



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

***Newsletter for July 10, 2022***

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### **Message from Presidents**

**Russ and Anne Nejd**

It was a Star Spangled Dance on Friday night with red, white and blue on just about everyone who attended the dance. Three men wore the same Texas shirts, but no one seemed to mind. Mike Bramlett called a great dance that challenged us – but in a good way. Chris Farabaugh kept the round dancers moving to enjoyable tunes that even us non-round dancers enjoyed. We had a moment of silence at the beginning of the dance to remember our beloved member, Dan Lassiter, who passed away this week. The funeral and visitation arrangements were announced to the crowd. It was a very small group (15 visitors) at the dance, but everyone who wanted to dance was able to get into a square and enjoy Mike's calling.

The round dance advisory committee will meet this week to discuss selecting a new cuer. The committee consists of Linda and Charlie Harris, Vanessa and Alex Nester, Lucy and Ralph Hamm, and the presidents who serve on all special committees.

We need to plan for our special dance on August 12<sup>th</sup> at Richardson Senior Center. It is a double deal dance with Tim Tyl and KO Jeanes. We are expecting a large crowd and need to be prepared for it. All club members are expected to help out. I am looking for a chair person to be lead on this. There will be no refreshments, minimal decorations and probably very little set up and take down. Let me know if you could help in any way at this special dance.

Russ and Anne

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Dues are due starting July 1, 2022**

If you normally pay for the half-year you need to pay is \$55.00 per single member and \$110.00 per couple. One quarter is \$27.50 per single member and \$55.00 per couple. So please pay your dues at the first dance in July or mail a check made out to the Swinging Stars to the treasurer:

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### **Round Dance Advisory Committee**

**From Linda Harris**

The Round Dance Advisory Committee (RDAC) is: Ralph and Lucy Hamm, Charlie and Linda Harris, and Alex and Vanessa Nestor. The RDAC will meet to review potential candidates and criteria for a club cuer. If any club member has a candidate they want considered, please contact a Committee member. The club will use guest cuers for the short term.

Charlie and Linda Harris

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report

### From 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
T Square Gadabouts	4/19/2019
Log Cabin Swingers	5/04/2019
Circle I	5/14/2022
Texas Reelers	6/17/2022
Kissin Kuzzins	7/01/2022

#### Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Trailblazers	4/30/2022
Triangle Squares	4/30/2022

**Most NORTEX clubs have resumed dancing. Most clubs that have resumed dancing have ads in the *Promenade*.** To reach the *July Promenade*, click here:

[http://www.swingingstars.org/2022\\_07\\_Promenade.pdf](http://www.swingingstars.org/2022_07_Promenade.pdf)

### \*\*\*EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK\*\*\*

#### Of Interest Club Visitation

#### Saturday, July 9 -- Circle I -- Beach Party U.S.A. Theme Dance

Sure was a fun dance Ray and Chris both did an outstanding job keeping the fun going. The Circle I has a very accommodating format. They have 1 hour of Early Rounds before the Grand March. Then they have only one round between tips. This gives the squares dancers to have 7 tips instead of just 5. This includes a plus tip for the 2nd tip and one plus at the end of the dance. There were 4 squares in the grand March and 4 squares all of the nights dance. For some reason I missed how many visitor were attending and a total number attending the dance. The Swinging Stars only had 4 members attending. Thank you Bob and Janet Rodgers for attending the Club Visitation with Dave and myself. No Banner and no signature.

### \*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\*

#### July Ladies Luncheon

#### Tuesday, July 12 -- Ellen's Kitchen

The July luncheon is being hosted by Janet Rodgers, She has chosen Ellen's Kitchen, at 210 S Central Exp. Allen, TX **At 11:30**. Please reply to Janet by going to [rodgers.janet65@gmail.com](mailto:rodgers.janet65@gmail.com) or 915-536-7189 by July 10 so she can tell the restaurant how many Lady Stars are coming for lunch. Look for Ellen's Kitchen at Mc Dermott and 75. You can review their menu by going to <http://www.ellens.com/menu-allen>  
This is a *really* good place to eat. They have delicious food.

