

# Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for November 18, 2012*

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**From our Family to yours,  
may you have a peaceful  
and joyful day of Thanks.  
Happy Thanksgiving!**

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## **VISITATION FOR THIS WEEK**

**Saturday, November 24  
Tri City Promenaders.**

## **Incredible GOSPEL Square Dance.**

If you enjoy dancing to Gospel songs,  
you do not want to miss this dance.  
Callers: Paul Kinsey and Mike Bramlett.  
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh cueing the rounds.  
Early Rounds: 7:00 Grand March: 8:00.  
Brookside Center, 1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst.  
See ad on page 21 of the Nov. Promenade.

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## **Exhibition**

We have been invited to dance for the Friends Place Adult Day Services in Richardson, on November 29 at 2:00. If you are interested in dancing exhibition with us please let me know. Wayne will be doing the calling. We are not trying to recruit people at this event. This is to entertain the fine folks for an hour or so. If you are available on November 29 at 2:00 and would love to participate, please contact me [lorraine@bursons.us](mailto:lorraine@bursons.us). We will need at least one square but 2 would be better. We will be wearing square dance attire. They love to see all the pretty colors and frill of the petticoats etc. Yes even I will wear a petticoat for this exhibition.

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## MAINSTREAM LESSONS

The following members were angels at lessons this week: John and Ann Barber, Dave and Lorraine Burson, Ralph and Lucy Hamm, Mark and Karen Hawkins, Sally Henneberger, Joe and Coleta Lewis, George Loxsom, Russ and Anne NejdI, Andy and Debbie Piziali, Jeff and Anne Stuart. As I mentioned last week the students are really doing great learning the art of square dancing. Wayne has taught them all the calls. Now they will be perfecting their skills as they dance to the music and learn to react quicker to the calls. Please come to the mainstream lessons on Tuesday and dance along with our soon to be Swinging Stars. Hope to see more of you this week. Please let me ([lorraine@bursons.us](mailto:lorraine@bursons.us)) know if you are planning to attend.

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## Swinging Star Round Dance Lessons

The Swinging Stars will be sponsoring beginner round dance lessons with instructors JL and Linda Pelton at Carpenter Rec Center. JL and Linda have instructed round dancing for several years and have a successful intermediate round dance club on Thursday nights at the Plano Senior Center. Lessons will begin Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00PM and continue each Tuesday night for 11 weeks. Our hope is to continue lessons through the year, teaching students all the rhythms commonly danced at square dances – cha-cha, rumba, two step, waltz, foxtrot, and jive. The first class will teach cha-cha and rumba.. This will be a great opportunity for interested couples to enter the tremendously enjoyable activity of round dancing. Students may register in person at Carpenter Rec Center (west side of Coit Road south of Legacy) or online through the Plano Parks and Recreation catalog beginning the first Saturday in March. If you want to round dance, please make your plans to sign up.

Thanks,  
Ralph Hamm  
First Vice President,  
Swinging Stars

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## Anniversary Dance for 2013

This week's report from the Russ and Anne NejdI, Chairman of the Anniversary Dance 2013.

### ANNIVERSARY DANCE REPORT

Chairs: Russ and Anne NejdI

Anniversary Dance update:

The Swinging Stars Anniversary dance is a little over 2 months away and there is a lot of planning left to do. As mentioned in earlier newsletters, Russ and I are the chair persons for

this dance. The theme is "Dancing with the Stars" to honor my favorite TV show (Anne's favorite TV show). Ballroom or square dance attire is acceptable and flashy is desirable. In addition to all the swinging stars in attendance, there will be stars decorating the gym and mirror balls galore. We will be serving finger foods and there will be no eating utensils.

**Date: Friday, January 25, 2013**

**Location: Shepherd Elementary School**

**Callers: Wayne Baldwin and Guest Caller Nasser Shukayr**

**Cuer: Walter Brewer**

**Theme: Dancing with the Stars**

**Early Rounds at 7:00**

**Squares at 8:00**

The committee chairs are as follows:

**Food Service Attendants: Mary Hardin and John Smith**

**Beverage Attendants: Mark and Karen Hawkins**

**Honey Pot: Richard and Jan Covington**

**Money Auction: Russ and Bev McGuire**

**Decorations: Barry and Helen Feldman**

**Set-up: Charlie and Linda Harris**

**Greeters: Old and new officers**

**Registration: Jim and Debbie Reid**

Ken and Vickie Bullock will host the after party at their home. Maps and directions to their home will be provided at the Anniversary Dance.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to serve on a committee. We still have some openings available. We also need many more Stars to sign up to bring food. I will have the sign-up sheets at the holiday party on December 7th and at the only December club dance on December 14th (the Toys and Book Dance/New Dancer Dance). There is only one dance in January before the anniversary dance. We need everyone's participation to make this dance a success. You can email or call me to volunteer. [Yo\\_Red@verizon.net](mailto:Yo_Red@verizon.net) 972-964-5979

