



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club



Newsletter for November 10, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

Friday's dance was small but very good. The Tom's calling and cueing was fun as always. We had two Circle I and two Rebel Rouser and twenty Swinging Star attending.

We have club meeting today, November 10th, to elect a new board. It will be at Sonny Bryan's on Campbell Road in Richardson; I hope you will plan to attend and make your voice heard.

Nominees to date are as follows:

President – John and Debbie Cave

1st Vice President – open

2nd Vice President – Ron & Donita See

Secretary – Chris & Merry Trujillo

Treasurer – Nevin & Sarah Mulvin

Our First Vice President nominee is still vacant. I have one candidate willing provided someone will volunteer to chair the lessons committee. The Lessons Committee Chair would help with Advertising and scheduling the angels and lead angels. The chairperson would not have to be at lessons. Our angel attendees are fairly static with the same people coming to help and for the exercise.

Sunday, 11/3/2024, was a NORTEX meeting. In attendance was Dave & Lorraine Burson and yours truly. Most of the meeting was a review and approval of Rules and Regulations for NORTEX Beginner Square Dance Lessons Grant's. The discussion highlighted the Changes from the prior NORTEX Lessons Grant Guidelines. The first point being that these are now Rules and Regulations rather than Guidelines. Much of the discussion focused on the definition of a Beginner Student. The document defines it as per the following:

A beginner student dancer is defined as a person who has paid for the class or participated in free lessons and has NOT graduated from another NORTEX Club, has NOT joined a Club and has NOT joined NORTEX. A beginner student dancer has never taken square dance lessons or has been out of square dancing for ten plus (10+) years. Once a beginner student dancer has graduated from lessons, they are a New Dancer and no longer a beginner student dancer. (underline added)

The point was made that as soon as a student joins a club, NORTEX dues are due. The Grant will not be granted without a copy of the check paying the new members NORTEX dues. A deadline for filing the lessons grant application was added per the following:

The fall and spring application submission deadlines are January 15 and July 15, respectively.

For the January submission date, graduation dates must fall between July 1 and December 31.

For the July submission date, graduation must fall between January 1 and June 30.

Applications can be submitted prior to the submission deadline dates if the graduation date is within the submission range. Applications submitted outside of graduation range and submission date will not be accepted.

See the document for more detail. A copy can be found on NORTEX's website.

I had the pleasure of teaching Texas Reelers square dance lessons Monday night, 11/04. They have completed the 53 SSD calls and have started on the additional calls. After reviewing everything they had learned to date, I taught Spin the Top, Walk & Dodge and Dixie Style to an Ocean Wave. Thursday night 11/7 I called a demo for Kissin' Kussins' for The Open Door at UMC in Fairview. This was for a group of mentally challenged adults and the members of the church. Everyone had a great time.

The Benefit Dance for Joe was well attended. I have received any number of the amount of money raised. We had three Swinging Stars in attendance Dave and Loraine Burson and yours truly.

I will see you in a square.

RichardC

Message from the 1st Vice Presidents

Charlie and Linda Harris



Thank you to all that come early and stay for tear down. You are appreciated.

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

Beginner Square Dance Lesson - Every Tuesday 7-9pm!!

Location > Network Ministries 1500 International Pkwy #300, Richardson, TX



>>>>>The new dancers need angels! See you there!

A BIG thank you to all the "Lead" for lessons. Your support helps us move forward.

Thank you, angels for your support on

Tuesday October 29th, Merry Trujillo, Nevin Mulvin, John Cave, Peggy and Gary Amy, Harry and Zari Kilejian and Allen Taylor.

Tuesday November 5th, Nevin Mulvin, Pegg Amy, Harry Kilejian, Allen Taylor, Charlie and Linda Harris

Lesson Date	Lead
Nov 12	Covingtons
Nov 19	Caves
Nov 26	??



Join Us for Our Club Holiday Party!

Hey Team!

As the holiday season approaches, it's time to celebrate the wonderful year we've had together. I'm excited to invite you to our Club Holiday Party!

When: Friday, December 20th

Time: 5:30 pm ish

Where: Local Restaurant - we're checking availability now!

Let's gather for a fun evening filled with good food, laughter, and great company! It's a perfect opportunity to share some holiday cheer, and reflect on all the amazing moments we've shared this year.

