



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club



Newsletter for August 18, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

August is flying by. We will be out of this heat.... How's your student hunt going? We had long since exhausted our efforts to share our joy of square dancing with family and friends so we have turned to social media, bulletin boards and other type of media publication. Keep posting.

Don't forget the Waltz lessons that our favorite Round Dance cuer, Jan Toms, will be giving at Liberty Rec Center. Talk it up...

CALLERLAB Convention Reminders

Don't forget, the early bird deadline for the 50th CALLERLAB Convention is September 1!



Convention Registration Form PDF

(<https://callerlab.org/download/50th-callerlab-convention-registration-form/>)

OR

Online Convention Registration (<https://callerlab.org/2025registration/>)

Early Bird Rates*: Caller: \$290 & Non-Caller: \$260

**After September 1, the rates will be set at \$320 for callers and \$290 for all other attendees.*

At the end of the Early Bird sign ups, we'll have a drawing for two members to receive \$100 off the final total of their 2025 Convention costs.

Link to online hotel reservations:

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

We callers would love to see a large group of dancers from NORTEX. Spread the word.

A personal note... as you may know, Jan and I have been traveling and will miss this Friday's Dance. We are home-sick and return Tuesday. We have had a blast but all good things have a price tag... ha! We are ready to get back to normal.

I will see you on the dance floor.

Richard C

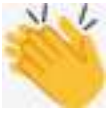
3rd Quarter Dues are PAST due (Starting July 1, 2024)

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.



Sara and Nevin Mulvin provided additional snacks for our guests this week.



See you in a square,
Charlie and Linda Harris – 1st VP

Beginning Waltz Lessons Monday September 30 – Liberty Rec Center – Spread to Word!

Time: 7:15-9:15 pm
Instructor: Jan Toms
Location: Liberty Rec Center
2601 Glendcliff Drive
Plano, TX 75075
Resident \$75 Non-Resident \$79, Senior Discount 10%

Beginning Square Lessons September 10 – Network Ministries 7-9 pm \$85.00 per person - Instructor David Toms

We will need angels to fill in the squares. Charlie and I dance with Christine on Tuesday nights; therefore, we'll need a lead for most Tuesdays. I'll send out a signup sheet for leads. Also please include the Tuesdays you cannot be there. This will keep everyone informed as which Tuesdays need a lead. 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

*****EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK*******Of Interest Club Visitation****Friday, August 16 – Kissin' Kuzzins – Lemonade Stand**

The Kissin' Kuzzins had a normal sized crowd of dancers despite the heat outdoors. Club caller Mike Bramlett provided excellent calling all evening making both the mainstream and plus tips challenging and fun. There were 4 mainstream squares and 2 plus squares on the floor for most of the evening. There were 11 visitors with 2 of those being Swinging Stars (the Sees) who attended the dance. Thank you to Ron See for the report.

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval**Saturday, August 17 – Rebel Rousers – Some Beach, SOMEWHERE**

It was 103 Degrees outside but in the Richardson Senior center it was very cool and comfortable for dancing. Although, Mike Bramlett got things warmed up fast. He kept all dancers dancing to a fast pace which made everyone get hot quickly. He is a great caller and does great calling. There were 4 squares during the Fun Plus workshop, he taught the triple scoot, which he said that Caller Lab had added it to the Plus list. There were 4 squares in the Grand March and all during the evening of Square Dancing. We counted 4 couples Round Dancing to Christine Hixson most all night, as she did her usual great job cueing to the Round Dancers favorite tunes and rhythms. There was a total of 48 dancers attending, having 24 visitors and 24 Rebel Rousers.

Thank you to these 10 Swinging Star members: Bursons, Harrises, Caves, Trujillos, and Sees for supporting our Official Club Visitation. With 10 members we had more than enough to retrieve our banner. We also collected another 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>

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

The following sunshine information came from Janelle Row Wednesday (8-15-2024):

On August 8, Roger was finally able to get the heart ablation because of cardio sarcoidosis that the heart doctors have been watching since January 2 when it was discovered. The ablation took out most of the scarring in his heart. This should reduce the number of shocks he gets from his ICD (internal coronary defibrillator) because hopefully he won't go into ventricular tachycardia (fast heart rate over 130) as often. This last time in the hospital was his 6th time since January. We are so glad the inflammation that was causing him to not be able to get the ablation finally subsided after being on a lot of meds. We would like to start square dance lessons again but he's still very weak. It will take some time for him to regain his strength. We thank everyone for all their thoughts and prayers. Janelle and Roger

Please keep Roger and Janelle in your prayers.

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, 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@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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See Flyers below



When in
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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

\$85 (16 weeks)

SWINGING STARS

Solo Board
Available

Sock Hop

Sox required
Shoes Optional



September 13, 2024

Network of Community Ministries Building

1500 International Pkwy Ste. 300 Richardson

Caller Charlie Robertson

Early Rounds 7:30

Cuer Jan Toms



Square up 8:00



72.9 MHz

Honey Pot

Snacks

Banner Game

Fun Fellowship

Dancers under 18 Dance for free when accompanied by a paying adult
For Info 214-675-6523 or president@swingingstars.org

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