



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 28, 2021

Message from Presidents

Russ and Anne Nejd

We had a great club meeting last week at Sonny Bryan's Smokehouse in Richardson. We had excellent attendance by club members with good interactions and very good food afterwards. The club voted in favor of amending the constitution to allow singles to join our club. The election of officers was approved with everyone on the current board serving a second term with the exception of the First Vice President. John and Debbie Cave will replace the Lassiters in this position. The Hamms will serve as lessons chairs and will create a flyer we hope you will distribute to potential students. Classes will be at Liberty Rec. Center in Plano beginning January 3rd. No background checks are necessary. If you wish to angel, please let the Hams know. Our next club dance will be at the Elks Lodge in Plano at 1111 Jupiter. Please bring a Teddy bear that we may donate to the Plano Police department, which they use to comfort children when confronted with a difficult situation. Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing you at the holiday party next week at the Lassiter's home.

Anne and Russ Nejd

Square Dance Lessons Starting January 3!

We have scheduled square dance lessons to begin January 3 at Liberty Recreation Center, 2601 Glenclyff Dr, Plano (east of Independence and south of 15th Street). Bobby will be the instructor, so you know the lessons will be great! Lessons will be on Monday nights, 7:15 – 9:15, for sixteen weeks, January 3 through April 18.

Like all NORTEX clubs, the Swinging Stars was hit hard by the pandemic, and we really need to get enthusiastic new members into the club. The only way that will happen is through all of us working hard to get people to take lessons. The best thing all of us can do to help is to talk with our acquaintances who are not square dancers and tell them how great it is – the fun, the friendships, the exercise – and let them know that the lessons are coming up.

For our members who haven't returned to dancing after the pandemic and may feel you need instruction before dancing again, here's your chance. Please take the lessons and come back – we miss you!

We'll have more information in the coming weeks – this is to get you started thinking about people you know who would make great Swinging Stars. Registration opens December 4 for Plano residents and December 6 for non-residents.

2nd VP Report

From 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
T Square Gadabouts	4/19/2019
Log Cabin Swingers	5/04/2019
Tri-City Promenaders	7/24/2021
Circle I	9/11/2021
Kissin Kuzzins	11/5/2021
Dixie Chainers	11/6/2021
Lone Star Solos	11/11/2021
Rebel Rousers	11/20/2021

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured

Many NORTEX clubs have resumed dancing or will in the near future. Most clubs that have resumed dancing have ads in the *Promenade*. To reach the December *Promenade*, click here: <http://www.swingingstars.org/2021-12-Promenade.pdf>

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

NO VISITATIONS WERE SCHEDULED FOR THIS PAST WEEK

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Friday, December 3

Swinging Stars Holiday Party

The most wonderful time of year is fast approaching. It's time to get your RSVP and \$16.00 per person, in to Linda Harris for:

The Swinging Stars Holiday Party

Time: 5:30 p.m. Friday, December 3, 2021.

Place: Dan and Nina Lassiter's home.

2017 Brandeis Dr., Richardson, TX 75082.

(214-769-6032)

See the flyer at the end of this Newsletter for full details.

Saturday, December 4 -- Dance of Interest

Circle 8 -- 74 years of Square dancing featuring Darryl Lipscomb.

We know you will not want to miss dancing to this Outstanding caller of the month.

Where: Swingtime Center, Loop 820 @ Anglin, Ft. Worth

Club Caller: Melton Luttrell.

Guest Caller: Darryl Lipscomb

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Grand March and Sq Dancing 8:00 to 10:15

Note: For more info see the Flyer on page 12 of the December Promenade.

Thursday, December 9 -- Of interest

Lone Stars -- Christmas Dance

This will be the Lone Star Solos last dance. I hope you will come and enjoy dancing with the Lone Star Solos Club for their last Dance.

Where: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 3217 Guthrie Road, Garland, Tx.

Guest Caller: Toby Thomason,

Guest Cuer: David Berling

Time: New Beginning Rounds Workshop 7:00, Square Dance Level Rounds Between tips,
Grand March 7:30, Main Stream with 2 Plus tips.

Note: See the Flyer on page 16 of the December Promenade.

Friday, December 10 -- Regular Dance

Swinging Stars -- Theme Dance -- Jingle Bells Rock

We will be dancing at our newest location. We will be accepting Teddy Bears or cash for the Plano Police Department.

Where: ELKS LODGE PLANO, 1111 Jupiter Road, #105B, Plano, TX

Caller: Bobby Willis,

Cuer: JL Pelton

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Sq. Workshop 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Note: See Flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Saturday, December 11 -- Official Visitation

Circle I -- Poinsettia Christmas Ball -- Anniversary Dance

Where: Senter Park Rec. Center, 901 Senter Road, Irving Tx.

