



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

***Newsletter for December 12, 2021***

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### **Message from Presidents**

**Russ and Anne NejdI**

Last night was such a pleasant surprise. We had no idea what to expect at our new location. We knew there was a double deal dance at Stone Steppers the same night. We did not know how the new venue would work out. We had a great turn-out and lots of visitors. The Elks Lodge set up and took down the chairs and tables. They also had a Christmas tree and an American flag! There were 6 round dance couples on the floor most of the night. Both Bobby and JL played Christmas songs throughout the dance. We even had a round dance version of "Grandma Got Hit by a Reindeer" as well as a square dance version. We collected a lot of Teddy bears and money towards purchasing more bears. Thank you stars and visitors. Your generosity will help a lot of troubled young children. Marsha Parr and Ed Ferguson from Plus Fours Triangle Squares dropped off 7 bears but left because Marsha had had oral surgery that day and was feeling poorly. Jan Bergesen called one tip and her singing call of "Hallelujah" had everyone singing the chorus. Good job, Jan! We ended the night with everyone in a big circle singing the first verse of Silent Night. It was the perfect end to a wonderful dance. Afterwards the Stars and some visitors remained for our afterparty in the hospitality room at the Elks Club. It was so convenient and drinks were very reasonable. We hope to see everyone at our next club dance on January 14<sup>th</sup> when Mike Bramlett will fill in for Bobby at a Boot Scooting dance.

I received many questions about what plans were made to replace Bobby. The board did meet and a caller selection committee was formed. This will not be a quick process. I am in the process of filling in our calendar of dances with guest callers. Some are from the area; some are not. When the committee makes its recommendation to the board, the selection will go to the general membership for a vote.

We have also been asked what our plans are for lessons since Bobby will not be teaching them. We were fortunate to get Bill Hinkley and Elizabeth. They have completed the vetting process for Liberty Rec. Center. We need to thank them both (especially Elizabeth) for giving up Monday night DBD with Mike Bramlett.

Anne and Russ NejdI

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### **Square Dance Lessons Starting January 3 – April 18**

**From Ralph and Lucy Hamm our Lessons Chair**

Registration is now open for both Plano residents and nonresidents. It's time to get your friends and neighbors signed up! Students can register by visiting Liberty Recreation Center (2601 Glenclyff Dr, Plano) or by calling them (972-769-4234).

Online registration is also available to those who have a Plano Parks and Recreation online account or would like to establish one. To register online, go to [www.plano.gov/749/parks-recreation](http://www.plano.gov/749/parks-recreation) and click on the REGISTRATION button, then on the Activities button. This takes you to the Activity Search page. Enter the course number (41632) or name (Modern Square Dance) in the search box. This

will bring up a link to the registration page for the class, and students can follow the directions from there to register and to establish a Plano Parks and Rec. account if they don't already have one. Our club really needs these lessons to be successful to offset some of the loss of members that occurred during the COVID shutdown. Just think how great it would be if each member couple could bring in just one new couple or single!

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## **CALLING ALL CLUB MEMBERS!**

**From Linda Harris**

We need help advertise our lessons beginning in January. If you have a 'next door' account, please input this for your neighborhood. Also feel free to advertise anywhere you think this might generate interest. Thank you in advance. Many hands make for less work!

*LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN TO DO? Modern Square Dance*

*Love Music? Monday Jan 3rd 7:15 pm Partner Suggested*

*Ques? 214-308-8958 Liberty Rec CtrPlano 972-769-4234*

Online [www.swingingstars.org/2022\\_Sq\\_Dance\\_Lessons\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.swingingstars.org/2022_Sq_Dance_Lessons_Flyer.pdf) or  
[www.SwingingStars.org](http://www.SwingingStars.org)

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> 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
Texas Reelers	12/03/2021

### **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 \* \* \***

### **Thursday, December 9 -- Of interest**

#### **Lone Stars -- Christmas Dance**

This was the last Lone Star Solos dance and what a fun time it was. Toby Thomason called all Christmas songs. Some we had not heard before and some that we all knew well enough to sing along to. There were total of 41 visitors and 11 Lone Star club members. There were 6 squares at the beginning of the square dance. I didn't get a good read of how many Round dancers were dancing some would start and then drop off from dancing. I think everyone had a good time at the dance. Swinging Stars had only 6 members attending. Thank you to the Sees, Nejdls and Bursons for visiting. We got a signature toward the Club Visitation Award patch.

### **Saturday, December 11 -- Official Visitation**

#### **Circle I -- Poinsettia Christmas Ball -- Anniversary Dance**

Circle I with Vernon Jones, Ray Savell, and Chris Farabaugh put on a very upbeat dance Saturday Night. There were 7 squares in the Grand March with 45 visitors and 14 Circle I club members present. Things are starting to look better square dance wise. I am hopeful the numbers will continue to grow. Swinging Stars had 8 members, since we already have their banner we could not get another banner. They are planning to come to our next dance to get their banner back. Thank you to the Bursons, Nejdls, Sees and Rodgers, for supporting the Clubs visitation. Oh yes we did get another signature toward the Club Visitation Award patch.

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

### **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**

#### **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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**

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## **Sunshine information**

### **From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter**

Last Friday night Swinging Stars enjoyed a lively dance at our new venue, the Plano Elks club. The after party at that location was the perfect location and we didn't have to order a lot of food. Christmas shopping, some Christmas cards sent out through snail mail and on-line, decorating the house, the tree and the front door are keeping members busy now and in the coming weeks. There are still a few dances to attend before Christmas and a Swinging Stars ladies luncheon. So PACE yourself, especially if you are doing your own plumbing work at home. The last week of December has many Swinging Stars members' birthdays and there are a few anniversaries.

## **Special dates to put on your calendar**

Monday, January 3, 2022, 7:15 – 9:15 PM, **Swinging Stars Square Dance Lessons begin**  
At Liberty Recreation Center, 2601 Glenclyff Dr, Plano, TX

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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.

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

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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**

**Swinging Stars**

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**See Flyers below**



# Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

## Square Dancing Is Friendship Set to Music



**Square Dance Lessons**  
**(FOR NEW DANCERS - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!)**  
Partner recommended but not required

In cooperation with  
Plano Parks and Recreation  
Where: Liberty Recreation Center, 2601 Glencliff Dr, Plano  
When: Monday nights, 7:15 – 9:15  
January 3 – April 18, 2022

**To register** call Liberty Recreation Center at 972-769-4234 or register online at  
<https://www.plano.gov/749/Parks-Recreation>  
**Class #41632, Modern Square Dance**

Questions? Contact Ralph and Lucy Hamm, 214-308-8958

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

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Guest  
Caller:  
"Mike  
Bramlett"

January 14<sup>th</sup>  
Boot  
Scootn'  
Dance

Cuer:  
JL  
Pelton



Singles  
Board

Farewell  
and  
Good Luck

Caller:  
Bobby  
Willis

Cuer:  
JL Pelton

January 28<sup>th</sup>  
Farewell to  
Bobby and  
Dalaina

WE HAVE  
MOVED

**ELKS LODGE - PLANO**

1111 Jupiter Rd #105B  
Plano TX 75074

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

For Info: 972-964-5979 or [President@swingingstars.org](mailto:President@swingingstars.org)  
Visit our Web Site: [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org)

Dancers Under 18 free When accompanied by a paying adult



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