



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 18, 2022

Message from Presidents

John and Debbie Cave

It was a good week for dancing. Debbie and I went to the Plus Squared Double Deal dance along with the Sees. Good dance and it was nice to see so many fellow dancers. We also attended the Texas Reelers for their Candy Cane dance. Nice to see the Sees, Bursons and the Harris there. It was a good dance with 5 squares at the grand march.

Remember that our lessons start up on Jan 9th at Liberty Recreation center. We'll need Angels to help the students learn. Plan on committing to some Mondays so we can have enough folks.

Christmas history:

Kissing under sprigs of mistletoe is a well-known holiday tradition, but this little plant's history as a symbolic herb dates back thousands of years. The Greeks were known to use it as a cure for everything from menstrual cramps to spleen disorders, and the Roman naturalist, Pliny the Elder, noted it could be used as a balm against epilepsy, ulcers and poisons. The plant's romantic overtones most likely started with the Celtic Druids of the 1st century AD. Because mistletoe could blossom even during the frozen winter, the Druids came to view it as a sacred symbol of vivacity, and they administered it to humans and animals alike in the hope of restoring fertility. Another famous chapter in mistletoe folklore comes from Norse mythology. As the story goes, when the god Odin's son Baldur was prophesied to die, his mother Frigg, the goddess of love, went to all the animals and plants of the natural world to secure an oath that they would not harm him. But Frigg neglected to consult with the unassuming mistletoe, so the scheming god Loki made an arrow from the plant and saw that it was used to kill the otherwise invincible Baldur. According to one sunnier version of the myth, the gods were able to resurrect Baldur from the dead. Delighted, Frigg then declared mistletoe a symbol of love and vowed to plant a kiss on all those who passed beneath it.

John and Debbie Cave

Swinging Stars Square Dance Lessons Starts January 9, 2023

Lessons start on January 9th at the Liberty Recreation Center in Plano. Lessons are from 7:15p to 9:00p and will run through May. We will be combining with the Pegasus Squares and Rebel Rousers clubs to obtain economies of scale. David Toms will be teaching the lessons. We will need angels to help with lessons and build relationships with the students. Good friendships are the basis for members joining our club at the end of lessons. We are still looking for a lessons coordinator, so please let us know if you are willing to serve our club in this way.

More information is on the Swinging Stars website (<http://www.swingingstars.org/>) or you can click on the following link to get a copy of the flyer:

http://www.swingingstars.org/2023_Jan_Square_Dance_Lessons.pdf

Dance Setup & Takedown

From Dave and Lorraine Burson

Please see the setup and takedown schedule through the end of March 2023.

Volunteers are Needed: We need volunteers for set up and take down in January, February, and March. Please call me at (972) 396-0941 if you can help

If you are unable to do your schedule date, please find someone to trade with and let Lorraine know by phone at (972) 396-0941 or email at lorraine@bursons.us.

We will start setting up at 7pm.

Thank you

Dave and Lorraine Burson

Dance Date	Setup & Takedown Crews		Location
Jan 13, 2023	Stewarts	Bursons	Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
Jan 27, 2023	Harris		Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
Feb 10, 2023			Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
Feb 24, 2023			Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
Mar 10, 2023			Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
Mar 31, 2023			Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

2nd VP Report

From Ron and Donita See

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
Rebel Rousers	8/20/2022
Kissin' Kuzzins	10/21/2022
Tri-City Promenaders	10/22/2022
Circle I	12/10/2022

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Trailblazers	4/30/2022
Triangle Squares	8/26/2022

Most NORTEX clubs have resumed dancing. Most clubs that have resumed dancing have ads in the *Promenade*. To reach the **December Promenade**, click here: <http://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2022-12-Promenade.pdf>

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Of Interest Club Visitation for Plus Dancers

Thursday, December 15 – Plus Squared – Double Deal

Plus Squared had its Christmas - theme double deal dance Thursday evening featuring club caller Bill Hinkley. There was up to 3 squares of plus dancers who enjoyed the Christmas music. The Swinging Stars in attendance were the Caves, Rodgers, and Sees who enabled the club to get an additional 2 signatures toward our next goal of attaining our 1120 visitation patch.

Of Interest Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval

Friday, December 16 – Texas Reelers – Candy Cane Christmas

The Texas Reelers had a very well attended Christmas - theme dance Friday. The “highlight” of those attending would have to be the walking Christmas tree who seemed to get into all the pictures being taken. The club callers were Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones who called to 7 squares after the grand march and the club cuer was Chris Farabaugh. There was plenty of Christmas music and candy canes for the enjoyment of all who attended. The Swinging Stars who helped retrieve our banner were the Bursons, Harrises, and Sees.

Of Interest Club Visitation

Saturday, December 17 – Rebel Rousers – Holiday Dance

The Rebel Rousers had 52 dancers show up for their Holiday dance. Mike Bramlett was the club caller who was joined by David Toms for one tip and his wife D' for another tip. There were mostly five squares all evening. Christine Hixson, the club cuer, cued rounds using mostly Christmas music. The 7 Swinging Stars who attended were Pete Abshire, Bursons, Nestors, and Sees.

*** COMING EVENTS ***

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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Sunshine information

From Peggy Amy our Sunshine Reporter

No news to report.

Let's keep in touch by sharing news in our Newsletter.

Please send to Peggy Amy amybpeggy@verizon.net

Special dates to put on your calendar

Monday, January 9, 2023, **Swinging Stars Lessons** start at Liberty Rec. Center in Plano.

Friday, March 31, 2023, **Swinging Stars 48th Anniversary** Dance.

Friday, July 28, 2023 **Swinging Stars Double Deal** Dance.

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

Email: newsletter_editor@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-396-0941

See Flyers below



Come out and Learn to

SQUARE DANCE

Try something new in 2023

Connect with other fun People

Dance to some of your favorite music

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Less than \$5.00 pre night per person

Modern Square Dance (Beg) #51408

Location: Liberty Recreation Center

2601 Glenduff Dr., Plano Tex.75075

Phone 972-769-4234

January 9, 2023 to May 22, 2023

Mon. 7:15 PM - 9:15 PM

Instructor: David Toms

Registration Starts

Residents Dec. 3, 2023 at 8:00 AM

Non Residents Dec. 5 at 5:00 AM

Number of sessions 20

First session January 9 is FREE

Fee Per Person

Resident \$95.00

Non Resident \$99.00

10% Discount for 60 or more years old

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For more information call:

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See website: www.swingingstars.org

SWINGING STARS

January 13th and 27th



Banners
Honey Pot
Singles Board



Charlie Robertson
Club Caller



Club Cues
Jan Toms



Location Change!

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

Early Rounds 7:30
Square Up 8:00

12411 Templeton Trail

Farmers Branch TX 75234



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