



Jan 2012 No. 4

## President's Corner

### What a Party!

I want to express my undiluted pure gratitude to all the Swinging Stars who contributed to a really good time at our Swinging 50's 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance. Everyone had a part, and everyone did his/her part, and did it well!

I will single out only one person, and that's Lorraine Burson. She made it happen. She organized everything from the decorations to the food and everything in-between; and followed up on the commitments. And everyone responded with a smile and excellent salads, scrumptious homemade desserts, great decorations and willing hard work at the dance.

All the committees did their part wonderfully.

I thank you, and all our visitors thank you, for a good time!

-Gary-

### Fare thee well

Well, it's over. Today is my first day as ex-Mr. President of the Swinging Stars. It is with a lot of humility that I say that we have been honored to represent the Swinging Stars as president during the last twelve months. I didn't know what I was getting into, and I'm not sure that I did it well. Peggy carried a tremendous part of the effort...she worked much harder and longer than I did at it. She identified innumerable details that needed doing, and took care of them. And she was consistently visible as Mrs. President to the other clubs in NORTEX.

But I do want to compliment the members of this club. You get involved and volunteer to take on responsibilities and work. One of my most enjoyable activities happened at the Christmas Party. It was really fun identifying all the different jobs that are taken on by you and presenting the President's awards. I hope this becomes a tradition. My fear is that I may have offended someone with my glib remarks. I know what I mean, but sometimes I don't convey it well.

I'll be lying low, now, for a while. I have committed to the 4<sup>th</sup> 'Sort-of Annual' Chili and Dessert cook-off. I also plan to do a lot more dancing than last year.

Au revoir,

-Gary-

# Membership News

## LOST AND FOUND

Someone left a pair of clear plastic serving utensils at our Anniversary dance. Contact Anne Stuart and she will bring them to our next dance or deliver them to your home!

## Last week's "News"

I got word this week that some Swinging Stars (**the Barbers**) DID attend Buttons and Bows New Dancer dance on the 21<sup>st</sup> and "Had a ball!"

## Swinging Stars Awarded \$50

At the Callers Cavalcade in October every club that had 1 square or more would get their club's name put into a pot for a drawing to be held at the Singing Call and Round Dance of the Year Dance. At this dance on Sunday at Swingtime they drew the names of 2 clubs and the Swinging Stars was one of the clubs winning \$50.

## From Jean Sobotka

Hi Everyone,

I know it's been a few weeks since my last update. Our days have been busy spending as much time as possible with Karen.

We had our Christmas celebration on Saturday, Jan. 14th and the whole family was able to spend several hours visiting at Karen's home. Jeff & his family were here from Austin, and Wendy & her family were there. Altogether there were 14 of us and one large dog. We brought dinner, opened presents & everyone had a chance to spend time with Karen.

As you may remember, Karen started IV chemo in December and since the first of January she has completed treatments 3 & 4. She seems as determined as ever to keep up her fight, but does seem to be sleeping more the last couple weeks. Her side effects have been minimal.

Tomorrow, Wendy has organized a lunch for Karen, with several of her closest friends coming for a quick visit. Karen has an MRI scheduled on Wednesday this week and always seems to be a little more nervous about seeing those results. Wendy thought having some friends visit might let her know that everyone is still standing beside her even though she may not see them often.

This week also, on Thursday, Karen has round #5 of her chemo treatments scheduled. They have been alternating the medications she receives and this week she will receive both drugs which will definitely be harder on her system.

Her kids try to help Karen as much as possible and include her in their school activities. Usually on weekends the family will go out to eat at a favorite restaurant as long as the weather is good and Karen feels up to it. Bill continues to work 4 days a week and spends Wednesdays with Karen.

## Adam update.....

Adam started radiation for prostate cancer in early January. He has finished 11 of the 42 treatments they feel he needs. He is doing great so far and we expect that he will do fine. He goes 5 days a week and will finish in the first half of March.

**We are so very grateful for each and every one of you. We are so lucky to have such an incredible support system of friends. We appreciate all your prayers over this past year and realize that you are the ones giving us support and keeping us going.**

**Love you,  
Adam & Jean**

### **A note about Anna Wolfe**

The word I received describes Anna's progress as "better than expected, but expectedly slow". My understanding is that she will be "out" for months. Please continue to keep Charles and her in your thoughts and prayers.

### **New Dancers Zari Kilejian and Terri Pitts**

Zari had knee surgery recently.

Terri is out with a broken toe.

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

### **Louise Duncan**

Louise is still not doing well. The shingles are giving her excruciating pain and there is little they can do about it. Please keep her in your prayers.

## **Dues are Due for 2012**

**Please read this.**

If you pay by the quarter dues are \$35 per couple; if you pay every 6 months (preferred method of payment) dues are \$70 per couple. Please bring a check or cash to the next dance or send check by snail mail payable to **Swinging Stars** to our Treasurers: Jim & Debbie Reid, 7614 Queens Ferry Ln., Dallas TX 75248-1647. Thank you for paying your dues in a timely manner. **Note:** All of our New Members are paid up at least through March 31, 2012.

