



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club



Newsletter for August 2, 2020

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

One of the wonderful things about square dancing is that it exercises your mind as well as your body. Now that we aren't dancing (except virtually), we need to pick up the slack. Our daughter has us on a 2 month "Transphormation" challenge for the body exercise. (We have to modify the workouts a lot!) For the mind exercise, Doug is doing a lot of puzzles and games on his phone and Jan has started teaching online through Outschool. (The latest class is easy ventriloquism!) We hope you are keeping mind and body engaged during this time!

Jan and Doug Bergesen

2nd VP Report

From Ralph and Lucy Hamm

Thanks to Dave and Lorraine Burson for serving as the Swinging Stars 2nd Vice President for the past year. The trying times inflicted on us by COVID-19 brought complications to the job, and Dave and Lorraine did an adapted to those complications and laid the foundation for doing the job for the foreseeable future. Thanks for making our work easier!

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 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.

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

Most NORTEX clubs have closed because of loss of venue and/or the virus. We have contacted several NORTEX club presidents to update the status of their clubs. The following list is current. We will correct it when any club's status changes.

Swingtime Center closed to all dances until January 2021. The clubs normally dancing there are:

Circle 8
Fort Worth Squares
Rainbow Rounds

Diamond Jubileers
Harvest Holiday
T Square Gadabouts

Double Plus
Pioneer Squares
Trail Blazers

Other clubs who have cancelled until January 2021:

Circle I
Log Cabin Swingers

Cliff Dwellers
Tri-City Promenaders

Dixie Chainers

The following clubs have closed until further notice:

Cotton Pickin' Squares
Model A's
Rebel Rousers
Texas Reelers

Dance Arouds
Plus 4s
Road Runners
Triangle Squares

Kissin' Kuzzins
Ramblin' Rounds (Wed)
Stone Steppers

Ramblin' Rounds have been dancing on Tuesday nights in Garland since July. Participation is limited to a small number of dancers – members only at this time.

Lone Star Solos are dancing Thursday, August 13:

Caller: Dave Vieira

Cuer: Jan Toms

Time: Early Rounds 7:00, Squares 7:30

Location: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 3217 Guthrie Rd, Garland, TX

You must wear a mask and bring your own hand sanitizer. No refreshments will be served, but water will be available. For questions, contact club president Carolyn Barringer, 214-912-2016.

This is not a Swinging Stars visitation. The information is provided in case you wish to visit on your own.

*** * * 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

There is a new page that was added to the Callerlab knowledge website:

<http://callerlabknowledge.org/>

Look for the link that says "CALLERLAB COVID-19 Information Page" at the top.

It is new and they are adding more info all the time. Several of the resources we have been using to find information on VSD's can be found there.

There is information for all the square dance levels even some for anyone that may be new to virtual dances using Google Zoom.

It is beginning to look like the social distancing is going to continue for quite a while longer. Hope to see y'all in a VSD soon.

Regards,
Tom Evanto

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 metropollex.

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

NORTEX lost a long time dancer and leader on Monday July 27, when Curtis Cole passed away. He served as President of NORTEX from 2003-2005. Ralph and I met him as new Presidents of the Swinging Stars. He was very supportive as we learned our way around NORTEX. He used to call Ralph "cousin" -there was a Hamm in his family he told us. Later we saw Curtis frequently when we were Area Vice Presidents for NORTEX. He remained active in NORTEX for many years. Ralph said he was always volunteering when needed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Friday July 31, we were informed of the passing that morning of Ray Rutledge, President of the Triangle Squares club of Denton. Ray went to the emergency room Thursday morning and he was placed in ICU. He did not have COVID-19 but he had a heart attack and possibly pneumonia. Thursday night he had open heart surgery. Friday morning he took a turn for the worse. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and his square dance club members.

We hope the Swinging Stars members are continuing to stay safe and healthy. We can keep in touch by phone, e-mail, and/or by texting. We have heard about home projects being completed, new cooking ventures, books read, films on cable or streaming...(did anybody see Hamilton on Disney+?) visits on Zoom and Google Meet, even social distanced and masked visits with grandchildren and friends, As for dancing , we have square dance virtual style (Tom Evanto has some great links), round dancing with online sites and DVDs..(Our waltz DVDs went from New York, to St Paul to Des Moines and finally Dallas on Saturday, perhaps Frisco by Monday?) Saturday was a great day for walking around the neighborhood.

Special dates to put on your calendar

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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