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## President's Corner

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### Who is NORTEX?

By Peggy Kemp

YOU are NORTEX. You, the dancers and members of square dance, round dance, and clogging are all NORTEX. There are a few people who so willingly give of their time, effort, and energy to serve you, the dancers, as elected and appointed officers of NORTEX. Come to think of it, the elected officers do not even have a vote on any issues. The business of the organization is conducted by the Club Presidents and Delegates of each club.

Now, what does the organization provide for each dancer and club? Let's think about this for a few minutes. Each Dancer is provided with a monthly Promenade magazine. Each club is provided with liability insurance coverage for the locations where they dance. There is a large list of educational materials that are made available to the clubs free of charge (with the exception of a mainstream booklet). All that is necessary to take advantage of these materials is a request form provided to the Education Officer, Billy Hurt.

Oh, by the way, there is an Officer Installation Dance for all NORTEX members free of charge. Remember there is a NORTEX Teen Scholarship Dance for all members that is provided for donations only. Then the really big event is a full day of fun and fellowship – Round-Up. Profits from the last four Round-Ups were used to pay the insurance for each club. Because there is a Round-Up each year, clubs are able to participate in Pre Round-Up dances which offer an extra way for clubs to increase their revenue.

The NORTEX officers try to have a minimum of 2 squares attending each of the two big dances a club hosts each year – Pre Round-Up and Anniversary Dance, which adds to the donations collected for these dances.

So, see, we are all NORTEX working together for the betterment of our organization.

### Quiz (by Gary)

1. Who pays for your dance insurance and where does the money come from?
2. What is the price of most of the educational materials supplied by NORTEX?
3. What is the entrance fee for the NORTEX Officer Installation Dance?

**The Draw** – Virtual cash is \$35.00. Are you going to win it? To qualify, you have to make the OFFICIAL visitations and be at the following Stars dance. If we draw your name and you qualify, you win.

**Be sure to view our Swinging Stars Website at:**

<http://swingingstars.org>

**Our web master is Dave Burson.**

**LOOK NOW and LOOK OFTEN.**

Swinging Stars Banners out (go retrieve one if you can - it only takes one square)  
Rebel Rousers.

**Banners on hand (Do not accept one if you visit these clubs)**

Dublin Cloverleafs, Duncanville Cliff Dwellers, Buttons and Bows, Cotton Pickin' Squares, Lone Star Solos, T Square Gadabouts, Log Cabin Swingers, Dixie Chainers, Kissin' Kuzzins, Solitaires.

### ALL SQUARE and ROUND DANCERS

#### **Past Week's Events and News ...**

**We must have made the Jerry Story Fredericksburg Weekend an OFFICIAL visitation, considering the number of Stars who made the trip. This dance sold out for the second year. Be sure to sign up early for next year.**

Stars included: Amy, Burson, Evanto, Feldman, Lewis, McGuire, Perrott, Pharr, Starrett, Wheaton.

Wed May 18

Plus Fours 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance with **Wayne Baldwin** and Charles Quisenberry calling.



Thanks to all who went out to support this club (and Wayne).



Amy, Burson, Capps, Dennison, Duncan, Tom Evanto, Feldman, Larry/Rosemary, Harris, Lewis, Morse, Ross, Wheaton, Wolfe

**Thurs May 19**

**Banner Raid**

**Yellow Rockers 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Dance with Ray Stenger and Chris Farabaugh**



Stars included: Hawkins, Wolfe.

**Sat May 21**

**Banner Raid**

**Trailblazers 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dance with Charles Quisenberry calling and Jack Kenny Cueing.**

We didn't get a report on this dance.

SUNDAY, MAY 22nd

SWINGING STARS FISHFRY



Hosts: Baldwins, Harrises, Morses



We counted 70 stars in attendance, but there could have been more. Great fun



right up to the end when the storms drove us off.

Coming up ...

**Fri May 27**

**Swinging Stars Stars & Stripes Dance with Wayne Baldwin calling and John Brewer cueing**

Square Dance Workshop

Wear Red White and Blue to celebrate Memorial Day.

Refreshments: McGuire, Reid, Wheaton, Wolfe

Two other dances this weekend you may be interested in

**Sat May 28**

**Cotton Pickin' Squares Peach and Patti Dance with Clifton Peadh Calling and Patti Wheelington cuing**

Early rounds 7:30, Grand March 8:00. L-3 Rec Center, FM1570 Greenville, TX.

