

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for August 12, 2012



VISITATIONS FOR THIS WEEK
1 OFFICIAL VISITATION FOR THIS WEEK



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STUDENT RECRUITMENT IS UNDERWAY

Have you invited anyone to take lessons?

The Lesson Committee is working actively to get out the word about our lessons that are about to start August 28th. We hope you are all working with the same enthusiasm that we are. As was mentioned in the last newsletter, the lessons are the life line of the club. We need to keep recruiting new dancers to keep our club alive. If you didn't get your packet of the Lesson Advertising Materials (5 pamphlets and 3 flyers), contact Kenneth Henneberger kenneth.sally@Verizon.net. You may have as many packets as you like. There are also several clear plastic pamphlet holders for those who know a place where these holders might be used. I am also adding an attachment of the flyer for you to download, you can print it or simply email it to your friends and invite them to take the lessons. Click on the following link: http://www.swingingstars.org/LessonFlyer_2012.pdf

In addition to the packets that I just mentioned there are discount coupons in an attachment for you to print, cut out, and give to your recruits. These discount coupons are for \$5.00 per person. Print the coupons and give the coupons to people that you have recruited for the lessons. The front and the back of the coupons are in this attachment. Click on the following link: <http://www.lifesjustadance.com/grampub/LJAD-Business-Card-8371.pdf>

Print the front turn it over and print the back. The coupons can only be redeemed after the recruits have paid for the lessons. They are to present the coupons to the Swinging Star staff at the lessons to obtain the discount. The coupons can not be redeemed from the Parks and Rec. There is going to be a free dance sponsored by the North Texas Callers Association along with NORTEX and the Gram Committee (Growth, Retention And Motivation). We

encourage all of you that have recruits to attend and bring your recruits (of course). Dave and I will be going and hope more of you all will as well.



GRAM Free Dance

Sunday, August 19th. The NTCA and NORTEX invite you to an Afternoon Party for Prospective Dancers. 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. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Line Dancing and Mixers: Jack von der Heide. 2:00 to 4:00 at the Senter Park Rec. Center 228 Chamberlain in Irving. Read ad on Page 34 of the August Promenade.

Incase for some reason you have missed the information about the lessons I am going to repeat it for you.

BEGINNER BASIC MAINSTREAM SQUARE DANCE LESSONS SPONSORED BY THE "SWINGING STARS" START ON TUESDAY AUGUST 28 THRU DECEMBER 18 (17 LESSONS IN ALL) . We ask all club members to do their part to recruit students for our lessons. The Lesson Committee is doing advertising in local newspapers and magazines **BUT WE NEED YOU** to help us also by personally recruiting friends or acquaintances you feel would have fun doing our favorite pastime. We'll be handing out packets to all club members at our club dances. In each packet there will be Lesson Advertising Material: 5 pamphlets and 3 flyers. You may pick up as many packets as you like. There will also be several clear plastic pamphlet holders for those who know a place where these holders might be used.

Keep in mind the first two lessons on Tuesday, August 28 and Tuesday, September 4 are FREE. This is a good draw for those who have doubts about Square Dancing. Bring potential recruits with you these first two lessons.

Note also the Distribution Options listed in your packets. Always obtain permission from a store owner if you want to leave pamphlets in their store.

We thank all of you for your support in our recruiting efforts.

The Swinging Stars Lesson Committee 2012

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, August, 10. Regular dance night. Wayne calling and John cueing rounds. We were treated to a Singing Call from our newest callers in training. Both Richard and Dorinda Maier did a singing call for us and they did a terrific job. Keep up the good work and I thing you will have a future in the square dance calling world. We had 63 Swinging Stars attending and 2 visitors. Thank you to the refreshments committee for the delicious refreshments, Jeff and Anne Stuart, Joe and Sandra Rose, Mark and Karen Hawkins and Bob and Terri Pitts. Everything looked and tasted so good.



