

# Newsletter for July 31, 2022

#### Message from Presidents Russ and Anne Neidl

# The board has exciting news. After prolonged talks with Charlie Robertson and his wife, Kristi, we now have a signed contract with Charlie to be our club caller. His first dance will be on August 26<sup>th</sup>. In order for Charlie to agree to be our caller, we are going to change the format of our dances. Beginning with Charlie's first dance, round dancing will begin at 7:30 and mainstream at 8. There will be no workshops before the dance. This was necessary to make sure he has enough time to drive from Oklahoma after work to get to our dance.

Today is our last day as presidents of the club. We will turn everything over to our new presidents, John and Debra Cave. Old and new board members will meet for our executive board meeting and turnover meeting today. This has been a challenging year for the current board. We thank you for your patience and understanding. We know the new board will do a fantastic job. Thank you to the outgoing board members who had to help dodge everything that got thrown at us. We look forward to working with the new board.

Russ and Anne

#### Lessons Report From Ralph and Lucy Hamm

Bill Hinkley filled in to lead lessons on July 18, and David Toms was back on July 25. The students are still very enthusiastic in learning the calls. We did lose one couple -- square dancing is not their "cup of tea" -- but they appreciated the teacher and angels.

Thanks to the following members who served as angels: Bergesens, Bursons, Harrises, Rodgers, and Sees.

# 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
Rebel Rousers	7/16/2022
Triangle Squares	7/29/2022

#### **Swinging Stars Banners Out**

Club	Date Captured	
Trailblazers	4/30/2022	

Most NORTEX clubs have resumed dancing. Most clubs that have resumed dancing have ads in the *Promenade*. To reach the August *Promenade*, click here: http://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2022-08-Promenade.pdf

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

#### Official Club Visitation -- Banner Retrieval -- Roundup Theme Dance Friday, July 29 -- Triangle Squares -- Schmidtz Family Reunion.

Ok, yes it was a long ride to the Triangle Squares, but it was worth the drive. Toby and Wade seemed to be having a great fun time calling the dance. Jan Toms as usual did a great job cuing to a full floor of Round dancers. There were 115 Visitors dancing and having a great time. There were 15 squares in the Grand March. I don't know how many Triangle Square members were attending. I do know that they did a lot of work putting on the dance. Swinging Stars had 10 members attending. I would like to show my appreciation to them by saying thank you for supporting the Official Club Visitation. Thank you to: Bursons, Caves, Kilejians, Rodgers and the Sees. We retrieved our banner and captured the Triangle Squares banner. The club also received 2 signatures toward the 1080 patch.

It has been an honor for Dave and myself to serve as Swinging Stars 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. This is our last Report. We leave the job to the very capable Ron and Donita See to take it from here for the next six months or so. Ron will be finishing the list of Visitations for the rest of the month of August in the next newsletter.

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

#### FIRST WEEKEND IN AUGUST VISITATIONS

#### Of Interest Club Visitation Friday, August 5 -- Kissin Kuzzins -- Hot! Hot! Hot! Theme Dance

Where: Fields Recreation Center--1701 Dairy Road Garland, TX.
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: JL Pelton
Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Plus Workshop 7:30, Grand March 8:00
Note: Wear Red, Casual Attire, Light snacks and water provided. See page 42 of the July Promenade for more information

#### Of Interest Club Visitation -- Round up Theme Dance Saturdays, August 6 -- Circle 8 -- Double Deal

Live music with Randy Elmore and Company Where: Swingtime Center -- 5100 SE Loop 820 -- Ft. Worth TX. Guest Callers: Deborah Carroll Jones, Jon Jones, and Ray Savell Time: Rounds 7:30, Grand March 8:00 Club Caller: Melton Luttrell Club Cure: Jack von der Heide Donation: \$10.00 Per Person Note: See Page 43 of the July Promenade for more information about the legendary Randy Elmore.

#### Thursday, August 18 Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon.

To be honest I forgot to find someone to host the August Ladies Luncheon. So I decided to do it myself. I have chosen The Chocolate Angel in Plano. I have reserved August 18 at 11:30. For those of you that are not familiar with the Chocolate Angel, it is a very nice place for our ladies to meet and have a nice lunch together. The Chocolate Angel is inside the High Street Antique Mall at the Northeast corner of Central Expressway and Plano Parkway. They have really unique food and it is reasonably priced. Once you have finished dinning you can browse the antiques. You will have a wonderful time. Please reply to me at Lorraine@Bursons.us or 972-396-0941 by August 16<sup>th</sup> to let me know you would like to go to lunch. I am going to invite the lady students to this luncheon, so I think it would be nice if as many Swinging Star Ladies Members that can would try to attend. You can check out their menu by going to <a href="http://chocolateangel.com">http://chocolateangel.com</a>.

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# Sunshine information

#### From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

August 1<sup>st</sup> Historic Happenings

1498 Christopher Columbus was the first European to visit what is now Venezuela

- 1620 The vessel Speedwell leaves Delshaven, Holland (Netherlands) to bring Pilgrims to America by way of England.
- 1714 George, Elector of Hanover becomes King George I of Great Britain beginning the Georgian era in British history. The American colonies rebelled against his grandson. George III.
- 1834 Slavery was abolished in the British Empire except for East India holdings (1843 slavery abolished there).
- 1876 Colorado became the Centennial state.
- 1914 The German Empire declares war on the Russian Empire, the opening of World War I.
- 1936 The Olympics opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler. Jesse Owens won 4 gold Olympic medals while representing the USA and broke several records.
- 1957 The United States and Canada formed the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD).
- 1966 Charles Whitman killed 14 people and injured 30 more on the University of Texas at Austin campus until he was killed by the police. This was the first time in the USA that a mass shooting unfolded on live TV.
- 1981 MTV began broadcasting in the US and aired their first videos..a great event with my high school students at the time.
- 2022 John and Debbie Cave begin their Swinging Stars Presidency as Russ and Anne Nejdl graciously end their term on July 31.

# Special dates to put on your calendar

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.

#### Web Master Dave Burson

Be sure to check out our web page: <u>www.swingingstars.org</u>

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: <u>newsletter\_editor@swingingstars.org</u> Anything sent to that email address will go to the **President of the Swinging Stars** and to the **Newsletter Editor** (Dave Burson).

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Guest Caller Tim Tyl



Guest Cuer Chris Farabaugh



Guest Caller KO Jeanes



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Bring your own water and snacks

# **Richardson Senior Center**

# 820 W Arapaho Rd Richardson, TX 75080

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

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