Newsletter for May 2, 2021

Message from Presidents Doug and Jan Bergesen

It's TODAY! Come to our semi annual meeting. Let your voice be heard. If you can't come in person, call someone who is there and join in on speaker phone. It's at 3:00 at Grace church, 2005 Estates Parkway, Allen/Lucas. Enter in the back.

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
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.

The following clubs have closed until further notice:

Circle 8 Cliff Dwellers Dance Arounds
Diamond Jubileers Dixie Chainers Fort Worth Squares
Kissin' Kuzzins Model A's Pegasus Squares
Pioneer Squares Plus 4s Rebel Rousers
Roadrunners Stone Steppers Texas Reelers

Tri-City Promenaders Triangle Squares

Dancing Opportunities:

ADD+, Double Plus, Log Cabin Swingers, and Rainbow Rounds have already resumed dancing. 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.)

For the *Promenade* click: http://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2021-05-Promenade.pdf

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 15

Time: 8:00 – 10:00PM

Callers: Vernon Jones, Charles Crockett, and 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=lwAR2cxJtZftUIW5X8BcHwkkrB5ptZdIDTfYf7o7eijMKfnY5V 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

JL and Linda will be offering a beginning round dance class starting this fall at Carpenter Recreation Center. Class will start about mid-September and will be offered most likely Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Currently they are soliciting input as to the rhythm desired by dancers that would like to take the class. Rhythm options include Jive, Rumba, Waltz, Bolero, or Slow Two Step. They

would like to hear from you if you are interested in taking a class this fall. Please write to them at peltondances@gmail.com -- and provide two selections as to the rhythm you would like to see taught. They need to hear from you no later than Thursday, May 8 in order to notify Carpenter of the class and to ensure it is advertised in the Plano Activity Catalog.

Their Dance Arounds club will be back to dancing in the fall with the possibility of opening in midsummer depending upon the vaccination clinic that is currently operating in the ballroom where they dance.

Linda Pelton

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

As the weather gets better and we are all getting out more, good news is fun to share. Thanks for sharing with us.

Dan Lassiter had a bonus birthday gift (April 27). His daughter and new granddaughter came to town and are staying for two weeks.

Linda Harris said that she and Charlie returned to their Tuesday night round dance club with Christine and Theron Hixson in Garland. "It is so good to be back on the dance floor and see our dance friends. We are wearing masks as required by the rec center. It is a small price to pay for returning to our activity. Hope to see you all soon."

Debbie Cave also shared that she and John attended the Double Plus dance on April 16 at Swingtime. "We had a great time dancing to Vernon Jones...all plus but we had no problems keeping up". They have attended some dances in Mesquite with Bill Hinkley calling (see paragraph..2nd VP report in Stars newsletter). "He workshops calls and gives the dancers a good workout." Also Texas Reelers plan to dance again on July 18 at the newly remodeled Richardson Senior Center. Check the July Promenade for details...when official.

Debbie Reid is still in physical therapy for her shoulder but is making so much progress that she and Jim expect to be ready to attend dances in June. "We are certainly looking forward to it". She also has signed up for a line dance class which starts May 2nd.

Debra and Grant Gulickson are ready to dance but are concerned about"being rusty"..we all will be to a certain extent. They are also interested in the Peltons new round dance classes on Saturdays in September. They have set aside Sundays to spend with their family as the children are getting older and moving out into the world.

David and Peggy Edwards have traveled some and have seen family as much as they can. They have started refresher round dance class lessons with Christine and Theron Hixson on Monday nights in Garland.

Ralph and I are looking forward to a few more days at home in May. In April we had two days in the entire month that we didn't have to go somewhere! We did take our wonderful trip to Arizona but my leg vein procedures were mainly time consuming. Walking and dancing are encouraged so we practiced round dances with Curt and Tammy Worlock videos. Since Swingtime opened in April, we have been going to Fort Worth to dance with Karen and Ed Gloodt and the Rainbow Rounds on Wednesday nights (my free night). (Procedures end May 19).

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.

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:

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