



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for March 22, 2020

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Are you going through square dance withdrawals? There are some things you can do.

First, you can go to taminations and review all the definitions of calls that you only know for muscle memory.

Second, you can distract yourself by making a list of the 10 things you're most thankful for.

Third, you can make a list of five things that you want to do during this time. Maybe it's something that you always wanted to do but never had time to do. Maybe it's something very creative, like making a YouTube video.

If you think of something very unusual and creative along these lines, send me an email. Your idea may end up in the newsletter next week!

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.

A message from Chairman of the Anniversary Ball

Lorraine Burson

I want to say thank you to all that replied to my message this week about the planning of the Anniversary Dance. I know it is pretty iffy if we will be having it on May 29 or not, but being like I am, I want to be ready incase we do. If not we can use the plans for another date. So if you are thinking why plan something that may not happen, please consider what if we don't plan and it comes about that we can have and nothing is ready to go. So please if you have not replied to me, please do.

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 Arouds 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**

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 5, 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 * * ***

**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.

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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

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

**Friday, March 27 – Swinging Stars – 4th Friday Night Dance
CANCELED**

**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**

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

**April ?? – Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon
TBD**

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 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.

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

To quote Thomas Paine (December 1776) "these are the times that try men's souls" .."in this crisis..what we obtain too cheap we esteem too lightly; it is dearness that gives every thing its value". An elderly woman who lived through London's blitz during World War 2 said "we frequently had no working plumbing....toilet paper was not an issue.". This VIRUS is a very serious health threat. Those of us who are lucky have only missing our friends and being sometimes bored to contend with while sheltering in place with some inconveniences. Hug your dear ones and be safe.

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



Caller:
**Bobby
Willis**

Wear your
Texas Best and
get a FREE Honey
Pot ticket!



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



Cuer:
**Walter
Brewer**



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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