



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 11, 2012

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF NORTEX

We received this good advice from the President of NORTEX this week. I decide to pass it along to all of you to read and practice.

We are excited with the number of new dancers we are seeing out and about. We really enjoy dancing with them and hope you will encourage your club members to be kind and understanding when they are in a square with a new dancer. It is important for all your club members to consider the "first impression" of you club. It may be a visit to your club or interaction with one of your members at another club's dance. Either way, their first impression of your club will last for a long time. We need to make them feel welcome and encourage them as they transition from lessons to club level dancing. I am sure you remember how difficult that transition was for you. If, their first impression is one of encouragement, understanding and patience, you will see them at your dances many times in the future. Club members are the "face" of your club. So, please encourage your club members to put on their "best face" when dancing with our new dancers.

Let's Do It!

Kevin and Christine

FEED BACK AND RIDE SHARING:

Here I am back with my Feed Back and Ride Sharing idea. We have an OFFICIAL VISITATION to the Kissin Kuzzins St. Patrick's Dance. I would like to know a few days in advance to let them know how many Swinging Stars will be attending. Please email lorraine@bursons.us to let me know if you are planning to go or help arrange to share a ride. Please try to wear **green**.

Some thoughts I have for the future. *Let me know what you think.*

Log Cabin Swingers Weekend. June 15th and 16th

Would you like to schedule a square dance weekend to Log Cabin Swingers in Tool, TX?

This weekend is a pay as you go.

Friday night Dinner served at 6:00 to 6:45, Early rounds at 7:00 and Square dancing at 8:00...\$8.00.

Saturday morning Round Dance at 10:00 to 11:30.....\$2.00

Saturday afternoon Plus Dance at 1:00 to 3:00.....\$3:00

Saturday night Dinner served at 6:00 to 6:45, Early rounds at 7:00 and Square dancing 8:00...\$8.00.

Friday, June 15th will have Jon Jones and Deborah Carrol-Jones calling Mainstream with announced Plus tips. Sonny Ezelle will be Cueing the Rounds. Early Rounds will start at 7:00 Square Dancing will start at 8:00.

Sat. June 16th will have a Round Dance from 10 to 11:30 am with Sonny Ezelle. The caller on Sat. is Wade Driver. He will have an afternoon Plus Dance from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The Saturday night dance will be Mainstream with announced Plus tips. Early rounds 7:00 and square dance at 8:00. Food will be served both nights from 6:00 to 6:45.

Be sure to pick up a flyer for this weekend at our next club dance. Or go to our Web site

www.swingingstars.org and click on Special Weekends.

FOR THE PLUS DANCERS

18th Annual Chaparral Evening Paris Dance. August 31st and September 1st.

I would also like to organize a weekend trip to the 18th Annual Chaparral Evening Paris, August 31st and September 1st. If you have attended this dance, you can remember all the fun we had dancing to these 5 great callers: Ken Bower, Marshal Flippo, Jon and Deborah Carrol Jones, and Gary Shoemaker. All are international callers that go all over the world calling. Round dancing will be to Sonny Ezelle. There is a special bonus to attending this dance for the club. If we get 3 squares to attend we can earn \$100 for the club's treasury. Add to that when you spend money in Paris, you save all your receipts sign your name on them and throw them into a big bucket. After the Saturday night dance there is an After Party where they have refreshments, some very funny skits, and lots and lots of prizes. They draw the receipts and call out the name on the receipt. If they call your name, you win a very nice gift donated by the merchants that are members of the Paris Chamber of Commerce. The reason I would like to organize this trip, rather than you just sending in your registration, is because to get the \$100 all the names have to all be sent in at the same time. Be sure to pick up a flyer for this weekend at our next club dance. Or go to our Web site www.swingingstars.org and click on Special Weekends.

Please let me know what you think.

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO REMEMBER

FORMAT CHANGE:

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 March with the Early Rounds on the 2nd Fridays and the DBD Workshop on the 4th Fridays.

PLUS LESSONS Starting in March:

It is time to sign up for Plus lessons.

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

(<http://parks.planotx.org/econnect/Activities/ActivitiesCourseDetails.asp?cid=130548>)

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.
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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:

Impromptu Visitation: Wednesday, February 29th.

Just wanted you to know that Andy and Debbie Piziali put together 4 Swinging Stars couples to visit Metro Tumbleweeds Wednesday (Feb 29). Those visiting were: Piziali, Loxsom, Barber, and Stuart. Debbie said it would be nice if we could bring a square to them once a quarter. One has to realize that some of the people are special needs in some respect but so joyful. It lasted 1 1/2 hours. They were very grateful for the visit. Thank you all for going.

Swinging Stars Club Dance: Friday, March 9th. Caller Wayne Baldwin. Cuer John Brewer. We all had a fun time. We had 6 dancers from the Texas Reelers so we gave back their Banner. The Swinging Stars had 75 members attending.

