



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 3, 2013

Thank you for electing us to be your President for 2013 and for electing such a fabulous board of officers. We are honored to be serving as President of the Your Club. The Swinging Stars are not only the Biggest, we are the “Bestest.” Please join me in expressing our gratitude to the outgoing 2012 Executive Committee: Presidents Dave & Lorraine Burson, 1st V.P.’s Ralph and Lucy Hamm, 2nd V.P.’s Deckard and Peggy Pharr, Secretaries James and Judy Ross and Treasurers Jim and Debbie Reid. Thank you for the good year we had in 2012 and for the time you spent making it happen. Ending the year with the anniversary with 299 in attendance was a reflection of the exceptional job that you did leading the club. Thank you to all of the committee chairs and members as it takes every Swinging Star to have a successful year and continue to build the club that we have today and not enough can be said for all you have done. It would be impossible to mention everyone as it would be our roster. Our club is truly superb because of the many talented people that give their time and efforts. We appreciate the helpfulness of everyone from the fan carriers, the refreshment committee members, door greeters, angels, caller and cuer - Thank You. Let’s keep moving forward looking for ways to take the great and make it better.

We are looking forward to serving as your President for the year 2013. We solicit your support and suggestions as we embark on this New Year. The incoming board will communicate to the club members and will strive to keep you informed of the coming events, past events and special events.

You can go to our Website www.swingingstars.org to see what the latest news. Dave and Lorraine have agreed to continue to publish the news letter on-line and to email the newsletter’s to you.

Your new board - Presidents Richard & Jan Covington, 1st V.P.’s Mark & Karen Hawkins, 2nd V.P.’s Bob & Terri Pitts, Secretaries Gene & Phyllis Deluke and Treasurers John and Ann Barber, have already been hard at work planning another year. We met for several hours Saturday to discuss many issues such as the themes for the coming year, a bus trip, lessons, goals, our 2014 anniversary and much more.

Our goals include the following:

- Maintain a fun organization & dance environment
- Encourage a Friendly Atmosphere for Visitors and Members
- Grow the club by bringing new dancers through lessons
- Help each member “plug-in” and be involved in club activities
- Increase the number of visitations
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- Help dancers to reach to meet their desired level of dancing

Swinging Stars 39th Anniversary Dance is in the planning.
The date is set for 01/31/2014 at All Saints Catholic Church in Richardson, TX
(pending approval of the club)
Please mark your calendar – more news to follow....

NORTEX NEWS

"Formula 51" is a program proposed and encouraged by NORTEX to integrate new students into the club dance environment as early as possible. These dances will be called using only the first 51 calls from the mainstream list (basic). The intent is to offer fun and creative choreography for all dancers over the material covered during the first three-fourths of mainstream lessons.



NORTEX member clubs who decide to offer Formula 51 dances during the month of April will be listed in the Promenade magazine. These dances will also be great for our current students! Swinging Stars will be offering "Formula 51" dances during April on the 12th and 26th. The dance on the 26th will be "Out of this World."

2013 RoundUp theme will be our Texas Heritage - The Yellow Rose of Texas. The feature caller will be Noah Sigman (check him out on U-tube). The staff callers will be our own Wayne Baldwin and Vernon Jones. The cure will be JL Pelton. 2013 RoundUp will be held at the Grapevine Convention Center. Mark your calendars NOW for November 2 with the caller's cavalcade being held on November 1st. This will be a great week-end.

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Official Visitation – Friday, Feb 1st

WOW – the Swinging Stars dancers hit the town in a big way Friday night, Feb 1st, in an organized visit to the Texas Reelers' 1st Annual Pink Bow Tie Dance. Men who didn't come in their pink bow ties were adorned on site with their own personal stick on version. Exciting cueing was provided by Jack von der Heide and challenging squares were called by Deborah Carroll-Jones who was joined in a couple of tips by Jon Jones. Both of the Jones creatively used the NORTEX call of the quarter, "Do Paso", keeping the dancers on their toes. We retrieved the Swinging Stars banner they possessed only 1 week, and captured the Reelers' banner thanks to the following 47 Swinging Stars who were in attendance: P. Amy, Archeys, Barbers, Bursons, Colters, Covingtons, Evantos, Fousts, Giuadrone/Benedetto, Hamms, Harris, Hennebergers, Maiers, Moshers, Pharrs, Pitts, Ramirez, Ricketts, Rows, Sees, Smith/Hardin, Starretts, Stuarts, and Weckerlys.

