



Newsletter for November 1, 2020

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Next Sunday is our swinging Stars club meeting at Grace Church in Lucas at 3. Many of you responded to let us know if you would be there or not. Some were not sure. If you didn't respond before, please let us know:

1. We will be there
2. We will be there and can have someone call us to join in by phone
3. We can't be there but would like to call someone and join in by phone
4. We can't be there

We have some important things to discuss with regard to starting up again whenever that is (ie lessons), so we hope you can help us decide. We value your input.

Jan and Doug 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 until January 2021. The clubs normally dancing there are:

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

Other clubs who have cancelled until January 2021:

Circle I	Cliff Dwellers	Dixie Chainers
Log Cabin Swingers	Pegasus Squares	Rebel Rousers
Tri-City Promenaders		

The following clubs have closed until further notice:

Dance Arounds	Kissin' Kuzzins	Model A's
Plus 4s	Ramblin' Rounds (Wed)	Rebel Rousers
Stone Steppers	Texas Reelers	Triangle Squares

The Cotton Pickin' Squares have disbanded their club after 26 years of dancing. Many of us have enjoyed trips to Greenville to visit them, and we're sad to see them go.

There are a few dance opportunities coming up. The following information is provided in case you wish to take advantage of these opportunities. These are NOT Swinging Stars visitations.

ADD+ Dancing Mike Bramlett has announced that ADD+ dancing resumed Monday, September 28 at Elks Lodge, 3825 Duck Creek Drive, in Garland. Additional scheduled dance nights are Nov 2, 16, and 30; and Dec 7 and 21.

Dance times: Advanced 6 to 7PM; Plus 7 to 9PM

Guidance: No refreshments provided. Bring your own water and snack if you wish; do not share with others. Hand sanitizer will be available for everyone to use after each tip. Mike's email says "Masks and gloves are not required, but can certainly be worn by those who feel they would like to wear them."

Lone Star Solos 56th Anniversary Dance, Thursday, Nov 12.

Location: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (3217 Guthrie Rd, Garland)

Caller: Dave Vieira

Cuer: Jan Toms

Schedule: Early Rounds 7:00PM, Grand March 7:30PM

Honey pot, solos board, no refreshments.

You must wear a face mask. Bring your own hand sanitizer, water bottle, and snack.

We received the following from Log Cabin Swingers: "As the number of cases of COVID-19 in Henderson County Texas and in the surrounding counties increase the Log Cabin Swingers Square and Round Dance Club have decided to stop all square and round dancing at Promenade Hall through 31 December."

This would include the Fall Fest weekend Nov 13 – 15 with Darryl Lipscomb and Lucy & Jerry Pate previously listed here.

T Square Gadabouts has announced that they are planning a New Years Eve dance Dec 31 at Swingtime IF the COVID conditions and Forest Hill regulations allow reopening.

Callers: Vernon Jones and Bobby Willis

Cuer: Karen Gloodt

Early Rounds: 7 – 8PM

Square Dance: 8 – 10PM

Temperatures will be taken at the door, masks are required, bring water and snacks if you wish.

For round dancers:

Rainbow Rounds is planning to have phase IV – V catch-up round dance lessons on Wednesdays at 6:00PM followed by regular dance sessions from 7:00 to 9:00PM WHEN Swingtime opens in 2021.

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

Stay Home - Stay Safe

* * * COMING EVENTS * * *

All Swinging Stars dances are cancelled for the remainder of 2020

* * * OTHER EVENTS * * *

Virtual Square Dance Tom Evanto

The VSD activity continues to grow with more opportunities being added in recent weeks. Many VSD's are two couples (with one phantom couple). Some full square VSD's are also available. Basic (social club level), Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and Challenge level can be found. Many are scheduled to avoid conflicts with other VSD's at the same level. There are also some "special events" planned. One recent 3-hour special event featured 11 different callers and 2 cuers.

The resources available to find the VSD's also continues to grow. Here are some places where you can find information about virtual dancing. Please do not post ZOOM links out there in social media or other online forums. Thank you.

