

Newsletter for December 19, 2021



Message from PresidentsRuss and Anne Nejdl

What a busy time of year for all of us. Russ and I are so busy getting ready for the holidays and need to finish up our shopping, wrapping, baking and cleaning. This is why you will not see us at a dance. We had to take one thing off our plates to make room for what has to get done. We hope to see all of you on a dance floor soon.

We have been busy getting contracts signed for all the guest callers who will be filling in at the dances. This is an opportunity for all club members to help us evaluate each one before a decision is made on a permanent caller.

Last week Russ and I went shopping with the donated Teddy bear money and dropped off all the stuffed animals we collected to the Plano Police Department. They were very appreciative. About 45 stuffed animals were donated. Thank you dancers for your generosity.



Anne and Russ Nejdl

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 Glencliff 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 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!

Click on this link for a flyer: http://www.swingingstars.org/2022 Sq Dance Lessons Flyer.pdf

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 <u>www.swingingstars.org/2022</u> <u>Sq Dance Lessons Flyer.pdf</u> or <u>www.SwingingStars.org</u>

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
Texas Reelers	12/03/2021
Road Runners	12/16/2021

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 16 -- Dance of interest. Road Runners -- White Christmas -- Theme Dance

I think Scott Bennett was at the top of his game calling for the Roadrunner's White Christmas Dance. He called several Christmas songs, most of which I had never heard before. There was no Round Dancing at this dance. There were 5 Squares in the Grand March and during most of the night. There were 29 visitors and 30 Roadrunner members attending. With 6 Swinging Stars attending, they gave us their banner. We were also able to collect another signature toward our 1020 Club Visitation Award patch. Thank you to Rodgers, Sees, and Bursons for attending and supporting this visitation.

Friday, December 17 -- Official Visitation Texas Reelers -- Ugly Sweater -- Theme Dance.

Nobody had the Ugliest Christmas Sweater, they were all very nice. So they decided not to have a vote for who had the ugliest sweater. It was fun to see the different kinds of sweaters or Tee Shirts for Christmas. It made the dance more festive. Deborah Carroll sang an array of Christmas tunes. Chris Farabaugh cued several different rhythms and some line dances. There were 5 squares in the Grand March. There were 20 visitors, with 22 Texas Reelers for a total of 42 dancers attending. Swinging Stars did very well with 13 attending. We already had their banner so we did not bring home another one. We collected another signature toward our 1020 Club Visitation Award patch. Thank you to all the Swinging Stars that were in attendance: Fran Bivins, Bursons, Caves, Hamms, Rodgers and Sees. Good Job Swinging Stars.

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

Good Dancin', at the Rebel Rousers. The Workshop was fantastic. I didn't realize there were so many ways to do Spin Chain Thru. I was happy to see so many round dancers on the floor. At one point in time there were 10 couples enjoying dancing to Christine's cueing. I am feeling like things are starting to get back to normal. We are not there yet, but things are looking up. Swinging Stars had 14 members attending. They wanted to give us a banner, but we already have one. We got one more signature for the Club Visitation Award patch. Thank you to these club members for supporting the Club Visitation: Bursons, Edwards, Harrises, Hamms, Nestors, Rodgers, and Sees.

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

Tuesday, December 21 Ladies Luncheon

The December ladies luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 21st at noon at the Nejdl 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 Nejdl 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 information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Everyone is busy now; there is still a dance to attend. Cards, both print and e cards, are being mailed or sent. Shopping should be over by now. Wrapping presents is going on. Christmas this year is better than last year. We have more hope. Remember the main reason for this season. Merry Christmas to all.

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 Glencliff Dr, Plano, TX
Saturday, April 30, 2022, **Swinging Stars 47th Anniversary** 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

See Flyers below

Swinging Stars

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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

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Guest Caller: "Mike **Bramlett**"

January 14th **Boot** Scootn' Dance



Cuer: JL Pelton









Caller:

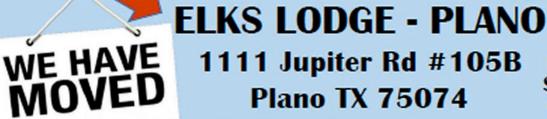
Bobby Willis

Cuer:

JL Pelton

January 28th Farewell to **Bobby and Dalaina**





Plano TX 75074

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

