



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

### *Newsletter for February 5, 2012*

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Thank you for electing us to be your President for 2012. We are honored to be serving as President of the BEST and largest club in the North Texas area. Thank you to the out going 2011 Executive Committee; Gary and Peggy Amy, Tim Heintz and Rita Putnam-Heintz, Tom and Vickie Evanto, John Smith and Mary Hardin, Jack and Louise Duncan for serving so faithfully for the enjoyment of our favorite pastime. Your time and talents are appreciated, and not enough can be said for all you have done. We know many hours were spent working to keep our club the great club that it is. I also would like to thank the committees that worked so hard to get each task done. It is hard to mention everyone, but know that our club is truly blessed with so many talented people that are willing to give their time and talent whenever and whatever the task. Thank You.

We are looking forward to serving as your President for the year 2012. Let us work together so that our efforts will not be in vain. Let us continue to build friendships and to strengthen our favorite pastime. As The NORTEX President says it, "LET'S DO IT."

Dave and I will communicate to the club members the best that we can to keep everyone as informed as possible. In order for us to accomplish this you will be responsible for reading the newsletters every week to keep up. I spend hours writing the newsletter. I hope you will take the few minutes it takes to read it. Think of it this way. The more information you read in the newsletter the less time you will have to stand and listen during the announcements at the dance. You will be able to go to our Website [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org) to see what is the latest news every Sunday evening (I hope). Sometimes it may be a little later in the evening than other times depending on what is going on that day.

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#### **A few changes that the Executive Committee has approved:**

We are going to try to do something a little bit different. Starting with the Feb 10th dance we are going to try setting up with the caller and cuer table on the wall that we now call the back and make that the front of the room. We are going to see if this helps with all the noise that is going on when all the dancers are arriving and visiting in the entry. As I said, we are going to give this a try if it isn't good we will go back to the way it has been.

Another change the Executive Committee has approved is to move the Early Rounds to the 4th Friday and move the Mainstream DBD Workshop to the 2nd Friday. Because our theme dances are usually scheduled on the 4th Friday and most round dancers want to attend the early rounds, we hope that this will generate more visitors to our theme dances. This change won't happen until the April 13th dance, since we have advertised in the Promenade for the months of February and March with the Early Rounds on the 2nd Fridays and the DBD Workshop on the 4th Fridays.

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The Swinging Stars have 5 couples taking Mainstream lessons at the Richardson Senior Center. We invite you to come meet them and help angel them. The students are doing great and are likely to join our club. If you have a free Tuesday now and than, make plans to come by and have fun with them. You will enjoy the fun of helping these new dancers become Swinging Stars. Lesson time is 7:00 to 9:00.

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I would like to talk a little bit about a dance that is coming up on Sunday Feb. 19th at 2:00 to 4:00.

The NTCA and NORTEX have put together a dance and have called it a Fun Dance Party. It is free to everyone. All new dancers and students taking lessons are invited to be there. I would like the Swinging Stars to take an active part in getting all our new dancers and the current students to attend this Fun Dance Party. We encourage you to go and invite someone to ride with you. It is always more fun to ride together. Callers will be Mike Bramlett and Vernon Jones and John Brewer will be there doing some fun stuff with line dancing and mixers. The callers say this will be fun not just your run of the mill new dancer dance, but more like a party dance. If you would like to go and don't know who to invite get in contact with Lorraine (me) at [Lorraine@Bursons.com](mailto:Lorraine@Bursons.com) and I will help you. For more information about this Fun Dance Party see the Ad on Page 5 of the February Promenade.

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Mark your calendar: March 4, 2012, 2:00 pm at the Swingtime Center.

EFFECTIVE RECRUITING AND GROWTH SEMINAR, with Jim and Marcia Langdon. This is a seminar to learn some techniques to add new members to the club and retain them for a long term. We would like to see several of the members of the Swinging Stars attend this seminar. This is for everyone that is interested in recruiting new dancers and also retaining members in the club. Please plan to attend. See Page 34 of the February Promenade.

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#### Membership Dues:

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

Please contact Jim and Debbie Reid, treasurer to submit your payment. 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  
\$140.00 per year per couple

Note: All of our New Members are paid up at least through March 31, 2012.

**Please make your check payable to Swinging Stars**

**Thank you for paying your dues in a timely manner.**

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Did anyone find Carol Capps Serving Spoon that was used at the Anniversary Dance? If you have it contact her at [carol.capps@verizon.net](mailto:carol.capps@verizon.net)

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#### Events of the past week:

**Dance of Interest:** Friday February 3rd. Kissin Kuzzins Regular Dance. It is always a great time to visit the Kissin Kuzzins and of course we love the caller and always enjoy dancing to Wayne. I heard several of the round dancers comment about J L and how well they like his cueing. We had 22 Swinging Stars attending and retrieved our banner and captured theirs. Thanks Burson, Covington, Hardin/Smith, Benedetto/Giaudrone, Hamm, Row, Starrett, Underwood, Wheaton, Humphrey, and Loxsom for attending the dance.

