Newsletter for July 15, 2012

Please be sure to read all the way to the bottom of this newsletter.

There is some really good stuff at the end.

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 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.

Membership Dues:

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

If you are not sure if your dues have been paid for the 3rd quarter, please contact the Treasurer, Jim and Debbie Reid. jreid45@att.net

You may send you payment to the address listed below. 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 (preferred)

\$140.00 per year per couple

Please make your check payable to Swinging Stars Thank you for paying your dues in a timely manner.

Jim and Debbie Reid 7614 Queens Ferry Dallas, Texas 75248-1647 972-789-1167

VISITATIONS FOR THIS WEEK

We have 1 Dance of Interest Visitation and 1 Official Visitation for this week.

Please try to attend both if you can.



Dance of Interest Let's Do It Dance

Friday, July 20, T-Square Gadabouts. CHRISTMAS IN JULY BALL.

I guess this is to make you think cooler. Christmas attire will be appropriate.

Caller Rick Smith and Cuer Charles Crockett.

Swingtime Center. 5100 SE Loop 820 at the Anglin Drive exit, Ft. Worth

Early Rounds 7:00 Grand March 8:00.

Read ad on page 15 of the July Promenade.

Please let me know if you are planning to attend. Car Pool. It is fun!



Official Let's Do It Dance

Saturday, July 21. Buttons and Bows. HAVE A BALL YOUR WAY!

Caller: Barry Hendricks, Cuer: Charles Crockett

They will be wearing their favorite team shirt or an official striped shirt and you are welcome to also. Or you can enjoy wearing your Round-up outfit or what ever you want. Just come hungry for typical ball park food. They dance at the Senter Park East Rec. Center, 228 Chamberlain, Irving.

Workshop 7:00, Early Rounds 7:30, Grand March 8:00.

This is a **BANNER RAID**. Read their ad on page 15 of the July Promenade.

COMING EVENTS

Executive Committee Meeting

Sunday, July 22 at 3:00 PM. The Third Quarter Executive Meeting. 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 972-396-0941 or email us Dave@Bursons.us to let us know you would like to come and speak to the committee.



Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, July 27, BEACH PARTY. 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.



Official Let's Do It Dance

Saturday, July 28. Tri-City Promenaders. LET'S DO IT....HAVE A BALL AT THE BEACH DANCE. You won't want to miss this dance. Caller Paul Kinsey will be doing his usual job on the squares as well as teaching the workshop at 7:30. Cuer Chris Farabaugh will be doing his smooth cueing the early rounds at 7:00. Grand March 8:00. The Tri-City Promenaders dance at the Brookside Center 1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst. Read ad on page 25 of the July Promenade.

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK



Official Let's Do It Dance

Thursday, July 12, Lone Star Solo. BLACK AND WHITE ROUND UP DANCE. Caller Dave Vieira and Christine Hixson Cuer.

The Swinging Stars had a pretty good turn out for a Thursday evening. We had 16 attending. Mostly our newer members. Thank you to the Bursons, Carters, Covingtons, Fousts, Harris, Humphreys, Pitts, and Rows for attending.

Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, July 13. Regular Dance night. Wayne calling and John cueing rounds. We had a good dance this week. We were short on visitors but the couple there from Tulsa are very nice and friendly and are also good dancers. We were also short on members we only had 70 members. How many club can say they only had 70 members attending. We are proud to say we enjoy our dances no matter how many are attending. The refreshments were great. Thank you all on the refreshments committee for bring such good goodies: Charlie and Linda Harris, Eddie and Marilyn Gifford, Rita Putnam and Tim Heintz, and Deckard and Peggy Pharr.



Dance of Interest

Saturday July 14. Diamond Julibeers. GOD BLESS THE U.S.A. DANCE. We had 8 Swinging Stars attending the dance. Paul Kinsey had some fun with calling turn thru seeing how easy it is to get messed up with such a simple call. We did get a banner. For some reason they have a Invisible banner that they give us. (We never did find out why they have an invisible banner.)

LADIES LUNCHEON

Wednesday July 11. Thank you Jan Covington for hosting the lunch for this month. Bonnie Ruth's Bistro, was all we expected it to be. Everything looked wonderful and tasted delicious. We sat and chatted for a few hours than some spent some time checking out the shops at Watters Crossing.

If you would like to host the Luncheon for next month, contact Peggy Pharr pip0901@juno.com and she will schedule you to host next month. As host you get to pick the restaurant and the date and the time. Than all you have to do is make the reservation and the restaurant does all the work.





Sam and Mary Stephens, your Round-Up chair have come up with a great program for club members. They are introducing a Pre-Round-Up visitation program. The attached card has the basic instructions and a list of all the Pre-Round-Up dances. Dancers only need to have them signed when they attend a pre-Round-Up dance. Paragon Engraving will have special dangles at Round-Up for any dancer who has 5 or more visits on their card. The dangle will have "Let's Do It... Have a Ball 2012" and the number of dances they attended. The dangles will only be available at Round-Up on Saturday. Click the following link for the card and print one to take with you to the Pre Round up dances:

http://www.swingingstars.org/Pre Round Up Dance Visitation Card.pdf

SWINGING STARS

SEPTEMBER 28,2012

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

I will continue to have sign-up sheets at the dance on Fridays. Please take time to sign up for one of the duties <u>and</u> either salads or desserts.

Or you can contact me at lorraine@bursons.us and tell me what you would like to volunteer to do and weather you would like to bring salads or desserts.

Please click on the following link to read the information about signing up to help with the Let's Have a Ball, International World Ball Dance:

http://www.swingingstars.org/International World Ball Info.pdf

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 <u>ALL</u> of the Swinging Stars members are hosting our Pre Round Up 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.

