



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club



Newsletter for September 15, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

Happy National Square Dance Month!!! Yes, September is National Square Dance Month.

Square dance lessons are starting for a lot of clubs this month. Our lessons started Tuesday, and we have seven paid female students and a couple more folks considering it. Unless we get some male students, we will need lots of male angels or female angels that can dance the male part. We have three young ladies ages late teens to early twenties. That is so exciting.

In September's American Square Dancer, Buddy Weaver writes that square dance "lessons" is relatively a new thing as "lessons" did not start till the very late 1940's. Prior to that time, square dancing was only a part of an evening of folk dancing. If the caller wanted to call to a specific tune, he would teach the dance pattern in its entirety so that everyone could participate. Obviously, those that already knew the routine of the song did not want to continuing learning it again-and-again. Thus, the idea was to form a class of six weeks to teach the songs routines. (Wayne Baldwin told me when he started calling that he taught the pattern for the song he wanted to sing.) Buddy continued, the dancers who completed the class would be invited to join one or more groups where they would simply dance... in time, learning dances was replaced by learning calls that made up the dance. The number of frequent calls increased, and the list grew. It wasn't long till "lessons" became an annual event. Most started in September to coincide with the kids returning to school giving the parents freedom to go to square dance lessons.

In the 1960's (and early 70's) there was a movement to name September as National Square Dance Month and that solidified September as the annual start of class. Even today many clubs start lessons in September. (Paraphrase from Buddy Weaver's Sept 2024 article in the American Square Dancer).

Here's food for thought, how many dances could they teach in six weeks, six-ten maybe, and how many calls would that encompass? A singing call has 7-10 calls, and some calls are used in almost every song such as square through, left allemande, weave the ring and promenade. So, a rough estimate would be 35 calls were learned and used in the process of six lessons and ten songs. Point being, it's does not take a large-number-of calls to enjoy the fun of square dancing.

The demo for Network Ministries is Thursday, 09/19/2024. We need one more couple to make a square. Dave and Lorraine Burson & Charlie and Linda Harris & Jan Covington and Peggy Amy have indicated they will be there. We need everyone that can to be there and gather at 10:30 for the 10:45 demo. I plan to call the demo and the dress is casual. This demo is in exchange for half of one Month's rent, \$150. We don't normally charge for demos, so this is extra special. I've heard from some who can't come, so, if you haven't responded already, let me know yea or nay at richard6@sbcglobal.net.

As usual Jan Toms and Charlie Robertson gave us a great dance. We had six-to-eight round dance couples dancing and we had four squares dancing with several dancers sitting out and our plus tips had four squares. Total dancers we had forty-four, two students (Patricia Wright and Swetei Mistry) and we had four non-dance visitors one of whom danced tandem with Gene Geyer during the student tip. So, there was a total of 49 at our dance including the Swetei, her family and one visitor from David's work. Swetei also works with David.

Our thanks to Rebel Rousers (13), Circle I (5), Tri-City Promenaders (2), Plus Squares (1) and five independent dancers for coming and making our Sock Hop Dance Special.

Richard C

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

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!

If you missed the 1st lesson, it is not too late to start.

Come Tuesday September 17 by 7 pm and David will get you up to speed.

See flyer at the end of this newsletter.



Lesson Lead	
Sept 17	Covingtons
Sept 24	Peggy Amy
Oct 1	Trujillos

Beginning Waltz Lessons Monday September 30 – Liberty Rec Center

Spread the Word!

Time: 7:15-9:15 pm

Instructor: Jan Toms

Location: Liberty Rec Center, 2601 Glencliff Drive, Plano, TX 75075

Resident \$75 Non-Resident \$79, Senior Discount 10%

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

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Triangle Squares	2/23/2024
Rebel Rousers	9/13/2024

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Friday, September 13 – Swinging Stars – Sock Hop

See **Message from the Presidents** above.

*** COMING EVENTS ***

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

<https://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2024-09-Promenade.pdf>

Of Interest Club Visitation

Sunday, September 15 – NORTEX Round-Up Kickoff

Where: Swingtime Center - - 5100 SE Loop 820 @ Anglin, Ft Worth

Caller: Vernon Jones

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Time: Rounds 4:00 - 5:00 PM, Squares 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Note: See page 5 of the September Promenade for more information
Free if registered for Round-Up

Thursday, September 19 Swinging Stars Demo

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

Caller: Richard Covington

Time: Demo starts at 10:45

Note: We need Angels: **Angels please be there by 10:30**

Official Club Visitation – Banner Raid – Double Deal Dance

Friday, September 20 – Kissin' Kuzzins – Double Deal Dancin' with Dave

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

Caller: Dave Vieira

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

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

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval

Saturday, September 21 – Rebel Rousers – Fall Is Nearly Here

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

Caller: Scott Bennett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

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

Note: See page 35 of the September Promenade for more information.

Of Interest Club Visitation for Round Dancers – Round-Up Theme Dance

Sunday, September 22 – Harvest Holiday – Autumn Fun Rounds

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

Cuer: Area Instructors

Teach: Karen & Ed Gloodt

Time: Rounds 2:00 – 5:30 PM

Note: Phases 2, 3, and 4

See page 37 of the September Promenade for more information

Friday, September 27 – Swinging Stars – Big Tex At the Texas State Fair

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.

Sunshine information

From Peggy Amy and Nina Lassiter our Sunshine Reporters

No Sunshine news this week.

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).

Dave Burson

Newsletter Editor

Swinging Stars

Email: newsletter_editor@swingingstars.org

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See Flyers below



If you missed the 1st lesson, it is not too late to start.
Come Tuesday September 17 by 7 pm and David will get you up to speed.

When in
Texas

or you can



you can

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

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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)

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BIG TEX AT THE TEXAS STATE FAIR



Friday September 27, 2024

Network of Community Ministries

1500 International Pkwy Ste. 300 Richardson TX 75081

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Early Rounds 7:30

Cuer: Jan Toms

Square up 8:00

Fun Lite Snacks Honey Pot Great Dancing

Singles rotation board is available for Tip and Dance Partner choice

Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied a paying Adult



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For Info 214- 675-6523 or president@swingingstars.org

Visit our website: www.swingingstars.org

Swinging Stars

Toys On Parade

Roundup Theme Dance

Two Signature Dance



Friday October 11, 2024

Caller: Dan Nordbye

Early Rounds 7:30

Cuer: Jan Toms

Grand March 8:00

Network Community of Ministries

1500 International Pkwy Ste 300 Richardson, TX 75081



Banners, Honey Pot, Singles Board, Lite Snacks

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