



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

***Newsletter for March 31, 2024***

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### **Message from the Presidents**

**Richard and Jan Covington**

The Callerlab convention was at DFW Hyatt Regency Sunday - Wednesday morning. Your callers were busy looking for ways to improve your square dancing fun and longevity. Part of that longevity is how to bring in new dancers and new callers. Of course, there was fun too starting with the Sunday night Way & Means fund raising dance. The money raised goes to fund scholarships for new callers. Thank you for your donations. We had a Plus dance Monday night and a SSD dance Tuesday night. Multiple callers contributed their talents doing tips.

The awards portion recognized Ken Bower for his major contributions to the square dance world. Melton Lutrell was recognized for 75 years of calling. Jon Jones received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Jon's award was presented by his son, Vernon. The Milestone Award went to Jerry Story for his major contributions to square dancing and calling. The award was presented by Tony Oxendine and was received by his wife Kristy and family. Toby Thomason recognized the callers with 50 years or more of calling. This was a very distinguished group. Toby himself has been calling 51 years and Jon Jones 69 years.

It was noted that the average age of our Callerlab voting members is roughly 69 years. We callers and dancers as a group are aging. We need to seriously consider making changes to bring in younger callers and dancers or square dancing will pass-away.

The Square Dance Board Chairman, Paul Lezotte, made a proposal to realign the Basic1, Basic2, SSD and part of Mainstream lists into one Mainstream list. The new Mainstream list would consist of fifty calls and the remaining calls would be pushed into the Plus list which would be sixty calls. Most of our dancers already dance the Plus list. This would allow new dancers and new callers coming into square dancing an opportunity to dance quicker and then learn the Plus list when they are ready. A lot of details have yet to be determined.

The conference meetings consisted of various topics such as Sight Calling, Module Calling, Relationships calling as well as committee meetings on Basic, Mainstream, Plus, etc. There was more going on than one person could participate in.

And elsewhere in the square & round dance world.

Joyce Sellers of Log Cabin Swingers wrote and asked that we share the following announcement.

Hello Dancers,

Log Cabin Swingers would like for you to save the Date, May 4, for your club to come to our 49th Anniversary Dance. We will have a couple of special things going on. The club that brings the most dancers will be awarded \$100. Also, all the clubs represented will have their name put in a pot for a drawing of \$300. This means a small club will have the same chance of winning the \$300. as a large one. We also will be serving food at 6:30. Early rounds at 7:00 with David Berling and dance from 7:30-9:30 with Tim Tyl.

Remember Log Cabin has a new location, just south of Promenade Hall, turn into Tool City Hall.

Swinging Stars has planned an all Plus Friendship Dance with the Kissin' Kuzzins for May 31st at the Network Community Ministries building. The caller will be Scott Bennett. Advanced Star tips will be offered. More information to follow.

Let's talk it up....

National Square Day 11/29/2024



<https://nationaltoday.com/square-dancing-day/>

Share this with your friends, family & social media.

I will see you in a square.

**Richard C**

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Dues are due starting April 1, 2024

If you normally pay by the quarter you need to pay for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter which is \$27.50 per single member and \$55.00 per couple. **If you have not paid your 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter dues, it is important that you pay ASAP.** April is the month that we have to send an updated roster and NORTEX Dues to NORTEX. So please pay your dues at the next dance or mail a check made out to the Swinging Stars to the treasurer:

Nevin R Mulvin  
Treasurer Swinging Stars  
3409 Eisenhower Ln  
Plano, TX 75023-3933  
972-618-0750

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## May 10, 2024 -- 49<sup>th</sup> Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance -- Dancing with the Stars

