



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for August 26, 2012

Lessons start Tuesday

Have you invited someone to take lessons?

It is here. The Mainstream Lessons start August 28th (this week). I hope everyone has ask someone to come to try our favorite pastime, square dancing. The lessons will start at 7:00 and last till 9:00. It would be a good idea to get there a little bit early so we will be ready to start right at 7:00. If you know that you or your recruits will be taking the lessons please go ahead and get registered.

If you or you recruits can not be at the first lesson make sure that they come to the second one.

If you or your recruits are going to sign up for the lessons be sure to click on the following link: <http://www.lifesjustadance.com/grampub/LJAD-Business-Card-8371.pdf> and print the \$5.00 off coupon. Print 1st side and than turn it over and print the 2nd side. After you have registered with the Park and Rec. present it to the staff at the lessons for the refund of \$5.00 per person.

For the information about the lessons click on the following link:
http://www.swingingstars.org/LessonFlyer_2012.pdf

Incase for some reason you have miss the information about the lessons I am going to repeat it for you.

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.

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.

We thank all of you for your support in our recruiting efforts.
The Swinging Stars Lesson Committee 2012

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Dance of Interest

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



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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.

Dance of Interest Saturday, September 1. Circle 8

Special Dance honoring Jack and Ann von der Heide. Early Rounds 7:30. Grand March 8:00. Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin.
Cards and Letters would be appreciated. I think the caller will be Milton Luttrell, the ad didn't say.

Out of Town Weekend

Friday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. Chaparral Evening in Parris Weekend.

This is shaping up to be a fun weekend. We have at this time 16 couples going to Paris for the weekend. If you want to go you can still go. You would need to pay at the door. Early registration is over. You do not have to be a plus dancer. In addition to the Plus Hall and the A Hall, there is a Hall for Mainstream dancers. I think this hall is going to be all singing calls. 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 for the Paris weekend. It is also in the July Promenade on page 28.

I have organized this weekend trip to the 18th Annual Chaparral Evening in Paris. There are 5 great callers: Ken Bower, Marshal Flippo, Jon and Deborah Carrol Jones, and Gary Shoemake. They are all international callers. Cueing the Round Dancing will be Sonny Ezelle. Although this is just about more fun than one can expect to have... there is more.

Not only will we get \$100 dollars because we have 3 squares (we actually have 4 squares) but each of us that attend the weekend have a chance to win some lovely gifts. 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 prize donated by the merchants that are members of the Paris Chamber of Commerce.

Oh yea, we will also be having our own After Party at Peggy Pharrs motel on Friday night after the dance.

So if you would like to go you can still plan your trip.

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, August 21, @ 11:30. Thank to Peggy for hosting the lunch for this month. The food was oh so good and the fellowship was even better. If your are interested in hosting the luncheon for September please let Peggy Pharr pjp0901@Juno.com know ASAP, so we can get it on the calendar before Dave sends it out.

Swinging Stars Club Dance



Friday, August 24. BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



We thought this was not going to be a very well attended dance. Wrong! We had 13 1/2 squares. Not too shabby for a night when there were 4 clubs having advertised specials and one of them was a Pre Round up dance. The Kissin Kuzzins were there and retrieved their banner. I would like to say thank you to everyone that brought school supplies and donated money to the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center. We collected \$237.00 and several shopping bags of school supplies. Kudos to the Refreshments Committee. They did a superb job. I think everyone enjoyed the sweet creamy Ice Cream with all the toppings that you could ever think of. Thanks to Capps, Lovens, Hurseys, and Carters.



Official Visitation Let's Do It Dance

Saturday, August 25. Cotton Pickin' Squares.

This turned out to be a supper good dance with Mike Bramlett and Gary Shoemaker calling and JR Pelton cueing. There was some fun dancin' goin' on. There were about 13 or 14 squares and we had the most dancers. Swinging Stars had 19 members visiting. We did not get a banner as we already have a banner from the Cotton Pickin squares. Thank you to P Amy, Bursons, Covingtons, Evantos, Hamms, Harriss, Loxsoms, Maiers, Pharrs, and Wheatons.

COMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST

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.

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SWINGING STARS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

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



This is great news!

- We have need for two more couples to sign up to bring **2 Salads** each.
- We need one more couple to sign up to bring **2 Desserts**
- We need three couples to sign up to help with the **Beverage Service**.
- We could use a few more people to help with **Set Up** and to help put up the **Decorations**.
- If you have not volunteered to help with our Let's Do it... Have a Ball, International World Ball, please contact Lorraine Burson at Lorraine@Bursons.us and let me know you want to help. Please contact me so I don't have to call you.
- There is only one more dance before our Let's Do It... International World Ball Dance.
- I will not be at the dance on Friday, September 14th, so you will only be able to contact me by email.
- On September 16th I will be sending out a reminder as to what you have signed up to do and what food you have signed up to bring.
- Please click on the attachment to read the information about signing up to help with the Let's do it... International World Ball Dance.

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. With your co-operation it will make a fun and pleasant time for everyone.

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

September 28 Let's Do It: An International World Ball
October 12 Tailgate Party
November 9 Chili Cook Off and Honor our Veterans Dance
December 14 New Dancer Dance/Toys & Books for Children's Advocacy Cen. Benefit Dance
January 25, 2013 Anniversary Dance

REFRESHMENTS DUTY AND INFORMATION

Refreshment Schedule – thru December 2012

Lead couple is first name on the list.

September 14 Deluke, Meyer, 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, Giandrone/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.
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Save These Dates:

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

Saturday, October 13. NORTEX/NTCA Reunion and Food Bank Benefit Dance. Watch for details in the Sept Promenade.

Sunday, October 21. NORTEX 2nd Fun Dance Party.

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.

Friday, January 25th. Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance.

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

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:

I wasn't sure where to put this so here it is.

Rene` and Cher Shinavar are members of the McKinney Repertory Theatre and I said I would put this in the newsletter in case anyone is interested in going to this play.

McKinney Repertory Theatre presents "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie.

The show runs Oct 5 & 6, 12 & 13 at 8pm and Oct 14 at 2pm.

There will be a party after the show on opening night that the audience is invited to.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 214.544.4530 or on the web at

<http://www.McKinneyPerformingArtsCenter.org>

all shows are at the McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 North Tennessee, McKinney

Rene will be running sound and I will be running lights so if you come, be sure to stop by the sound and light boards in the back of the theatre and say HI!

Cher & Rene Shinavar

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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