



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for April 1, 2012

Please plan to attend this dance:

We have an OFFICIAL VISITATION Circle 8's 65th Anniversary. Callers will be Melton Luttrell and Wayne Baldwin. Both are members of the Texas Caller's Hall of Fame. Cuer is Jack von der Heide. Early rounds 7:30 Grand March 8:00. We highly recommend all the Swinging Stars to attend. Please let me know a few days in advance so I can let them know how many Swinging Stars will be attending. Please email lorraine@bursons.us to let me know if you are planning to go or help arrange to share a ride.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CALLER OR CUER:

The NTCA is offering a Caller/Cuer 101 training session for anyone with a hankerin' to find out what it's like to call or cue. This is open to anyone, at no cost to you. It will be held at Senter Park in Irving on April 15 at 2:00 pm. Read more about this in the April Promenade on page 29. Come on give it a try, you know you want to. And it is free.

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO REMEMBER

FORMAT CHANGE:

Format change to start at the April 13th dance: Mainstream DBD Workshop will on the 2nd Friday. The Early Rounds are being moved to the 4th Friday. The reason for the change is that our advertised 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 advertised theme dances.

CHANGE IN DANCE LOCATION:

Be sure to take notice that the May 25th dance will be held at the Wilson Middle School cafeteria. Wilson Middle School is located at the corner of Custer and Grandview Dr. Next door to Shepard Elementary. This is one time only. The Shepard Elementary School is not available for that night. This is also our advertised Proud To Be An American theme dance.

SECOND QUARTER DUES:

Membership Dues:

Dues for the second 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

Please make your check payable to **Swinging Stars**
Thank you for paying your dues in a timely manner.

Jim and Debbie Reid
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Official Club Dress:

I know several of our Lady Stars have the Official Club Dress. I also know that Lady Stars have expressed an interest if they could get one. Yes you can. You can order the skirt and blouse from Square Up Fashions Inc. The Skirt is style Fiesta #636, color is aqua, and the Blouse is style Fiesta #136R, color aqua. The Email address is: www.squareupfashions.com. Phone is 1-800-834-4222. When you go online you will be able to click on the skirt and blouse and see them there.

Some thoughts I have for the future. Let me know what you think.

Log Cabin Swingers Weekend. June 15th and 16th

Would you like to schedule a square dance weekend to Log Cabin Swingers in Tool, TX?

This weekend is a pay as you go.

Friday night Dinner served at 6:00 to 6:45, Early rounds at 7:00 and Square dancing at 8:00...\$8.00.

Saturday morning Round Dance at 10:00 to 11:30.....\$2.00

Saturday afternoon Plus Dance at 1:00 to 3:00.....\$3.00

Saturday night Dinner served at 6:00 to 6:45, Early rounds at 7:00 and Square dancing 8:00...\$8.00.

Friday, June 15th will have Jon Jones and Deborah Carrol-Jones calling Mainstream with announced Plus tips. Sonny Ezelle will be Cueing the Rounds. Early Rounds will start at 7:00 Square Dancing will start at 8:00.

Sat. June 16th will have a Round Dance from 10 to 11:30 am with Sonny Ezelle. The caller on Sat. is Wade Driver. He will have an afternoon Plus Dance from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The Saturday night dance will be Mainstream with announced Plus tips. Early rounds 7:00 and square dance at 8:00. Food will be served both nights from 6:00 to 6:45.

Be sure to pick up a flyer for this weekend at our next club dance. Or go to our Web site www.swingingstars.org and click on Special Weekends.

FOR THE PLUS DANCERS

18th Annual Chaparral Evening in Paris Dance. August 31st and September 1st.

