



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for August 5, 2012

This is an important message to the club from the Lesson Committee. Our lessons are the life line for our club. We all need to do our part recruiting new dancers. We will probably have a few people drop out for one reason or other, some times it is sickness and some times people move away. So we must keep replenishing our membership. Please read all the context of this message about the lessons and also the message from Wayne.

MAINSTREAM SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Do you have someone
in mind that you would
like to invite to learn
to square dance?

**Attention All Swinging Stars!!!
It's recruiting time...**

BEGINNER BASIC MAINSTREAM SQUARE DANCE LESSONS SPONSORED BY THE "SWINGING STARS" START ON TUESDAY AUGUST 28 THRU DECEMBER 18 (17 LESSONS IN ALL) . We ask all club members to do their part to recruit students for our lessons. The Lesson Committee is doing advertising in local newspapers and magazines BUT WE NEED YOU to help us also by personally recruiting friends or acquaintances you feel would have fun doing our favorite pastime. We'll be handing out packets to all club members at our club dances. In each packet there will be Lesson Advertising Material: 5 pamphlets and 3 flyers. You may pick up as many packets as you like. There will also be several clear plastic pamphlet holders for those who know a place where these holders might be used.

Keep in mind the first two lessons on Tuesday, August 28 and Tuesday, September 4 are FREE. This is a good draw for those who have doubts about Square Dancing. Bring potential recruits with you these first two lessons.

Note also the Distribution Options listed in your packets. Always obtain permission from a store owner if you want to leave pamphlets in their store.

We thank all of you for your support in our recruiting efforts.

The Swinging Stars Lesson Committee 2012

A MESSAGE FROM WAYNE BALDWIN

Hi,

I'm sending this information to you, and thought you might want to send it to all club members. It does give good and useful information, but does not cover some things that I will add. First of all, every new dancer does not need an angel. I think it best for new dancers to dance together as much as possible for the simple reason they will not become dependent on angels. It's a slower process, but the dancers execute all of a call by themselves and with lots of repetition they learn more thoroughly. Of course all dancers do not learn at the same pace, and if more guidance is needed then angels play a big part of helping those individuals who need help. When teaching the more difficult calls that are hard to explain, I will ask for a square of angels to demo the call, which is a good learning tool. The overall plan is to teach dancers to fly by themselves with confidence and become good club members. After graduation is the most critical time for new dancers. It's a big adjustment from lessons to a club dance, and at that point, it becomes the responsibility of club members to make them feel welcome and comfortable. If new dancers come to a club dance and they are greeted with open arms, get to dance a lot and dance well, they are more likely to join the club and stay with the activity. At this point we all become angels, and we need to do our very best to guide them so they will become happy square dancers, and club members of the best club in the metropolis.

Everybody say Amen....

Wayne Baldwin

If you are wanting to attend our mainstream lessons to improve your dancing skills, and if you want to be assured that you will be able to dance in a square every time to achieve this goal, please enroll as a student with the Parks and Rec. Students look to the angels to be able to help them learn. It is frustrating for the student when they think all the members are well seasoned dancers only to find that some of the angels are having trouble with the calls, also.

GUIDELINES FOR CLASS ANGELS

WHAT IS A SQUARE DANCE ANGEL?

Heavenly beings? Well, square dance angels are a little more down to earth. They are the wonderful people who respond to the appeal to introduce square dancing to the public by demonstrating at shopping malls, one-night stands, TV spots and special programs. They bring others to square dance classes and aid the teacher/caller by filling in squares so that all class members may dance.

DEFINITION:

Participant of a dancing square that discreetly, privately, carefully and subtly indicates movement through the square. Gives dignity and encouragement. NOT AN INSTRUCTOR.

ARE YOU REALLY AN ANGEL?

Most callers appreciate the support and help of experienced dancers in the beginning classes, but "Angels" can actually make the caller's task more difficult and discourage, rather than encourage, new dancers. An angel will be an asset if he will only remember the first attempt and the first classes he attended. An Angel will not bring his "dancer ego" into the lesson sessions. Sometimes we forget that we were not born with all the basics installed for good square dancing and we too had to be shown right hand from left hand.

