



Newsletter for May 9, 2021

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

We had a great meeting Sunday! Everyone had a chance to voice their opinions and really be heard. As a result, the club voted to start Mainstream dancing in June at Grace Church and hold off on lessons until the Fall. Bobby will workshop as he sees the floor needs a refresher. As for Social Square Dancing, the club voted not to go that route for now. When we start lessons again, we will try to have the lessons two nights a week so students can start dancing sooner and so that we can have more classes each year.

I called Walter Brewer to let him know when we would be dancing again and was surprised when he told me they are retiring from cueing for the Swinging Stars. We will miss them and wish them every happiness in their retirement. A special committee formed to seek a cuer asked JL and Linda Pelton to serve as Swinging Stars Guest Cuer. They graciously accepted. We're looking forward to having them lead our round dancing. They have been members of Swinging Stars and continue to support our activity by providing lessons in the Plano area. They also offer club level dancing at Dance Rounds on Thursday nights in Plano. Let's all welcome them at our next dance. We plan to have a club vote to select our permanent club cuer at a club dance in the near future.

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	Diamond Jubileers
Dixie Chainers	Fort Worth Squares	Model A's
Pegasus Squares	Pioneer Squares	Plus 4s
Rebel Rousers	Roadrunners	Stone Steppers
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 are resuming dancing this month. Lone Star Solos and Kissin' Kuzzins (and Swinging Stars!) plan to start back up in June, and Texas Reelers and Dance Arouns will follow suit in July. Please see the online *Promenade* (new.nortex.org/nortex) 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 **May Promenade** click the following link: <http://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2021-05-Promenade.pdf>

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

The 54th Annual NORTEX Officer Installation and Dance will be on Sunday, June 6 with our own Bobby Willis calling and Jack von der Heide cueing. See page 8 of the May *Promenade* for details.

The NORTEX Roundup Kickoff Dance will be on Sunday, June 27 with Mike Bramlett calling and Chris Farabaugh cueing. See page 23 of the May *Promenade* for details.

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=IwAR2cxJtZftUIW5X8BcHwkkRB5ptZdIDTfYf7o7ejiMKfnY5V_BAKk2lu9ec

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

None

*** * * COMING EVENTS * * ***

Swinging Stars will resume dancing June 11 at Grace Church!

*** * * 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 Arouns club will be back to dancing in the fall with the possibility of opening in mid-summer 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

More and more square and round dance clubs are beginning to dance again. It was so nice to see Swinging Stars members at last Sunday's General Meeting. Bobby Willis and family also came by on their way to the lake. Bobby explained SSD to the members. He also told us about the plans for reviewing square dancing at our square dances. Our group has been a long time without his calling. Our dancers are ready to dance again.

Our local round dance world is changing. Walter Brewer is retiring from round dance cueing. He has been the Swinging Stars round dance cuer for over 12 years. Some of us were in the first Swinging Stars round dance lessons available for several years when he began the classes. Walter has been active in the round dance world of Oklahoma as well as Texas. Best of luck to Walter and Eula and thanks for the memories.

Swinging Stars members and round dance teachers, cuers for Kissin Kuzzins and cuers/teachers for Dance Arouns round dance club of Plano, JL and Linda Pelton, have agreed to be the guest cuers for our opening dances in June. Be sure to welcome them at our next dance.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday June 11, 2021, 7:00 PM – Swinging Stars Dance – 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:

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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