

Newsletter for January 7, 2024

Message from the Presidents John and Debbie Cave

Welcome back to dancing. Debbie and I danced with Plus 4s and the Texas Reelers this past week. It was nice to see so many Swinging Stars out at Plus 4s. We hope the visitation to Kissin' Kuzzins went well and that they enjoyed the Network Ministries location. We now have four clubs dancing in Richardson at two nice locations.

Remember Lessons start on Jan 29^{th,} and we will need students to make a full class. Please pass this on to any of your friends and acquaintances inviting them to take lessons. If you can print off and drop flyers at your church or community center, it will help draw in students. Click on the following link for a copy of the flyer: <u>http://www.swingingstars.org/2024_Jan_Square_Dance_Lessons.pdf</u>

We will also need Angels to help the students learn. Please plan to take a turn in the Angel rotation.

See you at our dance this coming Friday.

John and Debbie Cave

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. 12, 2024) or mail your check, payable to the Swinging Stars, to the treasurer:

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

Message from the 1st Vice Presidents Charlie and Linda Harris

Lessons January 29 2024

Club members! The Rec. Center requires 8 students to make this class. Do any and all advertising you can. Print flyers from the newsletter and take them to your favorite gyms, grocery store and your frequently visited locations. Click on the following link for a pdf version of the flyer: <u>http://www.swingingstars.org/2024_Jan_Square_Dance_Lessons.pdf</u>

Also, do online advertising in places like Nextdoor, Dallas Morning News and any online neighborhood magazines. Thank you for increasing our reach and spreading the word.

Mainstream Lessons Beginning: Monday January 29th, 2024 Ending: May 13th, 2024 Instructor: David Toms Location: Liberty Rec Center (online catalog activity #65461) 2601 Glencliff Drive Plano, TX 75075 Phone: (972) 769-4234 \$89.00 per person for 16 weeks.

Swinging Stars Hospitality Reminder!

Thank you to all that showed early to support our club! Many hands help make the tasks much easier. Your participation helps our club continue to enjoy success!

Please arrive at 7:00pm and park in the back. The back door will be open for your entry. Let me know, if you have any questions. Send me an email if you can help. LindaHarristx@hotmail.com

Dance Date	Notes		
Jan 12	Hospitality		
	John and Debbie Cave - snacks		
Jan 26	Hospitality		
Feb 9	Hospitality		

Hospitality Teams

Thank you for your support, 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
Kissin' Kuzzins	10/06/2023
Pegasus Squares	12/10/2023

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Triangle Squares	3/31/2023
Circle I	5/26/2023
Tri-City Promenaders	7/14/2023

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Of Interest Club Visitation for Plus Dancers Wednesday, January 3 – Plus 4s

Seems that several people were ready to go Square Dancing. Plus 4s had 26 Square dancers having a great time dancing to Toby Thomason. For me it was really nice to see people again. We didn't do much dancing during December. Swinging Stars had 8 members attending. Thank you to

Stewarts, Covingtons, Caves, and Bursons for attending our Of Interest Club Visitation. Plus Fours don't play the banner game. So of course, there was not banner captured. However, we did get a signature for having enough to get a signature toward our next Club Visitation Award Patch.

Of Interest Club Visitation Friday, January 5 – Kissin' Kuzzins – Happy New Year

It was really interesting to be visitors at our venue. Actually, it is easier to be a visitor than a host. Everyone enjoyed dancing to Mike he never disappoints, he sure keeps everyone on their toes keeping up with his calling. Dave Veira was at the dance and called a few tips with Mike. It was nice to see Dave and his wife Michelle visiting from Florida. There were 5 squares in the first tip. There were 25 Kissin Kuzzins. I didn't hear how many visitors were attending. Swinging Stars had 12 members visiting the Kissin Kuzzins. Thank you to: P. Amy, N. Miramontes, Bursons, Harrises, Sees, Stewarts, and Trujillos for visiting our Club Visitation. We already have their banner, so we didn't get to capture a banner. We did get another signature toward our next Club Visitation Award Patch.