♥ **Official Visitation:** Saturday February 4th. Buttons and Bows 47th Anniversary Valentines Dance " A Night in Paris". We had 20 members attending and retrieved our banner. This was a fun dance. Rick Smith and Barry Hendricks were really up for this dance and kept us moving pretty fast. Charles Crockett was also very good and right on time with the cueing. Thank you to our Swinging Stars that attended: Richard & Jan Covington, Dave & Lorraine Burson, Gary & Peggy Amy, Charlie & Linda Harris, Richard & Dorinda Maier, Rosemary & Larry, Frank & Maryann Starrett, Barry & Helen Feldman, Chris & Merry Trujillo, Russ & Anne Nejd.

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## Coming Events:

**Swinging Stars Club Dance:** Friday, February 10th.  
Caller Wayne Baldwin. Cuer John Brewer.  
Early Rounds at 7:30 and Square Dancing starts at 8:00.

**Dance of Interest:** Saturday February, 11th. Cotton Pickin Squares annual Valentines Dance.  
Caller and Cuer are Dave and Michelle Vieira.  
Early Rounds at 7:30 and Grand March at 8:00.  
L-3 Rec Hall, 1001 Jack Finney, Greenville, Tx.  
See ad on Page 11 of the Feb. Promenade.

**Dance of Interest:** Thursday February 16th. Yellow Rockers New Dancer Dance.  
Caller Ray Stenger.  
Cuer Chris Farabaugh.  
Workshop at 7:00. Grand March at 7:30.  
Chapel Hill Methodist Church, 11411 Templeton,  
Farmers Branch.  
Don't be late. They start earlier then other clubs.

**Dance of Interest:** Friday February 17th. Texas Reelers Regular Club Dance. Caller Mike Bramlett and Cuer Jack von der Heide. Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho, Richardson.  
Early Rounds at 7:30. Grand March At 8:00.



**Official Visitation:** Saturday February 18th. Rebel Rousers Mardi Gras.  
Caller Mike Bramlett. Cuer Christine Hixson.  
Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho, Richardson.  
Early Rounds at 7:30. Grand March At 8:00.

**Dance of Interest:** Sunday February 19th, 2:00 to 4:00. NTCA and NORTEX Fun Dance Party/  
New Dancer Dance. A FREE dance for everyone.  
Callers Vernon Jones and Mike Bramlett. Cuer John Brewer.  
Senter Park East, 228 Chamberlain, Irving.  
A good dance for ALL new dancers and the new students taking lessons. They will be calling basic calls 1 thru 30. Read about this dance on page 5 of the February Promenade.

**Ladies Luncheon:** Tuesday February 21st. The Ladies Luncheon will be at the Chocolate Angel Cafe and Tea Room, 4709 West Parker Rd, Plano, TX 75093. Corner of Preston and Parker on the North side of Parker Rd. We will meet at the Chocolate Angel at 11:30. Make reservations with Peggy Amy by contacting her at [amybpeggy@verizon.net](mailto:amybpeggy@verizon.net) or phone 972-612-4934 by Feb 12th. You can check out the Chocolate Angel Cafe and Tea Room by going to [www.Chocolateangel.com](http://www.Chocolateangel.com) . We hope to see you there. All the Swinging Stars Ladies are invited to attend.



**Swinging Stars Club Dance:** Friday, February 24th. New Dancer Hoe Down. Caller Wayne Baldwin. Cued John Brewer. Western or Square Dance attire. Workshop at 7:30 and Square Dancing starts at 8:00.

**Dance of Interest:** Saturday February, 25th. Dixie Chainers Club Dance  
Caller Vernon Jones. Cued Jack von der Heide.  
Early Rounds at 7:00. Grand March at 7:30.  
Farmers Branch Senior Center, 14055 Dennis at Valwood.  
Don't be late. They start earlier than other clubs.

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### Refreshment Schedule – thru April 2012

**February 10 -- Hamm, Hursey, Harris, McClure**

**February 24 -- Meyer, Hawkins, Loven, Anthaume**

**March 9 ----- Stuart, Rose, Jung, Mosher**

**March 23 ----- Evanto, Capps, Underwood, Kehoe**

**April 13 ----- Henneberger, Deluke, Bivins, Bullock**

**April 27 ----- Ross, Whipple, Giaudrone/Benedetto, Lewis**

- Lead couple is first name on the list. This 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](mailto: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](mailto:rehamm45@gmail.com) for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. We may already have what you need.

**Dave and Lorraine Burson**  
**Swinging Stars President**  
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