



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

*Newsletter for April 12, 2020*

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### Message from Presidents

**Doug and Jan Bergesen**

**HAPPY EASTER!** He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Congratulations to Lorraine Burson! She came up with the best use of time during this stay-at-home season. Her sewing machine has been going on overdrive making numerous quilts (even one for the USO/Paws dance) and masks. Let me know what you are doing and you may receive the next congratulations!

Did anyone look up that site where you could dance one-couple square dancing? If the number was too long, just give me a call or text and I will do a one-couple dance for you. 972-834-4700.

Ready for one more mindless thing to do? Count how many electrical switches you have inside your house. Jan counted 43 but Doug counted 48... same house, go figure...

Even though our May dances have all been cancelled, I am REALLY looking forward to our June 12th dance. I even wrote a Covid-19 singing call! Hope we can all get together then.

Doug and Jan Bergesen

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### Message from NORTEX President

**Debbie Anderson**

I received a copy of the City of Forest Hill notice that was placed on the Swingtime Center door. This notice, dated March 19, 2020, stated in part "Effective immediately and for the **next 90 days (as of 03/13/20)**, the City of Forest Hill is implementing, in accordance with the emergency management policy of the City of Forest Hill, the following mandatory guidelines.....it is mandated that the cancellation of all such gatherings of **more than 50 people be cancelled until further notice.**" Emphasis is mine.

Taking into consideration our dancers health safety, this notice and the U.S. Presidential degree to stay home until April 30, has resulted in my **cancellation** of the **NORTEX Quarterly Business Meeting** scheduled for April 19, 2020, the **NORTEX/NTCA Benefit Dance** rescheduled for May 31, 2020, and the **NORTEX Installation and Dance** scheduled for June 7, 2020.

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### NORTEX Quarterly Business Meeting

**Debbie Anderson**

The **April 19, 2020, NORTEX Quarterly Business Meeting** has been cancelled due to the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" mandates due to COVID-19. The NORTEX Delegates have agreeing to an electronic meeting for our 4th quarter business meeting.

Our normal routine at the April meeting is to elect the NORTEX Officers for the next year. This is specified in the NORTEX By-Laws. Per the NORTEX By-Laws Article V, Section 5.5: "At the annual election meeting, additional names may be placed in nomination from the floor provided the nominee has consented to serve, if elected, and meets the qualifications listed for the office". We will be handling the "nomination from the floor" with a write in section on the electronic ballot. Also at this meeting, we approve the NORTEX Budget for the next year, approve appointments of the Financial Review Chair and Lessons Grants Committee new members, vote on the recommendation to suspend Standing Rule #11 covering Liability Insurance and vote that NORTEX pay the Liability Insurance.

**Election of Officers:** As presented by the Nominating Committee at the February 9, 2020 meeting, the nominated officers are:

President, Debbie Anderson

Secretary, Russ & Anne Nejdil

Treasurer, Sam & Mary Stephens

Area Vice Presidents: Don & Mary Jo Henry, Fred & Terri Lanier, Ron & Donita See, Donna Miller and Robert Cadenhead and Michael & Shirley Lowe

The By-Laws are silent as to the election of the President Pro-Tem from among the Area Vice Presidents. For purposes of this electronic meeting, Don & Mary Jo Henry, current President Pro-Tem, have been nominated for another term.

On the ballot there is a place to vote for the nominated candidate or a space for a write in candidate.

**Financial Review Chair:** According to the NORTEX By-Laws, Article 5, Section 5.3.2.3: "The treasurer shall submit all books and records of NORTEX transactions to the annual financial review committee, appointed by the President, within 30 days of the close of the fiscal year." Please approve Sheila Milliron and Bobby Clark for the 2020 Financial Review Chair.

**Lessons Grants Committee New Members:** Philip & Heidi Graham, Stone Steppers, are rotating off of the Lessons Grants Committee. Paul & Connie Killion, Trailblazers, are moving up to Chair this committee. According to the guidelines, the Lessons Grants Committee Members are the NORTEX Current President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Immediate Past-President and Four (4) dancer representatives serving a two-year term. Please approve Gene & Dianne Geyer of Dixie Chainers to be the new members of the Lessons Grants Committee.

**Suspend Standing Rule #11:** The voting ballot has all the details associated with this vote.

**NORTEX to pay Liability Insurance:** The voting ballot has all the details associated with this vote.

When we are allowed to gather as a group once more, we will have a motion to accept this electronic vote, review the minutes from the February 9, 2020 meeting and present financial reports from January 2020 through June 2020 or beyond.