Anne and Russ NejdI

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[A message about advertising our Anniversary Dance,](#)

## **Dancing with the Stars**

I would like to point out that we need to do a lot of visiting these next two months. Not only do we need to visit the Rebel Rousers, Reelers and Kissin Kuzzins we need to have larger numbers visiting the other clubs that we have scheduled to visit. We would love to have a large turn out for our Anniversary dance. One way to achieve this result is for us to visit more clubs and advertise our anniversary dance. If you are planning to attend a dance that isn't on our calendar, please print a 5 or 6 flyers and take them to the dance. Usually there will be a place you can put them for people to see and take. Also, be sure to give one to the caller or cuer and have them announce our Anniversary Dance. You would be surprised how much difference this will make in the number of visitors we get. I am attaching the flyer of our anniversary dance. Please be sure to copy and take it with you to any unscheduled dances that you might attend. This can be to a round dance or square dance.

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## EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

### DANCE OF INTEREST Banner Raid

**Friday, November 16 Texas Reelers** Caller Mike Bramlett and Cuer Jack von der Heide. The Stars came out bright at The Texas Reelers Friday night with 18 Stars attending. Thank you Dennisons, Feldmans, Hamms, McGuires, Lassiters, Pharrs, Roses, Smith/Hardin, and Stuarts. We would have gotten their banner but we already have one from the Texas Reelers.

### OFFICIAL VISITATION Saturday, November 17 Buttons and Bows Fall Festival .

Caller and Cuer will be Charles Crockett. I received a report from Linda Harris stating that we had 4 couples attending; Linda and Charlie Harris, Karen and Mark Hawkins, Nina and Dan Lassiter and Rosemary Benedetto and Larry Giadrone. Thank you for representing the Swinging Stars.

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## EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

### Ladies Luncheon

**Tuesday, November 20 At 11:30.** Mary Hardin is the hostess for the November luncheon. The ladies luncheon will be at the CHOCOLATE ANGEL inside the High Street Antique Mall located on the northeast side of Plano Parkway and Central Expressway. Please make your reservation with Mary by November 11 so she can confirm the number of ladies that are planning to attend. Contact Mary Email [myhn2@yahoo.com](mailto:myhn2@yahoo.com) or cell phone 214-632-4230. Any questions about the date or place contact Mary Hardin.

### SWINGING STARS DANCE CANCELED

**Friday, November 23** We couldn't use the gym for this dance. The school was completely closed down for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### DANCE OF INTEREST

**Saturday, November 24 Tri City Promenaders. Incredible GOSPEL Square Dance.** If you enjoy dancing the wonderful Gospel songs, you will not want to miss this dance. Callers Paul Kinsey and Mike Bramlett. With Chris Farabaugh cueing the rounds. Early Rounds at 7:00 and Grand March at 8:00. Brookside enter 1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst. See ad on page 21 of the Nov. Promenade.

### DANCE OF INTEREST

**Thursday, November 29 Yellow Rockers 5th Thursday Dance.** Caller Ray Stenger and Cuer Chris Farabaugh. Early Rounds at 7:00 and Squares at 7:30. Chapel Hill United Methodist Church. 12411 Templeton Tr. Farmers Branch.

### DANCE OF INTEREST

**Friday, November 30. Circle I 5th Friday Special Dance.** Guest caller Wayne Baldwin and cuer Chris Farabaugh Line Dancing 7:15 to 7:30. Rounds at 7:30 and Grand March at 8:00. This is an opportunity to get to dance with the Circle I, since their regular dance night is the same as ours. This will be a good time to get your visitation cards signed also. 228 Chamberlain Senter Park East, Irving.

We will be there. Hope you are too. Please wear you aqua.  
Read the ad on page 22 of the November Promenade.





## Holiday Ladies Luncheon

The holiday luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 4th at noon in the home of Anne Nejd. As in years past, we will have games, prizes and the “dreaded” white elephant gift exchange. To date I have received responses from just 2 ladies. Please call or email me to let me know if you plan on attending this luncheon. I will be serving a turkey breast, ham, and drinks. I am asking everyone to bring a dish to share.

Anne Nejd  
4105 Cassandra Lane  
Plano, 75093  
972-964-5979  
Yo\_Red@verizon.net

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## SWINGING STARS



Merry Christmas  
and Happy Hanukkah



## Annual Holiday Party!!



The Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party is Friday December 7th 6:00 pm at the Haggard Party Barn.

The cost is \$28.00 per couple, which includes catered BBQ dinner, Margaritas, Beer, soft drinks, dancing and fun!

Pay cash to Linda or Charlie Harris or send your check payable to Linda Harris before December 1st.

We'll need a firm head count for the caterers by December 1st.

Rutledge and Susan Haggard generously share their facility with us each year. A tip jar will be out for our bartender service and support. I know you will be generous.

Lots of Fun!! Hope to see everyone there!!

