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President's Corner



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28 Students Joining Swinging Stars

Fourteen couples have joined the club. Come to Graduation...let's celebrate!!

John and Ann Barber, Charlie and Sandra Cain, Charles and Joan Carter, Richard and Jan Covington, Dave and Catherine Humphrey, Tom and Cheryl Kendrick, Zari and Harry Kilejian, George and Mary Loxsom, Richard and Dorinda Maier, John and Teresa Marvon, Bob and Terri Pitts, Roger and Janelle Row, Mark and Marcy Sherman, and Joe and Colby Whitaker.

Tues Dec. 13 Graduation. Everyone is invited. Come dance & celebrate!

See the pictures of our students on Wolfee's Flickr page. If you click on a thumbnail (that's the tiny pictures), then right click on the photograph and select "original", you can read their badges (if they're wearing badges), REALLY!

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/cdwolfee/sets/72157628221025673/>

News...Membership

Vicki Evanto

Update on Vicki:

It is Sunday night and V is in the hospital with no Estimated Discharge Date (EDD).

Her doctors are working on the bile leak, an infection, and pain management. The present course of treatment is believed to be working and will hopefully be confirmed by the imaging planned for early in the week. Perhaps an EDD will then be announced based on her progress.

New souvenirs last week include another external drain bag (QTY=2 total) and a bile duct incision at the junction to the GI tract (I think they said duodenum or intestine?).

V's sister Jacki will be leaving to go back home Wed.

Thank you all for your support, cards, phone calls, visits, and prayers during this time. It means a lot to both of us. Please pass this update to anyone that might be interested.

Regards,
Tom

Adam and Jean Sobotka

Hi All,

Just a brief update to let you know that Karen had an oncology app't last week and they feel that she is strong enough to begin chemo treatments again. This round of chemo will be administered through an IV with definitely stronger medications. She will have 2 weeks between each treatment and has her first one this Wednesday.

She is at home (thank God) and keeping busy with the 3 therapies, each twice a week (PT, OT, & Speech Therapy), along with visits from a nurse. Several of her friends have come to visit this past week, and today two of them came to eat lunch with her.

We are still working a lot on speech to try to make communicating with her kids a little easier. Her balance is pretty good, but she needs help changing locations. The physical therapist today suggested she try doing some simple things on a computer again. Tomorrow I'm going to let her look at her emails & see if she's able to send something.

We send our best wishes to all of you for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah.

Love to you all,
Adam & Jean

Swinging Stars' Website

Dave Burson is creatively keeping our website up-to-date.

Now it's all "Christmasy"...Get in the Christmas Spirit...

Check it out and be in the know (Check out what he's done to his "Flyers" column! It's just a click away....).

<http://swingingstars.org>

Thanks, Dave!

Happenings

The Swinging Stars Square and Round Dance Club will be having our Annual Anniversary Dance at the Shepard Elementary School in Plano, on January 27, 2012. The theme will be Swingin' 50's. Pull out your poodle skirts and your blue suede shoes and get ready to Rock. The callers will be our own Wayne Baldwin and guest caller Joey Duhamel. Our club cuer, John Brewer will be cueing the rounds. We have gotten special permission from the PISD to get started a little earlier, so we will be having Early Rounds at 7:00 and the Grand March at 8:00.

The committee for the anniversary dance is:
Anniversary Dance Chairman....Lorraine and Dave Burson
Greeters.....Out going and In coming officers of the club
Decorations.....Helen and Barry Feldman
Refreshments..... Anne and Russ Nejd
Beverages.....Linda and Charlie Harris
Honey Pot....Maryann and Frank Starrett
Money Raffle...Fran and Gary Bivins
Clean-up....EVERYONE

If you have not signed up to bring food and or signed up to do a job contact Lorraine at Lorraine@Bursons.us or 972-396-0941.

I will have the sign-up sheets at our dance Friday (12/09/2011).

Thank you,
Lorraine Burson

Past Week's Events and News ...



Christmas Party

Fri Dec 2

Swinging Stars Annual Christmas Party.

A fun time was had by all. I could tell! See all the happy, laughing people on Flickr thanks to Wolfee.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/cdwolfee/sets/72157628261186727/>

EVERYONE was there; almost all the Swinging Stars (including the brand new members), almost all the students! Great turnout and a fine party, indeed.

Thanks you, Linda and committee.

Banner Raid

Sat Dec 3

Texoma Squares Christmas Dance with Wayne Baldwin calling and Patti Wheelington Cueing

They wanted to give us a banner, but we already had theirs.

