



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for June 3, 2012

NORTEX INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS And Free Dance

Today the NORTEX Association held the Installations of Officers for 2012-2013.

We just got home so I will just hit the highlights:

President, Kevin and Christine Hadley, Treasurer, Scott and Karen McGinney and Secretary, John and Shirley Curry were reinstalled.

From our club we have Tom and Vicki Evanto as our Area VP. Peggy Amy is the Friendship/Travel Chairman. Rosemary Benedetto and Larry Giandrone are Promenade Editors. Linda and Charley Harris are the Membership Chairman. Charles and Anna Wolfe are the Photographers East.

We congratulate these Swinging Stars for a job well done for last year and wish them the best for the new term of service.

The Swinging Stars club received the Growth Achievement Award for a second time. It reads:

For Growth through Promotions of Lessons, Recruiting
and Membership Retention.

This is to certify that the
SWINGING STARS

excelled in these areas for the years 2011-2012.

After the Officers Installation was concluded, we got to the real reason most us were there. The free dance. Linda and Ray Savell called a very fast paced fun dance along with Chris and Maria Farabaugh cueing the rounds, the pace kept the dancers on their toes for a fun filled evening of dancing. Thank you to all the Swinging Stars for attending the day's activities: Brewers, Bursons P. Amy, Vickie Evanto, Feldmans, Harris, Benedetto/Giandrone, Hawkins, and Pitts.

Wayne Baldwin Guest Caller:

Wednesday, June 6th Plus 4's will have Wayne Baldwin as a Guest Caller for this dance. This is a great opportunity for the new plus dancers to attend a plus dance to get more floor time to practice their new skill 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 lasts till 9:30. See you there!

JUNE IS HERE

The Swinging Stars have for a number of years had Casual Attire for the months of June, July and August. This is for our dances only. Other clubs in the area may or may not have the Casual Attire as a custom for the summer months. I suggest checking on the attire for a particular club before assuming that they have gone casual for the summer.

What is meant by casual? Not wearing all the fluff of the petticoat. Some ladies like to stay with the petticoats etc, some like to wear a long skirt. Ladies can wear slacks or capris. Men can wear Bermuda shorts. No short shorts. Men can wear short sleeves. I hope this helps.



Hmmm, can't you just smell that fish frying.

Click on the [Fish Fry Details](#) link below this newsletter link for details from Jodie.

Sunday, June 24th 5:30. Baldwin's Annual Fish Fry. At Jodie and Wayne Baldwins, 981 Timber Lane, Fairview. 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 Wednesdays fishing, so that we can have this great party. So please plan to attend.

We are so pleased that our new members are planning to join us at the fish fry. These details are to help everyone who has signed up remember what they decided to bring. Also we are looking forward to more of our Stars signing up. Don't think that the number of blanks left indicates all we can handle because there is room for everyone.

For Questions call Jodie - 972-562-2174

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

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Wednesday, May 30. Texas Tumbleweeds. Andy and Debbie Piziali organized a group and visited the Texas Tumbleweeds. They like to do this about once a quarter. This is a report back from Debbie Piziali about the dance:

We just got home from dancing with the Metro Tumbleweeds. We had eleven people total. Barbers, Dennisons, McClures, Pitts, P. Amy, and Pizialis. Peggy got a signature for our club visitation card. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the dance.

Thank you to these Swinging Star members for this extra visitation. I know the Texas Tumbleweeds appreciated the time you spent with them.

If you would like to go with them the next time they plan a visitation to the Tumbleweeds let Debbie know so that she can contact you about going with them.



Monday, May 28 Dance of Interest:

CASUL Parking Lot Update Benefit Dance and Annual Memorial Day Dance. Caller Rick Smith and Cuer J L Pelton. We had 11 Swinging Stars attend: P Amy, Bursons, Hawkins, Humphreys, Pitts and Smith/Hardin. CASUL had a good turn out for the dance and collected over \$3,000 from the donations at the door and some very nice donations from the clubs that have their regular dances there.