We will be asking for RSVP closer to the date, so we can make the necessary arrangements. Feel free to bring a guest—just let me know how many will be joining us!

Looking forward to celebrating together and making more wonderful memories.

Happy Holidays!

Charlie and Linda Harris and your Swinging Stars Board!

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
Texas Reelers	10/18/2024
Kissin' Kuzzins	11/01/2024

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Triangle Squares	2/23/2024
Rebel Rousers	10/25/2024

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Of Interest Club Visitation – NORTEX Quarterly Meeting Sunday, November 3

See Message from the Presidents above.

Of Interest Club Visitation for Plus Dancers – Round-Up Theme Dance Wednesday, November 6 – Plus 4s

No report.

Friday, November 8 – Swinging Stars – Network Ministries Benefit Dance

See Message from the Presidents above.

Nevin Mulvin our Treasurer Reported: We collected food items that were placed by the coffee pot. I also mailed \$248.00 that was collected to the Network of Community Ministries.

Official Club Visitation - Banner Raid Saturday, November 9 – Circle I – Veterans and First Responders

No report.

*** COMING EVENTS ***

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

<https://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2024-11-Promenade.pdf>

Wednesday, November 13th – Ladies Luncheon TIME CHANGE TO 12:30 – SEE YOU THERE

Swinging Stars Ladies Lunch will be held:

On Wednesday November 13th, at **12:30 pm**

Panera Bakery
941 N Central Expy
Plano, TX 75075

Menu>> https://www.panerabread.com/content/panerabread_com/en-us/home.html

RSVP by November 12th, 2024, to LindaHarrisTX@hotmail.com.

They don't take reservations; therefore, I will be there early to hold a table.

I look forward to seeing you. Linda

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval – Round-Up Theme Dance Saturday, November 16 – Rebel Rousers – Toy Land

Where: Richardson Senior Center - 820 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson, TX

Guest Caller: Bobby Willis

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Plus Fun Shop 7:30, Dance 8:00

Note: See page 28 of the November Promenade for more information

Of Interest Club Visitation

Sunday, November 17 – Circle 8 – Let's Go Cruisin'

Where: Swingtime Center -- Loop 820 @ Anglin, Ft Worth

Callers: Scott Bennett, Vernon Jones & Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Jan Toms

Time: Early Rounds 4:30 – 5:00, Dancing 5:00 – 7:00, Plus 7:00 - 7:30

Note: See page 30 of the November Promenade for more information

Friday, November 22 – Swinging Stars – Happy Thanksgiving Double Deal Dance

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

Caller: Tim Tyl

Cuer: Jan Toms

Time: Early Rounds 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Note: See page 34 of the November Promenade for more information or see flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Of Interest Club Visitation – Two Signatures Dance

Saturday, November 30 – CASUL – 50th Anniversary Dance

Where: Swingtime Center -- Loop 820 @ Anglin, Ft Worth

Callers: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Jack von der Heide

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Squares 7:30 - 10:00

Note: See page 36 of the November Promenade for more information

Sunshine information

From Peggy Amy and Nina Lassiter our Sunshine Reporte

No news to report.

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

Sunday, November 10, 2024, 4:00 PM Swinging Stars General Club meeting at

Sonny Bryan's Smokehouse 1251 W Campbell Rd Suite 240, Richardson, TX 75080

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

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

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

Friday, December 20, 2024 (~5:30 PM) **Swinging Stars Holiday Party** at Local Restaurant TBD

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@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



Swinging Stars



Shake Your Tail Feathers

Happy Thanksgiving Double Deal Dance



Caller:
Tim Tyl

November 22, 2024

Cuer:
Jan Toms



Early Rounds: 7:30



Grand March: 8:00



Network of Community Ministries
1500 International Pkwy Ste 300
Richardson, TX 75081



Banners, Honey Pot, Fun, Lite Snacks, Fellowship, Great Dancing
Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adult

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

Visit our website: www.swingingstars.org



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Swinging Stars

Holiday and Student Dance

Club members Come Celebrate the Holiday Season with us and bring your students. Students are FREE if they wear their Student Badges. There will be designated tips for students, but may stay longer to watch or dance if they wish.

Caller: David Toms

Cuer: Jan Toms



Early Rounds 7:30

Square up 8:00



December 13, 2024



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