



Newsletter for January 31, 2021

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Have you wondered how we can promote square dancing during this pandemic? There has been a series of webinars about this very topic! The next one will be on Saturday, Feb. 13th at 1:00 p.m. Below is the information you need to join in the zoom.

Topic: USDA Presents "Beyond the Dance Floor" – Promoting Square Dancing During the Most Challenging of Times

Guest Speaker: Mike Hogan, International Square Dance Caller & Marketing President with iHeartMedia, Inc.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3109144310?pwd=d2plamhHd0lJVkRpWU9sWnBQNG80UT09>

Meeting ID: 310 914 4310

Passcode: USDADance

Or find your local phone number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kc6keYLU5R>

Meeting ID: 310 914 4310

Passcode: 554513776

We are going to need everyone's help to get the activity back up to speed. See if there is something you'd feel comfortable doing.

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
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.

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. The board (CASUL) will meet on March 7, 2021 to consider future options. They met in mid-January and discussed that opening of Swingtime will depend on COVID vaccine availability and reduction of numbers of infections and hospitalizations in the area. The clubs normally dancing there are:

Circle 8	Diamond Jubileers	Double Plus
Fort Worth Squares	Harvest Holiday	Pioneer Squares
Rainbow Rounds	Roadrunners	T Square Gadabouts
Trailblazers		

The following clubs have closed until further notice:

Circle I	Cliff Dwellers	Dance Arounds
Dixie Chainers	Kissin' Kuzzins	Log Cabin Swingers
Model A's	Pegasus Squares	Plus 4s
Ramblin' Rounds (Wed)	Rebel Rousers	Stone Steppers
Texas Reelers	Tri-City Promenaders	Triangle Squares

ADD+ Dancing Mike Bramlett's ADD+ dancing will continue at Elks Lodge 1984, 3825 Duck Creek Drive, in Garland on the first, third and fifth Mondays of the month. Dates through March will be Feb 1st and 15th; and Mar 1st, 15th, and 29th. If you need additional information, contact Mike at 214-402-8540 or sqdnccclr@aol.com.

Dance times: Advanced 6 to 7PM; Extended Application/All Position Plus 7 – 9PM

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

Stay Home - Stay Safe

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

All Swinging Stars dances are cancelled until further notice.

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

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

Virtual Square Dance

Tom Evanto

For more information on Virtual Square Dance see the Virtual Square Dance article in the 11-01-2020 Newsletter: http://www.swingingstars.org/Newsletter_for_11-01-2020.pdf or contact Tom Evanto.

Sunshine information

From Lucy Hamm our Sunshine Reporter

Tim Heintz said in an e-mail that they are in the planning stages of a ZOOM memorial for Rita directed at square dancers. Bates Richmond will be presiding . Lorraine Burson sent out an e mail earlier and you can contact her if you wish to be included. There are 3 more memorials planned for other groups.

Dennis Ziebell passed away last Sunday, January 24. Their daughter and their pastor were with Elizabeth when the call came. A memorial service has not been planned yet. If you wish to send a card to Elizabeth and family, the address is 609 Windgate Court Arlington, Texas 76012-4830.

More Swinging Stars members have received their COVID vaccinations this past week. . Most were from Dallas County. Collin County has a list of over 200,000 names according to TV this evening. The Hamms are more hopeful about Denton County in February. Keep safe and keep in touch! Dancing will resume again.

Special dates to put on your calendar None

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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