



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 30, 2022

Message from Presidents

Russ and Anne NejdI

What a fitting good bye dance for Bobby and Dalaina! We had 58 visitors and 34 Swinging Stars with 7 squares throughout most of the night. By the end of the evening, there were still 6 squares dancing. Bobby called all singing tips. In attendance were 3 callers and their wives – Toby & Judy Thomason, Mike and D' Bramlett, and Ray and Linda Savell. Our retired cuer, Walter and Eula Brewer attended also. Club presidents included Terri and Jerry Johnson from Kissin Kuzzins, Michelle Singleton and Jerry Maloney from Tri-City Promenaders, Dianne and Gene Geyer from Dixie Chainers, Pat and Joe Cadenhead from Triangle Squares, and Linda and Leonard Walton from Circle I. NORTEX officers visiting were Area Vice President Debbie Anderson, Terri and Fred Lanier, our area NORTEX Vice Presidents, Treasurers Kaye and Larry Horstmann, and Carolyn and Chris Mills, Area Vice Presidents and Presidents Pro Tem, We returned 6 banners and gave out 3 of our banners. Terri and Fred Lanier presented the club with its 1000 club visitation award patch. Those who received their friendship visitation danglers were Donita and Ron See, Lorraine and Dave Burson, and Janet and Bob Rodgers. There were at least 6 or more couples round dancing to JL's rhythms all night long. The finale of the really big circle was indeed a really big circle. It was so big that it barely fit in the hall. The hospitality room continues to be a big hit after the dance with even our visitors taking advantage of it.

Good bye, Bobby we will miss you.

Anne and Russ NejdI

1st Quarter Dues are due

Members that normally pay quarterly and members that pay for six months your dues are due for the first quarter.

Dues for a quarter are \$27.50 for single member and \$55.00 for a couple. Dues for six months are \$55.00 for a single member and \$110.00 for a couple.

Please pay your 1st quarter dues at the next square dance or mail your check to the treasurer:

Nevin R Mulvin
3409 Eisenhower Ln
Plano, TX 75023-3933

2nd VP Report

From Dave and Lorraine Burson

The current Swinging Star Banner inventory is shown below. If you visit a club whose banner we have, please don't bring home one more.

Banners Captured by the Swinging Stars

Club	Date Captured
T Square Gadabouts	4/19/2019
Log Cabin Swingers	5/04/2019
Rebel Rousers	1/15/2022
Triangle Squares	1/29/2022

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Circle I	1/28/2022
Kissin Kuzzins	1/28/2022

Most NORTEX clubs have resumed dancing. Most clubs that have resumed dancing have ads in the *Promenade*. To reach the *February Promenade*, click here: www.new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2022-02-Promenade.pdf

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Saturday, January 29 -- Triangle Squares -- Anniversary Dance

Both Toby Thomason and Charlie Robertson did an outstanding job of keeping the dancing to a high level of fun. I noticed that there were several Round dancers enjoying Jack von der Heide's selection of the rhythms. There were and 93 visitors from all around the Nortex area, and 18 Triangle Squares members for a total of 111 dancers. I believe most of the dancers were still there at the end of the dance. I hope this is an indication that things are actually beginning to get back to some sort of normalcy. The Swinging Stars had 8 members attending. For some reason the Triangle squares president thought we had ten so we retrieved our banner that they just got Friday night. We also captured their banner. Thank you these Swinging Stars for attending: Bursons, Nejdls, Rodgers, and Sees. We also got another 2 signatures toward the 1020 Club Visitation Award Patch.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Round Dance, Of Interest

Sunday, January 30 -- Harvest Holiday -- Winter Fun Rounds

An afternoon of Round Dancing, Phase 2, 3, and 4

Where: Swingtime Center, 5100 SE Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX

Cuers: Area Round Dance Instructors

Time: 2:00 to 5:00

Donation: \$8.00 Per Dancer

Note: For more info see page 33 of the January Promenade.

Plus Dance, Of Interest

Wednesday, February 2 -- Plus fours -- Groundhog Day Dance.

This is the first of the New Plus fours dances with Toby Thomason being their new caller. Come out and enjoy the Plus Fours new Caller and format. Yes we all will miss Quiz, and we wish him well. The dance will start at 7:00 and be over at 9:00. Toby don't do "A", but he does a fantastic job calling Plus. They are only having one Plus Fours dance a month, (for now), and it is on the first Wednesdays of the month.

Where: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

Time: 7:00 to 9:00

Caller: Toby Thomason

Official Visitation -- Double Deal Dance, 2 Signature Dance

Friday, February 4 -- Texas Reelers -- Groundhog Shadow Dance

Will there be six more weeks of winter or an early Spring. Come and dance with the Reelers and find out.

Where: Richardson Senior Center 820 W. Arapaho Richardson, TX.

Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Caller: Deborah Carroll, Jon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Note: See page 9 of the February Promenade.

Official Visitation -- Banner Raid

Saturday, February 5 -- Dixie Chainers -- We Love To Dance

The Dixie Chainers are a fun group to dance with and we all like dancing to Bill Hinkley and round dancers like dancing to Chris Farabaugh. So, Swinging Stars please come and help us capture their Banner.

Where: Christ United Methodist Church, 2807 Valwood Parkway, Farmers Branch, TX

Caller: Bill Hinkley

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: Early Rounds 7:00 Grand March 7:30

Note: The format is Mainstream and Plus Dancing. Snacks and Bottled water provided.
See page 12 of the February Promenade for more info.

Official Visitation -- 2 Signature Dance

Thursday, February 10 -- Double Plus -- 19th Anniversary Dance

Where: Swingtime Center, 5100 East Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX.

