



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 19, 2012

Special club meeting on Feb. 24th immediately following our dance.

We have a decision to make ASAP. The 2013 Anniversary dance is going to be Jan 25th, at Shepard Elementary School. Seems like a long time away, but we need to secure a guest caller in advance in order to have one booked. I have contacted Nasser Shukayr.

He responded that he is available and his fee is \$300. According to our Constitution and By-laws we need to have the club's approval to spend more than \$200. We have gotten the approval from Executive Committee to hire Nasser, so we are calling a Special Meeting following our Feb. 24th dance to get the \$300 approved. Nasser has penciled us in for our date. A caller that is as active as he, will not be able to hold this date open for very long. I have asked Wayne if he would have any objection to calling with Nasser and he said he had no objection. The anniversary dance we had in 2011 we had 2 guest callers to call with Wayne. We paid Brad Caldwell \$300 and Rick Smith \$200. I don't think that we should have a problem getting an approval for Nasser. If you are not familiar with Nasser go to his web page and read about him. He is an International Caller. He goes all over the world calling. He is very well known and will be a good draw to our dance. My question is, are you all in favor of paying Nasser \$300 to call with Wayne at our 2013 Anniversary dance?

Feedback and Ride Sharing:

I have been thinking that I would like to start some sort of "feedback" on whether you are planning to visit with the club. This would be either for an Official Visitation or to a Dance of Interest. We are asked to contact the club to be visited, so this will help us to be able to inform them we are coming and how many will be attending. This is so they will know about how many to plan for. Also, this way when you would like to go, but want to know if anyone else is going you could contact me and find out. Another good reason for this; you want to go, but would like to share a ride with someone. I could help by telling you who else is going and you could contact them to see if they want to share a ride. I want you to know if for some reason you don't contact me prior to a visitation, you are still encouraged to attend the dance. Please go anyway. Contact Lorraine at Lorraine@Bursons.us Let's see if this work. Starting with the Of Interest dance on Feb 25th contact me before the 24th and let me know if your planning to attend.

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

Please keep this in mind:

Format change to start at the April 13th dance: The Early Rounds are being moved to the 4th Friday and the Mainstream DBD Workshop is moving to the 2nd Friday. The reason for the change is that our advertised theme dances are usually scheduled on the 4th Friday and most round dancers want to attend the early rounds, we hope that this will generate more visitors to our theme dances. As I stated, the change won't happen until the April 13th dance, because we have advertised in the Promenade for the months of February and March with the Early Rounds on the 2nd Fridays and the DBD Workshop on the 4th Fridays.

Change in dance location:

Be sure to take notice that the May 25th dance will be held at the Wilson Middle School cafeteria. Wilson Middle School is located at the corner of Custer and Grandview Dr. next door to Shepard Elementary. This is one time only. The Shepard Elementary School is not available for that night.

PLUS LESSONS Starting in March:

We will be having Plus Lessons starting Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 to 9:00 at the Carpenter Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano. For information call 972-208-8087. If you have wanted to learn Plus level dancing, here is your opportunity to learn from our caller/ instructor and Texas Caller's Hall of Fame member, Wayne Baldwin. We look forward to seeing you there.

This information is in the Leisure Catalog is on page 57, if you have one. Or you can go to www.planoparks.org

MODERN PLUS SQUARE DANCE Learn the plus movements of modern square dancing. You will enjoy learning more skills and will acquire the ability to dance the plus calls at the square dance clubs. Sponsored by the Plano Swinging Stars Square Dance Club. The fee is per person, and signing up with a partner is required.

129216 Car W 7:00pm – 9:00pm 3/21 10 Baldwin \$45

The following 3 choices to sign-up can be found on page 77 of the catalog.

- Beginning March 3rd at 8:00am you can sign up on-line at www.planoparks.org and you will need the course number 129216.
- You can register in person at the Carpenter Rec. Center or any of the other Plano Rec. Centers beginning March 3rd at 8:00am and the course number is 129216.
- You can register by phone calling the Carpenter Rec. Center at 972-208-8087 or any of the other Plano Rec. Centers beginning March 3rd at 8:00 am. You will need the course number 129216.

Mark your calendar: March 4, 2012, 2:00 pm at the Swingtime Center.

EFFECTIVE RECRUITING AND GROWTH SEMINAR, with Jim and Marcia Langdon. This is a free seminar to learn some techniques to add new members to the club and retain them for a long term. We would like to see several of the members of the Swinging Stars attend this seminar. This is for everyone that is interested in recruiting new dancers and also retaining members in the club. Dave and I will be going. It would be nice to have several of the Swinging Stars in attendance to hear this motivational seminar. Please plan to attend. See Page 34 of the February Promenade.

