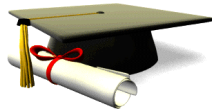


Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 16, 2012



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. The Lessons Committee is requesting that the angles wear square dance attire to the Graduation Dance.

VISITATIONS THIS WEEK

Friday, December 21.

Kissin Kuzzins.

Candy Kane Carnival 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.

MAINSTREAM LESSONS

The day is almost here when the students will officially be "New Dancers and New Swinging Stars". Graduation is Tuesday, 7:00 at the Carpenter Rec. Center. Please come and help celebrate the fun of the "Square Dance Graduation". Thank you to the members that have been angels this past Tuesday: John and Anne Barber, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Dennis and Karen Dennison, Lucy Hamm, George Loxsom, Andy and Debbie Piziali, and Jeff and Anne Stuart.

Please let me (lorraine@bursons.us) know you are planning to attend.

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.

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.

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



Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, December 14. Swinging Stars New Dancer Dance and Swinging Stars Annual Toys and Books Holiday Benefit Dance. Thank you to everyone that attend and donated toys, books or money to the children's Advocacy Center. I have not received a report of a total of the donations. I will try to have that information in next weeks newsletter. Thank you to the refreshments committee for all the wonderful goodies they provided. Dennisons, Gaudrone/Benedetto, Loxsoms, Bullocks, you did a great job. We had 90 Swinging Stars and 12 visitors for a total of 102 attending our New Dancer Dance. There were around 60 at Mamma's after the dance. There were only a few empty seats left. The staff at Mamma's was very surprised to receive the generous jar of money that everyone donated for their Christmas bonus. I would also like to say thank you to everyone that voted for the Singing Call and Round Dance of the year and made a donation to the MLS/ALS-Dallas North District.

Official Visitation

Saturday, December 15. Rebel Rousers. Old Mother Hubbard Food Drive Dance. We had 11 members attending the dance. Thank you to Archeys, Bursons, Loxsoms, Starretts, Smith/Hardin, and Z Kilejian for attending.

Dangle Dance

Sunday, December 16. The Dangle Dance and Dinner was really a nice event.



When we arrived we were escorted to our tables by some very handsome waiters (callers and cuers) and offered a cold drink. Once the food arrived we were served a delicious roast beef dinner and dessert. After dinner we had some entertainment from the callers and cuers. They sure do a lively Hokey Pokey. We had about 3 hours of dancing. Finishing off the dance with all the callers and cuers doing a singing call together. What a treat dancing with 18 voices singing, "When the Saints go Marching in". What a production it was. I couldn't resist sending this picture of our caller (waiter) in his apron. He was quite striking. He had the prettiest apron of all the callers. We had 5 couples that attended. Enjoying the generosity of the 18 callers and cuers were P Amy, Bursons, T Evanto, Loxsoms, Maiers, and Pitts.

Anniversary Dance update for December 16th: 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 6 weeks away! 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. There are still some openings on the various committees too.

Helen Feldman is in charge of decorations and has asked if anyone has any stars they have been decorating their homes or exteriors with for the holidays? Please let Helen know before you put those decorations back in the attic. She is looking for stars to decorate our dance area. Helen's email address is: hfeldman73@yahoo.com

Russ and I hope to come to graduation on Tuesday and will bring the sign-up sheets. This will be your last opportunity to sign up. Enjoy the holidays. After the first of the year, those of you who have not volunteered, you will receive a phone call from me letting you know what committee openings are available and which foods we still need. If you would like to send me an email to sign up or make a suggestion, you can reach me @ Yo_Red@verizon.net or call 972-964-5979. If you are unable to attend the dance, let me know so I do not make needless calls.

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.

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 is being done with a donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association / ALS Research Dallas North District.

The dead line for voting was the 16th. Thank you to all that voted. I gave the votes to Eula to be counted. Now we will wait and see who has received the most votes.

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

Refreshment Schedule – December 2012 Through March 2013

Lead couple is first name on the list.

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 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

Schedule of advertised Theme Dances thru Feb 2013.

January 25, 2013  Anniversary Dance

February 22, 2013  Mid Winter Dance



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

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.

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