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## **A message from Chairman of the Anniversary Ball**

### **Lorraine Burson**

The May 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance has been postponed till August 29<sup>th</sup>. August 29<sup>th</sup> is a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday. All the planning will be kept. If you have signed up to do something it will remain the same unless you want to change your wishes. We are hopeful we will be able to have the dance in August, but we will continue to monitor the situation to be sure all is safe before continuing with dancing. Thank you and stay well.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## Swingtime Center closed to all dances through June 13<sup>th</sup>.

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**Log Cabin Swingers will stop all activities at Promenade Hall for April 2020.** For more information, check their web site: <http://logcabinsquaredance.club>

**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 **all of April 2020**. The City of Richardson is closing all Recreation Centers for two (2) months.

Benefit Dance for **DFW USO/Patriot PAWS** Service Dogs **canceled**.

**Circle I** postponed their Anniversary Dance scheduled for **Saturday, April 4 to December 5, 2020**.

**Kissin Kuzzins** has been notified that the Garland Senior Activity Center (where they dance) will be closed until May 9, 2020. For more information, check their web site: <https://www.kissinkuzzins.org>

**Triangle Squares have canceled for April 2020.** For more information, check their web site: <http://trianglesquaresdanceclub.com>

**For a list of other cancellations go to:**

[http://www.swingingstars.org/NORTEX\\_Club\\_Cancellations\\_due\\_to\\_Covid-19.pdf](http://www.swingingstars.org/NORTEX_Club_Cancellations_due_to_Covid-19.pdf)

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

**Stay Home - Stay Safe**

## **\* \* \* COMING EVENTS \* \* \***

**The Swinging Stars has canceled all of their dances for April and May. The next dance scheduled for the Swinging Stars is June 12.**

## **\* \* \* OTHER EVENTS \* \* \***

**Swinging Stars Ladies Luncheon.** No Luncheon's are scheduled until the time when it will be safe for us to get together again.

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### **Round Dance Lessons Schedule**

**JL and Linda Pelton**

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### **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 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](mailto:1stvp@swingingstars.org). If you have additional questions, call or text Rick Pehrson (972-837-6999) or email Rick at [patrick33081@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:patrick33081@verizon.net) of the change.

June 12 – **TBD** - Will advise June 12<sup>th</sup> Team after April 26th Board Meeting.

June 26 – **Hamm**, Goebel, Harris, Stewart (Theme – Beach Party)

July 10 – **Pitts**, Gulickson, Hardin, Bushell

July 24 – **Perrott**, Colter, Estep, Morris

August 14 – **Cave**, Lassiter, NejdI, Zhang

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

September 11 – **Dennison**, Reid, Evanto, Holland

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### **Sunshine information**

**From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter**

Hopefully we are all finding good uses for the extra free time in our lives . Watching scenic and travel videos is great for Ralph, and I am watching a few DVD movies which my son gave me for my birthday. Many of us are reading books and also catching up with e mails to family and friends.

Sandra Rose shared the following on line:

May we never again take for granted: Saturday nights with friends, birthday gatherings, packed dance floors, coffee with a friend, crowded church pews, sitting with grandchildren, the roar of a stadium, laughing with cousins, and LIFE ITSELF.



## **Pandemic Volunteers**

**From Linda Harris**

**WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!!**

### **Our Swinging Stars Volunteers – helping to support the cause!**

**Debbie Reid** I turned in 29 masks last week and the Plano chapter of the Sewing Guild turned in a total of 667 masks to Baylor Scott & White. I will be turning in 30 more today (see picture). In addition, I've had many requests from family and friends. I made masks for the grandkids and one of them requested 4 additional masks for his coworkers. We have friends that have a family-owned plastics fabrication business that is turning their production to the making of face shields for healthcare workers and I made 20 masks for them and their employees. There were several other requests and as of today, I have made and given away 107 masks.

If you want more information about homemade masks or want to participate, go to <https://www.weneedmasks.org/> or contact me.



**John and Debbie Cave** completed preparing 10,000 extra frozen meals that were delivered to the Meals on Wheels clients last week. This allowed the facility to close for the remainder of April. We will begin again on May 1.

**Peggy and Deckard Pharr** - Peggy is making face masks for the family. She and Deck are working on a 1000 piece puzzle and planting tomato plants.

## Special dates to put on your calendar

Sunday May 17, 2020, 4:00 PM – Swinging Stars General Meeting – Spring Creek BBQ, Richardson  
5<sup>th</sup> Saturday August 29, 2020 – Swinging Stars 45<sup>th</sup> 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

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## 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](mailto: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.

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### Web Master Dave Burson

Be sure to check out our web page: [www.swingingstars.org](http://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.

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## 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](mailto: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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