*** COMING EVENTS ***

To reach the **January** *Promenade*, click here: https://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2024-01-Promenade.pdf

Friday, January 12 – Swinging Stars – Happy January Dance

Where: Network Ministries – 1500 International Pkwy #300, Richardson
Caller: Charlie Robertson
Cuer: Jan Toms
Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Dance 8:00
Note: See page 18 of the January Promenade for more information

Official Club Visitation - Banner Retrieval Saturday, January 13 – Circle I – New Year's Resolution

Where: Heritage Senior Center – 200 S. Jefferson St, Irving
Caller: Ray Savell
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Plus 7:30, Grand March 8:00
Note: See page 19 of the January Promenade for more information

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval – Anniversary Dance Saturday, January 19 – Triangle Squares – Roaring 20s Dance

Where: The Brand Cowboy Church, 5926 FM 455, Sanger TX 76266 Guest Caller: Ray Savell Club Caller: Toby Thomason Cuer: Christine Hixson Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Plus 7:30, Grand March/SSD 8:00 Note: Dinner and Drinks will be served. See page 26 of the January Promenade for more information

Of Interest Club Visitation

Saturday, January 20 – Rebel Rousers – Super Bowl

Where: Richardson Senior Center - - 820 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson
Guest Caller: Scott Bennett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Time: Rounds 7:00, Plus FunShop 7:30, Dance 8:00
Note: See page 27 of the January Promenade for more information

LADIES LUNCHEON

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 AT 11:30

The Ladies Luncheon will be hosted by Lorraine Burson, on January 24, 2024 at 11:30 AM. I have chosen La Madeline in Allen, 810 W. McDermott Allen Texas, 75013.

Please reply to me at <u>Lorraine@Bursons.us</u> or 972-396-0941 to let me know if you plan to attend by January 22,2024, so I will know how many seats to reserve. Click on menu to check out their menus there are several, you can chose your preference by going to: https://lamadeleine.com/menu/entrees-and-favorites

Friday, January 26 – Swinging Stars – Midwinter Dance

Where: Network Ministries – 1500 International Pkwy #300, Richardson
Caller: Charlie Robertson
Cuer: Jan Toms
Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Dance 8:00
Note: See page 32 of the January Promenade for more information

Of Interest Club Visitation Sunday, January 28 – NTCA – Officer Installation Dance

Where: Swingtime Center - - 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin, Ft Worth, TX Callers: NTCA Callers
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Time: 7:30 - 9:30
Note: See page 34 of the January Promenade for more information

* * * OTHER EVENTS * * *

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Sunshine information

From Peggy Amy our Sunshine Reporter

News from Zari Kilejian:

Knee Replacement

On December 21, I had my left knee replacement. Stayed in the hospital overnight. Then I was transferred to rehab for 10 days. At the rehab, the therapists sure knew how to exhaust me with pain, and they call it HEALING PAIN or GOOD PAIN. However, in all this, I was able to benefit in walking straight & steady. Now, I am home & trying to manage doing the exercises by myself till I start outpatient therapy which is on January 9. I miss you all, Lord willing, I will see you soon. Thank you for praying for me. Zari

Let's keep in touch by sharing news in our Newsletter. Please send news to Peggy Amy <u>amybpeggy@verizon.net</u>

Special dates to put on your calendar

Monday, January 29, 2024 Swinging Stars Square Dance Lessons Friday, May 10, 2024 Swinging Stars 49th Anniversary Dance 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: <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).

Dave Burson Newsletter Editor Swinging Stars Email: <u>newsletter editor@swingingstars.org</u> Phone: 972-396-0941







Celebrate our First dance in 2024 💥 January 12, 2024 💥

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer:

Jan Toms

Network Ministries Building



Early Rounds: 7:30

Square up: 8:00

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: 972-836-3201 or president@swingingstars.org Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org



SWINGING STARS MID WINTER DANCE Caller: Cuer: Charlie Robertson Jan Toms Friday January 26, 2024 Square Dancing 8:00 Early Rounds 7:30 **Network Ministries Building** 1500 International Pkwy Ste. 300 Richardson TX. 75081 🕸 Singles Board 🗯 Banners 🕸 Lite Snacks 🕸 Honey Pot 🎄 Under 18 dance free when accompanied by adults For info: 972-836-3201 or President@swingingstars.org Visit our Website www.swingingstars.org

Try something new in 2024 Come out and Learn to



Connect with other fun People

Dance to some of your favorite music

Its fun engaging and relaxing

Fun couple date night activity

Less than \$6.00 per night per person

Modern Square Dance (Beg) #65461

Location: Liberty Recreation Center 2601 Glencliff Dr., Plano Tex.75075 Phone 972-769-4234 Jan. 29, 2024 to May 13, 2024 Monday 7:15 PM - 9:15 PM Instructor: David Toms

Fee Per Person

Plano Resident \$89.00 Non Resident \$93.00 10% Discount for 60 or more years old

Registration Starts

Plano Residents Dec. 2, 2023 at 8:00 AM Non Plano Residents Dec. 4 at 5:00 AM Number of sessions 16

First session Jan. 29 is FREE, however, after your first lesson on Jan. 29, if you think this is fun and you decide that you would like to take the lessons, you <u>must</u> register that evening after the lesson is over.

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