

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 23, 2012

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas



Dave and I wish you and your families the Merriest Christmas. As we are enjoying our families and friends this Holiday Season may we be mindful of the families of our fallen soldiers and all the brave service men and women that are away from their families serving our great country. May the Lord's blessings be upon them.

VISITATIONS THIS WEEK

Dance of Interest
Friday, December 28
Worth Forth Squares
Holiday Dance

Come celebrate the season with the Ft. Worth Squares.
Caller: Charles Crockett Cuer: Jack Kenny
7:00 Early Rounds 7:30 Work Shop 8:00 Grand March
Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin in Fort Worth.

MAINSTREAM LESSONS



Graduation

The Swinging Stars graduated 26 students, we are pleased to announce that they are all now members of our wonderful square and round dance club. We have several that were already members and several that are new members. Congratulations to our graduates: Skip and Margaret Archey, Jim and Knarik Bondi, Dave and Mary Colter, Mel and Sondra Foust, Zari and Harry Kilejian, Frank and Julie Ramirez, Peter and Jeanne Rickert, Will and Rosanne Rickett,

Jerry and Cheryl Schumacher, Ron and Donita See, Duane and Betty Weckerly, Dennis and Cathey Weigel, and Tom and Carol Price. We hope that you will come and dance with us. You need to keep dancing or you will lose you skills.

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.

Report from the donation to the Children's Advocacy Center.

Peggy Amy, Lucy and Ralph Hamm delivered the donations from the Friday 14th dance to the Children's Advocacy Center Monday morning. There was \$252 cash and an estimated \$761 worth of books and toys, for a total of \$1,013. Thanks to all who donated at the Books and Toys dance on December 14. Thanks to your generosity, many children served by the center will have a brighter Christmas.

Thank you Ralph, Lucy and Peggy for delivering these donations to the Children's Advocacy Center.

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Dance of Interest

Friday, December 21. Kissin Kuzzins. Kandy Kane Karnival Dance. Caller Wayne Baldwin and Cuer J.L. Pelton. I am sorry I have been sick and have nor been dancing this week. I did get a report from Maryann Starrett that the dance was fun and we had 18 Swinging Stars attending. Thank you to George and Mary Loxsom, Joe and Coleta Lewis, Peggy and Deckard Pharr, Charlie and Linda Harris, Fred and Thelma Underwood, Rita Putnam and Tim Heintz, Frank and Maryann Starrett, Jim and Knarik Bondi, and Ron and Donita See.

Official Visitation

Saturday, December 22. Tri City Promenaders. New Dancer Dance.

Several Swinging Stars attended the Tri City Promenaders new dancer dance Saturday, December 22nd in Hurst. The square dancing was exclusively mainstream tips called by the accomplished Paul and Mary Kinsey. Paul challenged the dancers with some unique combinations that even veteran dancers have not encountered after hosting a preparation workshop - what a treat for the new dancers. The rounds were cued by Chris and Maria Farabaugh. Chris also tossed in a great cha line dance and the quite energetic schottische. As usual, the Promenaders were great hosts providing lots of good eats, especially desserts. The dance was attended by Bob and Terri Pitts and two of the newest Swinging Stars member couples: Peter and Jeanne Rickert and Ron and Donita See.

Thank you Bob Pitts for the report.

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, January 28. Regular Club Dance **CANCELLED**. Because the school is unavailable.

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 FOR JANUARY

Dance of Interest

Friday, January 4. **Texas Reelers**.

Guest Caller: Dave Vieira

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Early Rounds 7:30 Grand March 8:00

Richardson Senior Center. 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson

Official Visitation

Saturday, January 5. Solitaries, Hello 2013 Dance.

Guest Caller: Joey Duhamel, Club Cuer: J L Pelton.

Early Rounds: 7:00 Grand March: 7:45.

Webb Chapel United Methodist Church 2536 Valley View Lane Farmers Branch

Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, January 11. **Regular Club Dance**

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Square dance Workshop: 7:30 . Square dancing 8:00.

We hope all the new dancers will come and enjoy the fun we have at our club dances.

