



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 4, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

It is with great anticipation that Jan and I approach the good prospects of square dancing in 2024. It seems to me that it is a great time to come in as President of the Swinging Stars. Thanks to John and Debbie for all they did and continue to do for square dancing and Swinging Stars. They were faced with some challenging issues as Presidents. They, and your board, brought us a new hall and new caller. Thank you Nina again for recommending the Network Ministries Hall. It has truly been a blessing to our club. I don't know who first recommended Charlie and Kristi but thank you to everyone involved in that decision. Charlie's calling, as well as Jan's Cueing, continues to bring in a number of visitors. And the hall is perfect for dancing.

Lessons started and we had a great first night. Nine students signed up and we may have a few more come this Monday. Dave Toms is an excellent teacher. However, if you come this Monday, yours truly will be teaching. The Toms' and the Robinsons' are on a square dance cruise till Saturday. Thus, Mike Bramlett will be calling and Chris Farabaugh will be cueing our dance this Friday, Feb 9th.

My calling opportunities continue to grow. Today I called a square dance party for a group of Veterans and their spouses at the Lone Oak Retreat in Gainesville, TX. They were from all over the US. We all had a great time. Also, I have a square dance party this Friday in Terrell, TX for one of the churches. There are supposed to be 70-100 people in attendance. Thus, as my first official dance as your new president, I won't be there. But, never fear, the Charlie and Linda Harris and Dave and Lorraine Bursons will be handling my duties. Thank you to these couples. You do so much for our club.

We had a good attendance of Swinging Stars at the Reeler's dance Friday night. The evening was cut one tip short due to the pending thunderstorm and possible large hail. We appreciate them keeping track of the storm and alerting all of us of it's approach.

Finally, a word of thanks to the outgoing and incoming officers as, with the exception of president, they are the same individuals that served this past year. You're contributions are tremendous and very much appreciated.

God Bless Us All

Richard C

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 our next dance (Feb. 9, 2024) or mail your check, payable to the Swinging Stars, to the treasurer:

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

Message from the 1st Vice Presidents Charlie and Linda Harris

Lessons January 29, 2024

Club members! The Rec. Center requires 8 students to make this class. Do any and all advertising you can. Print flyers from the newsletter and take them to your favorite gyms, grocery store and your frequently visited locations. Click on the following link for a pdf version of the flyer:

http://www.swingingstars.org/2024_Jan_Square_Dance_Lessons.pdf

Also, do online advertising in places like Nextdoor, Dallas Morning News and any online neighborhood magazines. Thank you for increasing our reach and spreading the word.

Mainstream Lessons

Beginning: Monday January 29th, 2024

Ending: May 13th, 2024

Instructor: David Toms

Location: Liberty Rec Center (online catalog activity #65461)

2601 Glencliff Drive

Plano, TX 75075

Phone: (972) 769-4234

\$89.00 per person for 16 weeks.

Swinging Stars Hospitality Reminder!

Thank you to all that showed early to support our club! **Many hands** help make the tasks much easier. Your participation helps our club continue to enjoy success!

Please arrive at **7:00pm** and park in the back. The back door will be open for your entry. Let me know, if you have any questions. **Send me an email if you can help.** LindaHarristx@hotmail.com

Hospitality Teams

<i>Dance Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Feb 9	Hospitality Snacks on hand are sufficient for this dance
Feb 23	Hospitality
Mar 8	Hospitality

Thank you for your support,
Charlie and Linda Harris – 1st VP

2nd VP Report

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
Pegasus Squares	12/10/2023
Triangle Squares	1/19/2024
Rebel Rousers	1/20/2024
Texas Reelers	2/02/2024

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Tri-City Promenaders	7/14/2023

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Of Interest Club Visitation

Sunday, January 28 – NTCA – Officer Installation Dance

No report was made.

Official Club Visitation - Banner Retrieval – Double Deal Dance

Friday, February 2 – Texas Reelers – Superbowl

Deborah Carrol Jones always finds a way to coordinate the tunes she calls for her singing call part of the tips with the theme of the dance. She was very clever to incorporate football lyrics for the Reelers theme for their Double Deal Dance with a Superbowl theme. The dance was fun and Chris Farabaugh did a good job with a good mix of rhythms for the Round Dancers to enjoy.

Since there was a rainstorm coming that was said to have some hail. The Reelers decided to cut the dance a few minutes short, so all could get home safe before the storm hit. Swinging Stars had 10 members visiting the Reelers dance. Thank you to the Caves, Covingtons, Harrises, Trujillos and the Bursons for supporting the Swinging Stars Official Club Visitation. We managed to retrieve our banner and capture the Texas Reelers Banner.

