

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for January 5, 2025

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

Square Dance "Continuous Learning" approach, previously called lessons starts, 1/14/2025. Dancers are invited to come, no experience necessary. It is a learn as you go method. The charge is \$5.00 per night for each dancer (including angels). Dancers stay at the learning Mainstream stage as long as they want.

The following is borrowed from a friend:

As the 2024 year drew to a close, it's natural to take a moment to reflect on the journey that led us here.

The past twelve months have been a rollercoaster of challenges, growth, and countless moments—both significant and insignificant --that have shaped our lives in ways we can't fully comprehend.

Whether it's the shared experiences with our loved ones or the kindnesses extended by strangers, we've been reminded that our human spirits flourish in the presence of community.

While the year may have included setbacks and missed opportunities, it has also brought growth and clarity. It teaches us to embrace change and move forward with hope.

As we welcome the New Year, let's carry the lessons we've learned. Instead of setting resolutions, let's set intentions and approach the future with gratitude for what we've overcome and excitement for what lies ahead.

Here's to a year of renewal, tranquility, peace, successful endeavors, good health, and joy. May your New Year be filled with happiness and fulfillment!

Let's make this a Great year.

I will see you in a square.

RichardC

Message from the 1st Vice Presidents

Charlie and Linda Harris



Thank you to all that come early and stay for tear down. You are appreciated.

See you in a square,

Charlie and Linda Harris – 1st VP

***** Tuesday Night Dance *****

Join Us for a Night of Fun and Friendship. Beginning Tuesday January 14th, David and Jan Toms will be hosting a Square Dance Program every Tuesday – all levels, but no experience necessary.

New dancers and their friends and family are welcome to join us for the first hour to learn basic and have a blast. All pay at the door.

Let make some music together with a night filled with laughter, rhythm and community!

See flyer at the end of the newsletter.

1st Quarter Dues are due

Members that normally pay quarterly and members that pay for six months your dues are due for the first quarter.

Dues for a quarter are \$27.50 for single member and \$55.00 for a couple. Dues for six months are \$55.00 for a single member and \$110.00 for a couple.

Please pay your 1st quarter dues at our next dance (Jan. 10, 2025) or mail your check, payable to the Swinging Stars, to the treasurer:

Nevin R Mulvin
3409 Eisenhower Ln
Plano, TX 75023-3933

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
Log Cabin Swingers	5/04/2024
Texas Reelers	1/03/2025

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Triangle Squares	2/23/2024
Rebel Rousers	11/22/2024

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Of Interest Club Visitation

Saturday, December 31 – Rainbow Rounds – New Year's Eve BALL

No report.

Official Club Visitation—Banner Raid

Friday, January 3—Texas Reelers Come Dance with an Angel

Deborah Carrol Jones called a fun dance with a word in the singing call tunes starting with the letter A. She plans to have her singing call tunes thru out the year with a letter of the alphabet. Next time she will be using the letter B. She is so talented finding great songs using words that have the alphabet.

There were Five Squares in the Grand March with 4 to 5 Squares all evening. After the first tip there were 4 coupled Round Dancing and there were 3 to 4 couples Round Dancing all evening. Swinging Stars had 6 members, we capture their banner. There were a total of 49 dancers attending having 23 visitors, 26 Texas Reelers. A big Thank you to: Sees, Harrises and Bursons for attending our official Club Visitation. We were able to get a signature toward our next Club visitation patch award.

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

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

<https://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2025-01-Promenad>

Friday, January 10 – Swinging Stars – Happy January – New Dancer Dance

Where: Network Ministries – 1500 International Pkwy #300, Richardson, TX

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Jan Toms

Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Square up 8:00

Note: See page 23 of the **January** Promenade for more information.

Of Interest Club Visitation for Plus Dancers

Wednesday, January 15 – Plus 4s

Where: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church -- 12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

Caller: Toby Thomason

Time: Plus 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Note: See page 26 of the **January** Promenade for more information.

Official Club Visitation – Banner Raid

Friday, January 17 – Kissin' Kuzzins – Make Dancing your New Year's Resolution

Where: Fields Recreation Center, 1701 dairy Road, Garland, TX

Caller: David Toms

Time: Mainstream Workshop 7:30 PM, Square UP 8:00 PM

Note: See page 28 of the **January** Promenade for more information

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval

Saturday, January 18 – Rebel Rousers – Sock Hop

Where: Richardson Senior Center - - 820 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX

Caller: Scott Bennett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

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

Note: See page 32 of the **January** Promenade for more information.

Friday, January 24 – Swinging Stars – Mid Winter Dance

Where: Network Ministries – 1500 International Pkwy #300, Richardson, TX

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Jan Toms

Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Square up 8:00

Note: See page 36 of the **January** Promenade for more information.

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval – 50th Anniversary Dance Friday, January 31 – Triangle Squares – 50 Years of Memories

Where: Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX

Guest Caller: Deborah Carroll Jones

Club Caller: Toby Thomason

Cuer: Jan Toms

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Grand March 7:45

Note: See page 42 of the **January** Promenade for more information.

Sunshine information

From Peggy Amy and Nina Lassiter our Sunshine Reporters

Let's keep these folks in our prayers.

I noticed on Facebook that Roger Row passed away Wednesday night after midnight.

This is the services information for Roger.

Roger Row Celebration of Life:

Visitation/viewing at Restland Funeral Home 13005 Greenville Ave, Dallas 75246
on Saturday, January 11th 3:00-5:00.

Celebration of life in the chapel at Prestonwood Church 6801 Park Plano 75093
on Monday, January 13 at 2 PM. Doors open about 1:00.

