



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for February 16, 2020

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

I guess it has been decided that our plus dance will be the second tip. That's when Bobby most wants to do it and that was what anyone who talked to me said seemed like a good idea to them. It will help keep the refreshment line from being too long.

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Swinging Stars 1st Quarter Dues are PAST Due!

Just a friendly reminder, your **2020 1st Quarter** dues are **Past Due!**

You can pay:

Quarters	Couple	Single
1 Qtr	55.00	27.50
2 Qtrs.	110.00	55.00
3 Qtrs.	165.00	82.50
4 Qtrs.	220.00	110.00

Send To: Nevin Mulvin 3409 Eisenhower Ln. Plano TX 75023-3933

Please make check **PAYABLE TO: Swinging Stars.**

NORTEX Dues from all of the Clubs in NORTEX are due May 1, 2020

The Swinging Stars has to update the list of members that are going to be NORTEX members for 2020, so that we can calculate the NORTEX dues (\$ 10.00 per member). Since we will be compiling this list in April, only members that have paid 1st Quarter or 2nd Quarter Dues and Associate and Honorary Member that have paid NORTEX dues to the Swinging Stars Treasurer for 2020, by April 15, 2020 will be put on the list. If you are not on this list, or the address we have for you is not correct, you will stop receiving the Promenade. If you are not sure if your dues are up to date, you can check with Nevin Mulvin at Treasurer@swingingstars.org or at 214-790-3908.

February 9, 2020 NORTEX Quarterly Meeting

Highlights from Alex & Vanessa Nestor and Dave & Lorraine Burson, NORTEX Delegates

USO / Patriot Paws Report Ongoing efforts for the upcoming USO / Patriot Paws have collected \$6,200. The goal is to reach \$10,000. Half will go to DFW USO and half will go to Patriot Paws. If we reach the goal, NORTEX will then earn the right to name one of the dogs. "Dancer" is the selected name. It was noted that it takes nearly 2 years and \$25,000 to train one of the service dogs, which are given without charge to veterans who need them. The USO / Patriot Paws dance will be held on March 22. Donations for the Tin Can auction can be given to Dalaina Willis or Linda Savell.

Round-Up 2020 The theme for the dance is “Dancing in the Moonlight” with a bit of a Halloween twist as the event will occur on October 30 and 31. The guest caller will be Jerry Junck of Mesa, AZ. The staff callers will be Bobby Willis and Toby Thomason. The Round-Up Kick-Off dance will be on July 12. The caller will be Mike Bramlett and cuer will be Chris Farabaugh.

Nominating Committee Report 2020-21 The nomination for Elected NORTEX officers are as follows: President Debbie Anderson, Secretary Russ & Anne Nejd, Treasurer Sam & Mary Stephens, Area VPs: Don & Mary Jo Henry, Fred & Terri Lanier, Ron & Donita See, Robert Cadenhead & Donna Miller, and Michael & Shirley Lowe.

Lesson Grant Committee Report A motion to change bylaws (NORTEX 5.5) for the lesson grant awards was made to limit clubs to one grant award per year while making it a requirement to either hold a Student Dance while lessons are in progress or hold a New Dancer Dance within 2 months of student graduation. The motion passed by majority vote with one dissension. The updated rule goes into effect on July 1, 2020.

The Swinging Stars and two other clubs were awarded lesson grants of \$200.

2nd VP Report

From Dave and Lorraine Burson

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

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Kissin Kuzzins	1/24/2020
Lone Star Solos	1/24/2020

*** EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK ***

Saturday, February 15 – Rebel Rousers – Black and White Ball Official Visitation – Double Deal Dance

This festive square and round dance evening featured special guest caller Pat Kotal. He is known for being a member of the Texas Po' Boys square dance caller quartet. Thank you to these 16 Swinging Stars for attending: P Amy, Bergesens, Caves, Edwards, T Evantos, Gulicksons, M Hardin, Nestors, Sees, C Wolfe. Rebel Rousers banner capture was successful and we acquired 2 more signatures toward the 980 visitation patch. Thank you to Tom Evanto for the report

*** COMING EVENTS ***

Wednesday, February 19 – Plus 4's

This is Quiz's regular Wednesday plus dance night. We would like to see more Plus Dancers attending the Plus dance.

Caller: Charles Quisenberry

Time: A dancing at 6:15, Plus at 7:30 to 9:30

Location: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 12411 Templeton Tr., Farmers Branch

Friday, February 21 – T Square Gadabouts – Snow Flake Dance Of Interest Visitation

The T Square Gadabouts invite you to enjoy the winter at their theme dance. I actually doubt there will be any snow, but it is sure to be hot with the dancing. They are having one of the very best cuers in the business, If you are a newer Round dancer you will be happy to enjoy dancing to her. It is well worth the trip. If you are also a newer square dancer you will also enjoy dancing to a caller you may have not danced to before. Please come and support the Swinging Stars club visitation. You will make Dave and me very happy

Caller: Vernon Jones

Cuer: Karen Gloodt.

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Workshop 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Location: Swingtime Center 5100 South East Loop 820 Fort Worth

Note: Don't feel you want to drive to the Swingtime Center, try Carpooling, It's fun!

