



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

***Newsletter for May 05, 2024***

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### **Message from the Presidents**

**Richard and Jan Covington**

Wow.... have you ever woke-up and realized it's Saturday and wondered where the week went. That's me today. This past week has been busy catching-up to say the least and we have been blessed with so much rain my toes are webbing.

We are all looking forward to our "Dancing with the Stars" 49th Anniversary Dance and it is just six days away, on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We have a great visiting caller, Jet Roberts, joining our great club caller, Charlie Robertson. You will note that we start at 7:00, rather than 7:30, with a full hour of rounds with our great club cuer, Jan Toms. With all of this Greatness, we will definitely have a fun time. Our Grand March will be at 8:00.

Since we have an earlier start, we will be meeting early to get everything done and in order for our guest. I have cleared it with Network Ministries that we will arrive at the building at 6:15. As you are all aware, we have a small group covering lots of bases.

Hmmm... I know what you are thinking, "hopefully Lorraine will remind me what I signed up for..." haha... Thank you for all of your hard work Lorraine, it will all be over soon, and you will get a chance to relax. Also, we look forward to your getting back on the dance floor soon.

Also, we have lessons finishing up and lessons starting in June. Charlie and Linda will be looking for our help Hosting these lessons. The weekly Lessons Host will greet the students and help with student and angel sign-in. And, at the end of lessons take both sign-in sheets by the desk for them to make copies.

David Toms has agreed to teach lessons again and hopefully, we will have a good group of new dancers. I put our lessons flyer on my NextDoor app and it had 884 views in the first 72 hours. Be sure and post it on your NextDoor app. I know Charlie and Linda are putting in various publications. If your local library has an electronic bulletin board or a physical bulletin board, be sure to post it there as well. The more we get the word out the better.

Save the dates, our Club membership meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup> at Spring Creek BBQ at 4:00, our second dance of the month is May 24<sup>th</sup> and we have a Friendship Plus Dance with the Kissin' Kuzzins' on May 31<sup>st</sup>. In addition to our dances, we need to show our support for other clubs and make a good showing at their special dances.

I will, see you in a Square.

**Richard C**

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**From: Lorraine Burson chairman of the Swinging Stars 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance.**

I would like to say this about the Anniversary dance information. On May 6<sup>th</sup> I am going to send out a message to the Swinging Stars to remind all of you of what you have volunteered to do to help make the dance a big success, and the time to be there to get started setting up etc. Please be sure that your read the message.

**May 10, 2024 -- 49<sup>th</sup> Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance -- Dancing with the Stars**

THEME BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: "Dancing with the Stars"

May 10, 2024, Early Rounds at 7:00 to 8:00, **Grand March 8:00**

Dear Swinging Star Members,

Thank you to all of our Swinging Star members, thanks for you volunteering to help. But, for those of you that have not had a chance to sign up to help with the Anniversary Dance. I am waiting to hear from you!! Of course, there is a flyer at the end of this Newsletter. It gives you important info about the where when etc. What I want to give you now is information to help you get signed up to help making the Anniversary dance a success. All members are expected to help wherever and when they can. I have had a few say they are going to be out of town on the date of the Anniversary Dance. That happens sometimes. Just so you know you may need to sign up to help with more than one service. I want to tell you about something more that I just received a few weeks that is listed in the flyer in the newsletter, we will be having a money raffle for \$100. By purchasing tickets for the money raffle, you also have a chance to win 1 of ten \$20 dinner gift certificates to the Red Truck Café.

**Please Call me if you have not already signed up to help!** May 10 will be here before you know it.  
Lorraine Burson

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**Message from the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents**

**Charlie and Linda Harris**

**Mainstream Lessons**

Those angels continuing to show up for support, we appreciated you!

**Women angels are needed!**

Location: Liberty Rec Center  
2601 Glencliff Drive  
Plano, TX 75075  
Mondays 7:15 PM

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

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**Message to the Swinging Stars about Square Dance Lessons.**

This message to inform all Swinging Stars that we will be having Modern Square Dance Lessons starting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:15pm to 9:15pm at the Liberty Rec. Center 2601 Glencliff Dr. Plano, Texas. Please mark your calendars. The First lesson is free to all to try our favorite pastime activity.

