



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 11, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

Jan and I had the opportunity to teach a square dance party a week-a-go Saturday to a group of veterans. Of course we were excited to teach lessons Monday night in the absence of the Toms. Friday night we had another square dance party for a church in Terrell. It finished early enough we were able to make the last half of our Swinging Stars Dance, Let me call you Sweetheart. I believe it all went well.

Something for all of us to ponder... how many dancers do you know that now dance as Independent, that is without club membership? Independent dancers are welcome at all clubs and especially Swinging Stars. It is a fact that most clubs could not exist long term without ample visitation from other club and Independent dancers. It's one of the reasons we play the banner game and give reconciliation to both clubs and individuals that visit regularly and acquire signatures to document their attendance.

Back to independent dancers, how many do you know that have danced regularly for a year, two years, five years or more? Searching my memory banks, it seems most Independent dancers will generally dance about a year before we don't see them at dances anymore. Being a member of a club, provides a motivation for not only dancing at club dances but it provides motivation to members for visiting other clubs and attending anniversary dances, double deal dances and more.

There was a period that Jan and I were not involved. It was due to personal family issues followed by the Covid epidemic. During that period we continued to pay club dues and we followed thru newsletters and publications. Also, I maintained one of the Swinging Stars Facebook pages promoting dances and lessons.

Club membership fosters relationships and comradery. It gives us a sense of belonging to a like minded group of individuals with similar interest and diversities.

If are a club member but don't feel those things, my suggestion is get involved... ask to angel lessons, join a committee or serve as an officer. Or, simply organize a group of friends to go square dance as a visitor at another club. Another option is to invite others to go out before or after dances for a refreshment. You'll be glad you did.

Have a great week. I will see you in a square!

Richard C

Message from the 1st Vice Presidents

Charlie and Linda Harris

Mainstream Lessons

Lessons are in progress and going well – Come help with angeling! Monday nights 7:15pm

Location:

Liberty Rec Center
2601 Glencliff Drive
Plano, TX 75075

Swinging Stars Hospitality Reminder!

Please arrive at **7:00pm** and park in the back. The back door will be open for your entry.

Hospitality Teams

<i>Dance Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Feb 23	Hospitality Snacks on hand are sufficient for this dance
Mar 8	Hospitality
Mar 22	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
Circle I	2/10/2024

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Tri-City Promenaders	7/14/2023
Kissin' Kuzzins	2/11/2024

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Of Interest Club Visitation for Plus Dancers

Wednesday, February 7 – Plus 4s

Dance was cancelled because Toby was sick.

Official Club Visitation - Banner Raid

Saturday, February 10 – Circle I – Mardi Gras Party

I think the dance was really a good dance. We were worn out by Ray Savell calling at a very fast pace. The dance was very upbeat. I believe everyone had fun dancing to Ray Savell's Plus Workshop. The workshop was full of enthusiastic Plus Dancers. Chris Farabaugh is really good getting the Round dancers out onto the floor with his well-arranged list of Rhythms.

There were 55 visitors and 19 Circle I members for a total of 74 Dancers. There were actually 6 Swinging Stars that attended the dance. Many thanks to the Covingtons, Trujillos and Bursons for attending our Official Visitation Banner Raid. We managed to capture their banner.

*** COMING EVENTS ***

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

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

Official Club Visitation - Banner Retrieval

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 - Banner Raid

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, 4021 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-menu>

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 and Nina Lassiter our Sunshine Reporters

Fran Bivins is in Beacon Harbor Rehab in Rockwall. The address is as follows:
6700 Heritage Parkway, Room 317B, Rockwall, TX 75087-8748
Phone: (972) 412-4000

She will appreciate your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits. She does not have access to email.

Just a hint, if you want to do something for her? She says the food, particularly at dinner, is uninspired. I asked if I could bring dinner this Thursday night. Maybe some of her other friends might want to pick a time to stop by with a treat or meal or just to say hello.

Let's let Fran know we care about her.

Kindest regards,
Nina

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

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@swingingstars.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@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-396-0941

See Flyers below



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

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Happy St. Patrick's Day



Celebrating All Things Irish



March 8, 2024



Caller: Charlie O' Robertson

Early Rounds: 7:30

Cuer: Jan O' Toms



Square up: 8:00



Network Ministries Building



1500 International Pkwy Ste.300

Banner Lite Snacks Singles Board Honey Pot



Dancers under 18 dance **FREE** with paying adults



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For info: 214-675-9823 OR president@swingingstars.org



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Celebrate



MARCH MADNESS



Caller: 

Friday, March 22, 2024

Cuer: 

Charlie Robertson

Chris Farabaugh

Square Dance Attire
OR

Show Your Team
Spirit By Wearing
Your Favorite
Team Shirt



Early Rounds 7:30
Square up 8:00

Banners Singles Board Lite Snacks Honey Pot



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

Dancers under 18 dance for free with Paying adult



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