

# North Houston Swing Dance Club

**Saturday January 30th, 2010**

We had another full house this week, so keep coming out, Gang! The more the merrier. Vince and Kellie were back, practicing their Groove Step. Tommy never sat down to rest. Sherri and Michael were working on the fine points of what they learned in class. Lynne and Paul both made it this week. Anise was wearing smiles from ear to ear. And Donna was wide-eyed giggling all night long! Good friends and good music. Thursdays and Dance...can it get any better?

**ITS FREE!!!**

We are so excited about our upcoming Anniversary Party on Saturday February 27th at 7:30. Your Board Members have been making all the necessary preparations to ensure that this will be our best party ever! And all you have to do is BE THERE! We've just confirmed that Damon and Lisa D'Amico will be doing our workshop again this year. Your feedback from last year was so good, we just had to bring them back for you.

This year, they've got some big plans in store for you. They've been building a whole new curriculum for the workshops that they do across the country. Damon and Lisa teach some hot moves, but they're focusing on dancing to the music. That means they'll be concentrating on how to listen to the music, and match up your moves to what you are hearing, accenting the various parts of a song - whether its the instruments, or the lyrics, or the stretches in the melody. Not many instructors even try to tackle this stuff, because its challenging to teach, and it takes a group of dedicated dancers to absorb what they're teaching. So come prepared to be taken to a new level of dance, and to grow. Your dancing will improve so much after just this one workshop! There will be something that every level of dancer will benefit from.

In addition, we're providing snacks, soft drinks. This is BYOB, so please drink responsibly. We've hired one of West Coast Swing's best DJ's - Ruby Lair. Ruby plays a great mix of R&B, blues and contemporary music that will keep the club swinging all night long.

This year, for the first time ever, your Anniversary Party is FREE to all members with a paid up membership. We appreciate all that you do to make this club the best there is, so this is YOUR night. Come out and celebrate. Guests are \$5.00. BYOB.

**Class Notes**

Our Beginners, Intermediates and two Advanced classes had a lot of fun learning new moves, and dancing with friends. Thank you Donese, Gary, Ann, Charles, and Bryan for all that you do to make these classes so good.

The amazing **Bobby and Rhonda** filled their hour long class with some great new West Coast Swing moves. Bobby put together a series of moves that use shoulders for drapes, drags and walk-arounds. He showed how to use both the lady's shoulders to trace across, or walk her in for a drape and open presentation. He also showed how to drop the lady's hand off on the guys shoulder and lets the lady trace across his back and down his arm to re-establish the connection. These are great variations to patterns and footwork we already know. Rhonda, as always showed the ladies how to make these moves look good with her beautiful style.

Thank you Bobby and Rhonda. Great stuff!

## **Around Town**

February is going to be another fun month.

February 20th, David Appel is hosting one of his famous West Coast Swing Party's at MJ DanceSports near Dairy Ashford and Memorial Drive.

Again, our party is the following weekend, February 27th right here in our home studio.

See you all next week!

Wayne