



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 21, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

Our September lessons are coming up and will be here before we know it. Jan Toms will be teaching Round Dance lessons on Monday night and David Toms will be teaching square dances lessons on Tuesday nights.

Round dance lessons are September 30 - December 16. Jan will be teaching Waltz at Liberty Recreation Center and it's \$75 per student.

Square dance lessons will be September 10th - December 17th. The 16th lesson/graduation will be our first dance in January. David will teach Basic 1&2 and Mainstream dance programs. It is exciting we have had some good interest already. Talk it up, post it weekly in social media and take the flyer to places you frequent that have bulletin boards so that we have a good turnout.

Barry Johnson article in the American Square Dance Magazine:

At the National Square Dance Convention.... "I presented two sessions entitled "SSD: The Path to Growth". While attendance wasn't anywhere near as high as I would have wished, it was interesting to hear testimonials from some of the people attending the talks. One club reported, "We just finished our fourth round of SSD lessons, and our club has tripled in size from less than 20 to more than 60 members." Another testimonial was even more telling. "We ran the SSD program and it worked—we added a bunch of new dancers to the club. Then our club leadership decided they should all learn Plus, and every one of the new dancers quit."

Club leaders are often the people most committed to the activity in a group, and are generally passionate about sharing their good feelings about the activity. Unfortunately, that attempt to share their joy badly backfires when new dancers are pushed beyond their comfort zone."

Also from the American Square Dance Magazine, unrelated to Barry's article:

"People who know the least always seem to know it the loudest." ...AlCapp, American cartoonist and humorist. As Published in American Square Dance Magazine... Subscribe today...

<https://www.americansquaredance.com/>

Have a great week dancing, I will see you on the dance floor!!!

Richard C

3rd Quarter Dues are due starting July 1, 2023

If you normally pay for the half-year you need to pay is \$55.00 per single member and \$110.00 per couple. One quarter is \$27.50 per single member and \$55.00 per couple. So please pay your dues at the next dance or mail a check made out to the Swinging Stars to the treasurer:

Nevin R Mulvin
Treasurer Swinging Stars
3409 Eisenhower Ln
Plano, TX 75023-3933
972-618-0750

Message from the 1st Vice Presidents

Charlie and Linda Harris
Mainstream Lessons

We need everyone's support in getting the word out for our next set of lessons. See two flyers attached at the end of the newsletter or click on the following links:

http://www.swingingstars.org/2024_Sept_Square_Dance_Lessons.pdf and
https://www.swingingstars.org/2024_Sept_Square_Dance_Lessons-2.pdf.

Ideas-Suggestions of where to place this flyer:

- 1) Rec center near you (we've had results from Sam Johnson Rec Center)
- 2) Churches near you
- 3) Dallas Morning News
- 4) Grocery store bulletin boards
- 5) Any public bulletin board
- 6) Post on Facebook for your contacts to see
- 7) Nextdoor
- 8) Any online free advertising (Plano Magazine, Eventbrite, Community Impact, Plano Profile).

Keep the advertising coming, as this is the best way to keep the idea of square dancing in their heads and hearts. We would all enjoy a full class for this set. It's up to all of us.



"Thanks to all" for showing up early to help with setup and stay for tear down. You are appreciated.

See you in a square,
Charlie and Linda Harris – 1st VP

2nd VP Report

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
Pegasus	3/24/2024
Log Cabin Swingers	5/04/2024
Kissing Kuzzins	7/05/2024

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Tri-City Promenaders	7/14/2023
Triangle Squares	2/23/2024
Circle I	5/10/2024

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval

Friday, July 19 – Texas Reelers – Tropical Bash

The Friday nights dance at the Texas Reelers was a fun filled dance with Deborah Carroll wearing her parrot hat on her head. From a distance it looked as though the parrot was doing the calling. But no, it was she calling a mix of tunes with a flair of tropical influence. During the 5 tip she was joined by Jon doing a duet. The dance started off with the Grand March. There were 5 squares in the first tip. Four round dance couples started off the Round Dancing segment, with a sum of three round dance couples during most of the evening. I counted 48 dancers attend the dance. The Swinging Star only had 5 members attending. I guess the Texas Reelers were feeling generous and decided they would give us our banner anyway. Thank you to these 5 members for attending our official club visitation: Bursons, Ha Loi and Sees.

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval – 35th Anniversary Dance

Saturday, July 20 – Rebel Rousers – Christmas in July

The Fun and Great Calling with Mike Bramlett and Ken Burke keeping the excitement going fast and up to date with all the best calls from caller lab. Christine Hixson did a wonderful job cueing the rhythms from the waltz to the two step. There was a total of 148 dancers attending, 123 visitors, 25 Rebel Rousers. The Swinging Stars had a good showing with 10 member attending. Thank you to Bursons, Caves, HARRISES, Sees and Trujillos for attending the clubs Banner Retrieval. In addition to retrieving our banner we collected two signatures toward our next Visitation Award Patch. Just a word about the great dinner the Rebel Rousers served. I can't say enough about the Christmas dinner, from turkey, ham, dressing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes and gravy and number of macaroni and cheese dishes, salads and a whole bunch of different desserts. So, you not only missed a great, fun dance, but a wonderful Christmas dinner. Sorry you missed it. We sure missed you.

*** COMING EVENTS ***

To reach the **July Promenade**, click here:

<https://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2024-07-Promenade.pdf>

Just a word about our upcoming Ice Cream Social. Just in case you have forgotten what you signed up for, I will be sending out a reminder about what you have signed up to do and or to bring early in the week and what time to be there.

Thank you, Lorraine.

Friday, July 26 – Swinging Stars – Ice Cream Social

Where: Network Ministries – 1500 International Pkwy #300, Richardson, TX

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Square up 8:00

Note: See page 46 of the July Promenade for more information

Sunshine information

From Peggy Amy and Nina Lassiter our Sunshine Reporters

No Sunshine news this week.

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

You can email Nina Lassiter Sunshine or Rain, at your convenience. ninalassiter@gmail.com

Or you may call or text 214-769-6032. She always needs any reports (good or bad), by Friday in order to get the report to Dave and Lorraine in a timely manner.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday, October 11, 2024 **Swinging Stars Round up Theme** Dance

Friday, November 22, 2024 **Swinging Stars Double Deal** Dance

Friday, December 6, 2024 **NTCA Callers Cavalcade**

Saturday, December 7, 2024 **NORTEX 2024 Round-Up**

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.

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@swingingsstars.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@swingingsstars.org

Phone: 972-396-0941

See Flyers below



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Square and Round Dance Club



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Friday July 26, 2024

I scream, you scream,
we all scream for Ice Cream



**Network of Ministries
Building**

**1500 International Pkwy Ste 300,
Richardson, TX 75081**

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Early Rounds: 7:30

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Grand March: 8:00

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adult.



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For info: 214-675-6523 or president@swingingstars.org

Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org

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Do as the
Texans do...

SQUARE DANCE!

Beginning Square Dance Lessons

16 Weeks \$85.00

September 10th — Tuesday 7-9 PM Email 1stvp@swingingstars.org

Network Ministries -1500 International Parkway - #300 Richardson, TX 75081

Come out
Square Dance
beginners class

Try something new in 2024

Connect with other fun people

Dance to some of your favorite music

It's fun, engaging, and relaxing

Fabulous couple's date night activity

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1500 International Parkway

Richardson, TX 75081

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Email 1stvp@swingingstars.org

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