Newsletter for September 2, 2012

Don't forget our 1st dance in September, we are back to regular square dance attire.

AN EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT

Swinging Stars "Greenie Night Friday, October 12

This is an announcement the I get all excited about. Because it may produce some new talent in the World of Square Dance Callers and Round Dance Cuers. I know we have several people that have expressed the desire to be a caller or cuer. Some have already shown us how talented they are.

To all Swinging Stars that are or might be interested in using you talent as a caller or a cuer. We are going to have a "Greenie Night". A Greenie Night is when anyone interested in trying out their skills as a caller or cuer can get a chance and have fun at our dance calling or cueing. If you are interested in showing off your talent at our Greenie Night, you would need to contact Wayne or John and get the information to get you started. If you already have been practicing to be a caller or cuer you would need to let Wayne or John know that you would like to participate in our Greenie Night. This is going to be only for members of the Swinging Stars interested in giving it a try.

The program would be:

Wayne would do the first part (pattern call) and the Greenie would do their singing calls, for each tip. If there should be more Greenies than tips, we would do two singing calls for a tip etc.

Contact Wayne at baldwin@flash.net or Phone 972-562-2174

There may be some Round Greenies, and they could cue between tips as usual.

This will take place on October 12 at our Tailgate Party. So don't hesitate give Wayne or John a call and get started.

John has requested the following:

I am excited as well. For the cueing part - please ask the members to contact me directly: 1) of their intent to cue, 2) whether or not they want to work w/ me directly to help them w/ their dance (or another cuer), 3) if they have a particular dance in mind - what it is. Thanks,

J Walter Brewer

PS: they may e-mail or call

r.dancers@att.net 214.714.6601

LESSONS ARE UNDERWAY

Have you invited someone to take lessons?

The Mainstream Lessons started August 28th. We had 20 students the first night. If you have ask someone to come to the lessons and they didn't make it this past week they can still come this week. The lessons will start at 7:00 and last till 9:00. It would be a good idea to get there a little bit early so we will be ready to start right at 7:00. If you know that you or your recruits will be taking the lessons please go ahead and get registered.

If you or your recruits are going to sign up for the lessons be sure to click on the following link: http://www.lifesjustadance.com/grampub/LJAD-Business-Card-8371.pdf and print the \$5.00 off coupon. Print 1st side and than turn it over and print the 2nd side. After you have registered with the Park and Rec. present it to the staff at the lessons for the refund of \$5.00 per person.

Thank you to all the Angels that came to the lessons to help: P. Amy, J. Baldwin, Bursons, Feldmans Hamms, Hennebergers, Lewises, Nejdls, and Morrises. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

For the information about the lessons click on the following link: http://www.swingingstars.org/LessonFlyer 2012.pdf

Incase for some reason you have miss 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.

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

We thank all of you for your support in our recruiting efforts. The Swinging Stars Lesson Committee 2012

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Dance of Interest

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



Official Let's Do It Dance

Friday, Sept 7. Kissin Kuzzins. The Kissin Kuzzins are having a "Masquerade Ball". They missed getting their ad in the Promenade, so I called the President of the Kissin Kuzzins and she said," You can come in masquerade or regular square dance attire" I ask if black and white was requested and she said," No color requirement was made". So I think it would be fun to wear our Aqua turquoise) club dress. We will surely have a large number

attending and the colorful turquoise will really stand out. Early Rounds at 7:00 with JL Pelton cueing and the Grand March at 8:00 with Wayne Baldwin calling. There will be a Salad Supper for refreshments. The Kissin Kuzzins dance at the Senior Activity Center, 600 Ave. A in Garland. See you all there!



Official Let's Do It Dance

Saturday, September 8. Diamond Jubileers. Red Hat Ball... Let's Do It Dance. Callers will be Paul Kinsey and Rick Smith. The Cuer is Mel Neuman. Early rounds at 7:00 and the Grand March at 8:00. Location is at the Swingtime Center, 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin in Fort Worth. I am suggesting wearing the Black and White Round up attire and a red hat. (if you have one).