*** COMING EVENTS ***

To reach the **February Promenade**, click here:

<https://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2024-02-Promenade.pdf>

Of Interest Club Visitation for Plus Dancers

Wednesday, February 7 – Plus 4s

Where: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church -- 12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

Caller: Toby Thomason

Time: Plus 7:00

Friday, February 9 – Swinging Stars – Let Me Call You Sweetheart

Where: Network Ministries – 1500 International Pkwy #300, Richardson

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Dance 8:00

Note: See page 16 of the February Promenade for more information

Official Club Visitation - Banner Raid

Saturday, February 10 – Circle I – Mardi Gras Party

Where: Heritage Senior Center - - 200 S. Jefferson St, Irving

Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Note: See page 18 of the February Promenade for more information

Official Club Visitation - Banner Raid

Friday, February 16 – Kissin' Kuzzins – Boot Scootin' Boogie

Where: Network Ministries – 1500 International Pkwy #300, Richardson, TX

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Time: Mainstream Workshop 7:30 PM, First S/D Tip 8:00 PM

Note: See page 21 of the February Promenade for more information

Of Interest Club Visitation – Double Deal

Saturday, February 17 – Rebel Rousers – Black & White Ball

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

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

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

Note: See page 24 of the February Promenade for more information.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Wednesday, February 21st, 2024 AT 11:30

We are inviting all lady associate members to come and enjoy visiting with us.

The Ladies Luncheon will be hosted by Linda Harris, on February 21st, 2024 at 11:30 am. The location is Breadwinners, 4821 Preston Rd, Plano, TX 75093. Please reply Linda by February 19th, 2024 at LindaHarristx@hotmail.com, if you plan to attend. Click on the link below to check out their menus. <https://breadwinnerscafe.com/restaurant-menus>

Friday, February 23 – Swinging Stars – Mardi Gras

Where: Network Ministries – 1500 International Pkwy #300, Richardson, TX

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Jan Toms

Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Dance 8:00

Note: See page 29 of the February Promenade for more information

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

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Sunshine information

From Peggy Amy our Sunshine Reporter

No news to report.

Let's keep in touch by sharing news in our Newsletter.
Please send news to Peggy Amy amybpeggy@verizon.net

Special dates to put on your calendar

Monday, January 29, 2024 **Swinging Stars Square Dance Lessons**
Friday, May 10, 2024 **Swinging Stars 49th Anniversary** Dance
Friday, October 11, 2024 **Swinging Stars Double Deal** Dance
Friday, November 22, 2024 **Swinging Stars Round up Theme** Dance

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
Email: newsletter_editor@swingingsstars.org
Phone: 972-396-0941

See Flyers below



Try something new in 2024

Come out and Learn to

SQUARE DANCE

Connect with other fun People

Dance to some of your favorite music

Its fun engaging and relaxing

Fun couple date night activity

Less than \$6.00 per night per person

Modern Square Dance (Beg) #65461

Location: Liberty Recreation Center
2601 Glencliff Dr., Plano Tex. 75075
Phone 972-769-4234

Jan. 29, 2024 to May 13, 2024

Monday 7:15 PM - 9:15 PM

Instructor: David Toms

Fee Per Person

Plano Resident \$89.00

Non Resident \$93.00

10% Discount for 60 or more years old

Registration Starts

Plano Residents Dec. 2, 2023 at 8:00 AM

Non Plano Residents Dec. 4 at 5:00 AM

Number of sessions 16

First session Jan. 29 is FREE, however, after your first lesson on Jan. 29, if you think this is fun and you decide that you would like to take the lessons, you must register that evening after the lesson is over.

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For more information call:

Linda Harris 214-534-7632 or Email: 1stvp@swingingstars.org

See website: www.swingingstars.org

Swinging Stars

Let Me Call You Sweetheart

Honey Pot

Singles Board



Banners

Lite Snacks

Valentine Dance

February 9, 2024

Guest Caller: Mike Bramlett

Early Rounds 7:30

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Square Up: 8:00



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Network Ministries Building
1500 International Pkwy Ste. 300
Richardson Tx. 75081



Dancers under 18 dance FREE with paying adults

For info: 214-675-6523 OR president@swingingstars.org

Visit our website: www.swingingstars.org

Swinging Stars

Celebrates



Honey Pot

Banner Game

MARDI GRAS

February 23, 2024

Network Ministries Building

1500 International Pkwy Ste. 300 Richardson TX.75081

Solo Board

Snacks

Caller Charlie Robertson

Cuer Jan Toms



Early Rounds: 7:30

Square Up: 8:00

SAVE THE DATE May 10, 2024

SWINGING STARS 49th ANNIVERSARY DANCE

DANCING WITH THE STARS

GUEST CALLER: JETT ROBERTS

CLUB CALLER: CHARLIE ROBERTSON

CLUB CUER: JAN TOMS

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adult.

For Info Contact 214-675-6523 or president@Swingingstars.org

Visit our web site: www.swingingstars.org



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