Club Caller: Ray Savell,

Guest Caller: Vernon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Note: Prepackaged snacks, Coffee and water will be provided
for more info see flyer on page 19 of the December Promenade.

Thursday, December 16 -- Dance of interest.

Road Runners -- White Christmas -- Theme Dance

You will love dancing to Scotts Bennett's unique calling and great music.

Where: Swingtime Center 5100 S.E. Loop 820 and Anglin, Fort Worth Tx.

Guest Caller: Scott Bennett

Time: Workshop 7:00, Grand March: 7:30

Note: See Flyer on Page 20 on the December Promenade.

Friday, December 17-- Official Visitation -- Banner Raid

Texas Reelers -- Ugly Sweater -- Theme Dance.

It should be a fun time. Who will have the ugliest Christmas sweater?

Where: Richardson Sr. Center 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson Tx.

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

Callers: Deborah Carroll and Jon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Note: For more info see flyer on page 23 of the December Promenade.

**Saturday, December 18 -- Dance of Interest
Rebel Rousers -- Winter Wonderland -- Theme Dance**

Where: Richardson Sr. Center 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson Tx.

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

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Note: For more information see Flyer on page 29 of the December Promenade.

Tuesday, December 21

Ladies Luncheon

The December ladies luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 21st at noon at the NejdI house (4105 Cassandra Lane, Plano). She will serve two types of quiche and drinks. She has been researching fun games for us to play as well as looking for those high quality prizes the winners have come to expect. If you wish to attend, let her know by the 18th of December so she may plan accordingly. Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share and let her know what you will bring when you RSVP. If you wish to participate in the optional dreaded white elephant gift exchange, bring a wrapped item – regifting is totally OK too. Reply to Anne NejdI at Yo_Red@Verizon.net

Friday, December 31 -- Of Interest visitation

T-Square Gadabouts -- New Years Eve, Light up the night -- Theme dance

Where: Swingtime Center Swingtime Center, Loop 820 @ Anglin, Ft. Worth

Time: Early Rounds 7:00 to 8:30.

Squares and Rounds 8:30 to 11:00 (midnight in New York)

Club Caller: Vernon Jones

Guest Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

Admission: Pre ordered, \$15.00 per person or \$20.00 per person at the door.

Call Becky for reservations and more information at 972-849-6673

Note: See page 28 for more details about the refreshments.

*** * * OTHER EVENTS * * ***

Square Dance Lessons Starting January 3

Sunshine/Round Dance information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Swinging Stars members wished a very happy Thanksgiving. Our local minister last Sunday talked about all of the improvements to be thankful for over last year's Thanksgiving. That is true in one important aspect for us.

Our daughter and family have bought their plane tickets for their Christmas visit with us. In the coming weeks, Swinging Stars members are encouraged to send in their good news to share.

This report is being written on Friday. Ralph and I will join other Harvest Holiday dance club members and round dance guests at a weekend festival in Dallas. As a highlight, attendees will learn a phase 4 foxtrot and a phase 5 rumba to be taught on Saturday by Randy and Marie Preskitt, internationally known choreographers from the Seattle area. On Friday and Saturday nights Randy will join local cuers Karen Gloodt, Christine Hixson and JL Pelton as they keep the dancers busy with over 60 previously voted upon (by the dancers) dances. On Sunday the new dances taught will be reviewed.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday, December 3, 2021, 5:30 PM – **The Swinging Stars Holiday Party**

Dan and Nina Lassiter's home, 2017 Brandeis Dr., Richardson, TX 75082

Monday, January 3, 2022, 7:15 – 9:15 PM, **Swinging Stars Square Dance Lessons begin**

At Liberty Recreation Center, 2601 Glenclyff Dr, Plano, TX

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.

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page and click on Weekends.

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

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See Flyers below





*Swinging Stars
Annual
Holiday Party*

Friday, December 3rd

Dan and Nina Lassiters' Home

2017 Brandeis Drive

Richardson, Texas 75082

5:30 pm

\$16.00 per person

Payable to: Linda Harris

(by November 30th For caterer head count)

9434 Hilldale Drive

Dallas, Texas 75231

**Catered BBQ DINNER 214.534.7632
& ALL THE FIXIN'S**

**BYOB, Tea, water,
coffee provided**

Swinging Stars

JINGLE BELL ROCK

Caller:
Bobby
Willis

Cuer:
JL
Pelton

December 10, 2021

Banners
Honey Pot

**WE HAVE
MOVED**

Again!

New Location:
ELKS LODGE PLANO
1111 Jupiter Rd #105B
Plano TX 75074

**Accepting
Teddy
Bears/Cash
for the
Plano Police
Dept**

Early Rounds: 7:00
Sq. Workshop: 7:30
Grand March: 8:00

For Info: 972-964-5979 or President@swingingstars.org
Visit our Web Site: www.swingingstars.org
Dancers Under 18 free When accompanied by a paying adult

