



Newsletter for July 18, 2021

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Lessons anyone? It's too late to be in the Fall catalogue, but rather than wait until next year, why not have Family Square Dance Lessons and focus on home school co-ops? There are quite a few of them in our area. In fact, at our church alone, about 2/3 of the 100 or so teens are homeschoolers and they are represented in about 3 different co-ops. The nice thing about advertising is that they already have it set up to send out fliers through email to our targeted audience. We can specify the age of the children (I would suggest no one younger than 5th grade even though I have seen 2nd graders do just fine). The teens really add life to the dance - and isn't that what we are looking for? The lessons can be counted as PE for them. And when they graduate, think of how many will want to join our club since children under 18 are free with paying parents!

If we want square dancing to survive and even thrive, we have to think outside of the box. Please let me know what you think of this idea! janbergesen@gmail.com
 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
Kissin' Kuzzins	7/16/2021
Rebel Rousers	7/17/2021

Swinging Stars Banners Out

Club	Date Captured

Many NORTEX clubs have resumed dancing or will in the near future. NORTEX is maintaining a listing of clubs with their status on this web page:

http://new.nortex.org/nortex/?page_id=3043

In addition, most clubs that have resumed dancing have ads in the *Promenade*. To reach the July *Promenade*, click here: <http://new.nortex.org/nortex/wp-content/uploads/2021-07-Promenade.pdf>

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

July 16,2021: Kissin' Kuzzins Visitation.

Fourteen Swinging Stars enjoyed a great night of dancing with the Kissin' Kuzzins. That left us two short of actually "earning" their banner, but in their characteristic gracious manner, they gave us one anyway – those are good people over there. Our own JL Pelton cued a fun program of rounds. He included several dances, which encouraged those hesitant after the long COVID break to get back on the floor and enjoy themselves. Bill Hinkley guest called in Mike Bramlett's absence and kept the squares challenging and fun. He included a plus tip which made a few of us realize that we could use a workshop on spin chain and exchange the gears and perhaps a few other calls. Swinging Stars attending included Burson, Hamm, Kilejian, NejdI, Rodgers, See, and Stewart.

July 17,2021: Rebel Rousers Visitation.

The Rebel Rousers resumed dancing Saturday night, and 19 Swinging Stars were there to enjoy the fun. We retook their banner, which they had earned back by visiting us recently. Christine Hixson cued a selection of easy and more challenging rounds for the many round dancers. Mike Bramlett's calling was quite entertaining, as it always is. All in all, it was a great dance for square dancers and round dancers alike. Thanks to Christine and Mike for a very fun night. These Swinging Stars were there: Peggy Amy, Burson, Covington, Edwards, Hamm, Harris, NejdI, Nestor, Rodgers, and Trujillo.

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

Thursday, July 22: Lone Star Solos Visitation (Of Interest)

When: 7:00 Rounds Work Shop, 7:30 Grand March

Caller: **Jan Bergesen**

Cuer: David Berling

Where: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 3217 Guthrie Rd, Garland

Friday, July 30: Texas Reelers Visitation (Official)

When: 7:30 Early Rounds, 8:00 Grand March

Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones & Jon Jones

Cuer: Chris Farabaugh

Where: Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd

Theme: Stand Up for the USA

Thursday – Saturday, September 2 – 4, 2021

25th Annual Evening in Paris plus weekend at Love Civic Center in Paris, TX

See flyer→ http://www.swingingstars.org/2021_Evening_In_Paris.pdf

Help our club earn \$50 (2 squares attending) or \$100 (3 squares attending)! The list of callers for this event is a who's who of square dance calling in America. We have all but 3 couples that have already sent their registrations to Lorraine. If you have not sent Lorraine your registration, please give it to her by July 23, or we might miss out on getting the \$50 rebate. She is planning to get all the registrations sent on July 24th to be able to have them get to the Gary and Lisa Shoemake on time for the Advanced registration date of August 15th.

*** OTHER EVENTS ***

Round Dance Lessons Schedule

JL and Linda Pelton

JL and Linda will be offering two classes starting in September: Jive on Saturdays in the middle of the day and Rumba on Tuesday evenings. Classes will be held at Carpenter Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano in the downstairs multi-purpose room.

Here are the start dates of each class along with the course # needed to sign up.

- Beginning Jive – Saturday Mornings
Starts Saturday, September 18
11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Course #38869
- Beginning Rumba – Tuesday Evenings
Starts Tuesday, September 21
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Course #40597

You can sign up through the Plano Parks and Recreation Catalog online, or you can register by calling the center at 972-208-8087.

Both classes finish in mid-November before the Thanksgiving holidays.

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Swinging Stars new members, Bob and Janet Rodgers, joined our club members at the weekend dances. We are glad to have their enthusiastic support of visitations as well as at our own dances.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Friday October 29, 2021 – NTCA 2021 Caller's Cavalcade

Saturday October 30, 2021 – NORTEX 2021 Round-Up

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).

Dave Burson

Newsletter Editor

Swinging Stars

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See Flyer below



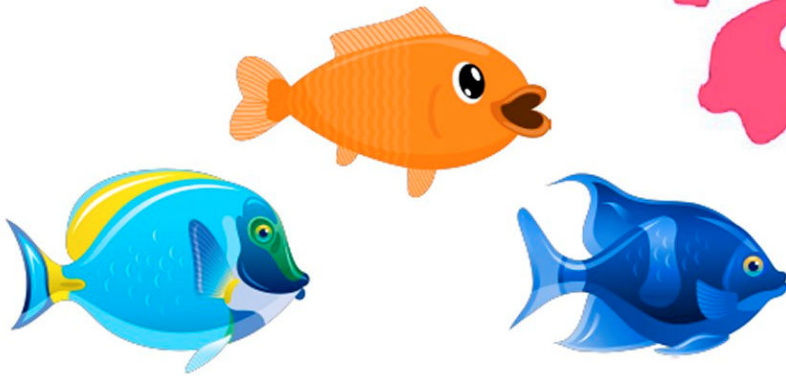


Swinging Stars



Caller:
Bobby Willis

Cuer:
JL Pelton



Hawaiian Dance on Friday, Aug. 13, 2021
Regular Dance on Friday, Aug. 27, 2021

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

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



** Casual summer attire-
Shorts are fine.**
** Please bring your own
food and drinks.**

For Info: 972-964-5979
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Visit our Web Site:
www.swingingstars.org

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When Accompanied
By A Paying Adult

