



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club



Newsletter for August 4, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

I am sure you all remember, Square dancing used to be a great family activity. It still is but to my knowledge, we/SS don't currently have any family units we have had them in the past; most recently we had Peggy Amy's daughter, granddaughter and grand-son-in-law. In the sixties, seventies and eighties square dancing had a lot of family units. Parents brought their kids to lessons with them. So their children learned at early ages and continued through adulthood. We need to restart the trend. It would be great to provide baby sitting to young parents.

Of course, our callers are always available to help in any way we can. If someone wanted private lessons for a group of at least eight people (such as a family unit or a group of friends) we can make it happen. We'll work around their schedule. It takes about 16 weeks with one two hour lesson per week. However, this can be condensed. Some have found success giving 8 weeks of lessons with four hour lessons on Saturday.

I want to share an email received by SS officers. Note the following:

From: Sarah Palmer <sarah@wisebook.org>

Date: July 26, 2024 at 4:44:54 AM PDT

To: Swinging Stars Officers

Sub: Swinging Stars Square Dance Club

Good morning,

Thanks to the members of the Swinging Stars Square Dance Club for sharing your square dancing links... they've come in handy! This week my daughter Payton's Girl Scout troop has been working on their Square Dance Patch! Payton has absolutely loved getting into square dancing and can't wait to join our local club this fall! (She might be their youngest member!) You listed some great websites for us to check out... thanks again for all the help! I'm not sure if you've seen it, but I also wanted to share this overview of the basics of square dancing that Payton really enjoyed: www.aaastateofplay.com/swing-your-partner-the-basics-of-square-dancing/

Not only does it include a listing of basic calls and steps, but there's a nice section on the history behind square dancing. You can also find local clubs to join and additional resources for square dancers! Payton thought it would make a fun addition - especially to those who are new to the dance! Do you mind adding it to your page for us? swingingstars.org/SwingingStarsHomeTest.html ...under the links section?

I know Payton would be delighted to share this with the rest of her troop if you include it! Please get back to me when you have a chance... they'll be meeting again on Monday afternoon! Thank you :)

Have a great weekend,
Sarah Palmer

Save the date: April 13th-16th

50th CALLERLAB CONVENTION

Yes, Dancers and Non-Members are invited to attend.

Place: Embassy Suites by Hilton

Greenville Golf Resort Conference Center

670 Verdae Blvd, Greenville, SC 29607

Register online: <https://callerlab.org/registration-information>

Hotel Registration: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/callerlab-april-2025/>

Charlie and Kristy Robertson will be there.

Jan and David Toms will be there.

Richard and Jan Covington will be there.

Plus many of the local callers will be there.

The classes include things such as:

Advertising Club Events, Flyer Preparation, Lessons Marketing and much more. There are also lots of classes on calling.

Have a great week and I will see you on the dance floor.

Richard C

3rd Quarter Dues are PAST due (Starting July 1, 2024)

If you normally pay for the half-year you need to pay is \$55.00 per single member and \$110.00 per couple. One quarter is \$27.50 per single member and \$55.00 per couple. 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

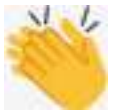
3409 Eisenhower Ln

Plano, TX 75023-3933

972-618-0750

Message from the 1st Vice Presidents

Charlie and Linda Harris



"Thanks to all" for showing up early to help with setup and stay for tear down. You are appreciated.

See you in a square,

Charlie and Linda Harris – 1st VP

Lessons Beginning September 10 at Network Ministries

Lessons Guidelines/Objectives.

1. Do your part with online advertising. Every input will help!

Ideas-Suggestions of where to place these flyers

- Rec center near you (we've had results from Sam Johnson Rec Center)
- Churches near you
- Dallas Morning News
- Grocery store bulletin boards
- Any public bulletin board
- Post on Facebook for your contacts to see
- Nextdoor
- Any online free advertising (Plano Magazine, Eventbrite, Community Impact, Plano Profile.

2. Get the eight people required for the beginning the class. Everyone needs to do their part to advertise and recruit!

We've had several inquiries!

3. We hope some of these 8 will be repeats from recent lessons wanting to return to another set of lessons.
4. Encourage "never before dancer" to come to see what it's like. These dancers will pay \$10 at the door for each lesson they attend.
5. If this process is effective, David would use the early part of the night say 7 to 7:30 for very new dancers. Around 7:45 he would move to more advanced calls. The new ones can stay or not.
6. He may try to end the night at 8:30 depending on the progress.
7. As always, we will need angels to fill in the squares. Since Charlie and I dance with Christine on Tuesday nights, we'll need a lead for most Tuesdays. I'll pass around a signup sheet. Also please include the Tuesdays you cannot be there. This will keep everyone informed as which Tuesdays need a lead.
8. We can leave our lessons' supplies (badges, angel sign in sheets) at the location with our other supplies.

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
Kissing Kuzzins	7/05/2024

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Tri-City Promenaders	7/14/2023
Triangle Squares	2/23/2024
Circle I	5/10/2024
Rebel Rousers	7/26/2024

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval

Friday, August 2 – Texas Reelers – Festival of Colors

Deborah Carrol Jones did a fine job coordinating between the theme of Festival of Colors and the Fundraiser for the Special First Responder, Officer Hondo from the K-9 unit of the Richardson Police Department. I was told that they received a good total from donations for the fundraiser, to help toward purchasing a specially made protection vest, for the K-9. I really enjoyed the tune Deborah Carrol and Jon Jones doing a duet adapted from the Beach Boys Help, Help Me Ronda and changed it to Help Me Hondo. We were all disappointed that Officer Hondo could not be at the dance, he had to go out to East Texas on a duty call.