Official Let's Do It Dance

Saturday, August 11. Dixie Chainers. Let's do it....have a Ball!! Caller Vernon Jones. Cuer Jack von der Heide. We had 24 Swinging Stars attending. We were short 3 couples to get their banner. We lost it to the Rebel Rousers that had 29. Aside from that the dance was sooo much fun! Everyone was dancing flawlessly and we didn't want the dance to be over. Thank you to all that attended: P Amy, Burson, Covington, Giaudrone/Benedetto, Harris, Hawkins, Loxsom, Pharr, Pitts, Smith/Hardin,Starrett, Stuart, and C. Wolfe.

COMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST



**FUN NIGHT PLEASE LET ME NOW IF YOU ARE GOING.....
I NEED A FIRM COUNT BY AUGUST 10.**



Friday, August 17. Southern Junction. The band for the night is Rob Dixon and the Lost Cowboy. Join Dave and me at the Southern Junction for dinner, dancing, fun and fellowship. It is ok if you don't want to 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 7 PM--EARLY BIRD 2-4-1 STEAK SPECIAL \$19.95

(Does NOT Include the Prime Rib Dinner Special)

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

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

5574 HWY 276 ROYSE CITY, TX 75189 NOTE: THIS IS THE ADDRESS YOU SHOULD USE FOR YOUR GPS SYSTEM!

Go to www.southernjunctionlive.com check out all about Southern Junction.

There is also a coupon for free membership for you to print.



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Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, August 21, @ 11:30. Peggy Pharr will be hosting the Ladies Luncheon at the ****Into My Garden Tearoom****. Into My Garden Tearoom is located in beautiful Historic Downtown Plano nestled amongst all the wonderful shopping and less than one block from the Plano DART station. They are located in the back of Nooks 'n Krannies Gift Shop. The address is 1017 E 15th St., Plano. Please RSVP to Peggy Pharr at pjp0901@juno.com by August 12. You can check out Into My Garden by going to www.intomygarden.com. We always love going there for lunch.



Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, August 24. ICE CREAM SOCIAL. Wayne calling and John cueing rounds. Our casual attire is in effect for the summer. We will be having 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, August 25. Cotton Pickin' Squares. Take me out to the Ball Game Round-up Dance. Caller Mike Bramlett. Cues J L Pelton. Wear your favorite team shirt. Early Rounds 7:30. Grand March 8:00. Location is: L-3 Rec. Hall 10001 Jack Finney Blvd. Greenville, Tx. Read ad on Page 20 of the August Promenade.

Square Dance Lessons

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. The lessons are at 7:00 to 9:00 every Tuesday and go thru Dec. 18th. 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 all about the lessons.

Dance of Interest

Thursday, August 30. Lone Star Solos. You will flip over Flippo..
Marshall Flippo will be a Guest Caller. Christine Hixson will cue the rounds.
7:30 Rounds. 8:00 Grand March.
The Knights of Columbus Hall 10110 Shoreview Rd., Dallas.



Dance of Interest

Friday, August 31. Rainbow Rounds 20th Anniversary and Fairytale Ball.
Boy this one sounds like fun!
Caller Joey Duhamel and Cuer Karen Gloodt.
Request Rounds 7:00. Grand March 8:00
Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 at the Anglin Drive exit, Ft. Worth.

Out Of Town Weekend

It is less than a month until all the early reservations need to be made for this trip. If you are planning to go and have not sent your registration, you need to send in your reservation to Tom and Judy Welker before August 20.

August 31 and September 1 Chaparral Evening in Paris Dance. This is shaping up to be a fun weekend. We have at this time (if everyone sends in their reservation that said they were going to) 17 couples going to Pairs for the weekend. **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.** If you do not have a flyer with the registration on it you can go to www.swingingstars.org and click on weekends, see the information for the Chaparral weekend, click on flyer and there will be a flyer there. It is also in the July Promenade on page 28. Be sure to write Swinging Stars Lorraine's group on your registration form, so that we get the credit for the \$100.00 for the club's treasury.
We have a good number of members going. And as I always say, "The more Swinging Stars at a dance the more fun it is". Please be sure to tell me (Lorraine) that you have sent your registration so I can make sure you are on the list.
Swinging Stars will be having an After Party on Friday night. Place to be announced later. Bring a snack or treat to share and your favorite beverage.
If for some reason you have not read about this wonderful weekend go back to July 22nd newsletter and read about it.
Questions: Contact Lorraine at Lorraine@Bursons.us



SWINGING STARS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

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



There are still several open slots for jobs and food to be filled for the Pre Round-up Dance. If you have not volunteered to help with our Let's Do it... Have a Ball, International World Ball Dance, please check out what job still has openings. I will continue to have sign-up sheets at the dance on Fridays. Please take time to sign up for one of the duties **and** either 2 salads or 2 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 **ALL** 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 August 10th 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.

