



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 5, 2021

Message from Presidents

Russ and Anne Nejd

We had a wonderful holiday party at the Lassiter's house on Friday night. Nina and Dan went out of their way to really decorate for the holidays. We enjoyed great BBQ, a game, and just visiting with each other. Thank you Nina and Dan for opening up your house to us.

Bobby and Dalaina announced to the club that they are moving back to Oklahoma at the end of January. Bobby was laid off from Toyota around Thanksgiving. They plan to move to Lawton or Oklahoma City where they have a lot of family. The board will be discussing how to move forward. We will miss you Bobby and Dalaina.

Anne and Russ Nejd

Square Dance Lessons Starting January 3!

We have scheduled square dance lessons to begin January 3 at Liberty Recreation Center, 2601 Glenclyff Dr, Plano (east of Independence and south of 15th Street). Lessons will be on Monday nights, 7:15 – 9:15, for sixteen weeks, January 3 through April 18.

Like all NORTEX clubs, the Swinging Stars was hit hard by the pandemic, and we really need to get enthusiastic new members into the club. The only way that will happen is through all of us working hard to get people to take lessons. The best thing all of us can do to help is to talk with our acquaintances who are not square dancers and tell them how great it is – the fun, the friendships, the exercise – and let them know that the lessons are coming up.

For our members who haven't returned to dancing after the pandemic and may feel you need instruction before dancing again, here's your chance. Please take the lessons and come back – we miss you!

We'll have more information in the coming weeks – this is to get you started thinking about people you know who would make great Swinging Stars. Registration opens December 4 for Plano residents and December 6 for non-residents.

1st VP Report

From Dan and Nina Lassiter

Thank you to all who attended the Swinging Stars Christmas (Holiday) Party at our home, Friday Dec. 3, 2021. Dan and I appreciate the efforts of all who attended. We want to say a special thank you to all who helped set up tables and chairs at the last minute. (Sorry about that, we could not decide ahead of time, whether to set up tables or not.) Next time we will know this group prefers table availability. Special thanks goes to Linda and Charlie Harris for taking reservations, collecting money, ordering food, and most of all picking up the food order at Sonny Bryan's! A second very special

thank you goes to Fran Bivins and Peggy Pharr. They came early and offered to help. They finished putting icicles on our tree just in time for the party to start. I really love icicles on trees, but had thought I could not get them on the tree. Thanks to the Rogers and others for help setting out serving utensils and getting the food on the table. To Sarah and Nevin, thank you for my favorite "side dish", the olives. What a nice surprise addition! And finally to the Nejdls and all the Contestants for the Prayer and the Family Feud game. If you were unable to join us at the party, we want you to know you were missed.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Dan and Nina

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
Tri-City Promenaders	7/24/2021
Circle I	9/11/2021
Kissin Kuzzins	11/5/2021
Dixie Chainers	11/6/2021
Lone Star Solos	11/11/2021
Rebel Rousers	11/20/2021

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured

Many NORTEX clubs have resumed dancing or will in the near future. Most clubs that have resumed dancing have ads in the *Promenade*. To reach the **December *Promenade***, click here: <http://www.swingingstars.org/2021-12-Promenade.pdf>

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Saturday, December 4 -- Dance of Interest

Circle 8 -- 74 years of Square dancing featuring Darryl Lipscomb.

Darryl Lipscomb and Melton Luttrell called a fun dance. While Jack von der Heide kept the Round dancers happy with a good mix of square dance level rhymes for them to enjoy. There were 6 squares in the Grand March. I noticed there were 7 couples of Round Dancers dancing most all of the evening clear thru to the end of the evening. Another interesting observation I had, was when the Plus tip was called there were 6 Squares dancing, same as the number that was in the Grand March. One tip during the evening Darryl and Melton recorded a patter call tip. Swinging Stars had 6 members present and we were able to collect another Signature for the Club Visitation Award patch. Thank you to the Rodgers, Sees and Bursons for attending..

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

Thursday, December 9 -- Of interest

Lone Stars -- Christmas Dance

This will be the Lone Star Solos last dance. I hope you will come and enjoy dancing with the Lone Star Solos Club for their last Dance.

Where: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 3217 Guthrie Road, Garland, Tx.

Guest Caller: Toby Thomason,

Guest Cuer: David Berling

Time: New Beginning Rounds Workshop 7:00, Square Dance Level Rounds Between tips, Grand March 7:30, Main Stream with 2 Plus tips.

Note: See the Flyer on page 16 of the December Promenade.

Friday, December 10 -- Regular Dance

Swinging Stars -- Theme Dance -- Jingle Bells Rock

We will be dancing at our newest location. We will be accepting Teddy Bears or cash for the Plano Police Department.