Friday, June 1 Dance of Interest: Friendship Dance with the Kissin Kuzzins and Texas Reelers. Everyone had a good time Square Dancing to Wayne Baldwin and Mike Bramlett. The Round Dancing was well cued by J. L. Pelton and Jack von der Heide. The floor was crowded with many clubs, but mostly with the Kissin Kuzzins, Texas Reelers, Rebel Rousers and Swinging Stars. I don't know the total, but the Swinging Stars had 31 attending. After a little discussion with the presidents of the two hosting clubs, I managed to retrieve our banners from both clubs. Thank you to P. Amy, Brewer, Bursons, Giaudrone/Benedetto, Hamms, Harris, Hawkins, Pharr, Pitts, Rows, Smith/Hardin, Wheatons, Loxsom, McGuires and a new couple Steve and Karen Morris for attending. It was also nice to have a little visit from Putnam-Hintz.

Friday, June 1 Dance of Interest: Texoma Squares 60th Anniversary Dance. This was a special dance. Just imagine 60 years of a club dances. If I figured right, I estimate that is around 1,440 dances. That's a lot of dances. Caller Wayne Baldwin called a fantastic dance. Cuer Patti Wheelington has a way of cueing that you feel as though you are the dancing on a cloud. The cooks of the Texoma Squares are second to none. The food was delicious. Thank you Stars for helping to make the Texoma Squares 60th Anniversary a success. We had 29 attending and were awarded their banner. Attending were: P. Amy, Bivins, Bursons, Covingtons, Fousts, Benedetto/Giaudrone, Pharrs, Pitts, Hamms, Harris, Hawkins, Loxsoms, Maiers, Trujillos, Wheatons and Jodi Baldwin.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 6 Plus Dance of Interest: 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!



Friday, June 8 Swinging Stars Club Dance: New Dancer Dance and A Good Old Summertime Picnic. Wayne calling and John cueing rounds and lines dances. Our casual attire is in effect for the summer. We will be having a Mainstream workshop at 7:30 and Grand March at 8:00. Read our ad on page 10 of the June Promenade. Don't forget everyone is invited to Mama's Pizza after the dance.

Saturday, June 9 Dance of Interest: Dixie Chainers will be having Darryl Lipscomb as a guest caller for this dance. Darryl is an international caller. I particularly like his smooth style of calling. He is a caller that all of the new dancers should experience. We hope that not only the new dancers will attend this dance but our experienced dancers as well. He is not in the area very often so it will be a nice treat to dance to Darryl. Jack von der Heide is their cuer. The Early Rounds start at 7:00 with the Grand March at 7:30. Dixie Chainers dance at the Farmers Branch Senior Center 14055 Dennis Rd at Valwood Pkwy.

Fri. & Sat., June 15 and 16 Weekend Dance Of Interest:

Log Cabin Swingers Double Header Weekend.

- **Friday--** 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 7:30 to 9:30. Food will be served from 6:00 to 6:45
- **Saturday --** 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 from 6:00 to 6:45.

Some are going to stay over night on Friday. If you are not interested in going for both days it isn't to far to go and come home in the same night. Each dance is a pay as you go. This way if you only want to participate in some of the dances scheduled you won't be paying for dances that you don't want to attend. To read a better description of this weekend dance in the lower section of this newsletter or see the ad in the June Promenade on page 7.

For dancers not interested in attending the weekend dance we highly recommend:

Saturday, June 16 Dance Of Interest: Rebel Rousers 23rd Anniversary Dance "Kaleidoscope of Color". Caller Mike Bramlett and Guest Caller K.O. Jeans. Christine Hixson cueing the Rounds. Early Rounds at 7:30 and Grand March at 8:00. There is a change of location for this dance. They will be at the All Saints Catholic Church 5231 Meadowcreek. We are asking that we all wear the color **Aqua**. (Or as I call it Turquoise). And of course if you don't have this color attire, we want you to go anyway. See the Ad on page 13 of the June Promenade.

Wednesday, June 20 Ladies Luncheon. Ladies Luncheon: Tuesday, May 22nd. at 11:30. Lorraine Burson is the hosting the luncheon this month. I have chosen the Chocolate Angel at 800 Central Expressway and Plano Parkway. This is a new Chocolate Angle. It is the High Street Antique Mall. Please email Lorraine Lorraine@Bursons.us by June 17th. I need to let them know how many are attending by the 18th.

