

Newsletter for January 10, 2021

Message from Presidents Doug and Jan Bergesen

Happy New Year! Oh we said that last week. But nothing new is going on, so stay safe and be happy. Count your blessings and focus on the good around you.

Doug and Jan Bergesen

2nd VP Report From Ralph and Lucy Hamm

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
T Square Gadabouts	4/19/2019
Log Cabin Swingers	5/04/2019
Cotton Pickin' Squares	5/25/2019
Dixie Chainers	12/14/2019
Texas Reelers	1/17/2020
Rebel Rousers	1/18/2020
Kissin Kuzzins	2/29/2020

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Lone Star Solos	1/24/2020

We suggest that before you decide to attend a dance advertised in the Promenade you reach out to the club advertising the dance and make sure that they will be having the dance.

Most NORTEX clubs have closed because of loss of venue and/or the virus. We have contacted several NORTEX club presidents to update the status of their clubs. The following list is current. We will correct it when any club's status changes.

Swingtime Center closed to all dances. The board (CASUL) will meet in February 2021 to decide on future dancing. The clubs normally dancing there are:

Circle 8 Fort Worth Squares Rainbow Rounds Trailblazers Diamond Jubileers Harvest Holiday Roadrunners Double Plus Pioneer Squares T Square Gadabouts

The following clubs have closed until further notice:

Circle I Dixie Chainers Model A's Ramblin' Rounds (Wed) Texas Reelers Cliff Dwellers Kissin' Kuzzins Pegasus Squares Rebel Rousers Tri-City Promenaders Dance Arounds Log Cabin Swingers Plus 4s Stone Steppers Triangle Squares

ADD+ Dancing Mike Bramlett's ADD+ dancing will continue at Elks Lodge 1984, 3825 Duck Creek Drive, in Garland on the first, third and fifth Mondays of the month. Dates through March will be Jan 18th; Feb 1st and 15th; and Mar 1st, 15th, and 29th. If you need additional information, contact Mike at 214-402-8540 or <u>sqdncclr@aol.com</u>.

Dance times: Advanced 6 to 7PM; Extended Application/All Position Plus 7 – 9PM

Square Dancing Practice Opportunity The following note from Bill and Elizabeth Hinckley, caller for the Stone Steppers, is provided for your information:

Hello Square Dancers,

If you are interested in getting some practice in and enjoying square dancing fun then feel free to come and join us each Thursday evening! We dance to a lot of patter with a few singing calls thrown in for a little variety.

We dance Mainstream and Plus, and the evening is dedicated to building up some of those rusty skills and having fun throughout the evening. This month, we plan on being at our location each Thursday evening (January 14th, 21st and 28th) and all are welcome. The dancing goes from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

We dance at the Goodbar Recreation Center, 3000 Concord Drive, Mesquite 75150.

We have been doing this since the last week of July and have had great times together. Please note that the dancers wear masks while dancing and respect other's safety wishes during breaks. If you would like water or snacks, please bring what you would personally like to have. We hope to see you all on Thursday!

Bill & Elizabeth Hinkley 214-498-7424 (Bill's cell)

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Stay Home - Stay Safe

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

All Swinging Stars dances are cancelled through February 2021.

* * * OTHER EVENTS * * *

Round Dance Lessons Schedule

JL and Linda Pelton

Dance Arounds received notice from the City of Plano that all classes are canceled until further notice. This includes the dance night and Saturday lessons

Virtual Square Dance Tom Evanto

For more information on Virtual Square Dance see the Virtual Square Dance article in the 11-01-2020 Newsletter: <u>http://www.swingingstars.org/Newsletter_for_11-01-2020.pdf</u> or contact Tom Evanto.

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Merry Trujillo for the loss of her mother, DeAlva Marshall, on December 29th. "She was a lifelong educator, an avid reader and amazing cook. She taught many grade levels of native American children... Her love of reading was shared by many. She developed macular degeneration over the past 20 years and could no longer read." She lived with Merry and Chris for her last 10 years and the greatest resource they found for her was " the Talking Books Program" which enabled her to enjoy her reading again. Merry said of her mother" she taught me forgiveness and compassion...She ran the race, fought the fight, and won". DeAlva would have been 98 years old in April... a long life well lived.

A request for our prayers has come from NORTEX for Dennis and Elizabeth Ziebell. Dennis has been the friendly NORTEX Photographer West whom we have seen frequently at Swingtime dances. He was admitted to the hospital on January 6th. He has tested positive for COVID-19.

Special dates to put on your calendar None

Web Master Dave Burson

Be sure to check out our web page: <u>www.swingingstars.org</u>

There is a lot of information about what is going on with the Swinging Stars.

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page and click on Weekends.

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:

<u>newsletter_editor@swingingstars.org</u> 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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