This message is from Lorraine Burson, Chair for our upcoming 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance. Hopefully you are aware that it is going to be on May 10, 2024. At the end of this newsletter there is a flyer you can read and know more about what is happening. Such as the well-known guest Caller Jet Roberts calling along with our own terrific Caller Charlie Robertson and our wonderful Cuer Jan Toms. We feel that this is a winning combination of talent. A dance you will not want to miss. What you will find out in this message is that we will be serving cakes and snacks with coffee and water. Also, we will be having a Money Raffle for \$100. And if you buy a raffle ticket for the money raffle you will have a chance to win 1 of 10 \$20 Gift Certificates to the Red Truck Cafe. Regretfully, our club just isn't large

enough to support having a dinner or a salad supper as we did in the past. We will be having signup sheets for all members to help with this special dance. We only have 2 more Swinging Star dances, before May 10, when you will have the opportunity to sign up to help. In case you miss getting signed up at one of our last 2 dances, I will be sending out a standalone message to all club members with the sign-up sheet information. Please reply by emailing to [Lorraine@Bursons.us](mailto:Lorraine@Bursons.us) or call 972-396-0941 and volunteer wherever you can to help. I did have signup sheets at our dance on March 8 and 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you were not there you missed the chance to get signed up early enough to get the position that you would like help doing the most.

Thank you,  
Lorraine Burson

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## Message from the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents Charlie and Linda Harris

### Mainstream Lessons

Those angels continuing to show up for support. We appreciated you!  
**Women angels are needed!**

Location: Liberty Rec Center  
2601 Glencliff Drive  
Plano, TX 75075  
Mondays 7:15 PM



**“Thanks to all” for showing up early to help with setup and stay for tear down.**

See you in a square,  
Charlie and Linda Harris – 1<sup>st</sup> VP

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Tri-City Promenaders	7/14/2023
Triangle Squares	2/23/2024
Rebel Rousers	2/23/2024

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

### Of Interest Club Visitation

#### Wednesday, March 27 – Rainbow Rounds – 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dance

This was a Dance of Interest on the Swinging Stars calendar but was never listed in the newsletter. The Rainbow Rounds hosted their 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary dance at Swingtime on Wednesday, March 27 featuring the outstanding caller Buddy Weaver and club cuer Karen Gloodt. Buddy called to 6-8 squares using his great voice for a fun and sometimes challenging dance. Karen cued to 8-14 couples utilizing a variety of types and difficulty of round dances. It was a most enjoyable evening for the two Swinging Stars that attended this dance - the Sees. Thankyou Ron for this report.

**Official Club Visitation – Banner Raid**  
**Saturday, March 30 – Trailblazers – Anniversary Dance**  
No report.

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

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

<https://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2024-04-Promenade.pdf>

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

**Where:** Chapel Hill United Methodist Church -- 12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch  
**Caller:** Toby Thomason  
**Time:** Plus 7:00

**Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval**  
**Friday, April 5 – Triangle Squares – Eclipse Dance**

**Where:** First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 1424 Stuart Road, Denton, TX  
**Club Caller/Cuer:** Toby Thomason  
**Time:** Workshop 7:00, Grand March/SSD 7:30  
**Note:** See page 11 of the April Promenade for more information.

**Friday, April 12 – Swinging Stars – Spring Fling**

**Where:** Network Ministries – 1500 International Pkwy #300, Richardson, TX  
**Caller:** Charlie Robertson  
**Cuer:** Jan Toms  
**Time:** Early Rounds 7:30, Dance 8:00  
**Note:** See page 17 of the April Promenade for more information

**Official Club Visitation - Banner Raid**  
**Saturday, April 13 – Circle I – Rangers**

**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 18 of the April Promenade for more information

**Wednesday, April 17 at 11:30 AM -- Ladies Luncheon**

The April Ladies Luncheon will be hosted by Peggy Amy at one of Peggy's favorites, The Chocolate Angel Cafe and Tea Room. It is located in the High Street Antique Mall, 800 Central Expressway, Plano, TX. Please REPLY to Peggy Amy at [amybpeggy@verizon.net](mailto:amybpeggy@verizon.net) or 972-824-5435 by April 16. Go to <https://chocolateangel.com/> for menu and directions. All current members, associate members, and former members are invited to join us. We would love to visit and "catch up" with you!  
**Please do not reply to Lorraine.** REPLY to Peggy Amy. [amybpeggy@verizon.net](mailto:amybpeggy@verizon.net) or 972-824-5435

