

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 10, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

I hope you have had a fun week dancing; we did and we enjoy being active and hanging with friends. Our square/round dance world seems to be recovering from the Covid epidemic. We had 34 at our Friday dance - 14 visitors & 20 members. A fun dance it was.

I am so excited to share this news. I videoed a 30 second clip of our Madi Gras dance and posted it on Facebook and Nextdoor apps and on Nextdoor I got 1700 views. I wouldn't believe it either but note the following:

nextdoor

Neighbors really like your post!

Trusted neighbors like you are making a difference in the neighborhood. What will you share next?

Your post: More fun at Swinging Stars Club Dance Friday night... we had 70 people.



1.7K
views

A number of people wanted to know more about our club and square dancing. So.... start posting and sharing. We have our next set of lessons starting in the middle of September - the 9th or 16th. Liberty could say for sure this far out. We'll get more information to you as soon as we have it.

Where are you with your square/round dancing? Are you getting everything out-of-it that you want? We have a very diverse and small square/round dance world. We range from social square dancers to the dancers who dance four-five nights per week. There is the SSD, Mainstream, Plus program dancers and they are happy with where they are.

Then we have the Advanced to Challenge programs for those that want to challenge themselves with the definitions and learning a large number of calls from any and all positions. Round dancers move from beginners to intermediate to advanced. I understand there's actually six levels of dancing. I hear quires announcing Phase 2 and sometimes 3 or 4. In essence there is something for

everyone's interest level. If you want more all you have to do is ask. If you want to stay put, there is nothing wrong with that. For me after all is said and done, it's about the people.

Our new dancers, after learning the basics, need a period of time to settle in and build their confidence in their dance moves. We need to be understanding and helpful not judgmental or condescending of mistakes. We were all new dancers at one time and should be sympathetic and encouraging to all of our students and new dancers.

I hope you have a fantastic week and....

I'll see you in a square.

Richard C

May 10, 2024 -- 49th Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance -- Dancing with the Stars

This message is from Lorraine Burson, Chair for our upcoming 49th Anniversary Dance. Hopefully you are aware that it is going to be on May 10, 2024. At the end of this newsletter there is a flyer you can read and know more about what is happening. Such as the well known guest Caller Jet Roberts calling along with our own terrific Caller Charlie Robertson and our wonderful Cues Jan Toms. We feel that this is a winning combination of talent. A dance you will not want to miss. What you will find out in this message is that we will be serving cakes and snacks with coffee and water. Regretfully, our club just isn't large enough to support having a dinner or a salad supper as we did in the past. We will be having sign-up sheets for all members to help with this special dance. We still have 3 more Swinging Star dances, before May 10, when you will have the opportunity to sign up to help. In case you miss getting signed up at one of our next 3 dances. I will be sending out a standalone message to all club members with the sign-up sheet information. Please reply by emailing to Lorraine@Bursons.us or call 972-396-0941 and volunteer wherever you can to help. I did have sign-up sheets at our dance on March 8. If you were not there you missed the chance to get signed up early enough to get the position that you would like help doing the most.

Thank you,
Lorraine Burson

Message from the 1st Vice Presidents

Charlie and Linda Harris

Mainstream Lessons

Register online to Angel the current Mainstream Lessons

Below is a link to the Plano Parks and Rec Center online Catalog. The Center is requiring angels provide contact information for their records.

There is no fee for the Angels. Activity number #68419

https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/planoparksandrec/activity/search/detail/71014?onlineSiteId=0&from_original_cui=true

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



A "BIG" thank you to all assisting with setup and tear down.

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

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

Great Dance. See Message from the Presidents above.

*** COMING EVENTS ***

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

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

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

No Sunshine news this week.

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.

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



Celebrate



MARCH MADNESS



Caller:

Charlie Robertson

Square Dance Attire

OR

**Show Your Team
Spirit By Wearing
Your Favorite
Team Shirt**

Friday, March 22, 2024

Cuer:

Chris Farabaugh



**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



72.9 MHz

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49th Anniversary

MAY 10, 2024



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Club Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Jan Toms



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

Early Rounds-7:00

Refreshments

Singles Board

Grand March-8:00

Honey Pot

Banners

Dancers under 18 dance free accompanied by paying adult

For info : 972-396-0941 or President @swinging stars.org

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