



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for April 11, 2021

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Spring has sprung and dances are popping up all over! I hope you can make it to one of them and brush up on your skills. Our club meeting will be May 2nd at 3 at Grace Church which is located at 2005 Estates Parkway in Lucas / Allen. At that time we will decide when we will begin dancing. Let the fun begin!

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.

CASUL, the board for Swingtime Center, met as scheduled on March 7 and made the decision to open Swingtime starting in April. The following clubs dance there. We will provide information under Dancing Opportunities below as we become aware of clubs scheduling dances.

Circle 8
 Fort Worth Squares
 Rainbow Rounds
 Trailblazers

Diamond Jubileers
 Harvest Holiday
 Roadrunners

Double Plus
 Pioneer Squares
 T Square Gadabouts

The following clubs have closed until further notice:

Circle I	Cliff Dwellers	Dance Arounds
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	

Dancing Opportunities:

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

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. April dance date is the 19th. If you need additional information, contact Mike at 214-402-8540 or sgdncclr@aol.com.

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

Square Dancing Practice Opportunity

The following information received from Bill and Elizabeth Hinkley, caller for the Stone Steppers, is provided for your information:

Everyone is invited to get back to square dancing.

When: Thursday, 6:30 - 9:00PM

Where: Goodbar Recreation Center, 3000 Concord Dr, Mesquite

Call Bill for information at 214-498-7424 or email billhinkley@sbcglobal.net

Log Cabin Swingers:

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.

Special Sunday afternoon dance

Date: May 2, 2021

Caller: Tony Oxendine

Time: 2:30 – 3:00PM Plus DBD

3:00 – 5:00PM Mainstream with announced plus; line dancing between tips

Double Plus (Swingtime):

Dates: 2nd Thursday monthly 7:00 -9:30PM beginning April 15

Guest Callers:

Casual dress:

Rainbow Rounds (Swingtime):

Rainbow Rounds will be dancing again each Wednesday beginning April 7. Club dances will be phases 3 – 4 with an occasional phase 5.

Time: 7:00 – 9:00PM

Cuer: Karen and Ed Gloodt

All Plus Dance:

When: April 16, 7:30 – 9:30PM

Where: Swingtime

Caller: Vernon Jones

Casual attire, all pay \$10, bring your own snacks; contact: Karen Riffle 817-991-7164

CASUL (the Swingtime Board) will sponsor dances in May celebrating the reopening of Swingtime:

Date: May 1 – In memory of Joe Truly, Rick Smith, Dennis Ziebell, and Jack Kenny
Time: 8:00 – 10:00PM
Callers: Vernon Jones, Charles Crockett, Ray Savell
Cuer: Jack Von der Heide

Date: May 15
Time: 8:00 – 10:00PM
Callers: Vernon Jones, Charles Crockett, Ray Savell
Cuer: Jack Von der Heide

Memorial Day Dance

Date: May 31
Time: 7:00 – 9:30PM
Callers: Charles Crockett, Ray Savell, Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Toby Thomason, Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack Von der Heide

Celebration of the Life of Jerry Story

Date: August 7, 2021
Where: Swingtime
Schedule: 2:00 – 4:00PM – Reception
4:00PM – Optional BarBQue (\$20 per person)
7:30 – 9:30PM – Dance featuring callers in attendance (free, advance ticket)

For more information including contact information and how to get your ticket, copy and paste this link in your browser:

https://pridervresort.com/jerry/?fbclid=IwAR2cxJtZftUIW5X8BcHwkkRB5ptZdIDTfYf7o7eijMKfnY5V_BAKk2lu9ec

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

None

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

All Swinging Stars dances are cancelled until further notice.

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

Round Dance Lessons Schedule

JL and Linda Pelton

Dance Arouns 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

As more and more people are receiving the COVID vaccinations and the weather is nicer, more people are getting out. So are any of you planning to travel, added a new member to your family? a new pet?? attending any dances? Feel free to share with other Swinging Stars members.

Tom and Vicki Evanto have been spending a lot of time in Austin, Texas. On February 24th, they welcomed their first grandchild. He is Brooks Thomas Ashley and he weighed 6 pounds and 4 ounces and was 9 3/4 inches long. The family has an apartment for the Evantos over their garage which they call the new grandparents' "home away from home". "Kristin, Brian and Brooks are doing very well and Brooks seems to be changing every day". Congratulations to the proud grandparents.

Eddie and Marilyn Gifford had a get away planned just to see the state. They were going to check out Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Ralph and Lucy Hamm and son Edward passed through Albuquerque on Easter Sunday on their way to Flagstaff, Arizona where daughter Laura and grandson, Sebastian were meeting them for some fun days of visiting. (The families had not been together since December 2019). Laura and Sebastian were coming the shorter distance (from northern California) but they had to drive through some real desert. We have all been through Flagstaff several times but never stayed long. The house rented for the 5 days was in a neighborhood of pine and spruce trees and a view of the snow capped mountains from the street outside. At 7200 feet elevation, the weather was on the cool side in the mornings. Laura and Ralph went on a brisk 2 1/2 mile walk one afternoon around the area. Grandson had not seen the Grand Canyon so that was a one day trip. Another trip was to Sedona; set in a canyon of striking red rock walls...lots of shops with a variety of artsy items and some usual junk.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Sunday May 2, 2021 3:00 PM – Swinging Stars General Meeting – Grace Church located at 2005 Estates Parkway in Lucas / Allen.

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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