



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club



Newsletter for December 29, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

Square Dance "Continuous Learning" approach, previously called lessons starts, 1/14/2025. Dancers are invited to come, no experience necessary. It is a learn as you go method. The charge is \$5.00 per night for each dancer (including angels). Dancers stay at the learning Mainstream stage as long as they want.

Your current & new board has given a lot of thought and discussion regarding Charlie Robertson's presentation following our 12/12/2024 dance. We have decided to move forward with this new teaching/learning system. We believe this new method will better fit the needs of younger potential dancers and thus sustain our Club and our square & round dance activities. Since it is on-gong, no set graduation date, we will change our advertising to new potential dancers and other Clubs in our area to present it as a come when you can and move at your own pace basis. We want to encourage other clubs to send their new dancers to come and build their proficiency. They can also send their students to practice and learn – this will help support the activity.

The details are still being worked out and will continue to be tweaked as we move forward. Your input is appreciated. Please remember there are a lot of ideas being floated and those making decisions have multiple factors to consider. Our objective is to bring in new dancers. Let them learn at their own pace. Some will want to move quickly, and others may never want to graduate themselves. And that is okay.

Happy New Year!!!

I will see you in a square.

RichardC

Message from the 1st Vice Presidents

Charlie and Linda Harris

******* Tuesday Night Dance *******

Join Us for a Night of Fun and Friendship. Beginning Tuesday January 14th, David and Jan Toms will be hosting a Square Dance Program every Tuesday – all levels, but no experience necessary.

New dancers and their friends and family are welcome to join us for the first hour to learn basic and have a blast. All pay at the door.

Let make some music together with a night filled with laughter, rhythm and community!



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
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

December 25 Merry Christmas

*** COMING EVENTS ***

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

<https://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2025-01-Promenade.pdf>

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

Official Club Visitation – Banner Raid

Friday, January 3 – Texas Reelers – Come Dance with an Angel

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

Caller: Deborah Carroll Jones & Jon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Note: See page 15 of the **January** Promenade for more information

Friday, January 10 – Swinging Stars – Happy January – New Dancer Dance

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

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Jan Toms

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

Note: See page 23 of the **January** Promenade for more information.

Of Interest Club Visitation for Plus Dancers

Wednesday, January 15 – Plus 4s

Where: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church -- 12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

Caller: Toby Thomason

Time: Plus 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Note: See page 26 of the **January** Promenade for more information.

Official Club Visitation – Banner Raid

Friday, January 17 – Kissin' Kuzzins – Make Dancing your New Year's Resolution

Where: Fields Recreation Center, 1701 dairy Road, Garland, TX

Caller: David Toms

Time: Mainstream Workshop 7:30 PM, Square UP 8:00 PM

Note: See page 28 of the **January** Promenade for more information

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval

Saturday, January 18 – Rebel Rousers – Sock Hop

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

Caller: Scott Bennett

Cuer: Christine Hixson

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

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

Friday, January 24 – Swinging Stars – Mid Winter Dance

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

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Jan Toms

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

Note: See page 36 of the **January** Promenade for more information.

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval – 50th Anniversary Dance

Friday, January 31 – Triangle Squares – 50 Years of Memories

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

Guest Caller: Deborah Carroll Jones

Club Caller: Toby Thomason

Cuer: Jan Toms

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Grand March 7:45

Note: See page 42 of the **January** 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, May 30, 2025 **Swinging Stars 50th Anniversary** Dance

Friday, September 26, 2025 **Swinging Stars Round up Theme** Dance

Saturday, November 29, 2025 **Swinging Stars Double Deal** Dance

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

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See Flyers below



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

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

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

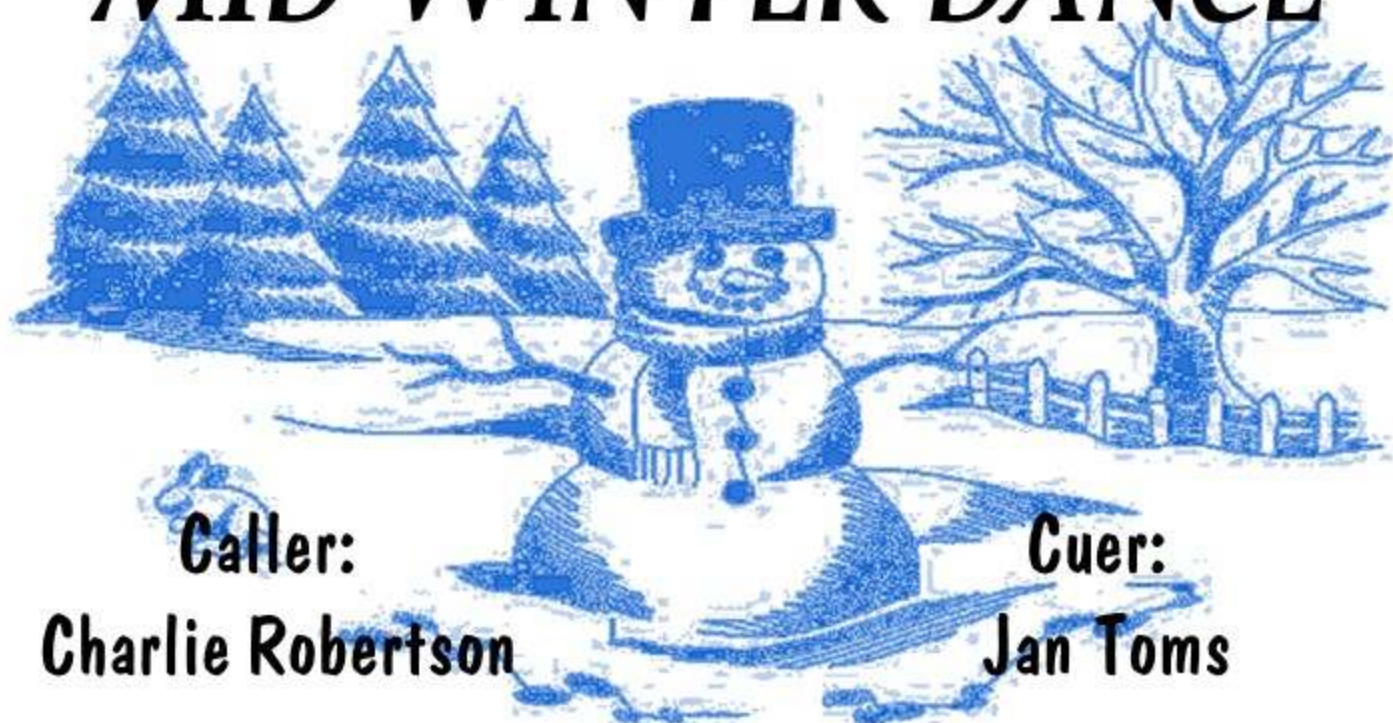
For Info: 214-675-6523 or president@swingingstars.org



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Visit our Website: www.swingingstars.org

SWINGING STARS MID WINTER DANCE



Caller:

Charlie Robertson

Cuer:

Jan Toms

Friday January 24, 2025

Early Rounds 7:30

Square Dancing 8:00

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