Official Visitation – Saturday, Feb 2nd

A multitude of Swinging Stars paraded to Irving Saturday night, Feb 2nd, for the Buttons and Bows 48th anniversary and Valentine's dance. The rounds were cued by Charles Crockett who attentively catered to the dancer's requests via a dance checklist. Lively squares were called by club caller Barry Hendricks and special guest caller from New Mexico, Jerry Gilbreath. The Buttons and Bows hosted a great dance in a nice wooden floor facility and had a delicious salad dinner. The Buttons and Bows' banner was captured by these 33 Swinging Stars: P. Amy, Barbers, Bondis, Bursons, Covingtons, Evantos, Fousts, Giaudrone/Benedetto, Hamms, Harris, Hawkins, Maiers, Perrotts, Pitts, Pizialis, Sees, and the Trujillos.

*** * * SPECIAL CLUB OPPORTUNITIES * * ***

Lottie Ainsworth at North Star 8 in Paris Saturday, Feb 09th

Swinging Stars, you may be interested in the North Star 8 dance in Paris, TX on Saturday, Feb 9th. Lottie is a vibrant caller from Louisiana. North Star 8 dances begin with a 7:30pm workshop followed by square dancing from 8:00PM until 10:00PM. There will be country and western dancing between the tips and they plan a great meal. Carpooling is recommended – call your fellow dancers to share rides. Email Bob Pitts (bobp8211@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Weekend Plus Dance – 30th Annual Texas Stampede Feb 22nd-24th

The 30th Annual Texas Stampede with headline callers Tony Oxendine and Jerry Storey and cuer Christine Hixson will be at the Sterling Hotel in Dallas (1055 Regal Row, Dallas). See the Swinging Stars weekend website page for more details.

Swinging Stars Bus Trip to Mineola Saturday, Mar 23rd

We are looking for 56 motivated Swinging Stars dancers for a full day bus trip to the East Texas Square and Round Dance Association "It's GOLDen East Texas – 50 Years of Square Dancing" Festival in Mineola. We will leave Plano at 8:00AM in a luxury coach for the 2 hour drive to Mineola and leave for Plano at 10:30PM. An exciting day of dancing and fun is planned, including round and square dancing with hot hash and plus and an after party. Dave and Michelle Viera are the headline caller and cuer. Transportation is about \$30 per person. Each dancer will be responsible for their lunch and dinner and the \$7 dance fee – that's right, only \$7. Our coach will drive us to historic downtown Mineola for lunch and shopping after the morning dancing. Dinner is planned near or at the civic center. If response to a forthcoming email is positive, Bob and Terri Pitts will collect \$30 per person, first come first served, at the Friday, Feb 8th club dance, to fund transportation.

COMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2013

Dance of Interest – Thursday, Feb 7th

Dance: [Roadrunners](#)

Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820 Ft. Worth)

Times: Early rounds – 6:45PM / Plus Workshop – 7:00PM / Grand march – 7:30PM

Caller: Joey Duhamel

Cuer: Charles Crockett

Notes: Special guest appearance – Wasaru Wada (national caller from Japan), call your dance friends to carpool

Swinging Stars Club Dance – Friday, Feb 8th

Location: Shepard Hill Elementary School
Times: Workshop – 7:30PM / Dance – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer

Dance of Interest – Saturday, Feb 9th

Dance: [Dixie Chainers](#)
Location: Farmers Branch Senior Center (14055 Dennis Lane Farmers Branch)
Times: Early rounds – 7:00PM / Grand march – 7:30PM
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Dance of Interest – Friday, Feb 15th

Dance: [T-Square Gadabouts – Miss Match Dance](#)
Location: Swingtime Center (5100 SE Loop 820 Ft. Worth)
Times: Early rounds – 7:00PM / Workshop – 7:30PM / Grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Rick Smith
Cuer: Charles Crockett
Notes: Dress mismatched

