



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 3, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

Your caller's association, NTCA, met Sunday, 02/25/2024. The new officers were installed in January and this was their first quarterly meeting. The new officers are as per the following:

Toby & Judy Thomason, President
Charlie & Kristi Robertson, Vice President
Jack Von der Heide, Secretary
Charles & Tanya Crockett, Treasury

Give a word of thanks to the outgoing officers as follows:

Vernon & Kayla Jones, President
Jan and David Toms, Vice President
Deborah Carroll and Jon Jones, Secretary
Charles & Tanya Crockett, Treasury

Jon Jones, as part of our training addressed the "hands-up position" in ocean waves. The advantages were discussed in depth which include the counterbalance gained with swing thru. That counterbalance is lost in the hand down position. Also, it is the Callerlab prescribed hand position. Jon felt that hands-up was not being taught or stressed enough. A resolution reinforcing a 1985 NTCA standing order was voted in. Peggy and Jerry Martin presented and taught 4 easy line dances. We had a great time learning the new line dances.

I had the privilege of teaching Reeler's final lessons for Deborah Carroll Jones as she was under the weather. Her students are a fun bunch and you will want to welcome them into a square and get to know them.

This time of year we have a number of new dancers joining us and I encourage everyone to schedule the New Dancer Dances being held by other clubs. When you help new dancers, do so by pointing. Resist pushing and pulling anyone. If the square breaks down, it's not the end, get into partner lines (boy on the left) and the caller will pick you up. Remember you were a new dancer once-up-on a time. So, be gracious and encouraging to everyone and especially with our new dancers.

Just a reminder, Liberty Recreation Center is where we are holding, and have held, our lessons. We met with a couple of folks from Liberty as they have a problem with more people attending lessons than actually signed up for the class. We explained the role of our angles. They were very helpful and came up with a solution which allows our Angels to come and help at no additional charge. Angels will sign up for a free concurrent class which will be labeled Angels or Square Dance Angels. It is on their website. So, please register before our Monday's class, 3/4/2024. Just to clarify, this is just to allow the recreation center to get an accounting for everyone attending classes.

We will all need to register in order to keep using their facility. The Thomas's (Kissin Kuzzins) told me Friday night that they have registered on line.

As indicated in last week's newsletter, in order to hold our room and time slot David plans to hold a polishing fun shop to continue to review the mainstream calls. This will be very beneficial to all dancers wishing to gain a little more practice and review calls. It will be open to any and all dancers that want to work on improving their mainstream dancing ability. It will be in a square dance format. You can sign up and pay for it like any of their classes. Or, the center has a day pass for those periodically attending classes. Day passes are \$10 per person. It may be cheaper to sign up for the class and pre-pay. Also, we will need a core group of eight for the class to make.

Survey, if you have not done so already... and you regularly read the newsletter send me a quick confirmation to president@swingingstars.org or you can reply to this email. So far about 20 people have indicated they read our newsletter on a regular basis.

Just a side note, I had the opportunity to call a tip at the Kissin Kuzzins dance Friday!!! It was good to call at a mainstream dance again. I will be teaching a series of four lessons at Grayson County College, Van Alstyne, in June. We plan to offer a full set of mainstream lessons in the fall. Prayer that these classes make. Lessons will be on Tuesday nights 6-8 and I could use angels.

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! Women are needed! Monday nights 7:15pm

Location: Liberty Rec Center
2601 Glencliff Drive
Plano, TX 75075

Hospitality for March 8th club dance

***Snacks are on hand for this dance.



A “BIG” thank you to “all” assisting with setup and tear down of the club dance.

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
Circle I	2/10/2024
Kissin' Kuzzins	3/01/2024

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Tri-City Promenaders	7/14/2023
Triangle Squares	2/23/2024
Rebel Rousers	2/23/2024

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Official Club Visitation - Banner Raid

Friday, March 1 – Kissin' Kuzzins – Mad About March

Everyone enjoyed dancing to Bobby Willis from Oklahoma. I know the Swinging Stars were all happy to see Bobby and Dalaina as Bobby was our previous caller. The Square workshop was interesting, Bobby reviewed Reverse Dixie style to a wave. Later in the evening, Bobby invited our Richard Covington to call a tip. Richard did a great job. Richard is quite talented.