I called to check on Brenda Statham. She mentioned she will go back to the doctor on January 9, 2025. At that time she will find out if she can return to normal activities. She is still having pain with her broken wrist. I asked her to keep me updated.

Kindest regards,
Nina Lassiter

Let's keep in touch by sharing news in our Newsletter.

You can email Nina Lassiter Sunshine or Rain, at your convenience. ninalassiter@gmail.com

Or you may call or text 214-769-6032. She always needs any reports (good or bad), by Friday in order to get the report to Dave and Lorraine in a timely manner.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday, May 30, 2025 **Swinging Stars 50th Anniversary** Dance

Friday, September 26, 2025 **Swinging Stars Round up Theme** Dance

Saturday, November 29, 2025 **Swinging Stars Double Deal** 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

NEW DANCER DANCE

**Happy
January**

We are celebrating our graduating class with a
New Dancer Dance, come with your new dancers and help us

Celebrate All the New Dancers in NORTEX

January 10, 2025

Caller:

Charlie Robertson

Cuer:

Jan Toms



Early Rounds: 7:30

Square up: 8:00

Network of Community Ministries

1500 International Pkwy Ste. 300 Richardson Tx. 75081

Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by a paying adult

*** Lite snacks * Banners * Honey Pot * Singles Board**

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



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Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org



Enjoy something new in 2025

**A little birdie told us you might be interest in:
Learning Continuous Square Dancing**

**Come Enjoy Continuous Square Dancing
Join Us for a Night of Fun and Friendship
No Experience Necessary
Flexible Participation,
Come and go each week as you please
Pay \$5.00 per person each night
Fun couple date night activity**

INSTRUCTOR: Caller: David Toms

MEMBER: Of NORTEX CALLERS ASSOCIATION

**DATE & TIME: Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Starting January 14, 2025**

**Where: Network of Community Ministries
1500 International Pkwy Ste. 300
Richardson TX 75081**

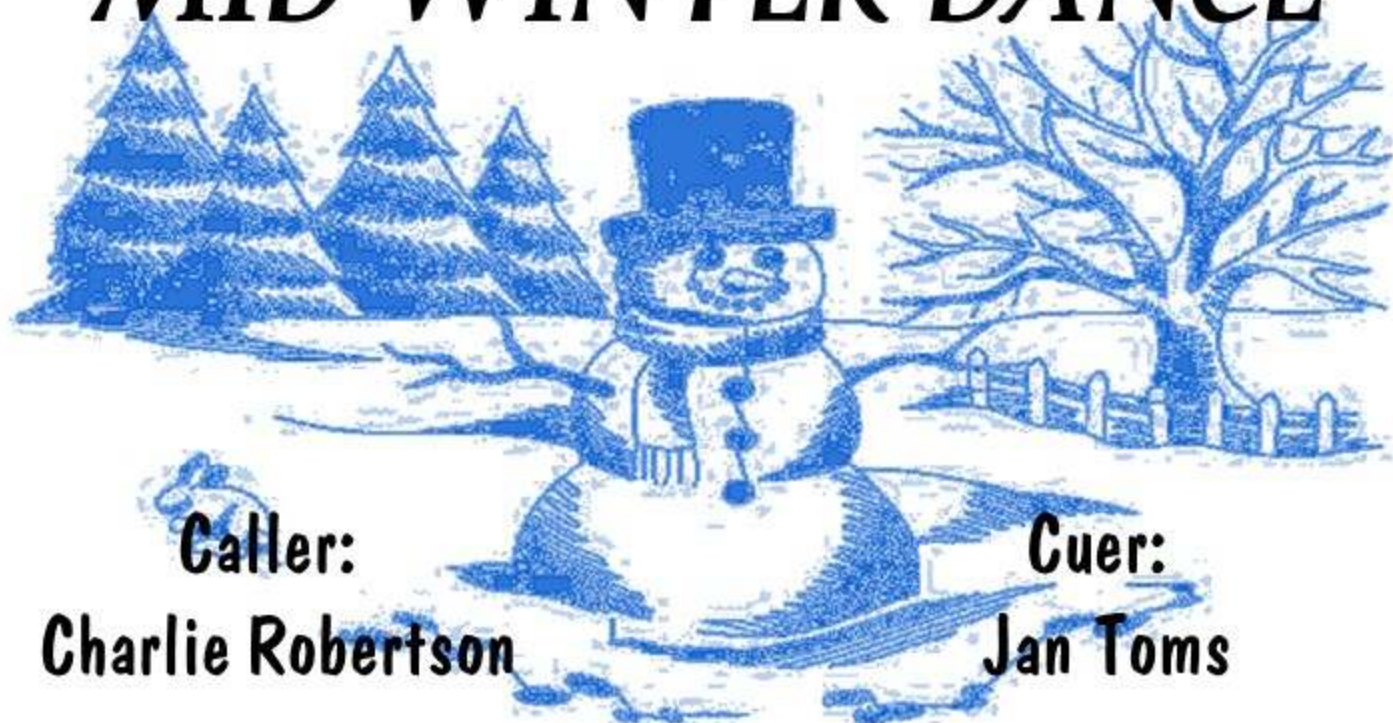
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**For more information call:
John Cave 972-836-3201 or
Email: president@swingingstars.org
See website: www.swingingstars.org**

SWINGING STARS

MID WINTER DANCE



Caller:

Charlie Robertson

Cuer:

Jan Toms

Friday January 24, 2025

Early Rounds 7:30

Square Dancing 8:00

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