I am organizing a weekend trip to the 18th Annual Chaparral Evening in Paris. August 31st and September 1st. If you have attended this dance, you can remember all the fun we had dancing to these 5 great callers: Ken Bower, Marshal Flippo, Jon and Deborah Carrol Jones, and Gary Shoemake. All are international callers that go all over the world calling. Round dancing will be to Sonny Ezelle. There is a special bonus for attending this dance for the club. If we get 3 squares to attend we can earn \$100 for the club's treasury. Add to that when you spend money in Paris, you save all your receipts, sign your name on them and throw them into a big bucket. After the Saturday night dance there is an After Party where they have refreshments, some very funny skits, and lots and lots of prizes. They draw the receipts and call out the name on the receipt. If they call your name, you win a very nice gift donated by the merchants that are members of the Paris Chamber of Commerce. Be sure to pick up a flyer for this weekend at our next club dance. Or go to our Web site www.swingingstars.org and click on Special Weekends.

Some have already said that they would like to attend. You can go ahead and get registered. When you send your registration, be sure to say you are with the Swinging Stars, Lorraine's group. If you don't tell them when you register they won't give us the credit toward our \$100. If we happen to get 12 couples we will get \$100 for treasury. If not we will have a good time.

Be sure to let me (Lorraine) know that you are going, I would like to keep track of how many are going.

Please let me know what you think.

Events of the past week:

PLUS LESSONS: The lessons are going very well. There are 33 dancers learning to Plus Dance. Everyone is having fun learning the Plus movements. Thank you to the Plus Angles that show up to help if needed to fill out the squares.

Dance of Interest: Friday, March 30. Circle I Diamond (60th) Anniversary Celebration. Callers Joey Duhamel and Ray Savell. Cuer Chris Farabaugh. Wow what a dance. We had 25 Swinging Stars. The Swinging Stars had the largest number of dancers attending. Thank you to the Underwoods, Starretts, Hardin/Smith, Perrotts, Maires, Loxsoms, Humphries, Hamms, Benedetto/Giaudrone, Feldmans, Covingtons, Bursons and P Amy for attending. No banner, because we dance on the same night they do.

Official Visitation: Saturday, March 31st. Roadrunners 41st Anniversary Barn Dance and Quilt Show. Callers Rick Smith and Wayne Baldwin, Cuer Karen Gloodt. Thank you to all of the Swinging Stars that attended: P Amy, Brewers, Bivins, Feldmans, Bursons, Giaudrone/Benedetto, Harrises, Maiers, Smith/Hardin, and the Wheatons. We had a total of 21 Swinging Stars, this was more than enough to get their banner.

Dance of Interest: Sunday, April 1st North Star Cloggers 20th Anniversary Square Dance. Guest caller Mike Bramlett. Fun, fun, fun! Dave and I along with Dorinda and Richard Maier enjoyed square dancing and watching the Cloggers clog to some very fast music.

Coming Events

Official Visitation: Saturday, April 7th. Circle 8's 65th Anniversary. This is really a special occasion! Just to think, 65 years for a club to survive. Callers will be Melton Luttrell and Wayne Baldwin. Cuer is Jack von der Heide. Early rounds 7:30 Grand March 8:00. We highly recommend all the Swinging Stars to attend. Swingtime Center, 5100 S.E. Loop 820, Ft. Worth, Tex. Please email lorraine@bursons.us to let me know if you are planning to go or help arrange to share a ride. PLEASE let's make a real effort to attend this dance. See ad on page 27 of the March Promenade.

Let's show our club spirit and wear our Aqua  (turquoise) attire.

Swinging Stars Club Dance: Friday, April 13th. Regular Dance night. Caller Wayne Baldwin with Guest Cuer Christine Hixson. This is our first dance with the new format. Mainstream DBD Workshop 7:30. Square dancing starts at 8:00. All Swinging Stars are invited to the after party at Mama's Pizza, 2130 West Parker immediately following the dance.

Official Visitation: Saturday, April 14th. Dixie Chainers 51st Annual Luau.

Caller Vernon Jones and Cuer Jack von der Heide.

Aloha! This is always a fun dance. We get to wear a Hawaiian attire and pretend for one evening that we are in the Islands.

Early Rounds start at 7:00 and the Grand March is at 7:30.

Farmers Branch Senior Center, 14055 Dennis at Valwood, Farmers Branch.

Read more on page 12 on the April Promenade.

Dance of Interest: Monday, April 16th. Rockwall Squares "Spring Fling".