Report from the NORTEX Meeting

Sunday, August 5. The 3rd Quarter NORTEX meeting was held at the Swingtime Center. We thank the following Swinging Stars for attending. Along with Dave and Lorraine Burson serving as Swinging Star Delegates, Chris and Mary Trujillo and Deckard and Peggy Pharr. Our Area Vice President Tom Evanto and Peggy Amy the NORTEX Friendship/Travel Chairman. Thank you for attending to represent the Swinging Stars at this meeting. Click on the following link for the report from the meeting:

http://www.swingingstars.org/NORTEX_Report_Aug_05_2012.pdf

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

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 and Honor our Veterans Dance
December 14	New Dancer Dance/Toys & Books for Children's Advocacy Cen. Benefit Dance
January 25, 2013	Anniversary Dance

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

Refreshment Schedule – thru December 2012

Lead couple is first name on the list.

August 24	Capps, Loven, Hursey, Carter*
September 14	Deluke, Meyer, 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, Giadrone/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.

Save These Dates:

Sunday, September 23rd. Appreciation Dance for Jay and Marty Miller.

Saturday, October 13. NORTEX/NTCA Reunion and Food Bank Benefit Dance. Watch for details in the Sept Promenade.

Sunday, October 21. NORTEX 2nd Fun Dance Party.

Friday, December 7th. Swinging Stars Christmas Party

Sunday, December 2nd. Toys for Tots dance in the afternoon and a Christmas Dance in the evening. More information as it becomes available.

Friday, January 25th. Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance.

Sunday, January 27th. Singing call and Round Dance of the year

A 1 & A 2 LESSONS

Advanced lessons sponsored by Model's A's Square Dance Club
Model A's dance every Thursday night 7-9 pm, at Churchill Way
Instructor-- Wayne Baldwin

Lessons Begin: Thursday, August 23rd 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Churchill Recreation Center. Churchill and Hillcrest in Dallas. 20 Lessons @ \$5.00/person per lesson **(1st Lesson Free)**
. Call Wayne or Jodie for information at: 972-562-2178

****Prerequisites**** Must have a partner. Must have completed plus lessons

ROUND DANCE BOOT CAMP

(A Take –No-Hostages Learning Approach)
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

Houston Hoedown

Here is a message from Bob and Terri Pitts. Please read it and let **them** know what you think and if you would like to go to the Houston Hoedown. This is the equivalent of the Round-up that we have here. It sure sounds like fun to me.

Hey Swinging Stars,

We discovered a square dance opportunity in Galveston, Texas 16-17 November. It is called the Houston Hoedown to be held at Moody Gardens and features the headline caller Dee Dee Dougherty and cuer Mark Prow. See the details in the link below which is also available on the Swinging Stars website. Terri and I have already booked the event hotel (Moody Garden) and plan to participate in all the Friday and Saturday activities. We wanted to let you know about this opportunity to enable you to secure a hotel if you want to go and to collect interest from our club so we can plan travel, meals, etc. if there are enough interested. Let us know via email (bobp8211@gmail.com) if you plan to go.

<http://www.squarethru.com/Hoedown%20Flyer%202012-L.pdf>

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Thanks,

Bob and Terri Pitts

bobp8211@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Dale was in the hospital for multiple clots (lungs and legs), had shortness of breath. Dale is doing better. His Coumidin level is lower than what it should be, but he should be released on Saturday. Thank you for your concern and prayers. Margie Loven

Out of Town and Weekend Dances:

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

Dave and Lorraine Burson

Swinging Stars President

Email: Dave@Bursons.us