WHAT DOES AN ANGEL DO:

1. An Angel guides the new dancer and if done properly, only two people know that guidance was given - the one who guided and the one who was guided. Guidance is subtle - never pushing, pulling or humiliating.
2. An Angel can keep an enthusiastic attitude and an interested facial impression that during the time the instructor is attempting to teach or demonstrate. If the Angel acts or looks bored or loses patience during this time, then perhaps he or she is not cut out to be an "Angel".
3. An Angel does not attempt to explain a new movement during the time the instructor is talking. A new dancer cannot listen to two people at the same time. Answer any questions between tips or take the student to the instructor for help.
4. An Angel is careful not to say anything even in jest that may hurt a new dancer's feelings or make him feel inferior or humiliated.
5. An angel will offer his place in a square to a student who comes in late.
6. An angel does calmly regroup if a square breaks down. He does what the instructor teaches in lessons to get a derailed square going.
7. An angel is friendly. Introduces himself to the new people and makes them feel welcome.
8. An angel tries to be as slow as a learner while new movements are being taught. Does not do the movement until it has been explained.
9. An angel does not do any of the trick movements - gimmicks, bumps, kicks etc. that confuses a learner's ability to grasp the new movements.
10. Does not express gripes or complaints about how the club is run or other general problems about other club members, officers or the instructor.
11. Responds quickly to get squares set up ready to go. Encourage the new dancers to get on the floor quickly.
12. Wears badges and proper square dance attire. Observes the good manners and commandments of square dancers.
13. Invites the new dancers to stop for coffee if this is a practice with the club.
14. An angel arrives on time and is ready to dance.
15. An angel dances with different dancers so as to share their personality with others.
16. An angel is one who dances the calls the way they are called and not as they would like.

Membership Dues

The third quarter dues of 2012 are **past due**. Dues are due the first Swinging Stars dance of each quarter. The quarters start January, April, July and October.

If you are not sure if your dues have been paid for the 3rd quarter, please contact the Treasurer, Jim and Debbie Reid. jreid45@att.net

You may send you payment to the address listed below. 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 (**preferred**)
 \$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
7614 Queens Ferry
Dallas, Texas 75248-1647
972-789-1167



VISITATIONS FOR THIS WEEK

1 OFFICIAL VISITATION FOR THIS WEEK



Official Let's Do It Dance

Saturday, August 11. Dixie Chainers. Let's do it....have a Ball!!

Caller Vernon Jones. Cuer Jack von der Heide.

Early Rounds 7:00. Grand March 7:30. Farmers Branch Senior Center 14055 Dennis at Valwood. Wear your Black and White round-up attire. This is a wonderful place to dance (my personal favorite). It is always cool, has a great floor to dance on, and Vernon and Jack make the evening of dancing soooo much fun. See ad on page 11 of the August Promenade.

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Dance of Interest

Wednesday, August 1. Plus 4's. Guest Caller Wayne Baldwin.

This was a fun dance. We always enjoy dancing to Wayne. There were 3 squares with 2 extra couples. The Swinging Stars had 15 members attending. Thank you to P. Amy, Burson, Hawkins, Loxsom, Pitts, Sherman, Starrett and Whitakers.



Official Let's Do It Dance

Friday, August 3. Texas Reelers. Black and White Ball. Caller Mike Bramlett and Cuer Jack von der Heide. Wow! What an exciting dance. The Swinging Stars had 43 attending. We had enough to retrieve our banner and enough to capture the Reelers banner. Since last week they did the same, we just sort play a game of give and take the banner. Thank you to P. Amy, Burson, Carter, Covington, T. Evanto, Feldman, Harris, Henneberger, Humphrey, Kendrick, McGuire, Mosher, Perrott, Pharr, Pitts, Ramirez, Rose, Row, Smith/Harden, Starrett, and C. Wolf. Good Job Swinging Stars!



Official Let's Do It Dance

Saturday, August 4. Solitaries. Let's Play Ball. Bobby Willis Caller, J L Pelton Cuer.