There were 6 squares in the first tip. The Kuzzins don't have Round Dancing, so there were not Round dances between tips, although Bobby did put on a few line dances for all to enjoy. There were 40 visitors present with 20 Kissin Kuzzin members for a total of 60 dancers enjoying the evening of dancing. Thank you to: Peggy Amy, Bursons, Caves, Covingtons, Harrises, Sees and Trujillos for supporting the Swinging Stars Banner Raid, Official Club Visitation. With 13 Swinging Star members we easily Captured the Kissin Kuzzins banner. Good Job Stars!

*** COMING EVENTS ***

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

<https://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2024-03-Promenade.pdf>

Of Interest Club Visitation for Plus Dancers

Wednesday, March 6 – Plus 4s

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

Caller: Toby Thomason

Time: Plus 7:00

Friday, March 8 – Swinging Stars – Happy St. Patrick's Day

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 18 of the March Promenade for more information

Wednesday, March 13 -- Ladies Luncheon

Jan Covington has volunteered to Host the March Ladies Luncheon on Wednesday, March 13.

Jan Has chosen Matt's Rancho Martinez Tex Mex Restaurant in Allen.

Address: 401 Central Expy S.75013., REPLY to Jan at: 214-738-8322 or JanLaree1@gmail.com, by March 11 so she will know how many to make a reservation for us. Look for their menu and directions by going to Matt's Rancho Martinez (<https://www.mattstexmex.com/>). We are inviting all current, former and associate members to come and enjoy visiting with us at lunch.

Please do not reply to Lorraine, Reply to Jan Covington (JanLaree1@gmail.com).

Official Club Visitation – Banner Raid

Friday, March 15 – Texas Reelers – Luck O' the Irish

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

Caller: Deborah Carroll Jones & Jon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Note: See page 25 of the March Promenade for more information

Of Interest Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval

Saturday, March 16 – Rebel Rousers – Luck O’ the Irish

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 29 of the March Promenade for more information.

Friday, March 22 – Swinging Stars – March Madness

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

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Note: See page 32 of the March Promenade for more information

Of Interest Club Visitation for Plus Dancers

Saturday, March 23 – CALLERLAB – Plus Weekend

Where: Swingtime Center – 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin Dr, Ft Worth, TX

Caller: Tony Oxendine, Vernon Jones, Jack Pladdys

Cuer: Jan Toms

Time: Session 6: Early Rounds 6:30, Plus with Rounds 7:00 to 9:00pm

Note: See page 33 & 34 of the March Promenade for more information.

Official Club Visitation – Banner Raid

Saturday, March 30 – Trailblazers – Anniversary Dance

Where: Swingtime Center - - 5100 S.E. Loop 820 @ Anglin, Ft Worth

Caller: Jeff Holley

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

Time: Early Rounds 6:30, Workshop 7:00, SSD/MS 7:30, Plus 9:00 – 9:30

Note: See page 42 of the March Promenade for more information

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

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Sunshine information

From Peggy Amy and Nina Lassiter our Sunshine Reporters

During Friday night (3-01-2024), Fran Bivins passed away. Fran and her late husband Gary, were long time members of Swinging Stars and K Bar C Square Dance Clubs.

Funeral arrangements are pending for Fran.

Please keep Fran’s Family in your prayers.

Peggy Pharr will also appreciate your prayers as she undergoes a heart catheterization procedure on Monday.

Let's keep in touch by sharing news in our Newsletter.

Please send news to Nina Lassiter ninalassiter@gmail.com

Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday, May 10, 2024 **Swinging Stars 49th Anniversary** Dance

Sunday, May 19, 2024, 4:00 PM **Swinging Stars General Club meeting** at Spring Creek BBQ
270 N Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080

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



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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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



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