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Dance of Interest

Thursday, August 30. Lone Star Solos. You Will Flip Over Flippo.

I had ask Bob Pitts to get the names of all the Swinging Stars that attend for me and he wrote this wonderful report.

Several Swinging Stars enjoyed the 5th Thursday dance at the Lone Star Solos Aug 30. The featured caller was Marshall Flippo who was joined on stage for some of the tips by Mike Bramlett and Dave Vieira - needless to say it was a vibrant evening of calling. In addition, famed caller Charles Quisenberry was a guest dancing the tips. Cueing was provided by Christine Hixson. A square with mostly Swinging Stars was highlighted as being the 'Most Creative' during one of the early tips when we reacted the best we could when we didn't hear a call - that square was later joined by Mike Bramlett when he started walking randomly back and forth thru the square followed by joining in making us a 9 instead of 8 person 'square' - violent laughter resulted. The Lone Star Solos awarded us a banner although we may already have one of theirs. Swinging Stars in attendance were: Larry Giaudrone and Rosemary Benedetto, Charlie and Linda Harris, Rick and Dorinda Maier, Bob and Terri Pitts, and Charles Wolfe.



Dance of Interest

Friday, August 31. Rainbow Rounds 20th Anniversary and Fairytale Ball.

A 'handful' of Swinging Stars enjoyed the Rainbow Rounds Round-Up Prelude and Anniversary Dance at Swingtime Center Aug 31. This is one of the rare dances that the Rainbow Rounds include square dancing in their format. The caller was Joey Duhamel and cueing was provided by Karen and Ed Gloodt. In one tip Joey had us memorize our positions in the square and asked us return to these randomly - which was fun but required care. After cueing up three of these positions he called "Make Me a Wave", "Make Me a Line", or "Make Me a Column". We were worried more were coming in an attempt to overflow our memory banks which would have caused chaos to prevail - but, fortunately, he stopped at three. Joey also entertained us with some of his yodeling during a couple of the tips and a "Grand Teacup Chain" during a plus call. Swinging Stars in attendance were: Peggy Amy, Tom and Vicki Evanto, and Bob and Terri Pitts. Thank you Bob for a entertaining report.

Dance of Interest

Saturday, September 1. Circle 8. Special Dance to Honor Jack and Ann von der Heide. We extend appreciation to Peggy Amy and Vicki and Tom Evanto for representing the Swinging Stars at this special occasion. The Swinging Stars have always admired this couple not only as great Round Dance Cuers, but as wonderful friends. Reports are that the evening was full of many joyful memories for the dancers as well as for Jack and Ann.

Out of Town Weekend

Friday, Aug. 31 and Sept.1. Chaparral Evening in Paris Weekend.

This was quite a weekend. We originally had 16 couples signed up to go to Paris, but a few had to cancel at the last minute. However, we were awarded the \$100 to the club's treasury for having 3 squares attending the weekend. We had 5 really well known National/International Callers calling to a floor of about 20 squares: Jon Jones, Deborah Carrol Jones, Ken Bower, Gary Shoemake, and the ever famous Marshall Flippo. We learned some really interesting calls at the work shops. The evening dances kept us hopping as the callers kept presenting us with some challenging pattern and singing calls. There was one sad moment when they announced that this would be Sonny and Charlotte Ezelle's last Chaparral. They are retiring. Several of the Swinging Stars won prizes that were given away at the after party. Speaking of after parties, this one was about the best we have been to is quite awhile. These guys (callers) are really funny! Attending and having a wonderful time were Dave and Lorraine Bursons, James and Judy Ross, Russ and Anne Nejdl, Joe and Coleta Lewis, John Smith and Mary Hardin, Ralph and Lucy Hamm, Thomas and Cheryl Kendrick, Chuck and Nancy Morse, George and Mary Loxsom, Mark and Marcy Sherman, Deckard and Peggy Pharr, and Bob and Terri Pitts.

COMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER



Official Let's Do It Dance

Friday, Sept 7. Kissin Kuzzins. The Kissin Kuzzins are having a "Masquerade Ball". They missed getting their ad in the Promenade, so I called the President of the Kissin Kuzzins to inquire what the theme is going to be and she said," You can come in masquerade or regular square dance attire" I ask if black and white was requested and she said," No color requirement was made". So I think it would be fun to wear our turquoise (aqua) club dress. We will surely have a large number attending and our presence will surely be noticed. Early Rounds at 7:00 with JL Pelton cueing and the Grand March at 8:00 with Wayne Baldwin calling. There will be a Salad Supper for refreshments. The Kissin Kuzzins dance at the Senior Activity Center, 600 Ave. A in Garland.



Official Let's Do It Dance

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Callers will be Paul Kinsey and Rick Smith. The Cuer is Mel Neuman.

Early rounds at 7:00 and the Grand March at 8:00.

Location is at the Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin in Fort Worth. I am suggesting wearing our Black and White attire and a red hat. (if you have one).

Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, September 14. Regular club dance night. Wayne calling and John cueing. We are back to our regular square dance attire starting with this dance. We will be having a DBD Square Dance Workshop at 7:30 with the Square Dancing starting at 8:00. We hope you all will join us at Mama's Pizza after the dance for some good food and fellowship.



Official Let's Do It Dance

Saturday, September 15. Log Cabin Swingers. Masquerade Ball.

Caller Joey Duhamel with Cuer John Brewer.

Early Rounds at 7:00 the Grand March is at 7:30 to 9:30.

Location is at the Promenade Hall, 110 N. Tool Dr. Tool, Texas.

We will need to do some car pooling to this dance.

PLUS Dance of Interest

Monday, September, 17. ADD Plus. A night of Dancing with World Renown Caller Jerry Justin. ADD Plus normally dances All Position Dancing, but they have open the doors to all plus dancers. Jerry will be calling Plus Level for this evening of fun. So if you are a plus dancer this is a must. Squares start at 7:00 at the Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho. Casual Attire. See ad on page 16 of the Sept. Promenade.

Ladies Luncheon

Monday, September 17 @ 11:30. Fran Bivins will be hosting the luncheon this month. It will be at the Christina's Mexican Restaurant. 109 Farm to Market Road 544 at Murphy Road. Location is on the NE corner of Fm 544. Check out Christina's by going to www.christinasmex.com scroll down and click on menu and see all the delicious food listed. Yummy! Please let Fran know if you will be attending by September 14th so she can inform the management how many are coming.



PLUS Dance of Interest

Wednesday, September 19. Plus 4's. Let's Have a Ball Dance.

Caller Charles Quisenberry. The Squares start at 7:30 till 9:30. There is no ad in the Promenade. I am assuming that it is Black and White with a touch of color. Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 12411 Templeton Tr. Farmers Branch. Hope to see to you there.



Official Let's Do It Dance

Thursday, September, 20. Yellow Rockers. Seniors Ball.

Caller Ray Stenger and Cuer Chris Farabaugh.

Early Rounds 7:00. Grand March 7:30. Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. 12411 Templeton Tr. Farmers Branch.



Official Let's Do It Dance

Friday, September 21. Triangle Squares. It's a Schmidtz Rindercella Ball.

Callers Toby Tomason and Danny Blagg, calling and cueing.

Early Rounds 7:30 and Grand March at 8:00.

Denton Civic Center 321 E. McKinney Street, Denton. If you miss this one you will be sorry, because the Schmidtz family is really fun!!! Check out their ad on page 18 of the September Promenade. Y'all Come, You hear!

Dance of Interest

Saturday, September 22. Tri City Promenaders. Homecoming Dance.

Caller Paul Kinsey with Cuer Chris Farabaugh.

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

Brookside Center 1244 Brookside Dr. Hurst. See ad on Page 20 of the Sept. Promenade.

