



Newsletter for July 26, 2020

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Great news! Wayne Baldwin is home! Jody says that he's actually doing even better now that he is home. He's still not mobile and has a hard time talking but he's so much easier to understand now than he was before. So progress is going on! Wahoo!

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

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

Swingtime Center closed to all dances until 2021.

NEW- Roadrunners Letting you know the Roadrunners will be canceling their August dances. We are going to play it by ear for the rest of the year. They will update you on a monthly basis. We are holding out hope that they will be allowed to get back to dancing sometime this year.

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.

Stone Steppers-- are cancelling all dances until further notice.

We are all hoping this Covid stuff will go away, soon. But until then, no Stone Steppers dances

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

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

Swinging Stars-- have cancelled their August Dances including 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

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.

Harvest Holiday has cancelled, all dances while Swingtime is closed.

Triangle Squares are cancelling the Schmidtz 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.

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

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, October 9 – 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, October 23 – Swinging Stars –

Caller: Bobby Willis

Cuer: Walter Brewer

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

Location: ???

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

Virtual Square Dance

Tom Evanto

I recently attended a mainstream virtual square dance (VSD) that was co-hosted by NTCA caller David Toms. His finale was a singing call to "The Road Goes on Forever & the Party Never Ends", a country music classic by Robert Earle Keen. He called this VSD from a relatives' house in Maryland! Great job David!

If anyone is interested in trying Virtual Square Dancing, there is a new teach group starting on Tuesday evenings. Below are a links to a flyer and the invitation. Times are MDT so adjust for CDT. This event requires the Google Zoom application pre-installed on a webcam capable phone or computer for the best experience. http://www.swingingstars.org/virtual_poster.pdf
http://www.swingingstars.org/Invite_Tues_July_21_Intro_to_Virtual_SD.pdf

For other VSD resources, there is a private Facebook group that is signing up new members all the time. Currently, >1.7K members and growing. Search for Virtual Square dancing on Facebook or contact us for more info.

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Regards,

Tom & Vicki Evanto

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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

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

We hope all of our members are coping with the restricted activities we are all going through. It is certainly challenging to keep up variety. I have heard from some of you who have really caught up on projects that you have not had time to do in the past. Ralph and I have decided to practice "cues" (steps) for waltzes because we don't have enough room to dance most of the whole dances. So we checked with Curt and Tammy Worlock who are internationally known for their round dances choreographed and their many teaching workshops called "boot camps". (Some of our Swinging Stars members had their rumba/chacha, tango, waltz and/or bolero boot camps when they came to Fort Worth over several years.). I left a message about what was included on their teaching DVDs. Curt called me Thursday night and gave in depth explanations so we ordered their DVDs on Friday. He also sent an encouraging message for us all to be safe and sane (they are scheduled to be in Dallas in November..don't know if that will happen under the circumstances). They live in Florida but are not there now.

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@swingingsstars.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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