18 Swinging Stars included Amy, Burson, Covington, Harris, Lewis, Loxsom, Pitts, Rosemary/Larry, Wheaton

This week...

Our Dance

Fri Dec 9

Swinging Stars Books and Toys Dance with Wayne Baldwin calling and John Brewer cueing.

Benefit Children's Advocacy Center of Colin County.

Please bring books, toys, cash, or checks made out to CACCC.

7:30 Early Rounds. 8:00 – 10:00 Square Dance.

Refreshments: **Morse**, Tysver, Perrott, Trujillo

Of Interest

Sat Dec 10

Dixie Chainers Toys for Tots Dance with Vernon Jones calling and Jack von der Heide Cueing.

Early Rounds – 7:00. Grand March – **7:30**

Farmers Branch Senior Center, 14055 Dennis (at Valwood)

Dec Promenade, p10.

Refreshment Schedule – thru April 2012

Lead couple is first name on the list below. This couple should contact all members on the team to be sure they know the following: be at dance by 7:00 pm; 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. Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team.

December 9	Morse , Tysver, Perrott, Trujillo
December 23	Dance cancelled due to Christmas Holiday
January 13	Putnam/Heintz , Gifford, Wheaton, Pharr
January 27	Anniversary Dance - All Club Members Help
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

Refreshment Duty Reminders:

1. If you have a conflict with the Refreshment Schedule please contact someone on the refreshment list to sub for you. Notify the refreshment schedulers: Jeff & Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email: jwstuart@flash.net with the names of your subs.
2. Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments to pick up the three bags. Check Refreshment Bags for the info regarding "Refreshment Duty Tips" and "List of Items Supplied by the Club." Contact Tim & Rita Putnam Heintz for supplies prior to purchase at 972-669-3616 or timheintz@att.net or ritajp@att.net Monday prior to dance.

Coming up next ...

Ladies Luncheon

Tues. Dec 20 – 12 Noon – Mark Your Calendar

This is a special treat...you should go.

Ladies Luncheon + games, prizes and white elephant gift exchange.

Hosted by Anne NejdI at her home.

Flyers at our dance Friday.

THANKS, ANNE!

Other Stuff ...

Wed March 21 and beyond ...

Plus Lessons

Carpenter Recreation Center in Plano

Wayne Baldwin, caller

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Swinging Stars Banners out (go retrieve one if you can - it only takes one square)

Rockwall Squares, Diamond Jubileers

Banners on hand (10)

Dublin Cloverleafs, Duncanville Cliff Dwellers, Lone Star Solos, T Square Gadabouts, Log Cabin Swingers, Dixie Chainers, Texoma Squares, Kissin' Kuzzins, Rebel Rousers, and Texas Reelers.

PLUS AND ADVANCED DANCERS

Plus Weekends

Plus and A

Winter Festival

January 6 & 7, 2012

Waco Convention Center

Waco, TX

Featuring

Dee Dee Dougherty

Mike Seastrom

Ken Bower

Gary Shoemake

Wade Driver

Marshall Flippo

Mark and Pam Prow on Rounds

Check our web site - the link below for more info.

http://www.swingingstars.org/Weekends_Of_Intrest.html

December Promenade p 23 has registration form & info.

Some Swinging Stars are registered!

Plus weekends offer Plus dancing at it's best. Not only do you get lots of floor time in a short period of time, but also great workshops that improve your Plus dancing.

Thanks to Dave Burson!

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Plus and Advanced Clubs

Plus 4s – Caller “Quiz“

Every 1st and 3rd Wed from 7:30 - 9:30.

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church –
12411 Templeton Tr. Farmers Branch.

ADD Plus Club (New NORTEX Club)

NOT a place to “brush up” on your plus. Experienced plus dancers will benefit from this “All position” plus calling by Mike Bramlett. 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays at Richardson Senior Center. Club membership or \$9 per person at the door. Good to attend to warm up for the Texas Stampede.

Friendship Plus Club (Non-NORTEX Club)

A place to “brush up” on your plus. 2nd and 4th Monday Nights 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Richardson Senior Center. Mike Bramlett calling.

Model A's (Advanced Dancers)

Every Thursday 7:00 - 9:00. A-1 -- A-2. calling by Wayne. They've moved to Walnut Hill Recreation Center in Dallas. Wayne Baldwin. Info: 972-562-2174

-Gary and Peggy-