eat. We have a lot of really good cooks that belong to the Swinging Stars. The white elephant game is always a hit and there were many very nice white elephants to steal from. Thank you Anne for a lovely party. You are a wonderful host. We are already looking forward to next year.

### **Friday December 7. Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party!!**

The Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party. What a wonderful time we all had. We had around 124 attending. A BIG 'thank you' to all that helped with the Holiday Party last Friday. Our location sponsors, Rutledge and Susan Haggard and all the many members who helped with beverages, food, skits, setup and cleanup. Of course, our own Wayne and Walter for the great night of dancing!

Linda and Charlie

### **Dance of interest**

#### **Saturday, December 8. Dixie Chainers Toys for kids Dance.**

Thirteen Swinging Stars enjoyed the fun calling of Vernon Jones and Cueing of Jack von der Heide. It is always a blast dancing at the Dixie Chainers. Thank you to Peggy Amy, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Richard and Jan Covington, Barry and Helen Feldman, Mal and Sondra Foust, Bob and Terry Pitts, John Smith and Mary Hardin for attending.

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**Anniversary Dance update for December 9th: Please read.**



## **Anniversary Dance for 2013**

**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 Swinging Stars Anniversary dance is about 7 weeks 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.

Many of the committee openings are filling up, but there are no volunteers to help the Harris's set up prior to the dance. We are in need of 3 couples who can arrive at 6:30 and help set up until 7:30. There are still plenty of openings for bringing food. I will bring the sign-up sheets to Bunco on Tuesday, lessons, and the dance on Friday the 14th. There is just one more dance in January before our big event. After the first of the year, I will be making phone calls to YOU to let you know what positions I have left. It takes a "village" to make this dance a success and with over 150 club members, all the openings should be filled. If you are not going to be in town or are unable to attend the dance, let me know so I do not call you. If you would like to send me an email to sign up or make a suggestion, you can reach me @ [Yo\\_Red@verizon.net](mailto:Yo_Red@verizon.net) or call 972-964-5979.

Anne and Russ NejdI

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## 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](http://www.swingingstars.org/Dancing_with_the_stars.pdf)

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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.

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**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.

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## **Attendance Record**

At the beginning of this year I decided to record the attendance of everyone in the club. The other day I spend several hours counting and adding up the totals. I want to thank everyone that attended our club dances and visitations. We had scheduled in a combination of Club Visitations and Club Dances a total of 102 dances. Understand this was of the scheduled club dances and visitations. I realize many of you attended other dances thru the year, but this is for our Swinging Stars scheduled visitations and dances only. Not counting Dave and I having 77. I would like to recognize the top most actively dancing members of the Swinging Stars for this year. Third was the Bob and Terri Pitts attending 52 scheduled dances, second is Charlie and Linda Harris with 53 and the top member was Peggy Amy with 61. Again, I want to say thank you to all the Swinging Stars that supported the club by visiting and getting all those banners.

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# REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

## Refreshment Schedule – December 2012 Through March 2013

Lead couple is first name on the list.

December 14	Dennison, Giadrone/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	Hardin/Smith, Trujillo, Evanto, Underwood
February 22	Piziali, Ryder, Foust*, McGuire
March 8	Maier, Morse, 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](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. 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](mailto: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](mailto:markt.karenl@gmail.com)

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

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

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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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