Friday, June 22 Swinging Stars Club Dance: Regular Dance night. Wayne calling and John cueing rounds . Our casual attire is in effect for the summer. We will be having a Early Rounds at 7:30 and Square Dancing at 8:00. Don't forget everyone is invited to Mama's Pizza after the dance.

Saturday, June 23 Dance Of Interest: Cotton Pickin' Squares. Their regular dance night. They will have the ever popular Mike Bramlett calling and Christine Hixson cueing. Their dance location is L-3 Rec. Hall 50001, Jack Finney Blvd. Greenville, Texas. Early Rounds 7:30 Grand March 8:00.

Friday, June 29 Official Visitation: Rebel Rousers Presents Music of The Night, Round Up Kick Off Dance. Caller, Mike Bramlett and Cuer Christine Hixson. Early Rounds 7:00 and Grand March 7:30. The location will be at All Saints Catholic Church 5231 Meadowcreek. Wear something black and white with a splash of color. Read their ad on page 18 of the June Promenade.

Saturday, June 30 Official Visitation: Texas Reelers 37th Anniversary and Happy Birthday USA. Guest Caller Joey Duhamel and their Club Caller Mike Bramlett, with Jack and Ann von der Heide cueing the rounds. Early rounds 7:00 Grand March 8:00. The dance location will be at the Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church 3901 North Star, Richardson. Read their ad on page 23 of the June Promenade.

SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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.

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshment Schedule – thru August 2012

Lead couple is first name on the list.

June 8 ----- Hardin/Smith, NejdI, Row*, Maier*

June 22 ----- Trujillo, Piziali, Jimison, Evanto

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.

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

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

FOR THE PLUS DANCERS: (Be sure to read this)

August 31st and September 1st.

18th Annual Chaparral Evening in Paris Dance.

We have **11** couples say they are going with us. I want to check to see if I am correct in who all I have listed to go. If this is incorrect please let me know. Ross, NejdI, Lewis, McGuire, Whitaker, Smith/Hardin, Pharr, Hamms, Kendrick, Morse.

There is still time to decide.

If you want to go but have not told me, 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 club's treasury. If not we will "only" have a good time. Be sure to let me (Lorraine) know that you are going. I would like to keep track how many are going.

I know there are more wanting to go.. 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.

Please let me know what you think.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Up date from Jack Duncan I had lower back surgery March 28th to relieve pressure on two nerves in my back that was/is causing me intense burning/stabbing pain in my right hip and the top of my right shin and foot. At this point I can't tell that the surgery did any good, I am still having the same pain as before the surgery. My doctor has put me on Lyrica, a drug that is supposed to "calm" irritated nerves, which it hasn't done so far. I am unable to walk more than 20-30 feet without having the pain. Luckily, I am able to sit, in some chairs, and get relief, so it's not all bad. As you may suspect, this doesn't allow me to dance, which I miss very much. It sure is different on Friday and Saturday evenings not to be deciding which club you're going to go to. My next doctor appointment is on the 21st, I suspect we will be talking about another surgery since the last one didn't appear to give me any relief. Thank all of you that have asked about me, I miss you all and hope I can be back in a square real soon.

Steve and Dorothy Kopec I want to let you all know I contacted Steve Kopec to find out what has become of them. They have moved into an assisted living facility in McKinney. Their new address and phone number is in the updated roster that was sent out this week. I know they would love to hear you. For those of you that haven't had the pleasure of knowing the Kopecs, they are a couple that have been members for a long time and are Life Time Members of the club. Steve says they are well. Dorothy suffers from dementia, but is feeling well.

J.B. and Norma Morrison I also contacted the Morrisons to see how they are doing. The word is about the same for them. They are well and are living in an assisted living facility in Irving. Norma also suffers from dementia and uses a walker all the time. They enjoy getting the Promenade and Norma loves to read it all the time. I am sure they would love to hear from you as well. You can find the address and phone number in the roster.

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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