



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for May 12, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

A great 49th Anniversary! We had a good crowd with 89 dancers with fourteen NORTEX Officers, ten number of club Presidents and twelve Cuers & Callers in attendance. Clubs with the most attendance include Texas Reelers with 14 including Jon and Deborah Carroll Jones, Rebel Rousers with 13, Circle I with 11 and Kissin' Kuzzins' with 8.

Jan started early rounds at 6:55 with eight couples and it grew to twelve couples or more. Round Dancers everywhere agree that we have one of the best cuers, Jan and David Toms. She has great timing and fabulous music.

Jet Roberts, our guest Square Dance Caller, lived up to his reputation. He has developed great hoedown patters, fantastic song choreography and songs. Our Club Caller, Charlie & Kristi Robertson, brought their "A" game and had an exceptional night. Song choice, harmony, everything was spot-on. Jet and Charlie are a polished duo choice.

Give a big yellow rock to Lorraine and Dave Bursons for all of their hard work planning & putting together the 49th Anniversary Dance. Everyone took on multiple duties though we had a couple of minor mishaps. Our key passes wouldn't open the door, Lorraine & Dave's cake was late causing them to be later than they wanted (we worried that they may have had a mishap). During setup, we had one of the decoration balloons pop... nearly causing several heart attaches. I call trainee caller Gene Geyer by another name; I don't recall now what. All-in-all, everything went smoothly.

Great things I want to mention... great decorations, as always but this was definitely top notch. Kudos to Debbie and Jim. Chris stepped up and took on the role of photographer... I can see a new career in his future, don't you agree. We've been missing Nina and it was good to see her helping at the sign-in table selling raffle tickets.

Since we got a later start than we wanted, the pressure was on to get everything done in time for our guest to arrive. Peggy, John, DebbieC and Linda manned getting our cake tables set up. Ha, Nevin, Dave, Lon, John, Chris, Charlie, me and others took care of taking down the round tables and setting up chairs. JanC, Merry, Linda, Lorraine, Nina, DebbieC, DebbieR & Jim and others ran around putting decorations up. Charlie filled the water containers and made coffee. Jan and David Toms set up the sound equipment and jumped in to help with anything & everything that was needed. John and Debbie took on the greeting duties as I ran around making sure had a complete list of NORTEX officers, club presidents, NTCA members, etc. I am sure I missed someone doing something that should be mentioned here. Nevertheless, with everyone working, everything was done before the first guest arrived, well maybe before the second or third guest arrived... Nevertheless, I want to say thank you all for coming together and working to make it happen.

Our \$100 drawing was a success. Nina manned the table selling an additional \$93 worth of tickets last night alone. Nevin also sold a number of raffle tickets at the Red Truck Cafe, and they donated

ten \$20 coupons for meals at the Red Truck Cafe in Plano, which we also gave away. Congratulations to the winners.

Unsung heroes, Nevin and Sara Mulvin and Lon Bushell are our dedicated workers manning the registration table and handling the task of signing in guess and signing dance cards at every dance. Where would we be without them. Thank you, guys and gal, for always being there for us. Give each of them a hug and tell them how much you appreciate them.

It was also a special day as Wayne Baldwin had his birthday. He says hi to all, he wished he could have been there. If you haven't done so already, send him a birthday wish.

I will see you in a square.

Richard C

From: Lorraine Burson chairman of the Swinging Stars 49th Anniversary Dance.

I think that all of what Richard Covington our Swinging Stars President has already said was a good overview of what the dance was and I can't think of much more to say about it.

Except," Thank you to all that served on the committees and helped to make our 49th anniversary dance a success." I could go on and say thanks to all the names and would probably leave out someone. I do appreciate all that you did!



Message from the 1st Vice Presidents

**Charlie and Linda Harris
Mainstream Lessons**

Graduation this Monday, May 13th

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

"Thanks to all" for showing up early to help with setup and stay for tear down.

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

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 3rd, at 7:15pm to 9:15pm at the Liberty Rec. Center 2601 Glenclyff 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 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.

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
Tri-City Promenaders	7/14/2023
Triangle Squares	2/23/2024
Rebel Rousers	2/23/2024
Circle I	5/10/2024
Texas Reelers	5/10/2024

EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK

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

No Report

*** COMING EVENTS ***

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

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

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@Burons.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 – Banner Raid

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

*** * * OTHER EVENTS * * ***

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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

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, 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

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





Flowers Dance

May 24, 2024

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Christine Hixson

Square up: 8:00

Early Rounds 7:30



Network Ministries Building

1500 International Pkwy Ste. 300 Richardson, TX 75081

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Try something new in 2024

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SQUARE DANCE

Connect with other fun People

Dance to some of your favorite music

Its fun engaging and relaxing

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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For more information call:

Richard Covington 214-675-6523 or

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Swinging Stars

PROUDLY WAVING THE

Stars and Stripes

AT OUR

FLAG DAY DANCE

Display your flags proudly by dressing in your **Red, White & Blue!**



Friday, June 14, 2024

Caller : Charlie Robertson

Cuer: Jan Toms

Banners Honey Pot

Early Rounds 7:30

Fun Food Fellowship

Square Dance 8:00



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1500 International Pkwy Ste 300

Richardson Tx. 75081

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Dancers under 18 dance for free with paying adults

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BOOT SCOOTIN' SQUARE DANCIN' HOEDOWN

“New Dancer Dance”



June 28, 2024



Caller:
David Toms

Cuer:
Jan Toms

Early Rounds: 7:30 Square Up: 8:00



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Richardson TX.75081



Please feel free to wear Western or Square Dance Attire

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