



Newsletter for December 13, 2020

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Thanks so much for all of you who took the time to answer our survey questions. Question number one was would you be eager to dance before March. Out of 34 votes cast there was one yes, 29 no, and four maybe. Question number two was would you attend our dances if we began in March. There were thirty-three votes cast, 6 yes, 7 no, 20 maybe. The comments were generally we'll just wait and see what happens with the vaccine. So I guess we're not dancing right now. Will take another survey in a couple months and see how things are going. But please remember to at least try the virtual dancing. Even if you just watched the others dancing on the screen, it will help it keep it fresh in your mind. Stay healthy and safe with a smile on your face!

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 in February 2021 to decide on future dancing. 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		

Other clubs who have cancelled until January 2021:

Circle I	Cliff Dwellers	Dixie Chainers
Log Cabin Swingers	Pegasus Squares	Rebel Rousers
Tri-City Promenaders		

The following clubs have closed until further notice:

Dance Arounds	Kissin' Kuzzins	Model A's
Plus 4s	Ramblin' Rounds (Wed)	Stone Steppers
Texas Reelers	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 Dec 21; Jan 4th and 18th; 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 through February 2021.

***** 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

Jerry Story is a nationally known caller who began calling while living in Iowa during the early 1970's. He and his wife Kristi have two children, Josh and Jacob. He has called at dances and festivals all over the US and in a dozen different countries. He is a member of Caller Lab. Early in his career, he traveled to Saudi Arabia for 10 years calling for several European and US company events. Many recordings of Jerry's were used to introduce modern square dancing to these countries. Jerry is co-owner of Royal Records and has made many singing recordings. He and business partner Tony Oxendine opened a square dancing resort in North Carolina. He and Kristi spent 33 years in the Mission/McAllen area of Texas. McAllen claims to be the square dance capital of the world. Jerry has been available to coach new callers for many years. Many members of Swinging Stars have enjoyed dancing during his dance weekends. Twice a year he has had special weekends at the Log Cabin Swingers Square Dance Club in Tool, Texas.

Tony Oxendine has been the source for NORTEX of information concerning Jerry and his current condition. "The family has appreciated the love, support and especially prayers from square dancers." They are needed still. "After bypass surgery, Jerry started having severe pains in his leg again. During or immediately after an MRI he suffered another minor heart attack. He became critically ill. He was unresponsive on Monday and placed on a ventilator. The blockage in his leg was putting too much strain on his heart so the surgeons amputated his leg and did plastic surgery on Wednesday to better allow him to be fitted with a prosthetic later. Jerry is facing a long recovery process but each day he is getting a little better." On Friday Tony received a Facetime call from Josh Story, and he was able to talk with Jerry who was "awake and lucid" and he was able to "speak to him for 3 or 4 minutes. It was so good to see him." NORTEX members are asked to continue to keep Jerry and his family in their prayers.

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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