Please let Lorraine know if you plan to attend.

A Word of Thanks: Thank you to the Fan Carriers. This is one of the most thankless jobs that we have in the club. With out them we would get pretty hot. These guys were responsible for the last year, or maybe longer, for fatefully carrying the fans to and from the club every dance night; Charles Wolfe, Don Capps, Ralph Hamm and Jeff Stuart. Some of them have been bring the fans it seems like forever. Thank you again and we do appreciate you.

Events of the past week:

Dance of Interest: Thursday February 16th. Yellow Rockers New Dancer Dance.
Caller Ray Stenger. Cuer Chris Farabaugh.

We had wonderful time dancing to Ray Stenger. He was a little faster than you would think of for a New Dancer Dance, but our new dancers did great and they kept up. Thank you to Dave and Catherine Humphries and Charles and Joan Carter for attending with Dave and I (Burson).

Dance of Interest: Friday February 17th. Texas Reelers Regular Club Dance.

It was nice to have so many Swinging Stars visiting. We had 24 members attending. We retrieved our banner and captured theirs. Thank you, P. Amy, Bullock, Burson, Carter, J. Duncan, Hamm, Jimison, Loxsom, NejdI, Pharr, Smith/Hardin, Starrett, Stuart, it was fun dancing with you.



Official Visitation: Saturday February 18th. Rebel Rousers Mardi Gras.

Swinging Stars had 14 members attending. We had more than enough to retrieve our banner. Thank you to these members for attending; P. Amy, Burson, Covington, Harris, Loxsom, Maier, Hardin/Smith, and Wheaton. We are happy that you were there.

Dance of Interest: Sunday February, 19th, Fun Dance Party and New Dance Dance.

Caller Mike Bramlett and Cuer John Brewer really did a great job keeping everyone moving and having fun. Thank you to all the Angels that went to help with the newest dancers that are taking lessons. Thank you P. Amy, Bursons, Covingtons Hennebergers, Humphries, Loxsoms, Maiers, Perrotts, and the Rows. The Swinging Stars had 5 student couples attending; David Bingham and ElsaLynn Cook, Mel and Sondra Foust, John Masson and Fran Lauderdale, Steve and Karen Morris, and Frank and Julia Ramirez. From what I could see they all had a ball.

Coming Events

Ladies Luncheon: Tuesday February 21st. The Ladies Luncheon will be at the Chocolate Angel Cafe and Tea Room, 4709 West Parker Rd, Plano, TX 75093. Corner of Preston and Parker on the North side of Parker Rd. We will meet at the Chocolate Angel at 11:30. Make reservations with Peggy Amy by contacting her at amybpeggy@verizon.net or phone 972-612-4934 by Feb 12th. You can check out the Chocolate Angel Cafe and Tea Room by going to www.Chocolateangel.com. We hope to see you there. All the Swinging Stars Ladies are invited to attend.



Swinging Stars Club Dance: Friday, February 24th. New Dancer Hoe Down.

Caller Wayne Baldwin. Cuer John Brewer.

Western or Square Dance attire.

Workshop at 7:30 and Square Dancing starts at 8:00.

Dance of Interest: Saturday February, 25th. Dixie Chainers Club Dance

Caller Vernon Jones. Cuer Jack von der Heide.

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

Farmers Branch Senior Center, 14055 Dennis at Valwood.

Don't be late. They start earlier than other clubs.

Dance of Interest: Sunday, March 4th. NORTEX Mad Hatter Teen Scholarship Benefit Dance. Caller Toby Thomason and Cued Jack Kenny.
Early Rounds 3:30 Grand March 4:00. Swingtime Center, 5100 S.E. Loop 820, Ft. Worth, Tex.
Wear your funny hat and enter the Funny Hat Contest.

Out of Town and Weekend Dances:

For information about weekend dances go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

Members Update:

Condolences:

Jim Carlo passed away this week. His Memorial Service was Friday the 17th. Jim and Muffy Carlo were members of the Swinging Stars in 2009 till he was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and his health would not permit him to dance any longer. Please send condolences to Muffy at 9208 Heatherdale, Dallas, Texas 75234

Refreshment Schedule – thru April 2012

February 24 -- Meyer, Hawkins, Loven, Anthaume

March 9 ----- Stuart, Rose, Jung, Mosher

March 23 ----- Evanto, Capps, Underwood, Kehoe

April 13 ----- Henneberger, Deluke, Bivins, Bullock

April 27 ----- Ross, Whipple, Giaudrone/Benedetto, Lewis

- Lead couple is first name on the list. This 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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