



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for April 19, 2020

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Hi everyone!

I have been realizing more and more that square dancing is actually a very social activity. We need each other! Keep in touch! I called Zari today and found out she is doing amazing things with antique embroidery turning them into modern day pillowcases... or something like that. So what are you doing? Or what did you intend to do and you still haven't gotten around to it? For me, it's organizing my photos on my phone! Not done yet... I have noticed however, that we are doing a lot of walking, just to be outside and get in some exercise. So Doug came up with a scavenger hunt for the next walk you go on! Dave is putting it as a link on the website. Try it out! You can even walk with someone else and make it a competition. Let us know how you do!

Click on this link for the scavenger hunt: <http://www.swingingstars.org/PhotoScavengerHunt.pdf>

We still aren't sure when we will be able to dance again. It kind of depends on when we can get Plano ISD to open up a facility for us. In the meantime, **keep a look out for alternate places to dance and communicate them to us!** Stay safe and healthy.

Doug and Jan Bergesen

A message from Chairman of the Anniversary Ball

Lorraine Burson

The May 29th Anniversary Dance has been postponed till August 29th. August 29th is a 5th 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.

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

Swingtime Center closed to all dances through June 13th.

A notice on the Swingtime Center door, 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.**"

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>

Lone Star Solos are canceling their dances for May.

58th Annual - Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival

June 11 - 14, 2020 - Tyler, Texas **canceled.** For more information, check their web site: <http://www.squaredancetx.com/festival.html>

69th National Square Dance Convention June 17-20, 2020 – Spokane, WA **canceled.** For more information, check their web site: <https://www.69nsdc.org/>

For a list of other cancellations go to:

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.

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

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.

June 12 – **TBD** - Will advise June 12th 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, Nejdil, Zhang

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

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

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Keep communicating Swinging Stars membership with those people who are special to you. I made a point of calling by phone my college room mate this week. Some of us probably e mail and text more. As "Ma Belle" used to say "reach out and touch someone"

Special dates to put on your calendar

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

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).

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