Official Visitation – Saturday, Feb 16th

Dance: [Rebel Rousers – Black & White Ball](#)
Location: Richardson Senior Center (820 W. Arapaho Richardson)
Times: Early rounds – 7:30PM Grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Notes: Double signature dance and official banner raid

Ladies Luncheon – Tuesday, Feb 19th

Location: Chocolate Angel Café and Tearoom (635 W. Campbell Richardson)
Website: www.chocolateangel.com
Time: 11:30AM
Host: Terri Pitts (972-392-4325 / tjtpitts@sbcglobal.net)
Notes: This is the original Chocolate Angel which has fabulous lunches. Let Terri know by Feb 15th if you plan to attend

Swinging Stars Club Dance – Friday, Feb 22nd

Location: Shepard Hill Elementary School
Times: Early rounds – 7:30PM / Dance – 8:00PM
Caller: Wayne Baldwin
Cuer: Walter Brewer
Notes: Mid Winter Dance

Dance of Interest – Saturday, Feb 23rd

Dance: [Tri-City Promenaders – President's Day Dance](#)
Location: Brookside Center (1244 Brookside Dr. Hurst)
Times: Early rounds – 7:00PM / Workshop – 7:30PM / Grand march – 8:00PM
Caller: Paul Kinsey
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

MAINSTREAM LESSONS

The Swinging Stars have 3 or 4 couples that are taking lessons at the Richardson Senior Center. We are asking the Swinging Stars to volunteer to help angel these new students. Lessons are on Tuesdays at 7:00 and last till 9:00. Please contact Richard and Jan at president@swingingstars.org or 972-325-1144 to let them know if you would like to help angel.

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 19 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, rumba, two step, waltz, foxtrot, and jive. The first class will teach cha and rumba. This will be a great opportunity for interested couples to enter the tremendously enjoyable activity of round dancing.

We need to get an idea of how many students to expect for the round dance lessons beginning on March 19. Please let Ralph and Lucy Hamm know that you plan to take lessons as soon as possible. Email: rehamm45@gmail.com; Phone: (214) 872-7219. Registration begins March 2 online at www.planoparks.org; in person at Carpenter Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Road; or by phone at (972) 208-8087. Course number is # 140236 CAR. For additional information, see the flyer on the Swinging Stars website: http://swingingstars.org/ChoreographedBallroom_LessonFlyer.pdf

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not already done so, the dues for the first quarter of 2013 are due. Swinging Stars dues are due the first dance of each quarter - January, April, July and October. If you are not sure whether your dues have been paid, please contact the John and Ann.

You may bring your payment to our next dance or send you payment to the following:

John and Anne Barber
4905 Hackberry Lane
Parker, Texas 75002-5627
Treasurer@swingingstars.org

Dues are: **\$35.00 per quarter per couple**
 \$70.00 per half year per couple (preferred)
 \$140.00 per year per couple

Please make your check payable to Swinging Stars

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

Refreshment Schedule – February through March 2013

Lead couple is first name on the list.

February 8 Hardin/Smith, Trujillo, Ramirez*, Underwood

February 22 Piziali, Ryder, Foust*, McGuire

March 8 Maier, Morse, Evanto, Kilejian*

March 22 Whipple, Humphrey, Row, Bivins

Names with an * should not appear as the lead couple.

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 PISD, we cannot enter the gym before 7:00.
- Enter thru the Gym door.
- Refreshments shut down at 9:30 pm (no earlier).
- If you take home a refreshment bag check that it has all the items listed on the Fluorescent Hang Tag on the bag.
- Be sure all items are clean.
- Repack bags in a Tidy Manner.

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. If unable to do so 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 **Mark & Karen Hawkins at 972-436-4868 or 1stVP@swinginstars.org** for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. They may already have what you need.
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Schedule of advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances thru Feb 2013



February 22, 2013

Mid Winter Dance



March 22, 2013

March Madness



Tuesday, March 19 Swinging Star Round Dance Lessons

Tuesday, June 11 Plus Lessons

Tuesday, August 27 Mainstream Lessons

For information about weekend dances go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

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