

Newsletter for April 18, 2021

Message from Presidents Doug and Jan Bergesen

Today, Sunday, April 18th at Swingtime Center is the quarterly NORTEX meeting at 2:00 followed by a FREE square dance and EVERYONE is invited! Hope to see you there!

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

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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.

The following clubs have closed until further notice:

- Circle 8 Diamond Jubileers Kissin' Kuzzins Pioneer Squares Roadrunners Tri-City Promenaders
- Cliff Dwellers Dixie Chainers Model A's Plus 4s Stone Steppers Triangle Squares

Dance Arounds Fort Worth Squares Pegasus Squares Rebel Rousers Texas Reelers

Dancing Opportunities:

ADD+, Double Plus, Log Cabin Swingers, and Rainbow Rounds have already resumed dancing. Several other clubs (Circle I, Harvest Holiday, and T Square Gadabouts) have announced they will resume dancing in May. Please see the online *Promenade* for information and advertisements concerning dances. (Please note that ADD+ is temporarily dancing at Elks Lodge 1984, 3825 Duck Creek Drive, Garland rather than the location listed in their *Promenade* ad.)

Square Dancing Practice Opportunity

The following information received from Bill and Elizabeth Hinckley, 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

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 KennyTime:8:00 – 10:00PMCallers:Vernon Jones, Charles Crockett, and Ray SavellCuer:Jack Von der Heide

Date:	May 15
Time:	8:00 – 10:00PM
Callers: Cuer:	Vernon Jones, Charles Crockett, and Ray Savell 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=IwAR2cxJtZftUIW5X8BcHwkkrB5ptZdIDTfYf7o7eijMKfn Y5V_BAKk2lu9ec

* * * EVENTS FROM THE PAST WEEK * * *

None

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All Swinging Stars dances are cancelled until further notice.

* * * OTHER EVENTS * * *

Round Dance Lessons Schedule

JL and Linda Pelton

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

Virtual Square Dance

Tom Evanto

For more information on Virtual Square Dance see the Virtual Square Dance article in the 11-01-2020 Newsletter: <u>http://www.swingingstars.org/Newsletter_for_11-01-2020.pdf</u> or contact Tom Evanto.

Sunshine information From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

April weather can really change..it is a cool Saturday..more like our week in Flagstaff, Arizona except we have put our winter clothes away.

Marilyn Gifford posted some very nice pictures of their driving trip to Taos, New Mexico. They really explored the state.

Ralph and I went to Lake Murray lodge near Ardmore last Saturday for a day..just got home from our driving trip on Friday afternoon.. The Oklahoma Round Dance Association's annual dance weekend April 9-11 was held there. We were delighted to learn a jive. chacha and rumba from Curt and Tammy Worlock from Florida who were replacing the couple previously scheduled who had to cancel. What a replacement. The Worlocks are known internationally for round dance choreography, cueing and teaching. They have made round dancing their career and have been teaching 40 years..they started early. We took their Latin bootcamp when they were in Fort Worth several years ago. They were scheduled to be in Dallas last November as special teachers/cuers for the Harvest Holiday round dance week, but that was canceled of course. One advantage of learning from them was that their dance videos for the chacha and the rumba are already available on line. (Ralph and I have plans to use the videos to practice next week). We have learned that 3 local cuer couples have plans for or have already started teaching the cha cha and rumba...excellent reinforcement.

The crowd was small this year; 47 people were enrolled and that included 5 cuer couples (from Oklahoma, of course, and Texas and Missouri). So social distancing was no problem, We had our own snacks anyway which was handy when there was a switch board short in the lodge kitchen. Dancers went to Ardmore for lunch and supper, as the repairs were not completed early enough for most dancers. We missed dancing many of our favorite dances on Friday night but as our friends told us, we were lucky. Hailstones hit the area soon after the dance started. Most cars had some serious damage. Friends shared their phone videos with us. One couple had \$7,000 damage; luckily they have \$100 deductible.

We hate to say goodbye to Karen and Mark Hawkins. They have contributed a lot to Swinging Stars over their years of membership, most recently as Refreshments Coordinators. Their plan is to leave Lewisville on April 22nd for their new home in Boerne, which is close to San Antonio. While their cottage is being finished, they will live with their daughter Becky. Good luck and best wishes to the Hawkins.

My apologies to the Evantos for my typos last Friday night on my report about their new grandson. Their grandson was 19 3/4 inches long. The baby's father's name is Bryan.

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: <u>www.swingingstars.org</u> 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:

<u>newsletter_editor@swingingstars.org</u> 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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