



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for May 19, 2024

Message from the Presidents

Richard and Jan Covington

We are still reeling from our 49th anniversary dance, wasn't it a great dance. We have already started making plans for our 50th anniversary. We have reserved a fifth Friday, May 30, 2025 as the date.

The club considered alternate dates and alternate plans were discussed in detail. However, the club voted to keep this fifth Friday as the date of our dance. We also voted to go dark on the fourth Friday of May 2025.

We had a very good set of lessons that just completed with the graduation on Monday, May 13th and we will have the New Dancer Dance June 28th. As I'm sure you are aware, we have Beginner Lessons starting June 3rd at Liberty Recreation Center. David and Jan Toms have agreed to teach. Pray that we get at least a square of students. The Recreation Center requires at least eight students for the class to make. Thus, eight students need to sign up by the end of the first night. So, continue getting the word out.

We also are working on plans to have lessons start in September. Jan and David Toms will be offering round dance lessons on Monday and the club feels it is very important that we have square dance lessons this fall as well. Linda Harris indicated that the front desk at Liberty advised her that the hall is not being used on Tuesday night. Thus, Linda and I will try to meet with Liberty Recreation Center to discuss it further tomorrow, Monday, May 20th. If they don't have another hall available, we are looking into other possibilities. We will need to give a lot of support to lessons by signing up to help angel and to be the Lessons Host for the Night.

Also, I am giving an introduction to square dance class thru the Enrichment Program at Grayson County College in Van Alstyne, TX starting Tuesday, June 4th and Angels are invited. The age group can be from 16 years to 80+ years young. This introduction to Square Dancing consisting of four sessions and we plan to offer a full set of lessons in the fall.

There were lots of good discussions in today's meeting about the future at Swinging Stars. Our hopes are that our efforts will produce an ample number of students for our lessons and that our lessons will produce viable square dancers for the square dance community and hopefully new members for our club.

Thank you, board and club members alike, for all you do for Swinging Stars.

I will see you in a square.

Richard C

Message from the 1st Vice Presidents

Charlie and Linda Harris

Mainstream Lessons -- Graduation Monday, May 13th

Thank you to the many faithful ones supporting lessons this last session as angels, host and hostesses, photographer and graduation cake provider. Charlie and I appreciate your support and enjoy seeing and dancing with each of you. The Kissin Kuzzins provided angels each week for their new students. The last Mainstream lesson was May 13th at Liberty Rec Center. We enjoyed dancing to David's fast pace and energetic calling. Another "big thank you" to David and Jan Toms for their continued support. Then we ate cake (thank you Nevin and Sara for providing the delicious strawberry sheet cake with butter cream frosting)! Mmmm...good.

Chris Trujillo took many graduation pics. Thank you, Chris!

Patricia Wright is now a new member of Swinging Stars. We are very pleased you joined us and we're looking forward to dancing with you at our club dances and visitations. Patricia opted to learn the mans' part during this set of lessons. She wanted to get back to the activity, so elected to learn the opposite part. John and Kathleen Humphrey joined the Kissin Kuzzins.

"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 Glenciff 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

Of Interest Club Visitation – Banner Raid

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

No Report

Official Club Visitation – Banner Retrieval

Saturday, May 18 – Rebel Rousers – Armed Forces Dance

The visitation last night to Rebel Rousers was a terrific dance. 74 visitors and 22 Rebel Rousers. 9 squares on the floor most of the time. Charlie and Kristie Robertson and David and Jan Toms attended, along with Peggy Amy, Charlie and Linda Harris.

Charlie and David both did tips with Mike Bramlett. The floor was full. David and Mike sang David's newest compilation and choreograph 'Texas Hold 'EM' by Beyonce. Jan did two rounds with her usual fabulous style. It was very special that both our caller and cuer couples attended our visitation. And of course, the crowd loved them. No banners were captured or retrieved. Thankyou to Linda Harris for the report.

***** COMING EVENTS *****

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

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

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

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

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

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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

Banners Honey Pot Fun Fellowship Snacks

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by paying adults

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Try something new in 2024

Come out and Learn to

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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AT OUR

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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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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



Network Ministries Building
1500 International Pkwy Ste. 300
Richardson TX.75081



Please feel free to wear Western or Square Dance Attire

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