Caller: Vernon Jones

Time: Workshop 7:00, Dance 7:3-to 9:00

Donation: \$8:00 per person

Note: Casual attire, snacks and drinks Provided.

See page 14 of the February Promenade for more info.

Club Dance

Friday, February 11 -- Swinging Stars -- Sweetheart Dance

Where: Elks Lodge-Plano, 1111 Jupiter Road, # 105B, Plano, TX

Guest Caller: Toby Thomason

Cuer: JL Pelton

Time: ER 7:00, Sq. Workshop 7:30, GM 8:00

Note: Come and have fun dancing and stay for the after party in the Elks Hospitality Room.
See page 16 of the February Promenade.

Of Interest -- Visitation

Saturday, February 12 -- Circle I -- Be My Valentine, All Singing Calls Dance.

If you enjoy dancing to Ray Savell, you will surely have a fun night of dancing to this all singing calls dance.

Where: Senter Park East, 1000 Senter Park Road Irving TX.

Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Grand March 8:00.

Note: Coffee and Water provided. See page 17 of the February Promenade.

OF INTEREST -- Visitation

Friday, February 18 -- Kissin' Kuzzins -- Pretty In Purple

Don't be in a haze, put on your some purple and come and dance with the Kissin Kuzzins

Where: Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road Garland Road, TX.

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: JL Pelton

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Mainstream Workshop 7:30, Grand March 8:00.

Note: Mainstream with Plus Tip. Bring your own drinks and snacks.

See page 19 of the February Promenade for more info.

Official Visitation -- Double Deal Dance, 2 Signature Dance

Saturday, February 19 -- Rebel Rousers -- Black and White Ball

It is fun to get all dressed up occasionally. I look forward to dressing up for their Black and White Ball. Wouldn't you?

Where: Richardson Senior Center, 628 W. Arapaho Richardson, TX.

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Plus Fun Shop 7:30, Dance 8:00

Note: Please bring your own drink and snacks.

See page 23 of the February Promenade for more info.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 22 -- String Bean Restaurant

The February ladies luncheon will be hosted by Lorraine. I have chosen the String Bean Restaurant. The String Bean Restaurant at 1310 Campbell Road #101 in Richardson, Texas 75080 - Offers the best home cooking in North Dallas and DFW. I hope we have a good turnout for this month's luncheon. I made our reservation for 11:00. Please reply to me at lorraine@bursons.us by Feb 20th so, I can tell the management how many will be coming for lunch. Check out their web page at www.thestringbean.com. It looks like a very comfortable place to have our luncheon. Hope to see you there.

Club Dance

Friday, February 25 -- Swinging Stars -- Olympic gold

Where: Elks Lodge-Plano, 1111 Jupiter Road, # 105B, Plano, TX

Guest Caller: Tim Tyl

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Time: ER 7:00, Sq. Workshop 7:30, GM 8:00

Note: Come and have fun dancing and stay for the after party in the Elks Hospitality Room.

See page 16 of the February Promenade. Be there or be square

*** OTHER EVENTS ***

None

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

The Swinging Stars hosted a nice good luck and farewell dance for Bobby and Dalaina Friday night. It was great to see how much dancing inspiration was there. It is the end of the month and time to check for the new issue of the Promenade and to look at flyers for February dances. See page 43 in the Promenade for the top 10 benefits for square dancing. It is very persuasive and you can share it with your friends. During the holidays at our house, our daughter and son in law watched videos of performances by some national round dancers we had met again this past year. Our daughter has always loved dancing and musicals. She sent me a link to "Comparing the 2 film versions of West Side Story (1961 and 2021). The critics have given very different reviews. From Facebook I took the following: " Upon observing art---statues, paintings, movies/theater and dancing in its varying forms, the coolest thing about art is that it has, for lack of a better description, a life of its own. A big part of art is how it is perceived. Perceptions change from person to person and time to time. So don't be afraid to give an answer. It may not be what the artist or performer was thinking and, in fact, you might even be alone in the world with regard to said answer. But that doesn't mean it is the wrong answer. It just means it's your answer." E. A. Hamm. He doesn't dance but he sees the benefits of all kinds.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Saturday, April 30, 2022, **Swinging Stars 47th Anniversary** Dance.
Friday, October 14, 2022 **Swinging Stars Double Deal** Dance.
Friday, October 28, 2022, **NTCA Caller's Cavalcade**
Saturday, October 29, 2022, **NORTEX 2022 Round-Up**

Web Master Dave Burson

Be sure to check out our web page: www.swingingstars.org

There is a lot of information about what is going on with the Swinging Stars.

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page and click on Weekends.

Message from Newsletter Editor

Thank you for making it this far down the newsletter.

As we streamlining the newsletter, if we remove something or change something that you liked the way it was, or have any suggestions, please send your comments and suggestions to:

newsletter_editor@swingingstars.org Anything sent to that email address will go to the **President of the Swinging Stars** and to the **Newsletter Editor** (Dave Burson).

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Swinging Stars

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See Flyers below



Swinging Stars

Guest Caller
Toby Thomason

Cuer
JL Pelton

February 11th
Sweetheart
Dance



**Singles
Board**

XOXO



**Guest
Caller**
Tim Tyl

February 25th
Olympic
Gold

Guest Cuer
**Christine
Hixson**



**WE HAVE
MOVED**

ELKS LODGE - PLANO

**1111 Jupiter Rd #105B
Plano TX 75074**

Early Rounds: 7:00
Sq. Workshop: 7:30
Grand March: 8:00



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