And

## **Mon May 30**

**Annual Memorial Day Dance - Swingtime Center**

Caller: Rick Smith

Cuer: Charles Crockett

Early Rounds: 7 PM

Dance: 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Donation: \$7 per person. All proceeds to to Swingtime Center

**All Beef Hot Dogs with all the trimmings!**

## **LADIES ONLY**

Ladies Luncheon - Wed May 25 - El Fenix

Peggy Pharr, Fran, Lorraine, Mary Hardin, Peggy Amy, Helen

## **Round Corner**

**June 26, Sunday Harvest Holiday Mini-Fest - Phase 2-3-4 Rounds & Teaches**

## **Refreshment Schedule - thru December**

May 27 McGuire, Reid, Wheaton, Wolfe

June 10 Hursey, Gifford, Heintz/Putnam

June 24 Perrott, Henneberger, Kehoe, Morse

July 8 Anthaume, Feldman, Hawkins, Meyer

July 22 Harris, McClure, Rose, Whipple

Aug 12 Hamm, Mosher, R & A Smith, Milligan

Aug 26 Stuart, Capps, Jung, Loven

Sept 9 DeLuke, Bivens, Dennison, Lewis

Sept 23 Gaudrone/Benedetto, Ross, Acker, Evanto

Oct 14 Nejd, Hardin/Smith, Jimison, Piziali

Oct 28 Dance cancelled due to Callers Cavalcade

Nov 11 Starrett, Bullock, Duncan, McGuire

Nov 25 Dance cancelled due to Thanksgiving Holiday weekend

Dec 9 Feldman, Cowdin, Reid, Wolfe

Dec 23 Dance cancelled due to Christmas Holiday

### **Refreshment Duty Reminders:**

1. If you have a conflict with the Refreshment Schedule please contact someone on the refreshment list to sub for you. Notify the refreshment schedulers: Jeff & Anne Stuart at 972-699-1317 or email: [jwstuart@flash.net](mailto:jwstuart@flash.net) with the names of your subs.
2. Attend the dance prior to your turn for refreshments to pick up the three bags. Check Refreshment Bags for the info regarding "Refreshment Duty Tips" and "List of Items Supplied by the Club." Contact Tim & Rita Putnam Heintz for supplies prior to purchase at 972-699-3616 or [timheintz@att.net](mailto:timheintz@att.net) or [ritajp@att.net](mailto:ritajp@att.net) Monday prior to dance.
3. First name on the list is the lead/contact couple.
4. Lead couple should contact their committee to plan refreshments 10 days ahead.
5. Students who have just graduated from lessons will not be on the refreshment schedule until July 2011.
6. Per our contract with PISD we may not enter the gym prior to 7:00 pm

### **This Month**

#### **Fri May 27**

Swinging Stars "Stars and Stripes" dance.

#### **And Beyond**

#### **Fri Jun 24**

Swinging Stars traditional "Luau Dance"

#### **Jun 4**

Rebel Rousers Anniversary Dance

#### **Fri Jun 17**

- Pre-Roundup dances begin! The theme is "Salute the Troops". The dances are called "Reveille Dances". The Kickoff Reveille dance is Texas Reelers on June 17. See May Promenade P 5 for a listing of all the Reveille dances.

#### **Sun June 26**

Harvest Holiday Mini-Fest - Phase 2-3-4    Rounds & Teaches  
Swingtime Center    More details to come.



**Fri Jul 8**

Swinging Stars "Ice Cream Party" dance.

**July 30**

Texas Reelers Anniversary Dance

**Friday Aug 12**

Swinging Stars "Back to School" dance.

**Fri Sep 23**

Swinging Stars Pre-Roundup dance.

**Fri Oct 14**

Swinging Stars Halloween Dance.

**Fri Oct 28**

Callers Cavalcade - Beginning the North Texas annual celebration.

**Sat Oct 29**

Roundup - Best bargain in town. All day with 3 halls going at all times.

PLUS AND ADVANCED DANCERS

Plus Weekends

Plus weekends offer Plus dancing at it's best. Not only do you get lots of floor time in a short period of time, but also great workshops that improve your Plus dancing. In the link below are weekends that we know some Swinging Stars are registered for. Talk it over and pick one or two. Thanks to Dave Burson!

[http://www.swingingstars.org/Weekends\\_Of\\_Intrest.html](http://www.swingingstars.org/Weekends_Of_Intrest.html)

Click to find ...

June 3-5 Salado Stomp ~Challenging Plus Square Dance Weekend-

Callers- Joe Saltel and Brad Caldwell

Stagecoach Inn

Salado, TX

## Plus and Advanced Clubs

### **Plus 4s**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed from 7:30 - 9:30.

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

Early enough to get home and get some sleep. Even Gary can do this one and make it to work the next day. Email Peggy to be put on the reminder list for these dances. amybpeggy@verizon.net

### **ADD Plus Club (New NORTEX Club)**

**NOT** a place to “brush up” on your plus. Experienced plus dancers will benefit from this “All position” plus calling by Mike Bramlett. 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays at Richardson Senior Center. Club membership or \$9 per person at the door. Good to attend to warm up for the Texas Stampede.

### **Friendship Plus Club (Non-NORTEX Club)**

A place to “brush up” on your plus. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Nights 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Richardson Senior Center. Mike Bramlett calling.

### **Model A's (Advanced Dancers)**

Every Thu 7:00 - 9:00. A-1 -- A-2. calling by Wayne. They've moved to Walnut Hill Recreation Center in Dallas. Wayne Baldwin. Info: 972-562-2174

*-Gary-*