

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for September 23, 2012

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

INTERNATIONAL WORLD BALL



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Ok, it is here the International World Ball is this week!

Note: If you are signed up to help and or bring food, and you are not going to be at the dance, you need to let me know so I can try to refill your time slot or etc.

If you have not volunteered to help with our Let's Do it... International World Ball, I may call upon you at the dance to help where ever we might need some help.

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 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.

Swinging Stars "Greenie Night Friday, October 12

We are looking forward to hearing and dancing to all of you that are practicing a Singing Call for the October 12th Greenie Night and Tailgate Party Dance. I am told that we have about 5 or 6 brave talented members learning a singing call that they will be performing for us at our October dance. Incase you missed reading the information last week *I am going to repeat it this week.*

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

I am really anxious to see and hear all of you that are willing to try.

Remember, "It isn't easy being Green".

LESSONS ARE UNDERWAY

We were out of town for two weeks and I am anxious to get back to attending the lessons. I look forward to helping the student dancers become new dancers and can't wait to learn all the names. We have missed out on meeting all the new students.

Here is a list of their names and the cities where they live.

Skip and Margaret Archer..... Colony
Jim and Knarik Bondi..... Plano
Dave and Mary Colter.....Gunter
Don and Jeannie Denzin..... Plano
Mel and Sondra Foust..... Plano
Harry and Zari Kilejian..... Plano
Steve and Karen Morris..... McKinney
Frank and Julia Ramirez..... Plano
Peter and Jeanne Rickert..... Richardson
Will and Roseanne Rickett..... Allen
Rick and Mary Romero.....Allen
Jerry and Cheryl Schumacher.. McKinney
Ron and Donita See..... Plano

Kathleen Watson..... Dallas
Duane and Betty Weckerly..... Wylie
Dennis and Cathey Weigel..... Dallas
Gene Perkins and Leo Young... Farmers Branch

Thank you to all the Angels for helping this last week. We are grateful to have you come help with the lessons. We appreciate you more than we can say. Please continue to be Angels and help the students become square dancers.

Richard & Jan Covington
Kris Delosua
Ralph & Lucy Hamm
Bob & Terri Pitts
Jeff & Anne Stuart
George Loxsom
Anne Nejd
Barry & Helen Feldman
Kenneth & Sally Henneberger



I received this message and am passing it along to you all.

Dear Club Presidents,

With 2012 Round-Up just around the corner, we are looking for ways to have every NORTEX club active and involved in making it a wonderful, memorable weekend. We are asking your club to supply two or three couples to sit at the admissions table for one hour during Round-Up, which is Friday and Saturday, October 26, 27. We thank you in advance for helping find workers.

Thanks.

Skip and Pat Garrison
Admissions Chair

Swinging Stars.

We need volunteers to work the admissions tables at the NORTEX Round up. We have been ask to provide people to set at the admissions table during the times listed. We are not expected to fill all these time slots. These are what was available when she sent me this message.

Our openings are:
FRIDAY Night: 7, 8

SATURDAY Morning: 10
Afternoon: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Night: 8

Dave and I are working the Saturday Night 7:00 to 8:00 Shift

Please let me know if and when you are willing to give an hour or maybe you could share an hour with someone and only work a 1/2 hr.

Thanks,
Lorraine

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Ladies Luncheon

Monday, September 17 @ 11:30. Thank you Fran Bivins for hosting the luncheon this month. The report back from the luncheon is that there were 7 Lady Stars attending and all enjoyed a delightful lunch at Christina's Mexican Restaurant in Murphy. If you would like to host the Ladies Luncheon for October, please contact Peggy Pharr and let her know ASAP, so we will be able to get it on the calendar.



Official Let's Do It Dance

Thursday, September 20. Yellow Rockers. Seniors Ball. This was a fun dance. We enjoyed square dancing to Ray Stenger and round dancing to Chris Farabaugh. There were about 8 or 9 squares and everyone seemed to be having fun. Thank you to our Swinging Stars attending: Peggy Amy, Tom Evanto, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Bob and Terri Pitts and Charles Wolfe.



