



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 25, 2012

Please attend one or both of these visitations:

We have a DANCE OF INTEREST Friday 30th to the Circle I's Diamond (60th) Anniversary Celebration. Callers Joey Duhamel and Ray Savell, Cuer Chris Farabaugh. We don't usually get to dance with the Circle I, because they dance on the same night we do. This is a 5th Friday so we can go. We also have an OFFICIAL VISITATION to the Roadrunners 41st Anniversary Barn Dance and Quilt Show Sat, 31st. Callers Rick Smith and Wayne Baldwin, Cuer Karen Gloodt. Please let me know a few days in advance so I can 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.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CALLER OR CUER:

The NTCA is offering a Caller/Cuer 101 training session for anyone with a hankerin' to find out what it's like to call or cue. This is open to anyone, at no cost to you. It will be held at Senter Park in Irving on April 15 at 2:00 pm. Read more about this in the April Promenade on page 29. Come on give it a try, you know you want to. And it is free.

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO REMEMBER

FORMAT CHANGE:

Format change to start at the April 13th dance: Mainstream DBD Workshop will on the 2nd Friday. The Early Rounds are being moved to the 4th 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 advertised theme dances.

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. This is also our advertised Proud To Be An American theme dance.

SECOND QUARTER DUES:

Membership Dues:

Dues for the second quarter of 2012 are due. Dues are due the first Swinging Stars dance of each quarter. The quarters start January, April, July, and October.

Please contact Jim and Debbie Reid, treasurer to submit your payment. Or bring your payment to our next dance, if you have not already done so.

Dues are: \$35.00 per quarter per couple
\$70.00 per half year per couple
\$140.00 per year per couple

Please make your check payable to **Swinging Stars**

Thank you for paying your dues in a timely manner.

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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 in Paris Dance. August 31st and September 1st.

I am organizing a weekend trip to the 18th Annual Chaparral Evening in 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 Shoemake. All are international callers that go all over the world calling. Round dancing will be to Sonny Ezelle. There is a special bonus for 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. 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.

Some have already said that they would like to attend. You can go ahead and get registered. When you send your registration, be sure to say you are with the Swinging Stars, Lorraine's group. If you don't tell them when you register they won't give us the credit toward our \$100. If we happen to get 12 couples we will get \$100 for treasury. If not we will have a good time. Be sure to let me (Lorraine) know that you are going, I would like to keep track of how many are going.

Please let me know what you think.

Events of the past week:

PLUS LESSONS STARTED LAST WEEK:

Wayne's lessons got off to a really good start. There are 27 dancers learning to Plus Dance. Everyone is doing a terrific job. Thank you to the Angles for helping to fill the squares. If you want to sign up for the lessons and thought it was too late, you can still sign up this week and take the Plus lessons.

Ladies Luncheon: Wednesday, March 21st at 11:30. Thank you Maryann Starrett for arranging the luncheon at the Spaghetti Warehouse Italian Restaurant. We had 11 Lady Stars enjoying lunch and visiting with each other. We had a surprise visit to the luncheon from Marie Lorenzoni, one of our previous members. It was fun visiting with her.

Swinging Stars Club Dance: Friday, March 23rd. "Swing into Spring" I think everyone enjoyed this dance. We only had 2 visitors, but we had 86 Swinging Stars. When you get that many Swinging Stars together you know it is going to be fun. Thank you to the Refreshments Committee: Amy, Capps, Underwood, Kehoe, Loxsom. All the food was so good!

For Round Dancers: Sunday, March 25th. 2:00 to 5:00. Spring Fun Rounds. Presented by Harvest Holiday. No report at the time I sent the newsletter. Later update: Frank & Maryann Starrett, Larry Giardrone & Rosemary Benedetto, Charlie & Linda Harris, Bill & Wendy Perrott, Richard & Peggy Jung, and John & Eula Brewer attended.

Coming Events

Dance of Interest: Friday, March 30. Circle I Diamond (60th) Anniversary Celebration. Callers Joey Duhamel and Ray Savell. Cued 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, Cued 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.

