Newsletter for May 6, 2012

Swinging Stars Regular Business Meeting

Sunday May 6th. Swinging Stars Club Meeting. We met at the Paesanio's Italian Restaurant in Plano. There were 35 in attendance. Thank you to all that attended. Election of officers for the 2nd six months was held and the Office holders will be the same as for the 1st six months: President, Dave and Lorraine Burson 1st Vice-President, Ralph and Lucy Hamm 2nd Vice-President, Deckard and Peggy Pharr Secretary, James and Judy Ross Treasurer, Jim and Debbie Reid

REFRESHMENTS

I have been asked to move this to the top for everyone to review. Sometimes when we read the newsletter we think, oh I have already read about that and just skip over the article. Please review what is written here about the Refreshments Duty and or Committee.

Refreshment Schedule – thru June 2012

May 11 ----- Starrett, Perrott, Ryder, Kendrick*

May 25 ----- McGuire, Morse, Humphrey*, Covington*

June 8 ----- Hardin/Smith, Nejdl, 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 <u>rehamm45@gmail.com</u> for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. We may already have what you need.

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO REMEMBER

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.

To enter the school. From Custer enter the parking lot on the north side of the school. Go to the center of the building and enter the building thru the double doors that are facing north.

TEXAS REELERS DANCE CANCELED:

For those of you that like to frequently dance at the Texas Reelers, they have canceled their June 1st dance.

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK:

PLUS LESSONS: Many thanks to Dennis & Karen Dennison, Judy & James Ross, Gene & Phyllis Deluke, Marilyn & Eddie Gifford and Peggy Amy for angeling at the Plus Lessons this week. 31 students attended.

Official Visitation: Friday, May 4th. Kissin Kuzzins' 39th Anniversary Cuatro de Mayo Dance. Caller Wayne Baldwin. Cuer JL Pelton. What a dance it was. There were 149 attending the dance and the Swinging Stars had 53 members attending. If we were to count Wayne and Jodie we would have 55. We didn't get a banner because we already have one from the Kissin Kuzzins. Thank you to the Anthaumes, Bursons, Capps, Covingtons, Feldmans, Giaudrone/Benedetto, Giffords, Hamms, Harris, Hawkins, Hennebergers, Humphreys, Kilejians, Lewis, Maiers, McGuires, Meyers, Pharrs, Pitts, Roses, Smith/Hardin, Starretts, Stuarts, Trujillos. Underwoods, Wheatons, C Wolfe, and of course I always include Jodie and Wayne when I can, for attending the dance.

Dance of Interest: Saturday, May 5th. Log Cabin Swingers 37th Anniversary Dance. Caller Mike Bramlett and Cuer John Brewer. We only had 4 attending. They reported that it was a very fun dance and had a lot of good Mexican Food to eat. They enjoyed the dance very much. Thank you Richard and Dorinda Maier and Bob and Terri Pitts for attending the dance.

COMING EVENTS

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Dance of Interest: Saturday, May 12th. Dixie Chainers Olde Tyme Squares. I promise you will have a good time square dancing the way they did in the 50's. Don't worry that you will not know how. The caller, Vernon Jones will teach each dance before each tip. Jack von der Heide will also be giving some back ground history of the Round dancing cues. Early rounds 7:00. Squares 7:30. Be sure you are not late. They start earlier than other clubs. They dance at the Farmers Branch Senior Center. 14055 Dennis Rd. at Valwood Valwood. Please let me know in advance if you are going. You can read their ad on page 12 of the May Promenade.

Dance of Interest: Friday, May 18th Texas Reelers Regular Dance. Caller Mike Bramlett and Cuer Jack von der Heide. Early Rounds 7:30. Squares 8:00. Richardson Senior Center. 820 W.Arapaho

Official Visitation: May, 19th. Trail Blazers 42nd Anniversary. Gerry Gilbreath will be the caller. They are going to have a violinist, Ted Martin, who is a member of their club, doing a special with their Cuer Jack Kenny. Early Rounds at 6:30 workshop at 7:30 and Grand March at 8:00. They dance at the Swingtime Center. Loop 820 at Anglin, Fort Worth. If you have Royal Blue please wear it. If you don't have anything this color, don't let that make you stay home. Go anyway. We really want you to go dancing with the club. Please let me know if you are planning to go.

Ladies Luncheon: Tuesday, May 22nd. Peggy Pharr is the hosting the luncheon this month. She has chosen Taste of Home in Wylie. We have been there before and it was very delightful place for our luncheon. The address is 302 North Ballard Ave. Wylie Tex. You can check out Taste of Home in Wylie by going to www.tasteofhomewylie.com. When I read the menu everything sounds so yummy. I think it is going to be hard to decide what to eat. Please Email Peggy Pharr by May 21st at pjp0901@juno.com and let her know you are planning to attend. ALL Swinging Star Ladies are invited to attend.