Hot! Hot! Hot! is a good description for this dance. The Caller was hot. The dancing was hot. The cuer was hot and the temperature was super hot. If you missed this dance you missed a fun time. The new to Texas caller was fun, fast. and furious. The Swinging Stars had 21 attending. Since we have had their banner since March we could not get one. Thank you to P Amy, Burson, Carter, Covington, Humphrey, Jung, Loxsom, Pharr, Pitts, Smith/Harden, Starrett, and Underwood for being there in all that HOT.

NORTEX MEETING.

Sunday, August 5. 3rd Quarter Business Meeting. Watch for a report in the next newsletter. There is so much going on and coming up for the fall, it is going to take me a while to write it all.

COMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, August, 10. Regular dance night. Wayne calling and John cueing rounds. Our casual attire is in effect for the summer. We will be having a Work Shop at 7:30 and Square Dancing at 8:00. Don't forget everyone is invited to Mama's Pizza after the dance.

Caller and Cuer Dangle Dance

Saturday, August 12. Arlington Casuals. Pantego Lion's Club, 3535 Marathon, Pantego, TX. Dancing from 6:00 to 8:00pm. There is a group planning to go the Arlington Casuals to get a dangle from the caller Jimmy Ellis. If you would like to go along, it will be more fun if there are several Swinging Stars attending. There is an ad on Page 30 of the July Promenade.

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, August 21, @ 11:30. Peggy Pharr will be hosting the Ladies Luncheon at the ****Into My Garden Tearoom****. Into My Garden Tearoom is located in beautiful Historic Downtown Plano nestled amongst all the wonderful shopping and less than one block from the Plano DART station. They are located in the back of Nooks 'n Krannies Gift Shop. The address is 1017 E 15th St., Plano. Please RSVP to Peggy Pharr at pjp0901@juno.com by August 12. You can check out Into My Garden by going to www.intomygarden.com. We always love going there for lunch.



**FUN NIGHT PLEASE LET ME NOW IF YOU ARE GOING.....
I NEED A FIRM COUNT BY AUGUST 10.**



Friday, August 17. Southern Junction. The band for the night is Rob Dixon and the Lost Cowboy. Join Dave and me at the Southern Junction for dinner, dancing, fun and fellowship. It is ok if you don't want to dance come and have fun with the Stars. In the past we took a square dance CD and they played it for us during their intermissions. I don't promise that they will do that for us again, but I will try. The Southern Junction is a Steak House, Country and Western Nightclub

Friday

PRIME RIB SPECIAL \$19.95

BEFORE 7 PM--EARLY BIRD 2-4-1 STEAK SPECIAL \$19.95

(Does NOT Include the Prime Rib Dinner Special)

YOU MUST ARRIVE BEFORE 7 PM TO RECEIVE 2-4-1 SPECIAL

(All Dinners include a salad, baked potato, & Texas Toast)

5574 HWY 276 ROYSE CITY, TX 75189 NOTE: THIS IS THE ADDRESS YOU SHOULD USE FOR YOUR GPS SYSTEM!

Go to www.southernjunctionlive.com check out all about Southern Junction. There is also a coupon for free membership for you to print.



GRAM Free Dance

Sunday, August 19th. The NTCA and NORTEX invite you to an Afternoon Party for Prospective Dancers. This is a Fun Dance for people interested in learning to square dance. Bring all your friends, relatives and or acquaintances that inquire about our favorite pastime. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Line Dancing and Mixers: Jack von der Heide. 2:00 to 4:00 at the Senter Park Rec. Center 228 Chamberlain in Irving. Read ad on Page 34 of the August Promenade.



Swinging Stars Club Dance

Friday, August 24. ICE CREAM SOCIAL. Wayne calling and John cueing rounds. Our casual attire is in effect for the summer. We will be having Early Rounds at 7:30 and Square Dancing at 8:00. Don't forget everyone is invited to Mama's Pizza after the dance.

Square Dance Lessons

Tuesday, August 28th. Wayne Baldwin and the Swinging Stars along with the Plano Parks and Rec., will be sponsoring Mainstream Square Dance Lessons. Carpenter Park Rec. Center. 6701 Coit Rd. Plano. The lessons are at 7:00 to 9:00 every Tuesday and go thru Dec. 18th. Start thinking of all the friends that you would like to have dancing with us and invite them to try. If you meet someone new, tell them about square dancing and invite them to come and try. Tell them to go to www.swingingstars.org and click on Lessons and they can read all about the lessons.



