



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 17, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

Were you ever recruited to join a multilevel marketing company by a friend or acquaintance? I was, and I got into it to make lots of money by recruiting others to live my dream. Recruiting is hard cause people don't share the recruiter's wants and desires. Essentially, it is all about the recruiter and the recruiter's wants and desires. People resist being recruited no matter how great we claim the benefits are.

To recruit dancers we highlight the benefits of square/round dancing. To us dancers, the benefits are self evident. It helps us maintain a healthy excise, social interaction, getting off the couch & out of the front of the idiot box.

Have you ever noticed that when you talk to a friend, neighbor or stranger about coming to learn square/round dancing their defenses immediately come up. People don't want to be sold anything. Basically we all hate change. So? What do we do instead of recruiting square dancers?

Take a page from advertisers. Take the commercials about the duck. Yes, immediately we all think "Aflac". Basically, I'm saying we all need to be advertisers for square/round dancing. How? Put a sticker on your car, wear a square dance shirt and put a sign in your yard. Advertise all year long and not just when we are looking for students.

The best way to get people interested in our dance activities is by constantly showing and telling them about the fun we are having. We have a very powerful tool at our disposal, the internet. Within the internet we have social media, blogging and podcasts at almost no cost to us individually.

Think about it, don't you want to share the fun...

I will.... 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 Cuer 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 signup 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

Liberty Rec Center activity class for angels at no charge is on hold until the Center reviews requirements.

The mainstream class on Monday nights needs women angels.

A "BIG" Thank you to all those angels that continue to support the lessons!

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



"Thanks to all" for showing up early to help with setup and stay for tear down.

See you in a square,

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
Texas Reelers	3/15/2024

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 15 – Texas Reelers – Luck O' the Irish

On Friday night Deborah Carrol Jones called a fun Irish-ish dance including with her green hair and her ever popular fun Irish brogue and a spirited fast pace. Kept us all moving very quickly. Chris Farabaugh cued a lot of the Round Dancer's favorite rhythms. I can't say they were cued with an Irish Brogue, but there were 6 Round Dance couples on the dance floor enjoying his cueing all evening.

The numbers: Swinging Stars had 7 members attending. Thank you to Bursons, HARRISES, Ha Loi, and the Sees, for supporting our club visitation, Banner Raid. There were six squares after the Grand March, 25 visitors, 33 Texas Reelers, for a total of 58 dancers.

Of Interest Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval Saturday, March 16 – Rebel Rousers – Luck O' the Irish

The Rebel Rousers had a normal sized crowd of dancers despite the rainy weather. Club cuer Christine Theron had from 5 - 9 round dance couples throughout the evening. Club caller Mike Bramlett provided excellent calling all evening making both the mainstream and plus tips challenging and fun. There were 6 squares on the floor after the Grand March. For the last plus tip Mike had the dancers in mini-squares so everyone could dance. The Swinging Stars did not retrieve their banner as only two Swinging Stars (the Sees) attended the dance. Thank you Ron for this report.

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

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

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

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

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Sunshine information

From Peggy Amy and Nina Lassiter our Sunshine Reporters

No Sunshine news this week.

Happy Birthday

None this week.

Happy Anniversary

None 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@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



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



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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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