## **Swinging Stars' Website**

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

Check it out and be in the know.

<http://www.swingingstars.org/>

There are three Links in the Photo section of the home page which will take you to all of the pictures of the Anniversary Dance:

[37th Anniversary Dance](#)

[On Flickr by Tommy Meyer](#)

[On Flickr by Sherry Richmond](#)

# Happenings

Past Weeks' Events and News ...

Fri Jan 27

Swinging Stars Swinging 50's (37<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary Dance with Joey Duhamel and Wayne Baldwin calling and John Brewer cueing.



## Scorecard

Rebel Rousers	36	Returned their banner and gave them ours
Texas Reelers	30	Returned their banner and gave them ours
Kissin' Kuzzins	22	Returned their banner and gave them ours
Dixie Chainers	12	Returned their banner
Log Cabin Swingers	10	Returned their banner
Buttons & Bows	10	Returned their banner
T-Square Gadabouts	8	Returned their banner
Solitaires	10	Returned their banner
Cotton Picking Squares	5	Returned their banner
Decatur 8rs	4	
Lonestar Solos	4	Returned their banner
Triangle Squares	2	Returned their banner
Model A's	2	
Pioneers	2	
Plus 4's	1	
Texoma Squares	2	
Trail Blaizers	2	
Yellow Rockers	3	
Yamsammers	1	
Circle Squares	1	
Country Cousins	2	
NORTEX	<u>21</u>	

**Total visitors**                **182**  
**Swinging Stars**            **104**  
**Total Dancers**            **286**

**21 Square Dance Clubs came; 2 from outside of Nortex**

**And this was NOT a 5<sup>th</sup> Friday. Also, there was another anniversary dance the next night. (See below.)**



**Of Interest**

**Sat Jan 28**

**Tri City Promenaders Winter Wonderland (52<sup>nd</sup>) Anniversary Dance with Rick Smith and Paul Kinsey calling and Chris Farabaugh cueing**

**On the road:**

**Amy, Burson, Covington, Row, Hardin/Smith**

**Round Dancers**

**Sun Jan 29**

**Harvest Holiday Winter Fun Rounds – Phases 2, 3, and 4 all request rounds**

**14 Stars enjoying this fun event include**

**Amy, Hamm, Harris, Jung, Loxsom, Perrott, Rosemary/Larry, Starrett**

**President's Choice – Fun Square Dance**

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Singing Call & Round Dance of the Year for 2011**

**12 Stars had a fun time:**

**P. Amy, Burson, Rosemary/Larry, Harris, Loxsom, Starrett**

## **This Week ...**

**Thu Feb 2**

**Groundhog Day**

**Of Interest**

**Fri Feb 3**

**Kissin' Kuzzins with Wayne Baldwin calling and JL Pelton cueing**

Early Rounds, 7:00, Grand March 8:00

Senior Activity Center, 600 Ave A, Garland

**Official**

**Sat Feb 4**

**Buttons & Bows 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Valentines Dance "A night in Paris" with Rick Smith and Barry Hendricks calling and Charles Crockett cueing**

Early Rounds 7:00, Grand March 8:00

Special Venue: Georgia Farrow Rec. Center, 580 West Davis, Irving

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**Sun Feb 5**

**NORTEX Quarterly Meeting**

**2:00 PM**

**Swingtime Center**

February Promenade p.3

## **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.

February 10	<b>Hamm</b> , Hursey, Harris, McClure
February 24	<b>Meyer</b> , Hawkins, Loven, Anthaume
March 9	<b>Stuart</b> , Rose, Jung, Mosher
March 23	<b>Evanto</b> , Capps, Underwood, Kehoe
April 13	<b>Henneberger</b> , DeLuke, Bivins, Bullock
April 27	<b>Ross</b> , 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](mailto: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 Ralph and Lucy Hamm at 214-872-7219 or [rehamm45@gmail.com](mailto:rehamm45@gmail.com) for supplies prior to purchase by Monday prior to club dance.

## Coming up next ...

### Ladies Luncheon

#### Tues Feb 21 – Mardi Gras

11:30 AM – Chocolate Angel

4709 W. Parker Rd. (@ North Side of Parker between Preston and Ohio)

Plano, TX 75093

RSVP – Peggy Amy – amybpeggy@verizon.net

## 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, Rebel Rousers, Texas Reelers, Kissin' Kuzzins

#### Banners on hand

Dublin Cloverleafs, Duncanville Cliff Dwellers

## PLUS AND ADVANCED DANCERS

### Plus Weekends

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!

Check the link below for more info.

[http://www.swingingstars.org/Weekends\\_of\\_Interest.html](http://www.swingingstars.org/Weekends_of_Interest.html)

### Plus and Advanced Clubs

#### Plus 4s – Caller “Quiz“

Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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-*