

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 24, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

Our Friday dance had 49 dancers with 30 visitors and 19 Swinging Stars, almost all-of our members. Charlie brought Michael Braithwaite, an international caller from Germany. He is here for the Callerlab convention and after calling the first tip together, Charlie let Michael take the mic for the rest of the night. Michael teased us all night with German words and various accents from around the world. He loves country music and called-to "I Was Country When Country Wasn't Cool" along with other popular country hits. He did a song, "Ich Wunschte, Ich Konnte Deutsh Sprechen" - translation "I wish I could speak German". He gave us the calls in German and then translated. It was a lot of fun & laughs.

Our guess cuer was Chris and Maria Farabaugh. Jan & David Toms were cueing a weekend dance at Swingtime Center, One and Done Plus weekend. Chris cued a number of our favorite country songs. He did a very good job and kept the Round Dancers up and dancing.

The Callerlab Convention is in DFW this week and in fact it starts Sunday with a big dance. Many of our favorite callers including Charlie Robertson and our very favorite cuer, Jan Toms, will be there. See the attached flyer.

NOTE: ALL guests, including those with a TOLL TAG: Enter DFW Airport Toll Plaza through lanes marked **"TICKET OR QR CODE" ONLY**. Pull a ticket and provide it to a hotel attendant for validation. **DO NOT ENTER** through lanes marked Toll Tag. **Otherwise, your Toll Tag will be charged, and you will be responsible for the daily parking rate.**

I hope to see all of you there.

Note: See a full sized copy of the flyer at the end of the newsletter

PRE-CONVENTION DANCE

FOR THE 49TH CALLERLAB CONVENTION IN GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

FEATURING THE TALENTS OF

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| Scott Bennett Lawton, OK | Charlie Robertson Sulphur, OK |
| Jan Jones Arlington, TX | John Blaser, MC Mesa, AZ with a hint of the cow |
| Deborah Carroll-James Arlington, TX | Mike Teodorum Tazewell, CA |
| Barry Lipacorne Edmond, OK | Jan Toms, Cued Richardson, TX |

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 - 7:00 - 9:30 PM
MAINSTREAM DANCE

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I'll plug one more dance, Pegasus dance Sunday afternoon 2-4 with a trio of callers Charlie Robertson, David Toms and Mike Bramlett. The dance will be at Grace United Methodist Church at 4105 Junius Street, Dallas, TX. It should be a lot of fun.

Linda Harris and I met with the Liberty Recreation Center Director, Kristi Bell and the Liberty Recreations Lessons Coordinator, Precious Scott, again. We discussed our Angels and how the center is trying very hard to accommodate us and our angels and to account for them within their facility. The free concurrent class for Square Dance Angels is unfortunately not going to work for their system after-all as we don't have a set group of angels as you know it can change from week-to-week. However, they have come up with an easier solution.

To summarize our discussion, Angels attending lessons will be required to check in at the front desk and have their driver licenses scanned every week upon arrival. Those without existing accounts must either register online (free) or visit Liberty Recreation Center to create one (still free). Precious will notate the accounts of the Angel volunteers that are already set up, so the staff is aware. If you are a member the center just scan your membership card. Teachers are also exempt as they have done a background check on us. As far as I know, that is David & Jan Toms, Jan & me and now Wayne Shoemaker.

You will continue, also, to sign the log-in sheet in the room. A copy of the sign-up sheet will be made by the front desk staff following the end of each class for their records. This will help the Liberty Recreation Center keep track of who is coming into the facility.

We have 23 paid members as of 4/1/2024 and that is no April's Fools Joke. I thought you might be interested in how our NORTEX dues work. Note this is only for your information cause when you pay your Swinging Stars dues you are also joining NORTEX as a portion of your Swinging Stars dues are paid to NORTEX. Our NORTEX dues covers our club insurance as well as the cost of the Promenade. We also pay a small amount for ads in the Promenade. You will be pleased to know that the dues are the same as last year: \$25 per club plus \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per teen. Again, you have already paid it when you pay your SS club dues.

I will see you in a square.

Richard C

2nd Quarter Dues are due starting April 1, 2024

If you normally pay by the quarter you need to pay for 2nd quarter which is \$27.50 per single member and \$55.00 per couple. **If you have not paid your 2nd quarter dues, it is important that you pay ASAP.** April is the month that we have to send an updated roster and NORTEX Dues to NORTEX. So please pay your dues at the next dance or mail a check made out to the Swinging Stars to the treasurer:

Nevin R Mulvin
Treasurer Swinging Stars
3409 Eisenhower Ln
Plano, TX 75023-3933
972-618-0750

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. Also, we will be having a Money Raffle for \$100. And if you buy a raffle ticket for the money raffle you will have a chance to win dinner for 2 at the Red Truck Cafe. 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 only have 2 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 last 2 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 signup sheets at our dance on March 8 and 22nd. 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

Those angels continuing to show up for support. We appreciated you!
Women angels are needed!

Location: Liberty Rec Center
2601 Glencliff Drive
Plano, TX 75075
Mondays 7:15 PM



"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

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Swinging Stars Banners Out

| Club | Date Captured |
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| Tri-City Promenaders | 7/14/2023 |
| Triangle Squares | 2/23/2024 |
| Rebel Rousers | 2/23/2024 |
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EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Of Interest Club Visitation for Plus Dancers

Saturday, March 23 – CALLERLAB – Plus Weekend

A Pre-Callerlab Convention dance was held at Swingtime featuring Tony Oxendine, Jack Pladdys, and Vernon Jones as callers and Jan Toms as cuer. This dance was well attended and a lot of fun. The trio of callers called the first and last tips, and each of the callers took turns calling the tips in between. There were always 6-8 squares for the callers and 4-10 couples for Jan depending on what she was cuing. The Texas National Convention Chairman, Gary and Claudia Leste, attended this dance to promote the convention in 2026 and to announce that Audrey Mansell, our NORTEX President, will be handling Publicity for this convention. The only Swinging Stars in attendance were the Sees. 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>

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@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



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Mesa, AZ
Ways & Means Vice Chair



Deborah Carroll-Jones
Arlington, TX

Mike Seastrom
Tarzana, CA



Darryl Lipscomb
Edmond, OK

Jan Toms, Cuer
Richardson, TX



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SPRING FLING

April 12, 2024

*Honey Pot
Fun Dancing*

Solos Board

*Banners
Lite Snacks*

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Jan Toms



Early Rounds: 7:30

Square up 8:00

Network Ministries Building

1500 International Pkwy Ste 300 Richardson TX.

Dancers under 18 dance free with paying adults



We dance every 2nd and 4th Fridays



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



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49th Anniversary

MAY 10, 2024



Guest Caller: Jet Roberts

Club Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Jan Toms



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Richardson Tx. 75081

Early Rounds-7:00

Refreshments

Singles Board

Grand March-8:00

Honey Pot

Banners

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