



# Swinging Stars

## Square and Round Dance Club

***Newsletter for April 26, 2020***

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### **Message from Presidents**

**Doug and Jan Bergesen**

So what's happening with you? Did any of you try the scavenger hunt from last week's newsletter? We have word from Lucy and Ralph that they are not only practicing their round dancing, but even learning something new - West Coast Swing! Barry found an article called "The Power of family dance parties when the world is falling apart." Jan read one about how square dancing in particular (among other things) is good for your mental health. Tom has a great suggestion for keeping your square dancing fresh in your mind. There are many one couple dances on YouTube. Our favorite is [buddyweavermusic.podbean.com](http://buddyweavermusic.podbean.com). Even though you are dancing with a phantom couple, he gives you hints where you should be. There are even some 'virtual' dances conducted via Zoom advertised on Facebook. Try it!

We are hoping to start dancing in June if we can find a venue. Keep looking!

Stay healthy and safe,  
Doug and Jan Bergesen

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### **NORTEX Quarterly Business Meeting**

**Debbie Anderson**

Thank you to all the delegates that voted electronically for the April 2020 NORTEX Quarterly Business Meeting. Please find below the voting recap.

On April 9, 2020, an email message sent to 83 Delegates provided a link to an online voting ballot. Delegates were given 10 days to register their vote. On April 20, 2020, with 80% of the Delegates voting, a quorum was met and the votes were tabulated.

#### **The following were elected to serve NORTEX for 2020-2021:**

President – Debbie Anderson

Secretary – Russ and Anne Nejd

Treasurer – Sam and Mary Stephens

Area Vice Presidents – Don and Mary Jo Henry

Fred & Terri Lanier

Ron & Donita See

Donna Miller and Robert Cadenhead

Michael and Shirley Lowe

President Pro-Tem – Don and Mary Jo Henry

**NORTEX Budget for 2020-2021** was approved.

**The following Committee Appointments were approved:**

Financial Review Chair – Sheila Milliron and Bobby Clark  
Lessons Grants Committee Members – Gene and Dianne Geyer

**Liability Insurance:**

Suspension of Standing Rule #11 was approved.  
Motion to have NORTEX pay for Liability Insurance was approved.

Our next quarterly business meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2020 at Swingtime Center. Hopefully, we will be able to gather and conduct the business of NORTEX. If we can meet then, a condensed Installation meeting will be included with the August meeting.

Again, thank you so much for agreeing to an electronic meeting and for registering your vote.

Virtual Yellow Rocks,  
Debbie

**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.

**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>.**

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.**"

**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/>

### **\* \* \* 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**

**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**

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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 26<sup>th</sup> 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, Nejd, 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**

Sunshine and warm weather are back. Has everyone walked around the block recently? Or have you taken a drive in the car? On the only Swinging Stars members anniversary for April, Joe Whitaker reported that he and Colby were planning a Braums take out for celebration. Ralph had a Braums craving Wednesday also so we went to west Frisco, ate in the parking lot and drove a wide loop of the Frisco area.. (We have not filled the car with gas since early March and still have plenty to get around).

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## **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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