



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 15, 2020

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Last Sunday we had an excellent club meeting. 22 people were represented whether in person or by phone. Our wonderful secretary will get the minutes written up and sent to Dave to send out to everyone. Jan had her knee replacement surgery Wednesday and all went well. She even came up with a singing call while recovering. To the tune of Time in a Bottle: sides face grand square, if I had a pain pill in this bottle the first thing that I would do, Allemande left and weave the ring, I'd take a pill and then I chill, swing your partner Promenade, so in time I can square dance with 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 until January 2021. 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

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)	Stone Steppers
Texas Reelers	Triangle Squares	

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 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."

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 * * ***

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: http://www.swingingstars.org/Newsletter_for_11-01-2020.pdf or contact Tom Evanto.

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 metropollex.

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

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jack and Sharie Kenny and their family. According to their daughter, Allyson, Jack is in the hospital "for an unknown time projection". He tested negative for COVID 19 but he has serious heart, lungs and kidney issues. Some round dancers in Swinging Stars have learned dances from Jack at the Mini Fest quarterly dances for phase 2-4 dancers sponsored by Harvest Holiday dance club. Several members have also danced phase 4-5 dances with Jack at Harvest Holiday's Sunday fests. Jack has been the cuer for Trailblazers at Swingtime and the cuer/teacher for Merry Rounders in Arlington and Dance, Dance, Dance in Garland. He is a member of Harvest Holidays and Rainbow Rounds, both clubs dance at Swingtime. Ralph and I learned a lovely bolero (which they choreographed) from Jack and Sharie at TRDTA (state round dance convention) in La Grange at the end of February this year.

Special dates to put on your calendar

None

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@swingingstars.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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