

# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

***Newsletter for December 8, 2024***

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### **Message from the Presidents**

**Richard and Jan Covington**

The NTCA/NORTEX weekend was fun. Friday's cavalcade featured your favorite NTCA callers & cuers including Jan Toms, Chris Farabaugh, Charlie Robertson, David Toms, Toby Thomason, Jon Jones, Vernon Jones, Mike Bramlett, Dale Smith, Glen Martin, Bill Hinkley, Ray Savell, Charles Crockett, Scott Bennett and yours truly. David and I shared a tip. The last tip included Charlie Robertson, Scott Bennett and the weekend's featured caller, Jet Roberts.

Saturday hall curtain was set up and the square dance activities started with Old Tyme Square Dancing with Vernon Jones teaching several old-time calling patterns and the dancing a tip with the pattern taught. The morning finished up with Jet Roberts alternating tips between the SSD and Mainstream programs. Most of us could tell the difference between the two. The round dancers were dancing in the other half of the hall. I heard later that they had a hard time hearing due to the square dance music on the other side of the temporary wall. The afternoon continued with Roberts and Jones alternating between Mainstream and plus they ended with fifteen minutes of hot hash.

This coming Friday following our regularly scheduled dance, please stay for an informal meeting where Charlie will share with the group a form of continuous and on-going teaching and dancing combined. Keep an open mind and give it a chance.... I promise you won't be disappointed.

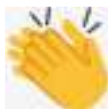
Have a great week. I will see you in a square.

RichardC

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### **Message from the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 December 3<sup>rd</sup> John Cave, Peggy Amy, Richard and Jan Covington, Merry Trujillo, Alan Taylor.**

Lesson Date	Lead
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 20<sup>th</sup>

**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 13<sup>th</sup> >> 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*

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

#### Friday December 6-- NTCA CALLERS AVALCADE

I told you so, that if you didn't attend you would miss a fun time. All of you that missed the Callers Cavalcade missed a delightful evening of dancing to most of the best callers around.

We were proud to have Richard Covington, David Toms and Charlie calling some fun calls during the evening. The highlight of the evening was the last tip with the best of Charlie Robertson, Scott Bennett along with Jet Roberts topping off the dancing while they called to an exuberating fun tip that ended the evening with everyone wanting more.

There were 16 squares in the first tip, and 16 Round Dance couples after the first tip. That was after the floor being full during the hour-long early rounds. I guess you just can't wear out Round dancers when there are so many good curers around to cue their favorite tunes and rhythms to enjoy.

Thank you to these dedicated Swinging Stars that came out and supported our club tonight: Covingtons, Sees and Bursons. Having 6 members we were able to collect a signature for our Club Visitation Award Patch.

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

The evening dance started and ended in the rain but all who attended had a great time at this year's Round Up dance. The main highlight of the initial program was the awarding of the Lifetime Achievement award to Ed Ferguson. The round dancing was cued by Lucy Pate who was well received and attracted up to 17 couples. The square dancing was called by Jet Roberts who called to 13 squares on his first tip. There were around 150 dancers - 6 of which were Swinging Stars: The Covingtons, Sees, and Trujillos. That was enough to get two more signatures toward our next club visitation award. Thank you to Ron See for this report.

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

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

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

#### 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](mailto: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 – 72<sup>nd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> >> 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

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## **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](mailto: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.

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## Special dates to put on your calendar

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Garland, TX 75044-8146

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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.

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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@swingingsstars.org](mailto: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).

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**Dave Burson**

**Newsletter Editor**

**Swinging Stars**

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**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](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)

Visit our website: [www.swingingstars.org](http://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



**Network of Community Ministries**

**1500 International Pkwy Ste. 300 Richardson Tx. 75081**

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

**For Info: 214-675-6523 or [president@swingingstars.org](mailto:president@swingingstars.org)**



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