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**From:** president@nortex.org  
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**To:** NORTEX PRESIDENT  
**Subject:** 2019-2020 NORTEX Annual Awards

Good Afternoon,  
I hope everyone has stayed indoors most of this weekend. It has been really hot!

Because our June Installation Meeting and Dance was cancelled due to COVID-19 and Swingtime was still closed in August when our quarterly business meeting was to be held, I had to come up with a plan to present the NORTEX annual awards. The last two Saturday mornings, we held outdoor Mini Installation meetings in Garland and Irving. Due to the pandemic, these meetings had to be limited in attendance. We had safety protocols in place; wearing masks, sitting 6 feet apart, no hugs, etc. We also met in city parks with lots of trees, shade and some breeze! Officer appreciation awards were presented along with some friendship dangles, club patches, lessons grants award to the Roadrunners and Round-Up 2020 Committee Badges were distributed to those present at the August 29 meeting (as a memento). 2020-2021 Officers present at the two meetings were installed. When we can gather for an indoor meeting, those 2020-2021 officers that could not attend either meeting, will be installed.

Between the two meetings on August 22 and August 29, the following Annual Awards were presented:

Club Growth Achievement Awards were presented to those clubs that showed growth and retention during the first 8 months of 2019-2020. This seemed to be the best approach for this award since most winter/spring lessons were cancelled due to COVID-19. Patches were presented to: Cliff Dwellers, Roadrunners, Stone Steppers, Texas Reelers, Trailblazers and Tri-City Promenaders.

A new award, NORTEX STAR 2020, was presented to recognize some clubs or individuals that stood out for their service to either the activity, to their club or to NORTEX. Awardees were 1) Rainbow Rounds for recognition of their weekly dances, for having square dances for their anniversary dances and growth from 15 couples to 20 or 25 couples dancing each week; 2) Michelle Singleton and Jerry Maloney for sending three weekly emails to 1) their club, 2) their angels and 3) their students before the shutdown due to the pandemic; and 3) Kevin & Christine Hadley for printing labels, labeling Promenades and taking to the PO the May through September 2020 Promenades; that was 600 to 700 Promenades monthly!

The 2019-2020 Dancers of the Year were recognized at both meetings for their service to their clubs and to NORTEX. On August 22, Charlie & Linda Harris from Swinging Stars & Ramblin' Rounds and Sam & Mary Stephens from Rebel Rousers; on August 29, Audrey Mansell from Pioneers. I believe all of these dancers are very worthy of this award as you can read in the October Promenade.

The 2019-2020 Club of the Year, was presented yesterday to the Roadrunners. They continue to increase their membership each year, currently having 75 members. We've seen them at almost every dance that was held the first 8 months of 2019-2020. They are enthusiastic, fun loving dancers who love to travel, visit other clubs, and socialize.

The Marvin & Helen Matus Lifetime Achievement Award, normally presented at Round-Up, was also presented yesterday. This couple has been an active NORTEX Officer for 37 consecutive years! They have been dancing for 40 years, are lifetime members of their home club and received 40 year bars from their home club this year. They have been officers in their home club, their round dance club and NORTEX. If you get a chance, give Allan and Dorothy Mussler a call of congratulations on this special recognition.

Congratulations to all the awardees!

The above awards will be presented in the October Promeande. Don't forget, that will be the first month we begin **online only publication** of the Promeande.

Photos of both meetings are on the NORTEX Website ([nortex.org](http://nortex.org)); select the first menu item under main menu item "Photos".

Please distribute this information to your membership and dancing friends.

I miss all of you and wish we could have held a really large event for these awards.

Hugs,  
Debbie