Saturday, February 22 – Tri City Promenaders – Celtic Fling Dance Official Visitation – Banner Raid

Ok, I will admit that I am not sure what a Celtic Fling is or what the attire would be, but I am sure that Square dance attire is perfectly fine for a fling of any sort. I am also very sure that the dance will be fun to attend. Dancing will be first class with Ray calling and Chris cueing. Please come and help us capture their Banner.

Caller: Ray Savell

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Plus Dancing 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Location: Brookside Center, 1244 Brookside Dr., Hurst

Friday, February 28 – Swinging Stars – 4th Friday Night Dance

We hope to see many of our dancing friends that may have been unable to attend dances because of various different reasons. We welcome you back.

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Plus Tip 7:20, Workshop 7:40, Grand March 8:00

Location: Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Saturday, February 29 – Kissin Kuzzins – 47th Anniversary Dance Official Visitation and Banner Retrieval Leap into Spring

We hope you will plan to attend this special Anniversary Dance for the Kissin Kuzzins. They have chosen to have it at the **Swingtime Center**. They will be having a very special caller. He is well known thru out the square dancing community here and nationally. He is in my opinion, the smoothest caller and I have always thought it is almost impossible to mess up when he calls. Not only are they having this great caller they have their own well-known cuer. Please make it an effort to make the trip to the Swingtime Center. If you would like to car pool let us know if you would be willing to drive or if you are looking to ride with someone. We will make a list of those that would like to carpool.

Guest Caller: Darryl Lipscomb

Cuer: JL Pelton

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Plus Dancing 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Location: Swingtime Center 5100 SE Loop 820/Anglin Dr., Fort Worth

*** * * OTHER EVENTS * * ***

Wednesday February 19 – Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon

Debbie Reid has graciously volunteered to host the February Ladies Luncheon. The Ladies Luncheon is on Wednesday Feb. 19th at 11:30 at **Torchey's Tacos**, 300 W Campbell Rd #160, Richardson, TX. Please Reply to Debbie Reid by Feb 17th to give the restaurant ample time to set up for us. Reply to Debbie at debbie.r.reid@gmail.com or 214-669 5723.

Sunday February 16 – Jan Bergesen's Dance

This will be her second dance to be certified to advance from a Caller Trainee to an Associate Caller. Please come and support her.

Time: 6:00 to 8:00

Location: Grace Church 2005 Estates Parkway Lucas, Texas

Directions: From Central Expressway, go east on McDermott, pass Highway 5 at the light and continue on Main St. thru Allen, Pass Angel Parkway and you will be in Lucas. Go about 0.7 miles and you will see the Grace Church on the right side of the road. Enter the church through the back.

Admission: Only \$5 per couple!

Round Dance Lessons Schedule

JL and Linda Pelton have firmed up their class schedules for round dance lessons and wanted to share this early information with the club. Note that they are running two classes starting March 28 -- Intermediate Waltz and Beginning Jive.

Intermediate Waltz

Requires a beginning Waltz class as a prerequisite.

Saturdays 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

March 28 through May 23

Beginning Jive (also called Swing)

Saturdays 1:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

March 28 through May 23

Beginning Rumba and Cha Cha will be offered in the summer with a follow-on class of Intermediate Rumba and Cha Cha in the Fall.

Refreshment Duty Information

From Mark and Karen Hawkins (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 Mark (214.536.5863) or Karen Hawkins (214.537.0446) or email markt.karenl@gmail.com until March 1, 2020.

After March 1 contact Rick Pehrson (972-837-6999 or 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 Mark and Karen at markt.karen@gmail.com of the change.

February 28 – **Mosher**, Amy, Feldman, Nestor

March 13 – **Trujillo**, Deluke, Edwards, Jung (Theme – March Madness)

March 27 – **Hamm**, Goebel, Harris, Stewart

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

We are happy to report that Bill Perrott is recovering nicely at home. Bill had hip replacement surgery on February 13th. He was having a meal and did some walking the first day. He went home on the 14th. Wendy and Bill are planning to be back dancing by the end of March. We all send our thoughts and prayers to both of them as Bill continues to heal.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Sunday May 3, 2020, 4:00 PM – Swinging Stars General Meeting – Spring Creek BBQ, Richardson

Friday May 29, 2020 – Swinging Stars 45th Anniversary Dance

Theme “Swinging Stars Anniversary Ball”

Friday October 23, 2020 – Swinging Stars Double Deal Dance

Friday December 4, 2020 – Swinging Stars Annual Holiday Party – Haggard Party Barn

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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Caller: 
Bobby Willis

Friday, March 13, 2020
Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, TX

Cuer: 
Walter Brewer

Square Dance Attire OR
If you Show Your Team
Spirit By Wearing
Your Favorite Team
Shirt, you get a free
Honey Pot Ticket



Early Rounds 7:00
Plus Tip 7:20
Workshop 7:40
Grand March 8:00

Honey Pot



For Info: 972-834-3097 or President@swingingstars.org
We dance every 2nd and 4th Friday.

Visit our Web Site: www.swingingstars.org

Dancers Under 18 Free When Accompanied By A Paying Adult

