



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club



Newsletter for October 20, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

I hope you had a great weekend dancing. We had a good group of dancers at the celebration of Jon Jones at the TX Reelers dance. If you couldn't make it you missed a really good dance.

Here's quick update, in no particular order, for the remainder of 2024 and 2025.

Jan and I will miss our next two dances 10/25/2024 and 11/07/2024. We have a reunion and a granddaughter's school play.

Charlie Robertson and Jan Toms are contracted to call/cue for us through 12/31/2025. Be sure to express your appreciation to both of them every chance you get.

I sent an email to my contact, Linda Stone, at Network Ministries. She indicated that the January program is already set. However, she is going to check with someone about the length of their program on 01/16/2025 and if it is short enough, they may be able to fit us in. The board had hoped to do another demo before our next set of lessons. They are scheduled to start in February, she indicated that February 27, 2025, is open.

David was not going to be able to teach our upcoming lessons due to both being scheduled on Tuesday. Good news for us, KKs has had to change the night of their lessons starting in January to either Monday or Thursday night. Thus, he will be available for our Tuesday night lessons.

Jan is looking to offer round dance lessons starting January 2025 provided Liberty has a hall available or we can find suitable facilities.

Upcoming dances:

Unless indicated otherwise below Charlie Robertson and Jan Toms will be calling/cueing our dance.

David Toms is calling for us at our 11/08/2024 dance.

Tim Tyl is calling at our 11/22/2024 dance.

David Toms is calling for us at our 02/14/2025 dance.

Mike Bramlett will call our 03/14/2025 dance.

Bobby Willis will call our 03/28/2025 dance.

Chris Farabaugh will cue our 06/13/2025 and 07/25/2025 dances

David Burling will cue for our 06/27/2025 dance.

Tim Tyl has agreed to call our Pre-Round Up dance on 09/26/2025 as Charlie Robertson and Dan Nordbye are not available.

I requested 09/26/2025 as our Pre-Round Up dance from the NORTEX dance coordinator in lieu of the previously approved date.

Chris Farabaugh will cue our 10/10/2025 dance – Jan will be going to cue at the Houston Hoedown. Please note, contrary to information I previously provided you, Charlie Robertson is scheduled to call 10/10/2025.

Our First Vice President nominee is still vacant. I have one candidate willing if someone will volunteer to chair the lessons committee. The Lessons Committee Chair would help with Advertising and scheduling the angels and lead angels. The chairperson would not have to be at lessons. Our angel attendees are fairly static with the same people coming to help and for the exercise.

Best Regards,
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.

Beginner Square Dance Lesson - Every Tuesday 7-9pm!!

Location > Network Ministries 1500 International Pkwy #300, Richardson, TX

>>>>>The new dancers need angels! See you there!

A BIG thank you to all the "Lead" for lessons. Your support helps us move forward. Thank you, angels for your support on Tuesday October 15th, Richard and Jan Covington, John Cave, Peggy Amy, Nevin Mulvin and Allen Taylor.



Lesson Date	Lead
Oct 22	Trujillo's
Oct 29	Peggy Amy
Nov 5	??
Nov 12	??

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

Club	Date Captured
Pegasus	3/24/2024
Log Cabin Swingers	5/04/2024
Circle I	10/12/2024
Texas Reelers	10/18/2024

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Triangle Squares	2/23/2024

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval – Round-Up Theme Dance Friday, October 18 – Texas Reelers – Halloween Costume Dance

The Texas Reelers did a really great job of surprising Jon Jones at the Surprise Celebration for his long years of service as a caller and square-dance activist. Jerry Junck and Vernon Jones both gave an overview of his many accomplishments. Much too many for me to have remembered everything they had said about Jon's life work. Jon has surely been a very long-lasting strength in the Square-Dancing community. Jon, Jerry, Vernon and Deborah, called together all evening to a long list of tunes for all to enjoy. Chris Farabaugh did his share by Cueing for the Round Dancers to enjoy all of their favorite rhythms. A big thank you to: Merry Trujillo, Bursons, Caves, Covingtons, Harrises, Kilejians, and Sees for supporting our Official Club Visitation. With 13 Swinging Star members, we were able to Capture the Reelers Banner and Retrieve our banner. Good job Swinging Stars. A total of Sixty-five visitors were in attendance, and 30 Texas Reelers members present. There were 11 squares in the Grand March, and 5 couples Round Dancing after the first tip and most of the night. Anyone that missed this dance missed a good one. Want a wonderful time we all had.