Where: ELKS LODGE PLANO, 1111 Jupiter Road, #105B, Plano, TX

Caller: Bobby Willis,

Cuer: JL Pelton

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

Note: See Flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Saturday, December 11 -- Official Visitation

Circle I -- Poinsettia Christmas Ball -- Anniversary Dance

Where: Senter Park Rec. Center, 901 Senter Road, Irving Tx.

Club Caller: Ray Savell,

Guest Caller: Vernon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Note: Prepackaged snacks, Coffee and water will be provided for more info see flyer on page 19 of the December Promenade.

Thursday, December 16 -- Dance of interest.

Road Runners -- White Christmas -- Theme Dance

You will love dancing to Scotts Bennett's unique calling and great music.

Where: Swingtime Center 5100 S.E. Loop 820 and Anglin, Fort Worth Tx.

Guest Caller: Scott Bennett

Time: Workshop 7:00, Grand March: 7:30

Note: See Flyer on Page 20 on the December Promenade.

Friday, December 17-- Official Visitation -- Banner Raid

Texas Reelers -- Ugly Sweater -- Theme Dance.

It should be a fun time. Who will have the ugliest Christmas sweater?

Where: Richardson Sr. Center 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson Tx.

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

Callers: Deborah Carroll and Jon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Note: For more info see flyer on page 23 of the December Promenade.

Saturday, December 18 -- Dance of Interest

Rebel Rousers -- Winter Wonderland -- Theme Dance

Where: Richardson Sr. Center 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson Tx.

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

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Note: For more information see Flyer on page 29 of the December Promenade.

Tuesday, December 21

Ladies Luncheon

The December ladies luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 21st at noon at the NejdI house (4105 Cassandra Lane, Plano). She will serve two types of quiche and drinks. She has been researching fun games for us to play as well as looking for those high quality prizes the winners have come to expect. If you wish to attend, let her know by the 18th of December so she may plan accordingly. Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share and let her know what you will bring when you RSVP. If you wish to participate in the optional dreaded white elephant gift exchange, bring a wrapped item – regifting is totally OK too. Reply to Anne NejdI at Yo_Red@Verizon.net

Friday, December 31 -- Of Interest visitation

T-Square Gadabouts -- New Years Eve, Light up the night -- Theme dance

Where: Swingtime Center Swingtime Center, Loop 820 @ Anglin, Ft. Worth

Time: Early Rounds 7:00 to 8:30.

Squares and Rounds 8:30 to 11:00 (midnight in New York)

Club Caller: Vernon Jones

Guest Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

Admission: Pre ordered, \$15.00 per person or \$20.00 per person at the door.

Call Becky for reservations and more information at 972-849-6673

Note: See page 28 for more details about the refreshments.

*** * * OTHER EVENTS * * ***

Square Dance Lessons Starting January 3

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Thanks to the Lassiters for hosting the Swinging Stars Christmas party in their home on Friday night. Thirty-five members attended including Bob and Kathy Estep, Fran Bivins and Peggy Pharr. Associate members Harry and Zari Kilejian also came. Zari is getting around well, and hopes to be dancing again soon.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Monday, January 3, 2022, 7:15 – 9:15 PM, **Swinging Stars Square Dance Lessons begin**
At Liberty Recreation Center, 2601 Glenclyff Dr, Plano, TX

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

Dave Burson

Newsletter Editor

Swinging Stars

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See Flyers below



Swinging Stars

JINGLE BELL ROCK



Caller:
Bobby
Willis

Cuer:
JL
Pelton

December 10, 2021

Banners
Honey Pot

**WE HAVE
MOVED**

Again!

New Location:
ELKS LODGE PLANO
1111 Jupiter Rd #105B
Plano TX 75074

**Accepting
Teddy
Bears/Cash
for the
Plano Police
Dept**

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

For Info: 972-964-5979 or President@swingingstars.org
Visit our Web Site: www.swingingstars.org
Dancers Under 18 free When accompanied by a paying adult



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Square Dancing Is Friendship Set to Music



Square Dance Lessons
(FOR NEW DANCERS - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!)
Partner recommended but not required

In cooperation with
Plano Parks and Recreation
Where: Liberty Recreation Center, 2601 Glencliff Dr, Plano
When: Monday nights, 7:15 – 9:15
January 3 – April 18, 2022

To register call Liberty Recreation Center at 972-769-4234 or register online at
<https://www.plano.gov/749/Parks-Recreation>
Class #41632, Modern Square Dance

Questions? Contact Ralph and Lucy Hamm, 214-308-8958

Live Lively -



Square Dance!