Official Visitation: Saturday, March 10th. Diamond Jubileers 51st Anniversary and Mardi Gras Celebration. Caller Paul Kinsey, Cuer Mel Neuman. With Guest Callers Rick Smith and Mike Bramlett.

The calling and cueing was really good and we all had a fun time. The Swinging Stars had 12 members attending and we retrieved our banner. The total number of visitors was around 175. The decorations were just magnificently super. Thank you to Brewers, Bursons, Giandrone/Benedetto, Harris, Maier, and Smith/Hardin for attending.

Coming Events



Official Visitation: Friday, March 16th. Kissin Kuzzins are full of Blarney (that is what it says in the promenade) St. Patrick's Dance. Caller Wayne Baldwin. Cuer J.L. Pelton. Garland Senior Center 600 Ave. A Garland. Early Rounds 7:00 Square Dance Workshop 7:30. Let's all wear GREEN. Please email lorraine@bursons.us to let me know if you are planning to go or help arrange to share a ride. See page 28 of the Feb. Promenade

Dance of Interest: Saturday, March 17th. Trail Blazers. Caller Rick Smith and Cuer Jack Kenny. Early Rounds 6:30. Sq. Workshop 7:30. Grand March 8:00. For the newer dancers this is one of the best place to dance on a wood floor. Rick Smith is an excellent caller and one you should experience. Swingtime Center, 5100 S.E. Loop 820, Ft. Worth, Tex. Please email lorraine@bursons.us to let me know if you are planning to go or help arrange to share a ride.

Ladies Luncheon: Wednesday, March 21st at 11:30. Spaghetti Warehouse Italian Restaurant, 1517 N. Central Plano (near Plano Sr. Center).
Maryann Starrett is the host, please make reservations to Maryann by March 18. Email Maryann at fmstar@swbell.net or phone 214-387-4799.
All Swinging Star ladies are invited to join the fun.

Plus Square Dance Lessons Start: March 21st 7:00 to 9:00. Carpenter Recreation Center. 6701 Coit Road, Plano. For information call 972-208-8087. Caller/Instructor Wayne Baldwin. Angels are welcome to attend.

Swinging Stars Club Dance: Friday, March 23rd. "Swing into Spring" advertised theme dance. Caller Wayne Baldwin. Cuer John Brewer. Mainstream DBD Workshop 7:30. Square dancing starts at 8:00. See ad in the March Promenade page 15. All Swinging stars are invited to the after party at Mama's Pizza, 2130 West Parker immediately following the dance.

For Round Dancers: Sunday, March 25th. 2:00 to 5:00. Spring Fun Rounds. Presented by Harvest Holiday. Phase 2, 3, and 4. Cueing by area Instructors. Swingtime Center, 5100 S.E. Loop 820, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Dance of Interest: Friday, March 30. Circle I Diamond (60th) Anniversary Celebration. Callers Joey Duhamel and Ray Savell. Cuer Chris Farabaugh. Early Rounds 7:30 and Grand March 8:00. Lee Park Recreation Center, 3000 Pamela Dr. Irving. **This is not their regular dance site. Please email lorraine@bursons.us to let me know if you are planning to go or help arrange to share a ride.**

Official Visitation: Saturday, March 31st. Roadrunners 41st Anniversary Barn Dance and Quilt Show. Callers Rick Smith and Wayne Baldwin, Cuer Karen Gloodt. Early Rounds 7:00 Grand March 8:00. Swingtime Center, 5100 S.E. Loop 820, Ft. Worth, Tex. Please email lorraine@bursons.us to let me know if you are planning to go or help arrange to share a ride.

Official Visitation: Saturday, April 7th. Circle 8's 65th Anniversary. This is really a special occasion! Just to think, 65 years for a club to survive. Callers will be Melton Luttrell and Wayne Baldwin. Cuer is Jack von der Heide. Early rounds 7:30 Grand March 8:00. I hope all the Swinging Stars will attend. Swingtime Center, 5100 S.E. Loop 820, Ft. Worth, Tex. Please email lorraine@bursons.us to let me know if you are planning to go or help arrange to share a ride. PLEASE let's make a real effort to attend this dance. See ad on page 27 of the March Promenade.

Let's show our club spirit and wear our Aqua  (turquoise) attire.

Out of Town and Weekend Dances:

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

Refreshment Schedule – thru June 2012

March 23 --- Amy, Capps, Underwood, Luxsom*, Kehoe
April 13 ----- Ross, Deluke, Bivins, Giaudrone/Benedetto
April 27 ----- Henneberger, Whipple, Bullock, Lewis
May 11 ----- Starrett, Perrott, Ryder, Kendrick*
May 25 ----- McGuire, Morse, Pat Cowdin/Jack Duncan, Covington*
June 8 ----- Hardin/Smith, Nejd, Evanto, Maier*
June 22 ----- Trujillo, Piziali, Jimison, Row*

Those with a * next to their name should not be in the Leader position until further notice.

- 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.

Dave and Lorraine Burson
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