PLEASE download the latest flyer and take them with you when you are out and about. Click here for a .pdf copy of the flyer: [http://www.swingingstars.org/2024\\_June\\_Square\\_Dance\\_Lessons.pdf](http://www.swingingstars.org/2024_June_Square_Dance_Lessons.pdf)

I want to point out that the first lesson is free. If after they have tried square dancing, enjoyed it and plan to take this set of lesson, that they must get registered that evening after the lesson while at the Rec. Center. If you have some people that want to take the lessons, try to get them to go ahead and register ASAP, so we can be sure of having students that want to take the lessons.

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## 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
Kissin' Kuzzins	4/19/2024
Texas Reelers	5/03/2024
Log Cabin Swingers	5/04/2024

#### Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Tri-City Promenaders	7/14/2023
Triangle Squares	2/23/2024
Rebel Rousers	2/23/2024

### \*\*\*EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK\*\*\*

#### Of Interest Club Visitation for Plus Dancers

Wednesday, May 1 – Plus 4s.

No Report

#### Official Club Visitation – Banner Raid

Friday, May 3 – Texas Reelers – Friday Fiesta

First, a big THANK YOU thank all the Swinging Stars that attended our Official Club Visitation/ Banner Raid to the Texas Reelers Dance. Along with Dave and Myself we had Peggy Amy, Caves, Harrises, Ha, Loi, and Trujillos for a total of 10 members, we managed to capture their Banner. Yea! There was a total of 15 visitors, 43 Texas Reelers of which. several were either Students or New Dancers for a total of 58 dancers. The number of squares in the first tip 6. Number of Round Dancers couples after the first tip 4, with around 3 Round Dance Couples dancing all evening. For those of you not attending you missed a fun filled evening of Deborah Carrol Jones calling a variation of tune with a Mexican flair. She also had a look of a beautiful Mexican Lady dressed up in her costume of black long hair and Mexican attire. She is great with getting in the sprite of the theme of the dance. We all love her enthusiasm.

#### Official Club Visitation - Banner Raid

Saturday, May 4 – Log Cabin Swingers – 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance

The flyer said, wear your overalls, it's a "Hootenanny" dance. It was truly a deluxe barn stomping dance. Tim Tyl was the caller and David Berling was the cuer and the Log Cabin Swingers sweeten the deal with a \$100 to the club that brought the most dancers and \$300 to be given by a drawing to a club or organization. Rebel Rousers brought the most dancers (18) and NTCA won the drawing.

The Log Cabin Swingers went all out for their 49th Anniversary. They started with a fried-chicken dinner. The flyer said 6:30 but by 6:15 the parking lot was full. Early Rounds were supposed to start at 7:00 PM but people were continuing to arrive and go thru the dinner line. Tables were setup on the dance floor... so they skipped early rounds and the square dance started at 7:23pm rather than the advertised 7:30. They had 8 squares on the floor and another 6 squares sitting as the square dance. There were 85 guest and 25 Log Cabin Swingers for a total of 110 happy dancers.

Your Swinging Stars that made the trip were Chris & Merry Trujillo, Richard & Jan Covington and Peggy Amy and "pseudo Swinging Star", Gary Amy. Everyone had a great time as square & rounds dancers always do when we get together. Thank you to Richard Covington for this report.

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

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

<https://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2024-05-Promenade.pdf>

### **Friday, May 10 – Swinging Stars – 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance Dancing with the Stars**

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

**Guest Caller:** Jet Roberts

**Caller:** Charlie Robertson

**Cuer:** Jan Toms

**Time:** Early Rounds 7:00, Dance 8:00

**Note:** See page 19 of the May Promenade for more information

### **Official Club Visitation – Banner Raid – New Dancer Dance Saturday, May 11 – Circle I – Smell the Flowers**

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

**Caller:** Ray Savell

**Cuer:** Chris Farabaugh

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

**Note:** See page 20 of the May Promenade for more information

### **Wednesday, May 15 -- Ladies Luncheon**

May Ladies Luncheon will be hosted by Lorraine Burson. I have chosen the Red Truck Café. I am hopeful to have a good turnout of ladies, in response to showing our appreciation to the establishment of the Red Truck Café for all they have done for to support the Swinging Stars by letting Lon and Nevin sell raffle tickets for our Anniversary Dance \$100 raffle during their regular business hours. The luncheon is on May 15 at 11:30. Please reply to Lorraine at [lorraine@Bursons.us](mailto:lorraine@Bursons.us) by May 13, so I can let them know the number of ladies coming. I have extended this invitation to all the Lady Associate Members for them to come and enjoy lunch and visit with us.