Linda Harris at [LindaHarrisTX@hotmail.com](mailto:LindaHarrisTX@hotmail.com)

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The GRAM Committee  
presents

# Day of Dancing and Toys

December 2nd at the  
Grapevine Convention Center

**1209 S. Main Street**

Admission: 1 new unwrapped toy per dancer  
Events

- ★ Toys for Tots Drop Off  
Marine Toys for Tots Foundation with  
Drop Off host Chip Wagner of Fox News  
Anyone can drop off toys all day starting at 2:00
- ★ New and Prospective Dancer Dance -- 2:00 to 3:30  
If you know anyone interested in learning to dance invite them to come.
- ★ New Round Dancers -- 3:30 to 4:30
- ★ Round Dancing -- 4:30 to 6:00
- ★ Club Wreath Contest and Auction  
The Club Wreath contest and auction is open for participation from all  
NORTEX clubs. The wreaths will be used as decorations during the dance  
and be sold to the highest bidder by silent auction throughout the evening  
dance.
- ★ Evening Square and Round Dancing -- 6:00 to 8:00  
The club whose wreath raises the most money will receive a gift certificate  
from Mike Bramlett for his services free of charge at a regular dance.



## **NORTH TEXAS CALLERS ASSOCIATION**

Singing Call / Round Dance of the Year Dance

January 27, 2013

Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 at the Anglin Drive exit, Ft. Worth.

These are the two songs we are promoting for our caller and cuer.

Singing Call for Wayne, "Apple Jack", and the Round Dance for Walter, "Adagio III".

In the November Promenade on page 29 are 4 ballots. The instructions for voting are also printed there. You can cut them out or copy them or go to the Web Site for the NTCA and download them.

I will have a few ballots at our dance on Dec 11, and I will be willing to collect them and the \$1.00 per ballot to submit to the Callers Association. This is for a worthy cause all donations for balloting will go to the MLS/ALS-Dallas North District. If you can't go to the dance please vote anyway.

**VOTE EARLY AND VOTE OFTEN!**

Just to let you all know what this is. This is an annual dance held by the North Texas Callers Association. This year the voting will be done with a donation to the to the Muscular Dystrophy Association / ALS Research Dallas North District. Here is how it works this year. Each ballot has 3 votes per ballot. You can vote up to 3 different dances or 3 votes for one dance called or cued by your favorite caller or cuer. Ballots are for both voting ballots and a means to raise funds. When voting please include \$1.00 for each ballot you submit. You can submit as many ballots as you wish.

In the past we have organized our club to vote for Wayne and Walter by recommended a specific Singing Call or Round Dance Song that we would like them to perform at the dance. We are still open for suggestions for both Wayne and Walter. If you have a specific preference please let me know and we will try to get organized. The idea is to have our club caller and cuer get the most votes. So lets be generous and vote early and vote often! When we have decided on the Singing Call and Round Dance song we will put out the word. Of course you can vote for whom ever you like, but we would like for Wayne and Walter to get the most votes.

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## **NORTEX**

### **Square and Round Dance Club Community Involvement Program**

**Thank you to the 3 members that have sent me some information about you involvement in the community. I know there are more of you that are volunteers and are active in the community. Please send me your information. I would like to finish our questionnaire this next week.**

You might ask. "What is this?"

Well to the best that I can ascertain, it is a means to identify in what activities NORTEX members are involved. This way we can show how active a group we are. So when we are looking for advertisement thru the media they will recognize that we are a large and an active group of people in the North Texas area. This would make square and round dancing better known through out the community. Also this committee will be able to communicate from one club to another club what is being done to promote our favorite past time. What is working and what is not. I am asking that if you have special talents or are participating in charities, community projects or any kind of community type activities, please send me that information. For example I know several of our members participate in the Walk for the Cure, some work with the Baptist Men, sing with your church group etc. Perhaps you volunteer at a hospital, or anything that we can show how active we are in the community. Please send me this information ASAP so that I can send it on to the committee. Thank you for your help with this project.

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**A Thank You Note:**  
**Dear Swinging Stars,**  
**Thanks to the Swinging Stars for attending**  
**our 54th Anniversary dance.**  
**We'll be back to retrieve our banner soon.**  
**Thanks again,**  
**The Dixie Chainers**  
**George and Martha, President**

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

December 14  **New Dancer Dance/Toys & Books for Children's Advocacy**  
**Gen. Benefit Dance**

January 25, 2013  **Anniversary Dance**

February 22, 2013  **Mid Winter Dance**

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## **REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION**

### **Refreshment Schedule – thru December 2012**

Lead couple is first name on the list.

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](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.
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**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.**

**Monday, December 31 Road Runners Roaring 20's "New Years Eve Dance"**

**Friday, January 25th. Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance.**

**Sunday, January 27th. Singing call and Round Dance of the year**

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## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS:**

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### **Out of Town and Weekend Dances:**

For information about weekend dances go to our Web Page [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org) and click on Weekends.

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**Dave and Lorraine Burson**

**Swinging Stars President**

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