**Official Club Visitation - Banner Raid**  
**Friday, April 19 – Kissin' Kuzzins – 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dance**

**Where:** Network Ministries – 1500 International Pkwy #300, Richardson, TX  
**Guest Caller:** Ken Burke  
**Caller:** Mike Bramlett  
**Time:** Plus Workshop 7:00 PM, Mainstream Workshop 7:30 PM, First S/D Tip 8:00 PM  
**Note:** See page 21 of the April Promenade for more information

## **Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval**

### **Saturday, April 20 – Rebel Rousers – Spring is in the Air**

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

**Caller:** Mike Bramlett

**Cuer:** Christine Hixson

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

**Note:** See page 25 of the April Promenade for more information.

### **Friday, April 26 – Swinging Stars – Celebrate San Jacinto Day**

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

**Caller:** Charlie Robertson

**Cuer:** Jan Toms

**Time:** Early Rounds 7:30, Dance 8:00

**Note:** See page 31 of the April Promenade for more information

## **Of Interest Club Visitation for Round Dancers**

### **Sunday, April 28 – Harvest Holiday – Spring Fun Rounds**

**Where:** Swingtime Center - - 5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth

**Cuer:** Area Instructors

**Time:** Rounds 2:00 – 5:30 PM

**Note:** Phases 2, 3, and 4

See page 33 of the April Promenade for more information

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

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## **Sunshine information**

### **From Peggy Amy and Nina Lassiter our Sunshine Reporters**

Update from Zari Kilejian on what is happening with her and Harry. She asked for everyone's prayers.

First, Harry's Mother passed away. She was 102 years old. They will be going to her funeral in Canada.

Zari's foot is healing and the doctor has released her to do anything but run.

Zari and Harry are heading to Toronto to see her brothers. One who had a massive stroke was being cared for by another brother. The second brother has now been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatment. While they are visiting her brothers, they will also travel to Harry's Mom's funeral. Again, they ask that you all keep them in your prayers.

On a lighter Sunshine note, this is Easter Weekend. I wish everyone a Happy and safe Easter. Please share your good news as you get together with family and friends this Holiday weekend.

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](mailto: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.

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## Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday, May 10, 2024 **Swinging Stars 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Dance

Sunday, May 19, 2024, 4:00 PM **Swinging Stars General Club meeting** at Spring Creek BBQ  
270 N Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080

Friday, October 11, 2024 **Swinging Stars Double Deal** Dance

Friday, November 22, 2024 **Swinging Stars Round up Theme** Dance

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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.

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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: [newsletter\\_editor@swingingstars.org](mailto: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).

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**Dave Burson**

**Newsletter Editor**

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**See Flyers below**







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# SPRING FLING

April 12, 2024

*Honey Pot  
Fun Dancing*

*Solos Board*

*Banners  
Lite Snacks*

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Jan Toms



Early Rounds: 7:30

Square up 8:00

Network Ministries Building

1500 International Pkwy Ste 300 Richardson TX.

Dancers under 18 dance free with paying adults



We dance every 2nd and 4th Fridays



For info: 214-675-6523 or [president@swingingstars.org](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)



Visit our web site: [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org)



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49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

MAY 10, 2024



**Guest Caller: Jet Roberts**  
**Club Caller: Charlie Robertson**  
**Cuer: Jan Toms**

Early Rounds 7:00

Grand March 8:00

\$100 Money Raffle with a  
chance to win 1 of 10, \$20 Gift  
Certificates to Red Truck Cafe

Network Ministries Building

1500 International Pkwy Ste 300

Richardson Tx. 75081

Refreshments

Banners

Singles Board

Honey pot

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied by paying adult

Info: 972-396-0941 or President @swinging stars.org

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