



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 26, 2012

FEED BACK AND RIDE SHARING:

Last week I had no feed back. Probably because there was no one going. Well this week we have another chance to try this out. If you are going to go to the Solitaires to dance to Deborah Carroll-Jones, Saturday March 3rd, PLEASE email me and let me know Lorraine@Bursons.us. I need to inform the Solitaires as to how many to expect. I am leaving this Paragraph in the newsletter, just incase you have forgotten or didn't read this last week:

I have been thinking that I would like to start getting" 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. Clubs are asked to contact the club being visited, to inform them that we are planning to visit their dance. If I have some feed back I will be able to inform them we are coming and how many will be attending. Also, this way when you would like to go to a dance, 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, and 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 make this work.

Report from the Special Club Meeting Friday 24

The club voted to have Nasser Shukayr call with Wayne Baldwin at our 2013 Anniversary Dance. It was unanimous!

MEMBERS VOLUNTEERING FOR SWINGING STARS:

These members have graciously volunteered to head up or serve on a committee for the year 2012.

- Delegates to NORTEX, Charlie and Linda Harris, Merry and Chris Trujillo, Dave and Lorraine Burson. Delegates attend the NORTEX meetings each quarter in Ft. Worth, vote on the different issues that arise in the NORTEX business activities, serve on committees if asked, and report back to the club.
- Round Dance Advisory Committee, Don and Carol Capps, Frank and Maryann Starrett, Ralph and Lucy Hamm. This committee has been established to advise the president on matters that arise about the Round Dancing activity.
- Refreshment Scheduler. Jeff and Anne Stuart have agreed to do the refreshment scheduling again this year. They are responsible for scheduling our members to bring refreshments for our regular dances.
- Anniversary Dance Chairman, Russ and Anne NejdI will be doing the ever challenging job of coordinating and setting up the various volunteer duties to put on the Anniversary Dance. And see that every thing runs smooth.
- PISD Contact, Linda Harris is our contact with the PISD. She contacts the PISD and arranges the contract with them and keeps us on tract as to what we can and can not do in the school.

- Lessons Committee Chair, Ken and Sally Henneberger. They coordinate with Wayne, pick a lessons committee, find and arrange for a place to have our lessons, and organize the details for having the lessons.
- Mama's Pizza Contact, JoAn Meyer contacts Mama's Pizza and informs them if we will be coming or not in advance of every dance.
- Sunshine Lady, Diane Hursey sends out cards when necessary to members that may be ill etc.
- Fan Carriers, Don Capps, Ralph Hamm, Gene Deluke, and Richard Covington are responsible for bringing the fans to each dance.
- Co-Photographers are Charles Wolfe and Barry Feldman. They take all the wonderful pictures at our dances.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

Events of the past week:

Ladies Luncheon: Tuesday February 21st. We had a very delightful lunch at The Chocolate Angel Restaurant, with 18 Lady Stars attending.



Swinging Stars Club Dance: Friday, February 24th. New Dancer Hoe Down. Caller Wayne Baldwin. Cuer John Brewer. The dance was nice. We had 17 visitors and 59 Swinging Stars and 2 students that are still taking lessons. Thank you to the refreshments committee, Meyers, Hawkins, Lovens, and McClures. Everything was really delicious and food presentation was beautiful.

Dance of Interest: Saturday, February 25th. Dixie Chainers Club Dance. Caller Vernon Jones. Cuer Jack von der Heide. We had 4 in attendance: John and Eula Brewer, Dave and Lorraine Burson.

Coming Events



Dance of interest: Saturday, March 3rd. Solitaires, Luck of the Irish
Caller Deborah Carroll-Jones. Deborah is a terrific caller. All the experienced dancers love her. If you are a newer dancer you need to experience dancing to her, and you will love her too.
Cuer is J.L. Pelton.
Early Rounds 7:00 and Grand March 7:45.
Chapel Hill Methodist Church, 12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch.

EFFECTIVE RECRUITING AND GROWTH SEMINAR: March 4, 2012, 2:00 pm at the Swingtime Center. Presented by 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.

Dance of Interest: Sunday, March 4th. NORTEX Mad Hatter Teen Scholarship Benefit Dance. Caller Toby Thomason and Cuer 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.

A REQUEST:

Please do not use the Swinging Star roster to send out unsolicited political information to the club members. We had a complaint this week.

Members Update:

A brief update from Jean and Adam about their daughter Karen.

A week ago Wednesday, when Karen went in for her regular chemo treatment, they could not find a vein. She & Bill met with the Surgeon last Friday to discuss a permanent port for her chemo IV & blood draws. This past Wednesday, Karen had the procedure done to get her permanent port placed. It was a very long day for everyone. She tolerated everything fine but faltered a little at the end - the anesthesia and not eating all day caught up with Karen just as she got home and she had a little seizure.

Spent yesterday with Karen, & Wendy was visiting too. Just as we were helping her move out of her wheelchair she had another seizure. Bill is staying home with her today and let us know that they are adjusting some of her seizure meds. Before yesterday, she hadn't had a seizure for quite some time. Karen should be fine to resume her every other week chemo treatments next Wednesday, and having the port should make that so much easier for her.

Thank you for being there and continuing to pray for us. Some days are so much harder than others. We thank God that we still have Karen with us, but we know her struggle is getting harder for her & for all of us. We realize that her brain tumor will continue to grow and is preventing her from overcoming any of the effects of the stroke.

Love to you all,
Adam & Jean

And this little note from Vickie Evanto.

I am still hurting but not as bad. I am also finally getting some energy back. This just started Mon. I guess there might be a light at the end of the tunnel after all. But I am still going to the GI specialist and nerve specialist after the wedding. Maybe they can get rid of the pain. Take care. :)

Refreshment Schedule – thru April 2012

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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