



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for July 12, 2020

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

We have an update on Wayne Baldwin. He finished his rehab at PAM and is now starting 2 weeks at Belmont. Wayne likes that because they have a barber there!

Tom Evanto found a great Youtube on square dancing highlighting a woman who is blind. You can watch it at <http://www.vimeo.com/humainologie/squaringup>. It's well worth the 11 minutes!

Do any of you have any virtual square dance experiences you want to share with the rest of us? Let us know!

You know how we're always advising you to review your definitions? This might, or might not, help:

Square Dance - Daffynitions

- PARTNER: That person who is looking for you while the other couples are Promenading.
- CORNER: That person who will soon be your partner, but by the time you realise it, is already your opposite.
- RIGHT & LEFT GRAND: A frantic search for partners.
- EIGHT CHAIN THRU; Right & Left Grand done by squares who dance in narrow hallways.
- DIVE THRU: A means by which the caller discovers how many dancers are wearing wigs.
- CALIFORNIA TWIRL: An opportunity for all in the square to discover who didn't use their Deodorant.

Jan and Doug Bergesen

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 |
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We would like to suggest that before you decide to attend a dance advertised in the Promenade that you reach out to the club advertising the dance and make sure that they will be having the dance. All of the dances at Swingtime are cancelled. I tried contacting all the clubs that has an advertised dance, that dances at other venues and they were also cancelled.

Check the following link on the NORTEX web page for the latest information: http://nortex.info/?page_id=3043

New Swingtime Center closed to all dances until 2021.

Fort Worth Squares-- Worth Squares is tentatively cancelling all dances for the rest of this year unless Swingtime opens earlier.

Trailblazers-- will be cancelling all future dances until further notice due to the closing of Swingtime.

T-square Gadabouts-- please know that T Square Gadabouts dances are cancelled until further notice.

Kissin Kuzzins-- are cancelling its July and August dances. The Garland Senior Center is unable to provide reopening dates.

Swinging Stars-- have cancelled their July Dances. And have cancelled their Anniversary dance that was to be on August 29, 2020.

Dixie Chainers-- Their club doesn't see as being able to dance anytime soon. They maybe cancel to the end of the year. If there is a change they will let us know.

Cliff Dwellers--do not foresee the City of Duncanville re-opening anytime soon so please note that all other scheduled dances until year-end are also cancelled

New: Rebel Rousers have cancelled their July Dance. They are not going to be dancing for awhile. Dallas County has shut their center down and they have no idea when it will open. They will keep everyone informed as they get any updates.

Diamond Jubileers have postpone club dances until January 2021.

Tri-City Promenaders have decided to cancel their dances for June - December 2020.

Roadrunners have cancelled their July dance.

Harvest Holiday has cancelled, July 19 and July 26 as Swingtime is closed.

Triangle Squares are cancelling all of July dances and the Schmidt reunion on August 22, 2020.

Ramblin' Rounds (Wednesday-Dallas) dance center is closed, hope to dance in July.

Dance Arounds the Plano center is closed until further notice. Probably resume in September.

Texas Reelers-- have cancelled their Anniversary Dance that was to be on July 31,2020.

New: Speegleville Special Dance - Allemande Hall - With much thought and consideration regarding the current COVID-19 situation and its effect on dancing, traveling, socializing, etc., Tim and I have decided to cancel our "Fortuitous Duo Returns" dance on August 1, 2020 at Allemande Hall. We do have another weekend event planned for October 29-30, 2021. Hopefully 2021 will be a much better year for everyone and dancing will be back in full swing.

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

Stay Home - Stay Safe

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

Friday, August 14 – Swinging Stars – SAFE Dance

Shepard Elementary (Our normal dance location.) is closed; however, **Grace Church** in Lucas has given us permission to hold a dance there.

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Squares Refresher 7:30, Grand March 8:00

Location: Grace Church, 2005 Estates Parkway, Lucas, TX 75002 (Enter around back.)

Note: How will it be safe? You will have your temperature taken before you enter, you will wear a mask, you will use hand sanitizer between tips, there will be no refreshments, and you will be encouraged to bring your own water bottle.

Friday, August 28 – Swinging Stars – SAFE Dance 2

If our first **SAFE Dance** on August 14 goes well, we will have a second **SAFE Dance** on August 28.

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Cuer: Walter Brewer

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*** * * OTHER EVENTS * * ***

Virtual Square Dance

Tom Evanto

There was a square dance history making event that occurred this past Sunday afternoon, June 28th. 212 Google Zoom meeting participants and another 45 live on Facebook attended the first Virtual Square and Round Dance Festival. Mainstream SD, Plus SD, Phase-2 Rounds, & Phase-3 rounds were included in over 3-hours of dance tips. 9-callers and 2-cuers participated. There is already talk of holding another one sometime in the near future! If the word spreads, there could be as many as 1000 Google Zoom participants (I think 1000 Zoom participants is the current limit for the technology) next time.

Regards,

Tom Evanto (email: tae3@verizon.net)

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.

Until further notice the Refreshment Duty Schedule will not be published in the Newsletter. The schedule will resume when refreshments are added back to the agenda.

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Report from Debbie Anderson, NORTEX president, on last Tuesday : Jerry and Kristy Story are both home. They are still self-quarantined and weak but are on the road to recovery. Good news of recovering from COVID-19.

Hopefully all of us are being careful, safe and sane.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday October 23, 2020 – Swinging Stars Double Deal Dance

Sunday November 8, 2020, 4:00 PM – Swinging Stars General Meeting – Location TBD

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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