

Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for December 1, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

We hope you all had a great Thanksgiving celebration surrounded by family, children, and grandchildren. We had a very good time celebrating life and being thankful for everything the good Lord has given us. I hope that you all continue to prosper in all things.

I am excited about the coming week festivities starting with Cavalcade this coming Friday followed by Round-Up on Saturday. I hope to see you all there.

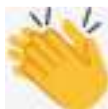
Jan and I had the opportunity to call a square dance party for a missionary training group here in North Texas. This was the third party/demo we have had in four weeks. I used the material written by Scott Brown which is used for the on-going dance/lessons approach. The material is very well organized and geared toward giving the dancers an opportunity to dance a singer as quickly as possible. It was a lot of fun, and they did so well. They were able to learn enough to dance three tips to three different singing patterns.

Have a great week. 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

******* LESSONS *******

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

Thank you, angels for your support on

Lesson Date	Lead
Dec 3	Cave
Dec 10	Covington
Dec 17	Trujillo
Jan 7 proposed refresher lesson	
Jan 10 (last lesson) Club Dance	



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

Where: Desperados Dos

3443 W Campbell Rd, Ste 550
Garland, TX 75044-8146

Website Menu: <https://www.desperadosrestaurant.com/>

RSVP by Dec 13th >> LindaHarrisTX@hotmail.com

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.

Feel free to bring a guest!

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

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Triangle Squares	2/23/2024
Rebel Rousers	11/22/2024

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

Of Interest Club Visitation – Two Signatures Dance

Saturday, November 30 – CASUL – 50th Anniversary Dance

Charlie Robertson called a fun dance recalling different patter and singing calls, starting back from 1975 and worked on up thru early 2000's and on in to present day. Jack von der Heide also cued round dances that were popular starting back in 1975. As doing so he recognized, by naming several cures from the days pasted. The trouble is there weren't many of the people from the past years there to remember much of what the tunes and round dances that were cued in those years.

There were 101 dancers attending, 9 squares in the first tip and 10 round dance couples after the first tip. Bursons were the only Swinging Stars that were attending this dance to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Beginning of the CASUL and the Swingtime Center.

On just a personal note about Dave and Myself were among the few dancers attending with 53 year of square dancing behind us that had remembered when they had built Swingtime Center. We hope to have several more good years of fun square dancing.

*** COMING EVENTS ***

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

<https://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2024-12-Promenade.pdf>

Friday December 6-- NTCA CALLERS AVALCADE

Where: Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX

Area Callers and Cuers

Time: 7:00—10:00

Note: See page 5 of the **December Promenade** for more information

Saturday December 7— NORTEX ROUND--UP 2024--TOYS ON PARADE

Where: Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX

Featured Caller: Jet Roberts

Staff Caller: Vernon Jones

Cuer: Lucy and Jerry Pate

Note: See page 6 of the **December Promenade** for more information

Schedule for Squares:

10:00 - 11:00	Old Tyme Calls / Contra	Vernon Jones
11:00 - 12:00	SSD and Mainstream	Jet Roberts
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch Break	
2:00 - 4:00	Alternating Mainstream / Plus	Jet Roberts/ Vernon
4:00 - 4:15	Hot Hash	Jet Roberts/ Vernon
4:00 - 6:00	Dinner Break	

Schedule For Rounds:

10:00 - 12:00		Lucy Pate
12:00 - 2:00	Lunch Break	
2:00 - 4:00		Lucy Pate
4:00 - 6:00	Dinner Break	

Schedule for Saturday Night:

6:00 - 7:00	Round Dancing	Lucy Pate
7:00 - 7:45	NORTEX Program	Vince Matej
7:45 - 10:00	Square Dancing /	Jet Roberts
	Alternating Squares and Rounds	Jet Roberts and Lucy Pate

December 11 – Ladies Luncheon

Chocolate Angel Cafe and Tea Room located in High Street Antiques.
800 Central Expressway, Plano

December 11, 2024. Wednesday 11:30 AM

Join us for a delicious meal in a cozy Cafe and Tea Room setting.

It will be very festive with the preparations for the Christmas season.

Our Hostess is Peggy Amy

Please RSVP by December 9 - Text @ 972-824-5435 or email @ amybpeggy@verizon.net

Looking forward to seeing all of you there!

Friday December 13 – Swinging Stars Holiday and Student Dance

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

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Jan Toms

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

Note: See flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Official Club Visitation - Banner Raid – 72nd Anniversary**Saturday, December 14 – Circle I – Poinsettia Ball**

Where: Heritage Senior Center - 200 S. Jefferson St, Irving, TX

Guest Caller: Brad Caldwell

Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Note: See page 17 of the **December** Promenade for more information

Friday, December 20 – Swinging Stars – Holiday Party

Where: Desperados Dos – 3443 W Campbell Rd, Ste 550, Garland, TX 75044-8146

Time: 5:30 PM

Note: RSVP by Dec 13th >> LindaHarrisTX@hotmail.com

Website Menu: <https://www.desperadosrestaurant.com/>

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval**Saturday, December 21 – Rebel Rousers – Let it Snow**

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

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

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

Note: See page 24 of the **December** Promenade for more information

Of Interest Club Visitation

Saturday, December 31 – Rainbow Rounds – New Year's Eve BALL

Where: Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX

Callers: Mike Bramlett & Ken Burke

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

Time: Early Rounds 7:00 – 8:15, Grand March 8:30

Note: See page 29 of the **December** Promenade for more information

Sunshine information

From Peggy Amy and Nina Lassiter our Sunshine Reporters

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

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 Desperados Dos
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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





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. Please provides a list of what calls that have been taught so far. Everyone please feel welcome to dance, Charlie says he can and will keep it interesting for all to enjoy.

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Jan Toms



Early Rounds 7:30

Square up 8:00



December 13, 2024



Network of Communities Ministries

1500 International Pkwy Ste. 300, Richardson, TX 75081

Dancers under 18 dance for free when accompanied with a paying adult

Banners Honey Pot Singles Board Lite Snacks Fun Dancing

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

Visit our website: www.swingingstars.org



Swinging Stars

NEW DANCER DANCE

Happy
January

We are celebrating our graduating class with a
New Dancer Dance, come with your new dancers and help us

Celebrate All the New Dancers in NORTEX

January 10, 2025

Caller:

Charlie Robertson

Cuer:

Jan Toms

Early Rounds: 7:30

Square up: 8:00



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*** Lite snacks * Banners * Honey Pot * Singles Board**

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