



Newsletter for March 7, 2021

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Getting closer to dancing! Have you had your shots yet? We have each had one so far. Governor's lifting of the mandates helps, too. But are you ready to get back to dancing? We will be having a board meeting in 2 weeks on March 21st. Our next scheduled club meeting is May 2, but we may bump it up into April so we can decide as a group on when and how to start dancing again.

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 on March 7, 2021 to consider future options. They met in mid-January and discussed that opening of Swingtime will depend on COVID vaccine availability and reduction of numbers of infections and hospitalizations in the area. The clubs normally dancing there are:

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

The following clubs have closed until further notice:

Circle I	Cliff Dwellers	Dance Arouds
Dixie Chainers	Kissin' Kuzzins	Model A's
Pegasus Squares	Plus 4s	Ramblin' Rounds (Wed)
Rebel Rousers	Stone Steppers	Texas Reelers
Tri-City Promenaders	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. March dates will be the 15th, and 29th. If you need additional information, contact Mike at 214-402-8540 or sgdnccclr@aol.com.

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

Log Cabin Swingers:

The following dances are not Swinging Stars visitations. The information is provided in case you wish to visit on your own.

“Spring Time” in Tool, TX (plus weekend)

Dates: April 9-11, 2021

Caller: Daryl Lipscomb

Cuer: Lucy and Jerry Pate

See page 9 of the March Promenade for full details/schedule.

46th Anniversary Dance

Dates: May 1, 2021

Callers: Tim Tyl and K O Jeanes

Cuer: David Berling

See page 11 of the March Promenade for details.

***** EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK *****

Stay Home - Stay Safe

***** COMING EVENTS *****

All Swinging Stars dances are cancelled until further notice.

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

Round Dance Lessons Schedule

JL and Linda Pelton

Dance Arouds 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.

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Good news for round dance fans; Christine Hixson is scheduled to be released from the Mesquite rehab hospital this weekend. We wish her a full recovery.

Joe and Ellen Zhang have been staying close to home. Ellen has learned to crochet and knit from YouTube and has made hats for their grandsons and daughter in law.

Ron and Donita See said they were among the lucky ones who never lost power, water or even the internet. They have not practiced any dancing at home but are keeping up with the Social Square Dancing movement. They should have completed their 2 vaccinations also...depending on the big storm delays. Travel wise they were able to see their new grandson at Mansfield during Christmas. All were masked and no food was served but it was nice to visit. They were also joined by their older son and his family. Ron and Donita have a trip planned to Sedona, AZ and Utah. Another trip to Niagara Falls is planned with siblings later in the year.

Gene and Phyllis Deluke did have some storm problems and went to Flower Mound to stay warm with their son and family. Gene had to visit the ER because of the garage door having to be opened manually. Hopefully his finger is healing well. They are watching round dance videos and asked when the start up plan for resuming square dancing will occur. (CASUL has had a meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 7th. 9 clubs who dance at the Swingtime venue are awaiting the answer)

Debra and Grant Gulickson had no problems with the storm in the long run. They did have 3 days with internet inconsistency for their major annoyance. They played a lot of cards and board games. They do have a proud announcement to be made. Their daughter graduates from UT Dallas in May with her Bachelor of Science degree in Bio-Medical Engineering. Graduation will probably be all virtual. The new graduate is looking for a credentialed on-line graduate school to get her Master's done before starting full time work. Grant is still able to work from home. Debra has all of her interior painting done with Grant's help. She is trying to organize all of her photos now. (I need to do that too. Ralph has put a lot of them on the computer but we still have loose ones). Debra said they are interested in hearing more about the Social Square Dancing.

Zari and Harry Kilejian had some flooding and had to use fans for drying out purpose. Luckily they had some extra Swinging Stars club fans which they have been graciously storing. Speaking of storing, Rick Pehrson has the Swinging Stars refreshment bags, in case we ever get back to serving refreshments.

With all of the reading some of us have been doing, we may have run across some good quotations. If you have some, please send to Audrey, the editor. promenade@new.nortex.org. She hopes to have enough for the Promenade issue soon.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Sunday May 2, 2021 ??? – Swinging Stars General Meeting – ???

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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