Dance of Interest: Sunday, April 1st North Star Cloggers 20th Anniversary Square Dance. Guest caller Mike Bramlett. Grand March 3:00pm. Swingtime Center, 5100 S.E. Loop 820, Ft. Worth, Tex. See ad in the March Promenade page 26.

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. Cued 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.

Swinging Stars Club Dance: Friday, April 13th. Regular Dance night.

Caller Wayne Baldwin. With Guest Cuer Christine Hixson.

This is our first dance with the new format. Mainstream DBD Workshop 7:30. Square dancing starts at 8:00. All Swinging Stars are invited to the after party at Mama's Pizza, 2130 West Parker immediately following the dance.

Official Visitation: Saturday, April 14th. Dixie Chainers 51st Annual Luau.

Caller Vernon Jones and Cuer Jack von der Heide.

Aloha! This is always a fun dance. We get to wear a Hawaiian attire and pretend for one evening that we are in the Islands.

Early Rounds start at 7:00 and the Grand March is at 7:30.

Farmers Branch Senior Center, 14055 Dennis at Valwood, Farmers Branch.

Read more on page 12 on the April Promenade.

Official Visitation: Friday, April 20th. T Square Gadabouts Mickey Goes To Washington 17th Anniversary Dance.

Guest Caller Jon Jones with Club Caller Rick Smith. Charles Crocket cueing the rounds.

Early Rounds 7:00 and Grand March at 8:00.

Swingtime Center, 5100 S.E. Loop 820, Ft. Worth, Tex. See ad on page 10 of the April Promenade.

Club Executive Committee Meeting: April 29th at 3:00 pm. The Swinging Stars Executive Committee will be meeting at Dave and Lorraine Burson house. If you have any question, concerns or club business you would like to bring to the committee this is the time to present it to us. Please call or email us to let us know you would like to come and speak to us.

SAVE THESE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Sunday May 6th. Swinging Stars Club Meeting. The meeting will be start at 3:00 pm at the Paesanio's Italian Restaurant, 508 14th Street Plano. Spring Creek was not available. You can check out the Paesanio's Restaurant by going to: <http://www.paesanosrestaurant.net/index.html>

We will have the meeting at 3:00 and we will have dinner afterward.

All members are encouraged to attend. At this meeting we will have an election of the officers for the second half of the year. Watch for more information in a future newsletter.



Sunday, June 24th. Baldwin's Annual Fish Fry. This is one of the highlights of the year for the Swinging Stars. Wayne and Jodie invite the whole club to come to their home to eat all the fish you can. Wayne, Charlie Harris, Chuck Morse and sometimes Joe Lewis, spend every Wednesday fishing, so that we can have this great party. So please plan to attend.

Schedule of advertised Theme Dances for the remainder of the year.

April 27	Let's Have A Rain Dance
May 25	Proud To Be An American
June 22	Good Ole Summertime Picnic
July 27	Beach Party
August 24	Back to school Ice Cream Social
September 28	Pre Round up Dance
October 12	Tailgate Party
November 9	Chili Cook Off
December 14	Toys and Books

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.
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

A Note of Thanks from Muffy Carlo.

Hello there,
Thank you Swinging Stars, I am sure Jim is dancing up in heaven.
Take care now,
Muffy

Update on Vicki Evanto.

Vickie is back in the hospital. After suffering a great deal of pain she went to the emergency room and was admitted to the hospital. She has a strep and a staff infection. She will be on intravenous antibiotics for a period of time to counter the infections.

Later update from Tom:

Hi Lorraine, I apologize for the timing but just now checking email for the first time in over a week.

V came home from the hospital Thurs night with a drain bag from her abdomen and a pick line with antibiotic pump.

The infection is draining from her abdomen and the antibiotic will hopefully get rid of the infection so it won't come back.

I miss all of you and look forward to resuming involvement in the square dance community. Hope to see you all soon.

Regards,
Tom Evanto

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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