Saturday, October 18 – Unscheduled visitation to Rebel Rousers

Three couples from the Swing Stars decided to attend the Rebel Rousers Halloween Hoedown Dance. Thank you to: Sees, Covingtons and Bursons, we managed to retrieve our banner and get a signature toward our next Club Visitation Award Patch. There were 5.5 squares in the Grand March, not enough to have 6 full squares. With the wisdom Mike Bramlett has in his vast calling experience he divided us into half squares. Worked great! All enjoyed dancing this way with no trouble at all. After the first tip there were 3 Round dance couples enjoying dancing to Christine Hixson cueing to a mixture of the favorite rhythms for their enjoyment. Most of the night there were 3 couples Round Dancing and 3 to 4 squares during the Square dance tips. This was not a large dance but it was a lot of fun. There were 20 Visitors, 22 Texas Reelers for a total of 42 attending the dance.

*** COMING EVENTS ***

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

<https://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2024-10-Promenade.pdf>

Wednesday, October 23 – Ladies Luncheon

Thank you to Merry Trujillo for volunteering to be hostess for our Ladies Luncheon.

The following is the information she sent for us.

On Wednesday, October 23, at 12:30pm, Swinging Stars Ladies Lunch will be held at:

The Olive Garden Restaurant located at the following address:

700 N Central Expy, Plano, TX 75074

Restaurant Phone: [972\) 578-8576](tel:9725788576)

You can find lunch-sized favorites at this site:

<https://www.olivegarden.com/menu/create-your-own-pasta>

Please RSVP by October 17, 2024, to Merry Trujillo via text or phone call to 214-802-4721.

Or you may email RSVPs to the following email: merry.trujillo@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing you,

Merry

Friday, October 25 – Swinging Stars – Halloween Costume 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 flyer at the end of this newsletter. BOO! This is a Costume Party Dance. Hope you will wear a costume. There will be a prize for the best costume. If you are not wanting to wear a costume, come in regular attire. You won't win the prize, but we will miss you if you don't come.

Sunshine information

From Peggy Amy and Nina Lassiter our Sunshine Reporte

Our longtime friend and fellow dancer, Anne Stuart, passed away Wednesday, October 9th, 2024. She had recently broken her femur, 2 ½ months ago.

Jeff and Anne were constant and faithful contributors to our dance club. They served in many club leadership positions, including President in 2000 and again 2010.

Anne Stuarts' obituary can be found at the following link:

<https://www.restlandfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Anne-Stuart/#!/Obituary>

Please send your thoughts and prayers to Jeff.

His address is: Jeff Stuart

4800 W Parker Road, Unit 321

Plano, TX 75093

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

Sunday, November 10, 2024, 4:00 PM **Swinging Stars General Club meeting** at

Sonny Bryan's Smokehouse 1251 W Campbell Rd Suite 240, Richardson, TX 75080

Saturday, December 14, 2024 **Swinging Stars Holiday Party** at TBD

Friday, November 22, 2024 **Swinging Stars Double Deal** Dance

Friday, December 6, 2024 **NTCA Callers Cavalcade**

Saturday, December 7, 2024 **NORTEX 2024 Round-Up**

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
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Swinging Stars
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See Flyers below



HALLOWEEN **Swinging Stars** *Costume Party Dance*



Friday, October 25, 2024

Early Rounds 7:30

Square Dancing 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



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Banners Honey Pot Lite Snacks Fun Dancing BOO!

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

Visit our Web Site: www.swingingstars.org

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Network Ministries Benefit Dance



Benefiting the Network Communities Ministries.
**A group of Churches in Richardson that support people
in their community with staples for life.**

Suggested Donations:

Hygiene Products: Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Deodorant.

Canned: Meat, Fish, Veggies, Beans, Fruit, Pasta Sauce.

Dry Rice, Dry Beans, Pasta, Mac & Cheese.

Baking items: Oil, Sugar, Flour, Single Serving Snacks.

Unwrapped toys for Christmas, clothing. Also: Accepting CASH Donations.



November 8, 2024



NETWORK OF COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

1500 International Pkwy Ste 300

Richardson, TX 75081

Caller: David Toms

Early Rounds: 7:30

Cuer: Jan Toms

Grand March: 8:00

Banners, Honey Pot, Singles Board, Lite Snacks

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