Shepard Elementary School, 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Everyone is invited to Mama's Pizza after the dance for some fun, laughter, food, interesting discussions etc. Mama's Pizza is located at Parker and Custer.



Dance of Interest

Friday, January 12. Diamond Jubileers Snowman Dance

Caller: Paul Kinsey. Cuer: Mel Neuman

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

Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 at the Anglin Drive exit, Ft. Worth

Official Visitation

Friday, January 18. Triangle Squares 38th Anniversary Winter Ball Dance.

Guest Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones, Club Caller and Cuer: Toby Thomason

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

Denton Senior Center, 509 N. Bell Street, Denton Texas

Dance of Interest

Saturday, January 19. Rebel Rousers Sock Hop. "Socks for the homeless dance".

They will be collecting socks for homeless.

Guest Caller: Scott Bennett Cuer: Christine Hixson

Early Rounds: 7:30 Grand March 8:00

Richardson Senior Center. 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson



Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, January 25.

Swinging Stars 38th Anniversary Dancing With the Stars Dance.

Caller: Wayne Baldwin Guest Caller: Nasser Shukayr

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Square dance Workshop: 7:00 . Grand March 8:00.

Shepard Elementary School, 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Everyone is invited to Ken and Vickie Bullock's as they will be hosting the after party at their home. Maps and directions to their home will be provided at the Anniversary Dance.

We hope to see everyone at the dance and the after party.

Dance of Interest

Saturday, January 26. Dixie Chainers Dance.

Caller: Vernon Jones Cuer: Jack von der Heide.

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

Be sure to note the time. They start their dances a little earlier. So if you are late you have missed to much of the fun.

Farmers Branch Senior Center 14055 Dennis at Valwood.



NORTEX QUARTERLY MEETING **Sunday, January 27**

The meeting will start at 2:00. We have as Delegates: Dave and Lorraine Burson, Charlie and Linda Harris and Chris and Merry Trujillo. We welcome anyone that would like to learn more about the NORTEX organization to join us at the meeting. For those that don't know the NORTEX is the larger association made up of all the clubs in the North Texas area. The meeting is at Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin in Fort Worth.



North Texas Callers Association **Sunday January 27.** **NTCA Singing Call/Round Dance of the Year Dance.**

This is always a fun dance. Who will be doing the most ask for Singing Call and Round Dance of the year. The dance starts at 7:30. Callers and Cuers will be the most voted for out of the North Texas area.

Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin in Fort Worth.
Come and bring some friends with you. Car pooling is fun

Anniversary Dance update for December 23th: 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

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Russ and Anne Nejd, the chairs of Swinging Stars 38th annual Anniversary Dance. By now, you are probably all aware the theme of this dance is "Dancing with the Stars" which happens to be my all-time favorite TV show (Anne's favorite). There will be mirror balls and stars not only decorating the dance hall and dining room, but plenty of Swinging Stars dancing to great music. If you are familiar with the show, even the audience is dressed in the flashiest clothes. You may wear square dance attire, tuxedos optional, but dressy gowns would fit in the theme of the dance.

The after party will be hosted by Ken and Vickie Bullock. Maps and directions to their home will be distributed at the dance.

We have about 1 month to pull all these odds and ends together including filling the slots open on the sign-up sheets for food and committee positions. I will be calling those of you

who have not signed up yet after the first of the year. If you are not going to be able to attend the dance, please email or call me so I do not bother you. My email address is Yo_Red@verizon.net or you may reach me at 972-964-5979.

Later in January, I will send out an email reminding you what you agreed to bring and the committee you volunteered to work. Each committee chair will get a roster showing the times and volunteers for each time slot.

Finally, please look over your holiday decorations before you store them up in the attic. Helen and Barry Feldman are in charge of the decoration committee. Helen is looking for any type of stars you may loan us to help decorate the dance and dining areas. We will even accept the loan of a mirror ball if you have one. Please contact Helen and Barry Feldman @ hfeldman73@yahoo.com or you may call 972.250.6815

Russ and Anne NejdI

ADVERTISE OUR 38TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE

Talk it up when you're visiting with your fellow dancers and friends.



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

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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