

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for June 24, 2012

VISITATIONS FOR THIS WEEK

We have two visitations scheduled for this week.
I hope you will try to attend both if you can.
If you cannot please try to attend least one of them.

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 8 of the July 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. Please wear something **Red White and Blue.**



Baldwin's Fish Fry

WOW, What a wonderful fun time we had!

FISH FRY: Baldwin's Annual Fish Fry. Thank you Jodie and Wayne for a lovely evening of fun fellowship and good food. We had 95 Swinging Stars attending. Thank you Wayne, Charlie and Chuck for catching the fish. You are not only good fisherman but also you are good cooks. After everyone had eaten about as much as they could it was time for the Annual Duck Dangle Dance. Congratulations to everyone that earned their duck dangle. I am sorry I didn't get their names, but there were 2 squares in the water. Thanks to everyone that brought food etc. for everyone to enjoy. I believe this was the best Fish Fry we ever had.

"Let's Have a Ball" Pre Round-Up Dance

Last week I wrote about the NORTEX Round up and what it involved. I also made an attempt to explain about the Pre Round up Dance. Now here is some information about our pre roundup dance.

We are excited to have our "Let's Have a Ball" Pre-Roundup dance on Friday, September 28th. We have chosen the theme "International World Ball". Dress with an international flare if you like and come have a great time dancing as we build excitement for this year's annual NORTEX Roundup.

I would like to stress that ALL of the Swinging Stars members are hosting our Round Up Preview Dance. Everyone is expected to take part. This is a fundraiser for the club to help with the expenses of the club. Beyond that it is to be a fun filled night of friendship set to music. It is my expectation that everyone share in the tasks required to have a special dance of this kind. If everyone spends a little of his or her time helping out everyone will be able to enjoy the dance. Please don't leave everything to the committee leaders to do all that is to be done. We will have sign-up sheets at the club dance on July 13th for you choose which job and time slot you prefer. Please make it a point to stop by the sign-in table as you enter the dance and check out what is available for you to do. With your corporation it will make a fun and pleasant time for everyone. You may also find that it is fun working with someone that you may have never worked with before.

There is a documents below this newsletter link with the information about signing up to help with the "Have a Ball", "International World Ball Dance".

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Friday, June 22 Swinging Stars Club Dance: Regular Dance night. Wayne calling and John cueing rounds. I am proud to say we had a fun evening of fun fellowship and dancing with 82 Swinging Stars and 26 Visitors. The Roadrunners came from Ft. Worth and retrieved their banner. Congratulations to Bob and Terri Pitts, they were presented with their 25 silver dangle. Thank you to the refreshments committee for the delicious food. Trujillos, Evantos, Jimisons and Pizialis, you did a great job!

Saturday, June 23 Dance Of Interest: Cotton Pickin' Squares. With the ever popular Mike Bramlett calling and Christine Hixson cueing. We had 4 couples attending and captured their banner. Thank you to Gary and Peggy Amy, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Dave and Catherine Humphrey and Deckard and Peggy Pharr. It was fun!

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

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
January 25, 2013	Anniversary Dance

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

Refreshment Schedule – thru December 2012

Lead couple is first name on the list.

July 13	Harris, Gifford, Putnam/Heintz, Pharr
July 27	Anthause, Hamm, Wheaton, McClure
August 10	Stuart, Hursey, Hawkins, Pitts*
August 24	Loven, Meyer, Rose, Carter*
September 14	Deluke, Capps, Mosher, Barber*
September 28	Pre-Roundup Dance – All Members Help

October 12 Lewis, Ross, Jung, Whitaker*
October 26 Dance Cancelled due to Callers Cavalcade Dance
November 9 Amy, Feldman, Henneberger, Sherman*
November 23 Dance Cancelled due to Thanksgiving Holiday
December 14 Dennison, Giaudrone/Benedetto, Loxsom, Bullock
December 28 Dance Cancelled due to the school not being available to us.

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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Save These Dates:

Sunday, August 19th. GRAM Free Dance. This is a Fun Dance for people interested in learning to square dance. Bring all your friends, relatives and or acquaintances that inquire about our favorite pastime. 2:00 to 4:00 at the Senter Park Rec. Center in Irving.

Starting Tuesday, August 28th. Mainstream Square Dance Lessons

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 have 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 click on Lessons and they can read about the lessons.

Sunday, September 23rd. Appreciation Dance for Jay and Marty Miller. The NTCA is sponsoring an appreciation dance for Jay and Martie Miller. Jay has been a caller for many years and has done much for square dancing in our area. He has been diagnosed with ALS and the NTCA want to show them how much they love and appreciate them. They are doing this by sponsoring a dance at the Swingtime Center on September 23, 2012.

FOR THE PLUS DANCERS:

August 31st and September 1st.

18th Annual Chaparral Evening in Paris Dance.

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:

Last week I wrote about Ann Barber being hospitalized because of acute shortness of breath and large blood clots in both of her lungs. I am happy to tell you that she is at home. As she said it,

" I am happy to say that I am now HOME !!! Got out yesterday. It is always so much better at home-for one thing, no one wakes you up every four hours to take your blood pressure!!! I so appreciated you phone call. I miss all you guys!! Doc says I can't square dance yet. Hopefully, I can soon --- now that I am really beginning to get it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

This from Jack Duncan:

Not any better, in fact probably worse, seem like it takes less activity to bring on the pain, walking 20-30 feet just lights me up. Saw the Dr Thur and we are heading down a path to do a fusion. Getting a myelogram done that will help pinpoint exactly which nerve root(s) is causing the problem. Also will be doing an EMG (electromyogram) to also see what nerves are damaged. Will see Dr again 7/24 to review test results and decide on whether to do the surgery or not. Have surgery tentatively scheduled for 8/1. He wants to do a TLIF (Transforamininal Lumbar Interbody Fusion).

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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