#### Of Interest Club Visitation -- Square and Round Dancing

#### Wednesday, July 13 -- Rainbow Rounds -- Donut Dance -- Double Deal

**Sponsored by Rainbow Rounds and the NTCA**

**Where:** Swingtime Dance Center, 5100 S.E. Loop 820 Ft. Worth. TX

**Callers:** Phil Farmer and Rod Grigsby

**Cuer:** Karen Bloodt

**Time:** Early Rounds 7:30, Squares 8:00 to 10:00

**Donation:** \$8.00

**Note:** Refreshments, Honey Pot. For more info see page 31 of the July Promenade.

## **Of Interest Club visitation**

### **Friday, July 15 -- Texas Reelers -- Parrot Heads Dance**

**Where:** Richardson Senior Center 820 Arapaho, Richardson, TX.

**Caller:** Deborah Carroll-Jones & Jon Jones

**Cuer:** Chris & Maria Farabaugh

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

**Note:** They may dance a little later but its 5:00 somewhere so join them for this fun evening of dancing.. For More info see page 35 of the July Promenade

## **Official Club Visitation -- 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Dance**

### **Saturday, July 16 -- Rebel Rousers -- Kaleidoscope Of Colors**

**Where:** Richardson Senior Center, 820 Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX.

**Guest Caller:** Brad Caldwell

**Club Caller:** Mike Bramlett

**Cuer:** Christine Hixson

**Time:** Early Rounds: 7:00, Plus Fun Shop 7:30, Dance 8:00

**Note:** Please bring your own drink and snacks.

For more info see page 36 of the July Promenade.

## **NORTEX Round Up Kickoff Dance -- Official Club Visitation**

### **Sunday, July 17-- NORTEX Round Up Kickoff Dance**

This dance will feature the NORTEX 2022 Round up Staff.

**Where:** Swingtime Dance Center 5100 S.E. Loop 820 Fort Worth, TX.

**Caller:** Ray Savell

**Cuer:** Chris Farabaugh

**Time:** Early Rounds 4:00 to 5:00, Squares 5:00 to 7:00

**Donation:** \$8.00 per person, FREE for registered quest for Roundup.

For more information see page 1 of the July Promenade.

## **Swinging Stars Club Dance**

### **Friday, July 22 -- Swinging Stars -- Elk Moon Theme Dance**

**Where:** Elks Lodge-Plano -- 1111 Jupiter Road #105B, Allen

**Time:** Early Rounds 7:00, Sq Workshop 7:30, Grand March 8:00

**Guest Caller:** Ray Savell

**Cuer:** Christine Hixson

**Note:** Bring you own snacks and water and stay for our after party in the Elks Lodge Hospitality room. For more info see page 29 in the July Promenade.

## **Of Interest Club Visitation -- Banner Raid**

### **Saturday, July 23 -- Tri City Promenaders -- Christmas in July Dance**

**Where:** Brookside Center -- 1244 Brookside Dr, Hurst TX.

**Caller:** Ray Savell

**Cuer:** Chris Farabaugh

**Time:** Early Rounds 7:00, Plus Dancing 7:30, Grand March 8:00

**Note:** For more info see page 40 in the July Promenade

## **Official Club Visitation -- Banner Retrieval -- Double Deal Friday, July 29 -- Triangle Squares -- Schmitz Family Reunion**

Every year the Triangle Squares have their Schmitz Family Reunion, It is always lots of fun. This year they will also be remembering the square dance family members that have passed on this year to the big square dance in the sky.

**Where:** Open Range Cowboy Church, 7290 Hawkeye Rd. Krum, TX 76249

**Guest Caller:** Wade Driver

**Club Caller:** Toby Thomason

**Cuer:** Jan Toms

**Time:** Early Rounds 7:00, Plus/Food line opens 7:30, SSD/Rounds 8:00

**Note:** Dress Hillbilly, Summer Casual or Traditional Dance Attire

For more info see page 41 of the July Promenade. If you would like to go but think it is too far to go, see if you can find someone to carpool with.