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 27 Anthaume, Hamm, Wheaton, McClure

August 10 Stuart, Hursey, Hawkins, Pitts*
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 <u>rehamm45@gmail.com</u> for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. We may already have what you need.

COLLECTING CALLER AND CUER DANGLES?

There is a group planning to go the Arlington Casuals on second Sunday in August to get a dangle from the caller Jimmy Ellis. If you would like to go than it will be more fun when there are several Swinging Stars attending. There is an ad on Page 30 of the July Promenade.

Caller: JIMMY ELLIS Club: Arlington Casuals When: August 12, Sunday Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Where: Pantego Lion's Club

3535 Maeathon Pantego, TX

NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE Annual Chaparral Evening in Paris Dance

August 31st and September 1st

Calling all dancers. You do not have to be a plus dancer to attend the Chaparral Evening in Paris Dance. They have added a third room for mainstream dancers. The plus dancers usually get to have all the fun going on weekend dances. Now if you are a mainstream dancer you can join us and enjoy the fun of going for a weekend and dance till you can't dance anymore and have fun with your club members that are there doing the same.

This is great news. Now everyone can attend this fun weekend. I hope you all will plan to attend this fun time with the Swinging Stars in Paris.

I will have flyers at the dance on Friday. Be sure to pick one up. If you forget or are not at the dance you can go to www.swingingstars.org and click on weekends and there will be a flyer there. It is also in the July Promenade on page 28. It is time to get signed up if you have not done so. The dead line for early registration is August 20th.

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 <u>Swinging Stars, Lorraine's group</u>. If you don't tell them when you register they won't give us the credit toward our \$100. If we get 12 couples attending we will get \$100 for the club's treasury. If not we will "only" have a good time. Be sure to let me (Lorraine) know that you are going. I need to keep track of how many are going. I have to send a list in advance of the 20th so they will know who for sure is attending from our club. Please if you want to go get signed up!

I always say "The more Swinging Stars at a dance the more fun it is". We have 13 couple signed up as of today.

I know there are more wanting to go.. Please let me know if you are going.

I have organized 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 and have been 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. In addition 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 prize 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 Special Weekends.

Questions: Contact Lorraine at Lorraine@Bursons.us

Please let me know what you think.

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.

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.

ROUND DANCE BOOT CAMP

(A Take –No-Hostages Learning Approach) Rumba/Cha-Cha 101 – Sat, Aug 11 Rumba/Cha-Cha 201 – Sat, Aug 25

Learn to round dance in a fast-paced learning experience for the highly-motivated student. Schedule (both days)

1:30 - 6:00pm Workshop/Lesson

7:00 – 9:00 Square Dance w/ Class level rounds for practice

John Brewer on rounds - Ronnie Himes on squares

Promenade Hall (home of Log Cabin Swingers)

1210 N Tool Dr (Hwy 274), Tool, TX

\$20.00/person/day or \$35.00/person for both days

Advanced registration (or call if registering late)

Send fees to instructors: John & Eula Brewer

813 W Crossland Blvd Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Ph: 214.714.6601

E-Mail: R.Dancers@att.net

SOUTHERN JUNCTION

Something to think about! I have had several requests asking, "When are we going to go to Southern Junction again". In the past several of the Swinging Stars have gone to Southern Junction for an evening of fun and fellowship. It is a little different than our usual get together. We like going there to have fun with our friends, have dinner and dance a little. You can cook your own steak or pay a couple dollars more and have them cook it for you. There are other items on the menu. I suggest that you go to www.southernjunctionlive.com and read all they say.

I would like to invite the Swinging Stars to join Dave and me, August 17 at the Southern Junction for dinner and dancing. It is ok if you don't want dance come and have fun with the Stars. In the past we took a square dance CD and they played it for us during their intermissions. I don't promise that they will do that for us again, but I will try.

The Southern Junction is a Steak House, Country and Western Nightclub

Friday

PRIME RIB SPECIAL \$19.95

BEFORE 7PM--EARLY BIRD 2-4-1 STEAK SPECIAL \$19.95

(Does NOT Include the Prime Rib Dinner Special)

YOU MUST ARRIVE BEFORE 7PM TO RECEIVE 2-4-1 SPECIAL

(All Dinners include a salad, baked potato, & Texas Toast)

If you are interested let me know. I have to make a firm reservation by August 10th.

Yellow Rockers July 19th Canceled

I am forwarding this information at the request of Yellow Rockers. Yellow Rockers doesn't want anyone showing up to dance with them not knowing that the dance is cancelled.

Yellow Rockers Dance For Thursday July 19, 2011 Has been canceled. Chapel Hill United Methodist Church 12411 Templeton Trail Farmers Branch Texas 75234,

Will be conducting Church Services

A Thank You Note

The Texas Reelers give a huge <u>Thank You</u> to the Swinging Stars for helping us make our 2012 Anniversary Dance a great success! Your participation was very special to us, we always love to see you all and this occasion was no exception. You guys are the best! Thank you from the Texas Reelers!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

No Birthdays and no Anniversaries between the 16th and 22nd. Good news, I haven't heard that anyone else is sick or in the hospital this week!

For those that knew Margaret Purkey (she and her husband Bob were past president's of Swinging Stars). Margaret passed away on July 12 due to a stroke. Margaret's memorial service will be at 4:00 pm. at the Worship Place (located on the edge of Sun City property in Georgetown) on Saturday, July 21.

Condolences can be sent to her husband Bob at: 101 Vinca Dr. Georgetown, TX 78628.

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.

Dave and Lorraine Burson Swinging Stars President Email: Dave@Bursons.us