

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for May 20, 2012



REMEMBERING MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Day is quickly approaching, and to most Americans, this means the beginning of summer. In reality, it's the one day of the year we dedicate to remembering those who gave all to protect the freedoms we cherish. As you plan your first barbecue of the season and prepare for the warm weather, I urge you to keep in mind the real reason we celebrate Memorial Day: To pay tribute to America's veterans and fallen soldiers.

PLUS LESSONS

May 23rd is the last Plus Lesson. Notice that the last lesson was not listed on the calendar. It is important that all students attend this last lesson to review the plus call and to have more floor time. It is also important that the students go dancing where they can practice their plus skills. Just attending the mainstream dances that have one or two plus tips isn't going to do it. I know of two places that you can attend plus dances.

Plus 4's on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. Several of our Swinging Stars attend the Plus 4's and have a ball. Plus '4 is a member of NORTEX. Plus 4's meet at the Chapel Hill Methodist Church, 12411 Templeton Tr. Farmers Branch. 7:30 to 9:30.

Friendship Plus meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at the Richardson Senior Center 7:00 to 9:00. The Friendship Plus is not a member of the NORTEX.

Thank you to the angels that attended; Jim & Judy Ross, Eddie & Marilyn Gifford and Peggy Amy.

Angels please let Lorraine know if you are going to attend the plus lessons this week.

Plus Dance of Interest: Wednesday, June 6th. Plus 4's will have Wayne Baldwin as a Guest Caller for this dance. This is a great time for the new plus dancers to attend a plus dance to get more floor time to practice their new skills of plus dancing. We hope that all of the Swinging Stars plus dancers will come to this dance and support Wayne and the new plus dancers. The format is all plus, no rounds. They dance at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 12411 Templeton Tr. Farmers Branch. Dance starts at 7:30 till 9:30. See you there!

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.

SUGGESTED VISITATION

We would like to suggest the Dixie Chainers. It is close by and has the best dance floor, air conditioner, and Vernon Jones, one of the best callers in the area. Jack von der Heide is their cuer. The Early Rounds start at 7:00 with the Grand March at 8:00. Dixie Chainers dance at the Farmers Branch Senior Center 14055 Dennis Rd at Valwood Pkwy. We can also get some dangles toward the Dangle Dinner and Dance.

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Dance of Interest: Friday, May 18th Texas Reelers Regular Dance. Caller Mike Bramlett and Cuer Jack von der Heide. We had 16 Swinging Stars visiting. We didn't get their banner as we already have one of their banner. We all enjoyed dancing to Mike's creative calling. Jack cued some very nice choreographed rounds and did an interesting rounds mixer. Thank you to the Swinging Stars that attended the dance; Bursons, Hamms, Hennebergers, McGuires, Humphrey, Fieldmans, Maiers, and Loxsoms.

Official Visitation: May 19th Trail Blazers 42nd Anniversary. Gerry Gilbreath caller and Jack Kenny cuer. I am sorry Dave and I were not able to attend, but the report was good. We had 12 Swinging Stars attending and we won the three way drawing for the Trailblazer's banner. I am told that the calling was very fast and fun. Thank you to the Swinging Stars for attending: Pitts, Trujillos, Rows, Meyers, Covingtons, and Loxsom.

COMING EVENTS

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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Read our ad on page 16 of the May Promenade. All Swinging Stars are invited to the after party at Mama's Pizza, 2130 West Parker immediately following the dance. Please wear **Red**, White and **Blue**.



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 www.swingingstars.org and click on fliers. The ad is not 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.

Dance of Interest: Friday, June 1st. **This dance is not in the Promenade or on the calendar. The Texas Reelers dance was canceled for June 1st and now they are having a Friendship Dance with the Kissin Kuzzins** Friday, June 1st. The Kissin' Kuzzins and the Texas Reelers will co-host a Friendship Dance. Come and join them for a night of dancing at its best. Callers Wayne Baldwin and Mike Bramlett. Cuer J L Pelton and Jack van der Heide. Early rounds at 7:00. Grand March 8:00. Garland Senior Center. 600 Ave. A Garland.

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.

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REFRESHMENTS

Refreshment Schedule – thru August 2012

Lead couple is first name on the list.

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

June 8 ----- Hardin/Smith, Nejd, Evanto, Maier*

June 22 ----- Trujillo, Piziali, Jimison, Row*

July 13 ----- Harris, Gifford, Putnam/Heintz, Pharr

July 27 ----- Loven, Hamm, Wheaton, McClure

August 10 ----- Stuart, Hursey, Hawkins, Pitts*

August 24 ----- Anthaume, Meyer, Rose, Carter*

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

The lead 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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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

SAVE THESE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Baldwin's Annual Fish Fry



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.

Jodie will have a sign up sheet at our dances. Be sure to sign up to bring one of the suggested dishes.

Mainstream Square Dance Lessons

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. Start thinking of all the friends that you would like to be dancing with us and invite them to try. If you meet someone new tell them about square dancing and invite them to come and try. Tell them to go to www.swingingstars.org and they can read about the lessons there.



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 9 couples say they are going. I hope we can get more. Please let me know if you are going.

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 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.

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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