### **\* \* \* OTHER EVENTS \* \* \***

**See July Promenade**, click here: [http://www.swingingstars.org/2022\\_07\\_Promenade.pdf](http://www.swingingstars.org/2022_07_Promenade.pdf)

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## **Sunshine information**

### **From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter**

We were all sad to lose Dan Lassiter this past week. He was a good man and a friendly person. We were glad to have him and Nina serving as Treasurers the last time Ralph and I were Presidents of Swinging Stars. His delightful sense of humor kept Board meetings moving along. Hopefully our membership had the opportunity to attend the visitation and /or funeral. The support for the family is so important.

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## **Round Dance Report**

### **From Lucy Hamm**

Alex and Vanessa Nestor were first time attendees to the ICBDA (round dance ) convention on July 6 - 9<sup>th</sup> in Tulsa. Bill and Wendy Perrott attended also, their second time to Tulsa. Wendy and Vanessa have graciously been keeping me posted through emails. Ralph and I had been working on some of the selected older evening dances all year but we were able to watch videos at home and see the dances, which were taught last week. We noticed people we knew in the audience. Vanessa said 9 couples came from the north Texas area. We noticed several dancers wearing masks. Fortunately ICBDA has a stand by dance teachers list and used 3 couples to teach 3 of their own dances in place of 3 missing dance teaching couples. Two dances "teaches" and the 2 appropriate clinics were held each day. Ballrooms A, B and C were being used for the 3 different levels of dances. Everyone was free to choose whichever dance he/ she wished to learn. On Saturday morning the Hall of Fame dance for 2022 was announced.: Solitude City, a foxtrot. Many DFW area dancers know it. (All international as well as national members can vote each year). Karen and Ed Gloodt won in 2017 with their rumba, Cuando Me Enamoro. Each of the 4 nights dancing begins with 5 dances that received the highest votes back in May. . Solitude City was on that list. Then the following 3 hours have 21 dances in each A-C ballroom for dancing.

Vanessa Nestor said the convention could be overwhelming but they really enjoyed attending. They couldn't learn many of the dances yet but they enjoyed watching. They received good information in the clinic /workshops. They were interested in watching a phase 6 Bolero for enjoyment. She said she really enjoyed watching Randy and Marie Prerskitt dance (foxtrot ) because they dance so well. I told her we agree since we saw them at our 1st ICBDA in Reno (2016). (Last November we gave

them a ride from DFW to their hotel in Dallas. They were there for Harvest Holiday dance weekend.. They are also nice people ). She said they went to watch the Peltons waltz dance "teach" on Thursday afternoon. "Their beautiful dance" went well. At night, the Nestors found the 3/4 hall (C) was fun and they could dance many dances.

Wendy and Bill Perrott said they are getting back to round dancing after his 2 hip replacements so this ICBDA was a good one for them. There was a wide variety of dance levels and rhythms. They improved their dance frame at the phase 5 waltz clinic and reviewed their phase 4 foxtrot figures at the Alley Cat Blues "teach" and learned basic West Coast Swing at the Cowboy Blues "teach". "The evening dancing was wonderful with lots of experienced cuers."

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## Special dates to put on your calendar

Sunday, July 17, 2022, **NORTEX 2022 Round-Up Kickoff Dance**

Friday, August 12, 2022 **Swinging Stars Double Deal Dance.**

Friday, October 14, 2022 **Swinging Stars Round Up Theme Dance.**

Friday, October 28, 2022, **NTCA Caller's Cavalcade**

Saturday, October 29, 2022, **NORTEX 2022 Round-Up**

Friday, December 2, 2022, 5:30 PM **Swinging Stars Holiday Party** at Elks Lodge.

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## Web Master Dave Burson

Be sure to check out our web page: [www.swingingstars.org](http://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.

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## 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:

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# SWINGING STARS

Hospitality  
Room  
After Dance

Casual  
Dress

Banners  
Honey Pot

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Elk Moon**



**Guest Caller**  
**Ray Savell**

**Guest Cuer**  
**Christine Hixon**

**ELKS LODGE - PLANO**  
**1111 Jupiter Rd #105B**  
**Plano, TX 75074**

Early Rounds 7:00  
Sq. Workshop 7:30  
Square Up 8:00



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