Official Let's Do It Dance

Friday, September 21. Triangle Squares. It's a Schmidtz Rindercella Ball. Guest Caller Danny Blagg and their Caller /Cuer Toby Thomason, did an outstanding job keeping the dancing going at a pretty fast pace. All the Schmidtz family were there and they had a wonderful Rindercella Ball. Thank you to all the Swinging Star Schmidtz that attended. Amy Schmidtz, Burson Schmidtz, T.Evanto Schmidtz, Feldman Schmidtz, Hamm Schmidtz, Loxsom Schmidtz, Maier Schmidtz, Pitts Schmidtz, Stuart Schmidtz, and Underwood Schmidtz.

Dance of Interest

Appreciation Dance of Interest

Sunday, September 23. Jay and Marti Miller's Appreciation Dance. NTCA Callers and Cuers. Thank you to the Swinging Stars that attended this Appreciation dance for this fine couple. I know it meant a lot to them that we would take time out of our busy lives to honor them. There were 250 attending the dance. All in all there was around \$12,000 raised for Jay and Martie to give to Muscular Dystrophy Association / ALS. Thank you to the Swinging attending this event. Baldwins, Bursons, Hamms, Harrisers, Loxsoms, and Pitts.

COMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

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.



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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.

See ad on page 35 of the September Promenade. 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. See ad on page 36 of the September Promenade.

COMING IN OCTOBER



Official Let's Do It Dance

Saturday, October 6. Texoma Squares Boot Scootin' Ball. Caller - Cuer Dave and Michelle Vieira. Early Rounds 7:30 Grand March 8:00. I believe this is the last of the Pre Round up dances.

929 Desvoignes Road Dennison Tx. See ad on page 8 of the October Promenade.

Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, October 12. Swinging Stars Come to our Tailgate Party and Greenie Night. We will be having our talented members showing off their talents as either a caller or cuer. I don't know how many there are; however, I have heard that there are several of our members practicing. We will be surprised who will be picking up the microphone and knocking our socks off with their talents. You will not want to miss this night of fun. We will be having our regular format of early rounds at 7:30 and square dancing at 8:00. After the dancing is over we are all invited to Mama's Pizza for some of that "Yellow Soda Water" and a bit of "Boloney".

Dance of Interest

Saturday, October 13. OCTOBER FEAST NORTEX/NTCA Reunion and Food Bank Benefit Dance. Please support your local food bank by attending this dance and giving a \$10.00 cash donation or the equivalent of non-perishable food items (peanut butter, jelly and canned meats preferred). This is also a Reunion dance so if you know any previous dancers that are not dancing please feel free to invite them to come along to the dance. There will be callers and cuers from the North Texas area. Early rounds 7:00 and Grand March is at 7:30. The dance

will be at the Farmers Branch Senior Center 14055 Dennis @ Valwood. Don't be late. You will miss to much of the fun if you are late. See ad on page 25 of the October Promenade.

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 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 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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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 Hoe-down - Galveston, TX November 16 & 17

The Houston Hoe-down (Houston version of NORTEX Round-Up) will be at Moody Gardens in Galveston, TX and features caller Dee Dee Dougherty and cuer Mark Prow.

Dancing will be Friday 7:00PM-11:00PM and Saturday 9:30AM-10:30PM.

There will be four dance halls on Saturday:

- 1) Mainstream / Plus with Rounds,
- 2) Rounds & Intro to Rounds,
- 3) Plus DBD / A1 / A2 and intro to A1,
- 4) Lines / Contra / Clogging.

The cost is \$25 ea. if you register by Oct.30th.

Let Bob Pitts (bobp8211@gmail.com) know so you can be included in the event planning.

The link to the event flyer is:

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

Looks like a good group so far:

Bob & Terri Pitts

Dave & Lorraine Burson

Rick & Jan Covington

Bill & Wendy Perrott

Gary & Peggy Amy

Peggy & Deckard Pharr - probable

Thanks,

Bob

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