Swinging Stars Club Dance: Friday, May 25th. Proud To Be An American! Caller Wayne Baldwin and Cuer John Brewer. Early Rounds at 7:30 and Square Dancing starts at 8:00. As you have been reading in previous newsletters this dance is going to be 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.

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Monday, May 28th.

CASUL Parking Lot Update Benefit Dance and Annual Memorial Day Dance.

Caller Rick Smith and Cuer Jack Kenny

Early Rounds at 7:00. Dance 7:30 to 9:30.

Dave has put the flyer on our Web site <u>www.swingingstars.org</u> and click on fliers. The ad is <u>not</u> in the Promenade. You can dress casual if you wish. This dance is for everyone that enjoys dancing at the Swingtime Center and would like to contribute to the up keep of the facility. The address is Loop 820 at Anglin, Fort Worth.

Official Visitation: Saturday, June 2nd. Texoma Squares 60th Anniversary Dance.

Caller Wayne Baldwin. Cuer Patti Wheelington.

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

The address is 929 Desvoignes Denison, Tex. Come on and go it isn't to far! We carpool and it is fun. Please let me know if you are planning to attend. Please wear **Purple** if you have it. If you don't have anything this color, don't let that make you stay home. Go anyway. We really want you to go dancing with the club. You can read their ad on Page 24 of the May Promenade.

SAVE THESE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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.

Starting Tuesday, August 28th. Wayne Baldwin and the Swinging Stars along with the Plano Parks and Rec., will be sponsoring Mainstream Square Dance Lessons. Carpenter Park Rec. Center. 6701 Coit Rd. Plano. Start thinking of all the friends that you would like to be dancing with us and invite them to try.

I have a little more information about the dresses. You can order it in a longer length if you don't want to wear the petticoat etc. The Style Fiesta #236-S color is aqua.



Official Club Dress

The Swinging Stars official dress is from Square Up Fashions Inc. The Skirt is style Fiesta #636, color is aqua, The Blouse is style Fiesta #136R, color aqua. You can order it in a longer length if you don't want to wear the petticoat etc. The Style Fiesta #236-S color is aqua. The Email address is: www.squareupfashions.com. Phone is 1-800-824-4222. When you go online you will be able to click

on the skirt and blouse and see them there. A little note about the color. It is actually Turquoise. The company we order them from calls it aqua. (I don't know why.)

I am told that there is a 2 months wait for this dress. If you are going to order one it would be a good idea to go ahead and order one now.

If you don't want to buy this dress, you can make or have made something similar. It is also ok to wear something this color or something close to the color. It is just nice when we have an official visitation to show our spirit in our club colors. We do not wear this dress all the time. Just on occasions when it request we all wear our Aqua dresses.

Just so you will know, if you don't have anything this color, don't let that make you stay home. Go anyway. We really want you to go dancing with the club.

Information about matching shirts I have ask around and some of the places that the men have gotten their shirts are at Shepler's Western Ware and Cavender's.

If you have questions about the Official Club Dress contact Lorraine Burson at lorraine@bursons.us

LOG CABIN SWINGERS DOUBLE HEADER WEEKEND

I am wondering if you are interested in going to this weekend with us. I have had some already say they would like to go. This would also be a good weekend for new plus dancers to get a little practice at the Saturday afternoon Plus Dance. There are several motels in the area where you can stay. Dave and I usually stay at the Best Western in Gun Barrel City. It is close by. Or if you have a RV there is a RV campground on the Promenade Hall Grounds, home to the Log Cabin Swingers.

Go to our Web site www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

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 7:30 to 9:30...\$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 7:30 to 9:30 ..\$8.00.

All prices are per person

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 7:30.

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 7:30 to 9:30.

Food will be served both nights from 6:00 to 6:45.

Be sure to pick up a flyer for this weekend at out next club dance. Or go to our Web site www.swingingstars.org and click on **Weekends**.

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

FOR THE PLUS DANCERS: We have 8 couples say they are going. I hope we can get more.

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 out next club dance. Or go to our Web site www.swingingstars.org and click on 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.

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

May 25 Proud To Be An American

June 8 New Dancer Dance and A Good Old Summertime Picnic

July 27 Beach Party

August 24 Back to school Ice Cream Social September 28 Let's Do It: An International World Ball

October 12 Tailgate Party
November 9 Chili Cook Off
December 14 Toys and Books

Out of Town and Weekend Dances:

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

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