There was a camera crew from channel 4 News that took some pictures of square dancing, that was to be aired on Friday night news.

There were 26 Visitors, 33 Texas Reelers for a total of 59 dancers attending. Swinging Stars had 10 members attending our Official Visitation/ Banner Retrieval. After the Grand March there were 5 squares and after the first tip there were 5 Round Dance Couples Round Dancing to Chris Farabaugh. A big Thank You to Trujillos, Sees, Reids, Bursons and Harris. We were able to retrieve our banner and get a signature toward our next Club Visitation Award Patch.

*** COMING EVENTS ***

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

<https://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2024-08-Promenade.pdf>

Of Interest Club Visitation for Plus Dancers

Wednesday, August 7 – Plus 4s

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

Caller: Toby Thomason

Time: Plus 7:00

Friday, August 9 – Swinging Stars – Luau

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

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Note: See page 23 of the August Promenade for more information

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval

Saturday, 10 – Circle I – Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Summer Dance

Where: Heritage Senior Center -- 200 S. Jefferson St, Irving, TX

Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Plus 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Note: See page 24 of the August Promenade for more information

Of Interest Club Visitation

Friday, August 16 – Kissin' Kuzzins – Lemonade Stand

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

Caller: Mike Bramlett

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

Note: See page 27 of the August Promenade for more information

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval

Saturday, August 17 – Rebel Rousers – Some Beach, SOMEWHERE

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

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

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

Note: See page 31 of the August Promenade for more information

Wednesday, August 21—Ladies Luncheon

On Wednesday, August 21, at 11:30am, Swinging Stars Ladies Lunch will be held at the new “The Lazy Dog Restaurant” located at the following address:

5180 N President George Bush Hwy, Garland, TX 75040.

Restaurant Phone: (945) 207-7552

Influenced by the lifestyle of the Rocky Mountains, Lazy Dog Restaurant serves made-from-scratch American food and drink with seasonally inspired ingredients. Opened May 29th!

Please RSVP by August 19, 2024, to Nina Lassiter via text or phone call to 214-769-6032.

Or you may email RSVPs to the following email:

ninalassiter@gmail.com

Google the Lazy Dog Restaurant and take a look at the full menu. I look forward to hosting you all.

Kindest regards,

Nina

214-769-6032

Friday, August 23 – Swinging Stars – Show Your Team Colors

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 35 of the August Promenade for more information

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval

Saturday, August 24 – Tri-City Promenaders – Under the Sea Dance

Where: Brookside Center - 1244 Brookside Dr, Hurst, TX 76053

Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: Rounds 7:00, Plus 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Note: See page 36 of the August Promenade for more information

Sunshine information

From Peggy Amy and Nina Lassiter our Sunshine Reporters

Email from Bob Estep:

Arrived back in TX on June 1 with broken right shoulder and a broken left hip. The rehab center I was in is excellent and they got me on my feet and walking (With help of course). This past Monday they transferred me to Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital so I can receive more PT than the first facility is staffed to provide. I now receive a minimum of three hours of PT every day. Game plan is another week here and if I do well, I may get to go home this weekend. With a walker and a wheelchair. The unknown is the right arm/shoulder. I still am not allowed to use any other weight in using it. Hope to see everyone again before too long.

Bob

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, October 11, 2024 **Swinging Stars Round up Theme** Dance

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@swingingsstars.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@swingingsstars.org

Phone: 972-396-0941

See Flyers below





Swinging Stars welcomes you to our



Friday August 9, 2024

Caller: Charlie Robertson Early Rounds 7:30
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh Square Up 8:00



Network of Community Ministries
1500 International Pkwy Ste 300

Fun Food Fellowship Honey Pot Banners

Hawaiian, Casual or Square Dance Attire



72.9 MHz

Singles Rotation Board available for Tip and Dance Partner choice
Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied by a paying adult



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

Visit our website: www.swingingstars.org



Swinging Stars

SHOW YOUR TEAM COLORS



Caller:

Charlie Robertson

Friday, 8/23/2024



Cuer:

Jan Toms

Early Rounds 7:30

Square Up 8:00

Show Your Team
Spirit by Wearing
Your Favorite Team's Shirt
OR Dress Casual for Summer

Dancers Under 18 Dance Free
When Accompanied
By A Paying Adult



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Honey Pot



Banners



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Visit our Web Site: www.swingingstars.org

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Do as the
Texans do...

SQUARE DANCE!

Beginning Square Dance Lessons

16 Weeks \$85.00

September 10th — Tuesday 7-9 PM Email 1stvp@swingingstars.org

Network Ministries -1500 International Parkway - #300 Richardson, TX 75081

Come out **Square Dance** **beginners class**

Try something new in 2024

Connect with other fun people

Dance to some of your favorite music

It's fun, engaging, and relaxing

Fabulous couple's date night activity

Network Ministries

1500 International Parkway

Richardson, TX 75081

September 10th (Tues) 7-9PM

Email 1stvp@swingingstars.org

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