### **Of Interest Club Visitation**

#### **Friday, May 17 – Kissin' Kuzzins – 50's Sock Hop**

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

**Caller:** Mike Bramlett

**Time:** Mainstream Workshop 7:30 PM, First S/D Tip 8:00 PM

**Note:** See page 22 of the May Promenade for more information

### **Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval**

#### **Saturday, May 18 – Rebel Rousers – Armed Forces Dance**

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

**Caller:** Mike Bramlett

**Cuer:** Christine Hixson

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

**Note:** See page 27 of the May Promenade for more information.

### **Sunday, May 19, 2024, 4:00 PM Swinging Stars General Club meeting**

at Spring Creek BBQ, 270 N Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080

## **Friday, May 24 – Swinging Stars – May Flowers Dance**

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

**Caller:** Charlie Robertson

**Cuer:** Christine Hixson

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

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

## **Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval**

### **Saturday, May 25 – Tri-City Promenaders – Butterflies Are Free**

**Where:** American Legion Hall -- 2817 Carson St., Fort Worth, 76117

**Caller:** Ray Savell

**Cuer:** Chris Farabaugh

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

**Note:** See page 33 of the May Promenade for more information

## **Of Interest Club Visitation**

### **Sunday, May 26 – Pegasus Squares – Bee Day Dance**

**Where:** Grace United Methodist Church, 4105 Junius St, Dallas, TX 75246

**Caller:** Richard Covington

**Time:** 2:00 - 4:00 PM

**Note:** See page 34 of the May Promenade for more information

## **Of Interest Club Visitation**

### **Monday, May 27 – CASUL – Memorial Day Dance**

**Where:** Swingtime Center - - 5100 S.E. Loop 820 @ Anglin, Ft Worth

**Caller:** Vernon Jones & Charlie Robertson

**Cuer:** Jack von der Heide

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

**Note:** See page 35 of the May Promenade for more information.

This is a Swingtime fundraiser dance with free hot dogs and chips.

### **Friday, May 31 – Swinging Stars & Kissin' Kuzzins – Friendship Plus Dance**

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

**Caller:** Scott Bennett

**Time:** Advanced Dancing 7:30, Plus Dancing 8:00

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

### **Monday, June 3, 2024, 7:15 PM Swinging Stars Square Dance Lessons Start**

at the Liberty Rec. Center 2601 Glenclyff Dr. Plano, TX See Flyer at the end of this newsletter or Click here for a .pdf copy of the flyer:

[http://www.swingingstars.org/2024\\_June\\_Square\\_Dance\\_Lessons.pdf](http://www.swingingstars.org/2024_June_Square_Dance_Lessons.pdf)

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## 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](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

Friday, May 10, 2024 **Swinging Stars 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Dance

Sunday, May 19, 2024, 4:00 PM **Swinging Stars General Club meeting** at Spring Creek BBQ  
270 N Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080

Monday, June 3, 2024, 7:15 PM **Swinging Stars Square Dance Lessons Start** at  
the Liberty Rec. Center 2601 Glenclyff Dr. Plano, TX

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

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

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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@swingingstars.org](mailto: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).

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**See Flyers below**



# Swinging Stars

49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

MAY 10, 2024



**Guest Caller: Jet Roberts**  
**Club Caller: Charlie Robertson**  
**Cuer: Jan Toms**

Early Rounds 7:00

Grand March 8:00

\$100 Money Raffle with a  
chance to win 1 of 10, \$20 Gift  
Certificates to Red Truck Cafe

Network Ministries Building

1500 International Pkwy Ste 300

Richardson Tx. 75081

Refreshments

Banners

Singles Board

Honey pot

Dancers under 18 dance free when accompanied by paying adult

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**Fun couple date night activity**

Less than \$6.00 per night per person

**Modern Square Dance (Beg) #66900**

**Location:** Liberty Recreation Center  
2601 Glencliff Dr., Plano Tex. 75075  
Phone 972-769-4234

June 3, 2024 to September 16, 2024  
Monday 7:15 PM - 9:15 PM

**Instructor:** David Toms

**Fee Per Person**

Plano Resident \$89.00

Non Resident \$93.00

10% Discount for 60 or more years old

**Registration Starts**

Plano Residents May 4, 2024 at 8:00 AM  
Non Plano Residents May 6 at 5:00 AM  
Number of sessions 16

First session June 3 is FREE, however, after your first lesson on June 3, if you think this is fun and you decide that you would like to take the lessons, you must register that evening after the lesson is over.

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