



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 15, 2020

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

We are so sorry for the last minute cancellation of our dance. When we discovered Thursday night that the Corona virus was in Collin County, we knew we had to cancel our dance. We hope we didn't disrupt your lives too much.

You've probably heard all the ways to keep this virus at bay, but we thought we could cover a few of them:

1. If you're sick, stay home.
2. Wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds frequently (it's better than hand sanitizer).
3. Cough or sneeze into your arm, not hand.
4. As Pres. Trump says, don't touch your face. LOL

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Message from NORTEX President

Debbie Anderson

Sherry Richmond, our Webmaster, has updated the NORTEX website (<http://www.nortex.org/>) with a listing I prepared of the dances and lessons that have been cancelled through this morning, March 15. Please notify your club members there is a new menu tab (right by the Home menu tab) for COVID19 Dance Cancellations.

We have set a goal to have this tab updated each night by 10pm. Please continue to send me any notices about your club and I will send to all club presidents, NORTEX Officers & Chairs and the NTCA President.

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
Kissin Kuzzins	2/29/2020

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured
Lone Star Solos	1/24/2020

We have a list of the dances that are canceled and or postponed in NORTEX.

For an updated list go to: http://nortex.info/?page_id=3043

Log Cabin Swingers will stop all activities at Promenade Hall for two weeks. At that time they will revisit the situation, as it develops, and decided their next actions.

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

Add-Plus, Texas Reelers and **Rebel Rousers** will not be dancing the **remainder of March 2020 and all of April 2020**. The City of Richardson is closing all Recreation Centers for two (2) months.

Swinging Stars have **canceled** their dance, **March 27, 2020**

Diamond Jubileers have **canceled** their dance for **Saturday, March 14, 2020** and **RESCHEDULED TO MAY 9, 2020**.

Roadrunners have **canceled** their dance for **Thursday, March 19, 2020**.

Plus Fours have **canceled** their dance for **Wednesday, March 18, 2020**.

T-square Gadabouts Dance have **canceled** for **Friday March 20, 2020**

Trailblazers have **canceled** their dance for **Saturday, March 21, 2020**

Benefit Dance for **DFW USO/Patriot PAWS** Service Dogs **canceled** for **Sunday, March 22 will be rescheduled to May 31, 2020**

Pegasus Squares have **canceled** their dance for **Sunday, March 22, 2020**

Swinging Stars have **canceled** their dance, **March 27, 2020**

Tri-City Promenaders are **canceling** their dance for **Saturday, March 28, 2020**

Circle I postponed their Anniversary Dance scheduled for **Saturday, April 4 to December 9, 2020**.

Kissin Kuzzins have **canceled March 20, 2020 thru April 3, 2020**.

Triangle Squares have **canceled March 20 and April 3, 2020**.

Harvest Holiday has **canceled** the Spring Fun Rounds dance scheduled for **March 29, 2020** at Swingtime Center

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

Saturday, March 14 – Diamond Jubileers – 59th Anniversary Dance Mardi Gras Official Visitation – Banner Raid – 2 Signature dance Rescheduled To May 9, 2020

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

Friday, March 20 – Texas Reelers – Luck O' the Irish

CANCELED

Join us to celebrate the Luck O' the Irish, even if you are not Irish. We know that Deborah Carroll-Jones will have a good line up of tunes with an Irish flair.

Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones & Jon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

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

Location: Huffhines Recreation Center, 200 N Plano Rd. Richardson, TX

Notice the change of venue and change of time.

Sunday March 22 – NORTEX & NTCA BENEFIT DANCE

DFW USO AND PATRIOT PAWS

POSTPONED to May 31,2020

This is an important dance. By attending you will show your support for the active duty military and wounded veterans that are defending and have defended our great country.

Caller and Cuers NTCA callers and cuers

Time: 4:00 to 5:00 New Dancer Dance

5:00 to 6:00 Early Rounds

6:00 to 6:30 Patriot Paws Demonstration

6:30 to 8:30 Squares and Rounds

Notice: There will be a Silent Auction and a Tin Can Auction

Friday, March27 – 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.

CANCELED

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Walter Brewer

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

Location: Shepard Elementary School, 1000 Wilson Dr., Plano, TX

Saturday, March 28 – Tri City Promenaders – All Gospel Singing Calls

Official Visitation and Double Deal Dance

CANCELED

Sunday, March 29 – Harvest Holiday – Spring Fun Rounds

Dance of Interest for the Round Dancers

CANCELED

An afternoon of Fun round Dancing with Phases 2, 3, and 4.

Cueing: Area Round Dance instructors.

Time: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Swingtime Center, 5100 S. E. Loop 820 Fort Worth TX.

*** OTHER EVENTS ***

March 18 – Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon

Mary Hardin will be hosting the March Luncheon. Our Luncheon will be at the Longhorn Steak House 3421 N. Central Expressway in Plano at 11:30. Longhorn Steak House is a casual steakhouse chain known for grilled beef & other American dishes in a ranch-style space. Please reply to Mary by March 17th at mrhardin39@gmail.com or 972-517-8691 to be counted in on the fun. You can check out their menu by going to www.longhornsteakhouse.com. and look for the Lunch menu. Hope to see you there!

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.

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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 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 metropolx.

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.

March 27 – **Hamm**, Goebel, Harris, Stewart (**Canceled**)

April 10 – **Pitts**, Gulickson, Hardin, Bushell (Contact **Trujillo**, Deluke, Edwards, & Jung to get bags.)

April 24 – **Perrott**, Colter, Estep, Morris (Theme – Texas Day)

May 8 – **Cave**, Lassiter, Nejd, Zhang

May 29 – **Anniversary Dance** (All Members participate)

June 12 – **Dennison**, Reid, Evanto, Holland

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Richard and Jan Covington and their family for the loss of Richard's father on March 10th. Richard shared "our hearts are saddened to lose him and we sing praises that he has gone home. The heavens are celebrating his arrival". Cards can be sent to the Covingtons at 1606 Clearbrook Drive Allen, Texas 75002-4631.

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 August 29, 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).

Dave Burson

Newsletter Editor

Swinging Stars

Email: newsletter_editor@swingingstars.org

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See Flyer below



Swinging Stars

Texas Day Dance



Friday, April 24, 2020
Shepard Elementary School
1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, TX

Caller:
Bobby Willis

Cuer:
Walter Brewer

Wear your
Texas Best and
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



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