



Newsletter for February 14, 2021

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

I don't know about you, but I really miss our regular "date nights" when we went out square dancing. Oh well, that time will come again.

In the meantime, last week I asked you to send me your favorite Super Bowl commercial. Six people responded and here are their picks (in no particular order):

- Dr. Squatch
- Rocket Mortgage
- Jeep "Re-United States of America"
- Tide Jason Alexander Hoodie
- 3D Doritos
- The M&M's

There's a lot of talk in square dance circles about using the Social Square Dance list of calls for lessons, reviews and dances. Next week we'll discuss it briefly in the Presidents Message.

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 15th; and Mar 1st, 15th, and 29th. If you need additional information, contact Mike at 214-402-8540 or sgdnccclr@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

Please keep Anna and Charles Wolfe in your thoughts and prayers. Anna fell last Wednesday night and sustained a fractured hip and a fractured arm. The doctors at Medical City Hospital in Plano were able to apply metal pins in her hip and her arm will be in a sling. She is still in the hospital but

no visitors are allowed except Charles. If you would like to send a card, their address is: 5000 Old Shepard Place #13110 Plano, Texas 75093.

Swinging Stars members continue to get their COVID 19 vaccine shots. This past week they chose Scottish Rite Hospital, a volunteer: Baylor Dallas and Baylor Plano.

Mary Colter shared an idea that she and Dave try frequently. They do Picnic in the Car on Sunday afternoons. They choose an area where few people will be, pack a picnic " basket " and enjoy the afternoon alone. One outing was to Carpenter's Bluff on the Red River. It is an old railroad crossing; lots of history there. A new bridge has been put in but pedestrians, motorcycles, and bikes are allowed to cross. So they walked to Oklahoma, back to Texas and had their picnic in their car. Another Sunday they toured the Nocona Glove Factory in Nocona , Texas. They made reservations and were the only ones on the tour. A few times they have gone to a Wildlife Preserve on the Red River and walked the trails. They really enjoyed going to Fossil Rim. They made reservations and they stayed in the car and saw "tons" of wildlife. The internet was Mary's source for all: Hagerman National Wildlife Reserve, Nokona Glove Factory and Fossil Ridge.

Thanks Mary for sharing. If you, dear reader, have any activities or events to share, please do. Send to: llhamm45@gmail.com.

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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