Caller Deborah Carroll Jones, Cuer Michele Vieira.

We like this dance because it is new dancer friendly. We also like Deborah Carrol Jones.

Early Rounds 7:30. Grand March 7:45. I am not sure of the location. I will have more info in a future newsletter.

Ladies Luncheon: Tuesday, April 17th. *Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon. Catherine and Janelle have so graciously offered to host the luncheon for April at Catherine's home. All Swinging Stars Ladies are invited to attend.*

Please come to a Welcome Spring Event at Humpanani (Humphrey in Hawaiian)

2202 Acacia St, Richardson. Tuesday April 17, 2012 At 11:30 a.m.

Hosted by: Janelle Row & Catherine Humphrey. Cost \$5.00 per person. Please RSVP by Friday April 13th.

Directions: Take 75 to Renner Road go east to Jupiter Road turn Right (south) 3rd left is Acacia St, first house on right.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Catherine Humphrey & Janelle Row

Dance of Interest: Thursday, April 19th. Yellow Rockers 44th Anniversary.

Caller Ray and Evelyn Stenger. Cuer Chris and Maria Farabaugh.

Chapel Hill Methodist Church, 12411 Templeton Farmers Branch.

Plus workshop at 7:00 P.M. and Grand March at 7:30.

Official Visitation: Friday, April 20th. T Square Gadabouts Mickey Goes To Washington 17th Anniversary Dance.

Guest Caller Jon Jones with Club Caller Rick Smith. Charles Crocket cueing the rounds.

Early Rounds 7:00 and Grand March at 8:00.

Swingtime Center, 5100 S.E. Loop 820, Ft. Worth, Tex. See ad on page 10 of the April Promenade.

Dance of Interest: Saturday, April 21st. Rebel Rousers Garden Party Student Dance (New Dancer Dance). This dance will be a good opportunity to meet the students that we have taking lessons at Mike's. We have 6 couples taking lessons. We want them to join our club so come out to the Rebel Rousers student dance and meet them and help Angel.

Mike Bramlett is the Caller and Christine Hixson is the Cuer. I know we all enjoy dancing to these two.

Early Rounds 7:30 and Grand March 8:00. Richardson Senior Center. 820 West Arapaho, Richardson. Be there or be Square!



Swinging Stars Club Dance: Friday, April 27th. Let's Have A Rain Dance!

Back when we were planning the dances to have for the year we were is a server drought. Well since we have gotten quite a bit of rain. But what do you do when you have to advertised so far in advance in the Promenade, that you are going to have a Rain Dance? You have a rain dance. Lets hope this will help keep us from getting back into a drought this summer.

Caller Wayne Baldwin and Cuer John Brewer.

Early Rounds at 7:30 and Square Dancing starts at 8:00.

Read our ad on page 23 of the April Promenade. All Swinging Stars are invited to the after party at Mama's Pizza, 2130 West Parker immediately following the dance.

Dance of Interest: Saturday, April 28th. Tri-City Promenaders, Swinging Spring Dance and Hamburger Cookout.

Caller Paul Kinsey, Cuer Chris Farabaugh.

Early Rounds 7:00, Workshop 7:30 and Grand March at 8:00.

Brookside Center 1244 Brookside Dr. Hurst. Read ad on page 23 of the April Promenade.

Club Executive Committee Meeting: April 29th at 3:00 pm. The Swinging Stars Executive Committee will be meeting at Dave and Lorraine Burson house. If you have any question, concerns or club business you would like to bring to the committee this is the time to present it to us. Please call or email us to let us know you would like to come and speak to us.

SAVE THESE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Sunday May 6th. Swinging Stars Club Meeting. The meeting will be start at 3:00 pm at the Paesanio's Italian Restaurant, 508 14th Street Plano. Spring Creek was not available. You can check out the Paesanio's Restaurant by going to: <http://www.paesanosrestaurant.net/index.html> We will have the meeting at 3:00 and we will have dinner afterward.

All members are encouraged to attend. At this meeting we will have an election of the officers for the second half of the year. Watch for more information in a future newsletter.



