



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

***Newsletter for December 25, 2022***

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### **Message from Presidents**

**John and Debbie Cave**

Debbie and I wish you all and Merry Christmas and a Dancing New Year. Hope to see you at the New Years Eve dance at Swing time.

Remember that our lessons start up on Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

Christmas history and trivia:

Each year, 25-30 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States alone. There are about 15,000 Christmas tree farms in the United States, and trees usually grow for between four and 15 years before they are sold.

When Christmas was cancelled: From 1659 to 1681, the celebration of Christmas was outlawed in Boston, and law-breakers were fined five shillings.

Christmas was declared a federal holiday in the United States on June 26, 1870.

The first eggnog made in the United States was consumed in Captain John Smith's 1607 Jamestown settlement.

Poinsettia plants are named after Joel R. Poinsett, an American minister to Mexico, who brought the red-and-green plant from Mexico to America in 1828.

The Salvation Army has been sending Santa Claus-clad donation collectors into the streets since the 1890s.

John and Debbie Cave

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### **Swinging Stars Square Dance Lessons Starts January 9, 2023**

Lessons start on January 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.swingingstars.org/2023_Jan_Square_Dance_Lessons.pdf)

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## 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 February, and March.

Please call Lorraine at **(972) 396-0941** if you are willing to help. We appreciate all that have already helped but we will need you to help again soon. Please volunteer!

The Bursons and the Caves will be there to help assist with the set up and take down.

**Please arrive between 6:45 and & 7:00 to have ample time to get set up.**

Thank you,

Dave and Lorraine Burson

The new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents

Dance Date	Setup & Takedown Crews		Location
Jan 13, 2023	Stewarts	Bursons	Chapel Hill United Methodist Church
Jan 27, 2023	Harris	C. Trujillo	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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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\*\*\***

**No club visitations scheduled for this week.**

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

### Of Interest Club Visitation

#### Saturday, December 31 – Rainbow Rounds – New Years Eve Ball

This is a great opportunity to enjoy two wonderful callers and participate in the fun dancing of both progressive and kaleidoscope squares. As a bonus black-eyed peas and cornbread will be served at midnight to ensure your good luck throughout the year.

**Where:** Swingtime Center – 5100 SE Loop 820, Ft Worth, TX

**Caller:** Scott Bennett and Ken Burke

**Cuer:** Karen Gloodt

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

**Note:** See page 32 of the December Promenade for more information

## \* \* \* OTHER EVENTS \* \* \*

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### Sunshine information

From Peggy Amy our Sunshine Reporter

No news to report.

Merry Christmas to all!

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

Please send to Peggy Amy [amybpeggy@verizon.net](mailto:amybpeggy@verizon.net)

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### 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 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Dance.

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

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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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Famous couple date night activity

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**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:

John Cave 972-836-3201 or Email: 20jec18@gmail.com

See website: [www.swingingstars.org](http://www.swingingstars.org)

# SWINGING STARS

January 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>



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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