Appreciation Dance of Interest

Sunday, September 23. Jay and Marti Miller Appreciation Dance.

NTCA Callers and Cuers. 3:00 to 6:00.

Location is at the Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin in Fort Worth.

Be sure to read the ad on page 30 of the September Promenade for more details.

PLUS Dance of Interest

Tuesday, September, 25. ADD Plus. A night of Dancing with Jokester and National Caller Tom Roper. ADD Plus normally dances All Position Dancing, but they have open the doors to all plus dancers. Tom will be calling Plus Level for this evening of fun. So if you are a plus dancer this is a must. Squares start at 7:00 at the Richardson Senior Center 820 W. Arapaho. Casual Attire. See ad on page 31 of the Sept. Promenade.



Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, September 28. Swinging Stars International World Ball. Dress with an international flare if you like or wear your Black and White with a touch of color. Wayne calling and John cueing. We will be having a Early Rounds at 7:30 and Grand March at 8:00. We hope you all will join us at Mama's Pizza after the dance for some good food and fellowship.

Dance of Interest

Saturday, September 29. Decatur 8'ers. Roaring 20's Anniversary Dance.

Come to the Swingtime Speakeasy and mix with the flappers and gangsters.

Callers Joey Duhamel and Robert Walker.

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

Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin in Fort Worth. You gotta be there!



Dance of Interest

Saturday, September 30. Harvest Holiday. Autumn Fun Rounds Have a Ball Dance. Round Dancing Phases 2, 3, & 4. Cueing by Area Instructors. 2:00 to 5:00. Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin in Fort Worth.

Important Please read!

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

INTERNATIONAL WORLD BALL

SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

We have had some of our members that have had to cancel with either their duties and or food, because they have to go out of town. I have a list of all that have signed up to help and or bring food. I also have a list of all that have not signed up to help and or bring food. Please help if you will. You will need to email me as I may not be able to receive any call after Sept 7 till Sept 18

We are in need of:

- 4 more couples to sign up to bring 2 Salads each.
- 1 more couple to bring 2 desserts.
- 4 more couples to help with the Beverage Service --
 - 1 couple at 7:00 to 7:30.
 - 2 couples at 7:25 to 8:00 and
 - 1 couple at 8:55 to 9:30

- 1 couple for the Food Service Attendant--1 couple at 7:55 to 8:30
- We could use a <u>few more people</u> to help with Set Up at 6:30, and to help put up the Decorations.
- If you have not volunteered to help with our Let's Do it... International World Ball, please contact Lorraine Burson at Lorraine@Bursons.us and let me know you want to help. Please contact me so I don't have to call you. If you have not signed up to help with a job for this dance, please do. My list show that several have not signed up yet.
- There is only one more dance before our Let's Do It... International World Ball Dance.
- I <u>will not</u> be at the dance on <u>Friday, September 14th</u>, so you will only be able to contact me by email. <u>lorraine@bursons.us</u>.
- On September 16th I will be sending out a reminder as to what you have signed up to do and what food you have signed up to bring.
- Please click on the attachment to read the information about signing up to help with the Let's do it... International World Ball Dance.

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 gives 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. With your cooperation it will make a fun and pleasant time for everyone.

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

September 28 Let's Do It: An International World Ball

October 12 Tailgate Party and Greenie Night

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.

September 14 Deluke, Ross, Mosher, Barber*

September 28 Pre-Roundup Dance – All Members Help

October 12 Lewis, Meyer, 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.

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.

Sunday, November 11. Swinging Stars Regular Business Meeting

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

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:

This seems like a good place to put this very kind note we received from some visitors that attended our August 24th dance. This couple came from Weatherford to dance with us.

Dave and Lorraine,

Bev and I visited your dance on Friday August 24th and had a great time. It was a great dance and we enjoyed both the calling and the cueing. Your club is one of the friendliest that we have ever visited, and we look forward to visiting again. Thank you for a very enjoyable evening.

Jim and Bev Andrews
North Texas Camping Squares

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: <u>Dave@Bursons.us</u>