Official Let's Do It Dance

Saturday, August 25. Cotton Pickin' Squares. Take me out to the Ball Game Round-up Dance. Caller Mike Bramlett. Cuer J L Pelton. Wear your favorite team shirt. Early Rounds 7:30. Grand March 8:00. Location is: L-3 Rec. Hall 10001 Jack Finney Blvd. Greenville, Tx. Read ad on Page 20 of the August Promenade.

Dance of Interest

Thursday, August 30. Lone Star Solos. You will flip over Flippo.. Marshall Flippo will be a Guest Caller. Christine Hixson will cue the rounds. 7:30 Rounds. 8:00 Grand March. The Knights of Columbus Hall 10110 Shoreview Rd., Dallas.



Dance of Interest

Friday, August 31. Rainbow Rounds 20th Anniversary and Fairytale Ball. Boy this one sounds like fun! Caller Joey Duhamel and Cuer Karen Gloodt. Request Rounds 7:00. Grand March 8:00. Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 at the Anglin Drive exit, Ft. Worth.

Out Of Town Weekend

August 31 and September 1 Chaparral Evening in Paris Dance. This is shaping up to be a fun weekend. We have at this time (if everyone sends in their reservation that said they were going to) 17 couples going to Pairs for the weekend. **You do not have to be a plus dancer to attend the Chaparral Evening in Paris Dance. They have added a third room for mainstream dancers.** It is less that a month until all the early reservations need to be made for this trip. If you are planning to go and have not sent your registration, you need to send in your reservation to Tom and Judy Welker before August 20. If you do not have a flyer with the registration on it you can go to www.swingingstars.org and click on weekends, see the information for the Chaparral weekend, click on flyer and there will be a flyer there. It is also in the July Promenade on page 28. Be sure to write Swinging Stars Lorraine's group on your registration form, so that we get the credit for the \$100.00 for the club's treasury.

We have a good number of members going. And as I always say, "The more Swinging Stars at a dance the more fun it is". Please be sure to tell me (Lorraine) that you have sent your registration so I can make sure you are on the list.

Swinging Stars will be having an After Party on Friday night. Place to be announced later. Bring a snack or treat to share and your favorite beverage.

If for some reason you have not read about this wonderful weekend go back to July 22nd newsletter and read about it.

Questions: Contact Lorraine at Lorraine@Bursons.us



SWINGING STARS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

"Let's Have a Ball" Pre Round-Up Dance



There is still several open slots for jobs and food to be filled for the Pre Round-up Dance. If you have not volunteered to help with our Let's Do it... Have a Ball, International World Ball Dance, please check out what job still has openings. I will continue to have sign-up sheets at the dance on Fridays. Please take time to sign up for one of the duties and either salads or desserts. Or you can contact me at lorraine@bursons.us and tell me what you would like to volunteer to do and whether you would like to bring salads or desserts.

Please click on the following link to read the information about signing up to help with the Let's Have a Ball, International World Ball Dance:

<http://www.swingingstars.org/International World Ball Info.pdf>

We are excited to have our "Let's Have a Ball" Pre-Roundup dance on Friday, September 28th. We have chosen the theme "International World Ball". Dress with an international flare if you like and come have a great time dancing as we build excitement for this year's annual NORTEX Roundup.

I would like to stress that ALL of the Swinging Stars members are hosting our Pre Round Up Dance. Everyone is expected to take part. This is a fundraiser for the club to help with the expenses of the club. Beyond that it is to be a fun filled night of friendship set to music. It is my expectation that everyone share in the tasks required to have a special dance of this kind. If everyone spends a little of his or her time helping out, everyone will be able to enjoy the dance. Please don't leave everything to the committee leaders to do all that is to be done. We will have sign-up sheets at the club dance on August 10th for you choose which job and time slot you prefer. Please make it a point to stop by the sign-in table as you enter the dance and check out what is available for you to do. With your corporation it will make a fun and pleasant time for everyone.