Sunday, June 24th. Baldwin's Annual Fish Fry. This is one of the highlights of the year for the Swinging Stars. Wayne and Jodie invite the whole club to come to their home to eat all the fish you can. Wayne, Charlie Harris, Chuck Morse and sometimes Joe Lewis, spend every Wednesday fishing, so that we can have this great party. So please plan to attend.

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

April 27	Let's Have A Rain Dance
May 25	Proud To Be An American
June 22	Good Ole Summertime Picnic
July 27	Beach Party
August 24	Back to school Ice Cream Social
September 28	Pre Round up Dance
October 12	Tailgate Party

November 9 Chili Cook Off
December 14 Toys and Books

Refreshment Schedule – thru June 2012

April 13 ----- **Ross**, Deluke, Bivins, Giaudrone/Benedetto
April 27 ----- **Henneberger**, Whipple, Bullock, Lewis
May 11 ----- **Starrett**, Perrott, Ryder, Kendrick*
May 25 ----- **McGuire**, Morse, Pat Cowdin/Jack Duncan, Covington*
June 8 ----- **Hardin/Smith**, Nejd, Evanto, Maier*
June 22 ----- **Trujillo**, Piziali, Jimison, Row*

Those with a * next to their name should not be in the Leader position until further notice.

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 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 for supplies prior to purchasing by Monday prior to club dance. We may already have what you need.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Up date from Jack Duncan

Had back surgery yesterday, doing fine so far, no major pain even without taking anything. Won't know how effective the procedure was on alleviating or better doing away with my leg/hip pain. I am not to bend over or lift for two week and then only limited activity for 2-4 weeks after that so I WILL NOT be able to dance the month of April and maybe even some of May. Would love to make some of the special dances, they sound like fun. Please pass along why I won't be around for a while, this also includes Plus 4s and ADD+.

Thanks,
jack

This is an update from Adam and Jean Sobotka's about their daughter:

Hi Everyone,

Sorry it's been a month since my last update on Karen, but it's been a very busy month for us. The port that Karen had put in February 22nd has been working well. She resumed her chemo treatments the following Wednesday on February 29th and is continuing with treatments every other Wednesday.

The unfortunate part is that she started having seizures right after the port was implanted and even with a change in her meds, she continues to have occasional seizures. Another change this past month is that she has been more tired and is having more headaches. Fortunately there are good days for her, but unfortunately a few more bad ones too. As a result of watching the changes in Karen, we also are having more stressful days.

Jeff, Karen's brother, came for a weekend visit in early March. I think Karen really enjoyed his visit and I was so glad they were able to spend time together. Fortunately Wendy has been able to be there for Karen through this whole ordeal and it's brought them closer together.

The last couple weeks, it's been necessary for two of us to be with Karen during the day. Because she has gotten weaker, it's harder for her to balance & move her right foot. Since the stroke in October, Karen hasn't regained use of her right arm or leg and her speech is still a problem.

Today she had another MRI and we are all praying that there's a good report. February 1st, when Karen had her last MRI, there was a very slight improvement and it would be wonderful if we'd at least get the same report from this one.

The Head for the Cure walk for brain cancer is coming up quickly, just over 2 months away on Saturday, May 12th. I am including the web site for either registration and/or donations if you are interested. <http://headforthecure.com/> If you have any questions, please email me & I'll help you with registration or donations so that Karen (KK's Crew) gets the credit.

Also, if you are interested, there is a RED shirt that we had made especially for our group. It was great to see everyone with their red shirts last year, and it made it easy to find people. If you are interested, please let me know & I will get you that information.

We love you all so much and really appreciate you keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. It's been a long hard battle for Karen & for her family, but you've been there with us, and we thank God that we still have Karen with us today.

Now for the Adam update.....

Adam finished his 42 radiation treatments for prostate cancer on March 12th. He will see his Doctor mid-April and will discuss how he will proceed from that point forward. He is still dealing with some of the minor side-effects from the radiation, but I think each day seems a little better.

Adam & Jean

Out of Town and Weekend Dances:

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

Dave and Lorraine Burson
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