** always check ahead to be sure about the time zone for the dance you've selected, so you don't miss it in "your" time zone. <https://www.asrda.org/announcements>

This will mostly carry Mainstream and Plus VSD events.

look under - 'Announcements/News'

under item - 'Latest Virtual Square Dancing Info'

select PDF - the 'ASRDA VSD List'

Email TrailBlazers Editor for the TrailBlazers listing of Advanced and Challenge VSD events.

Email to get onto their distribution list for the Virtual Guide PDF listings.

IAGSDC online calendar of events, different levels.

Online event calendar where many VSD dances are now posted. Look at the left side of the home page on IAGSDC.org for the calendar link.

FACEBOOK group called "virtual square dances" for various levels and callers.

Join - the 'Virtual Square Dance' group. After you are added to the group list, look under:

Events - for a summarized list of some dances and

Discussion - for other dances and information. <http://callerlabknowledge.org/>

Look for the link that says "CALLERLAB COVID-19 Information Page" at the top.

Email other callers directly whom you wish to reach for their dance schedules and to be on their email list. Hope to see y'all in a VSD soon and everyone is staying healthy/safe.

Regards,
Tom Evanto

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

Refreshment Duty Information

From Rick Pehrson (Rookie Refreshment Scheduler)

We want to thank these team members for your contribution to Swinging Stars. Your efforts make *Swinging Stars* the best club to visit in the metropolex.

Team leader should contact their team members the week before **the dance prior** to their scheduled dance so that each member can pick up a Refreshment Bag after that dance. Teams are responsible for food of their choice, ice and 5 tablecloths, which can be purchased at any Walmart or Dollar Tree. If you need supplies contact First Vice Presidents Alex & Vanessa Nestor. Please do not buy supplies without first checking with the Nestors (469.235.2971) or 1stvp@swingingstars.org. If you have additional questions, call or text Rick Pehrson (972-837-6999) or email Rick at patrick33081@verizon.net.

Team members are responsible for finding a replacement if they are unable to fulfill their scheduled obligation (refer to the schedule below for possible subs – see current roster for email address or phone number). Please email Rick at patrick33081@verizon.net of the change.

Until further notice the Refreshment Duty Schedule will not be published in the Newsletter. The schedule will resume when refreshments are added back to the agenda.

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Please keep Bobby and Sheila Clark (Rebel Rousers members known to some of us) and family in your thoughts and prayers.. Bobby lost his mother last week.

We also send thoughts and prayers to NORTEX officer Carolyn Ehlinger and her husband James and family. Carolyn also lost her mother last week.

Ralph and I were glad to see Debbie and Jim Reid this past week. Debbie is getting better and feels she has made a lot of progress since October 8 when she had rotator cuff surgery for 2 severed tendons and partially severed bicep in her right shoulder. She does have physical therapy to help build back her strength. She has been wearing an arm sling for over a month. To add insult to injury, she has had laryngitis for several weeks. She saw an ENT Wednesday from the same association that Ralph used (sinus infection for him) and both of them are satisfied with their treatment.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Sunday November 8, 2020, 3:00 PM – Swinging Stars General Meeting – Location Grace Church in Lucas

Listening Device Information

From Charlie and Linda Harris

At our dances, the Swinging Stars are pleased to loan, free of charge, a "listening device" to any requesting dancer. Current inventory is two devices, offered on a first-come first-served basis as each dance starts. Talk to Nevin Mulvin at the check in table. To answer questions about the listening device, email Charles Harris at harris0907@sbcglobal.net or phone 214-348-5361.

Notice to anyone interested in purchasing a listening device receiver for square or round dancing, contact Charles Harris. He has one new William Sound PPA R-37. The new unit is priced at \$90.00 and includes the earphone. It is the 17 channel unit versus the 3 channel Listen Brand units and has a five-year warranty.

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.

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:

newsletter_editor@swingingsstars.org 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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