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

August 24 Back to school Ice Cream Social
September 28 Let's Do It: An International World Ball
October 12 Tailgate Party
November 9 Chili Cook Off
December 14 Toys and Books
January 25, 2013 Anniversary Dance

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

Refreshment Schedule – thru December 2012

Lead couple is first name on the list.

August 10 Stuart, Hursey, Hawkins, Pitts*
August 24 Loven, Meyer, Rose, Carter*
September 14 Deluke, Capps, Mosher, Barber*
September 28 Pre-Roundup Dance – All Members Help
October 12 Lewis, Ross, Jung, Whitaker*
October 26 Dance Cancelled due to Callers Cavalcade Dance
November 9 Amy, Feldman, Henneberger, Sherman*
November 23 Dance Cancelled due to Thanksgiving Holiday
December 14 Dennison, Giadrone/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 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.

Save These Dates:

Sunday, September 23rd. Appreciation Dance for Jay and Marty Miller.

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.

Friday, January 25th. Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance.

A 1 & A 2 LESSONS

Advanced lessons sponsored by Model's A's Square Dance Club
Model A's dance every Thursday night 7-9 pm, at Churchill Way
Instructor-- Wayne Baldwin

Lessons Begin: Thursday, August 23rd 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Churchill Recreation Center.
Churchill and Hillcrest in Dallas. 20 Lessons @ \$5.00/person per lesson ****(1st Lesson Free)****
. Call Wayne or Jodie for information at: 972-562-2178

****Prerequisites**** Must have a partner. Must have completed plus lessons

ROUND DANCE BOOT CAMP

(A Take –No-Hostages Learning Approach)

Rumba/Cha-Cha 101 – Sat, Aug 11

Rumba/Cha-Cha 201 – Sat, Aug 25

Learn to round dance in a fast-paced learning experience for the highly-motivated student.

Schedule (both days)

1:30 – 6:00pm Workshop/Lesson

7:00 – 9:00 Square Dance w/ Class level rounds for practice

John Brewer on rounds – Ronnie Himes on squares

Promenade Hall (home of Log Cabin Swingers)

1210 N Tool Dr (Hwy 274), Tool, TX

\$20.00/person/day or \$35.00/person for both days

Advanced registration (or call if registering late)

Send fees to instructors: John & Eula Brewer

813 W Crossland Blvd

Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Ph: 214.714.6601

E-Mail: R.Dancers@att.net

Houston Hoedown

Here is a message from Bob and Terri Pitts. Please read it and let **them** know what you think and if you would like to go to the Houston Hoedown. This is the equivalent of the Round-up that we have here. It sure sounds like fun to me.

Hey Swinging Stars,

We discovered a square dance opportunity in Galveston, Texas 16-17 November. It is called the Houston Hoedown to be held at Moody Gardens and features the headline caller Dee Dee Dougherty and cuer Mark Prow. See the details in the link below which is also available on the Swinging Stars website. Terri and I have already booked the event hotel (Moody Garden) and plan to participate in all the Friday and Saturday activities. We wanted to let you know about this opportunity to enable you to secure a hotel if you want to go and to collect interest from our club so we can plan travel, meals, etc. if there are enough interested. Let us know via email (bobp8211@gmail.com) if you plan to go.

<http://www.squarethru.com/Hoedown%20Flyer%202012-L.pdf>

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Thanks,

Bob and Terri Pitts

bobp8211@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

An Update from Jack Duncan

First I want to thank all of you for your kind words and well wishes during my back surgery. I got home Saturday afternoon from the hospital and I am getting around pretty good WITHOUT a walker but I am moving very slowly AND the good news...drum roll please...I don't have ANY pain in my right leg!! I have a LOT of pain in my back but that's to be expected after this complex of a procedure but the pain I was having in my right leg appears to be gone. The PT tech told me NOT to BLT; bend, lift or twist. So, I will heed those instructions and give nature time to heal my wounds and hopefully I can get back to a somewhat normal life. Sure miss dancing with you guys.

P. Jack Duncan

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
Swinging Stars President
Email: Dave@Bursons.us
