



Newsletter for February 21, 2021

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Many of us are feeling a bit rusty when it comes to our square dancing. At our next club meeting (which isn't until May 2nd), we will be discussing something called Social Square Dancing as an easy way to get everyone up to speed and teach square dancing to a society that is starved for human interaction. The lessons are only 12 weeks long since a shortened list of calls is used. So in these next couple of months, be aware of those around you who might want to join our activity and learn (or re-learn) right along with you.

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	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. March dates will be the 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

Log Cabin Swingers Mardi Gras Madness

Dates: March 5-7, 2021

Callers: Wade Driver, Mike Bramlett, Brad Caldwell

Cuer: Lucy and Jerry Pate

Time: Various dances (emphasizing Plus) and workshops beginning with Casual T-Shirt Dance early rounds at 7:00 Friday, March 5 and ending with Mardi Gras Ball starting at 7:00PM Saturday, March 6. There will be a pancake & sausage breakfast on Sunday morning, March 7 with all gospel singing calls (only included in full weekend package).

Location: 1210 N. Tool Drive (Hwy 274), Tool, TX

This is not a Swinging Stars visitation. The information is provided in case you wish to visit on your own. If you would like a flyer/registration form, please contact us at rehamm45@gmail.com or 214-308-8958.

*** * * 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

This past week the snowstorm of the century has touched us all. Some of our members have had a loss of power, to some extent, and a few experienced a loss of water supply. A few of us can count our blessings and our luck that we did not lose power, water or even the internet. Our state made national news as some of our residents truly suffered great loss. I heard from everyone I know in Virginia, Colorado, and of course California (frequently). Ralph heard from siblings in Texas. One of my favorite authors, whom I follow on her Facebook site, (I have read her 4 books) said she saw Texas on the news on her local TV...in Scotland. Saturday was warmer and brighter and we can be hopeful for spring to come our way soon.

President Becky Page of the T Square Gadabouts sent out information concerning the memorial service for Rick Smith. It will be on Thursday morning February 25th at 9:30 am at Greenwood Funeral Home 3100 White Settlement Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

Prior to the storm, some of our members shared their activities and changes from this past year. Mary Hardin has done a lot of quilting and has made many masks....not dancing yet but she is hopeful for this year.

Jan Covington retired in May 2020 and Richard retired in July 2020 (best job to have, Ralph says). They have traveled in their motor home and to their house in Burkburnett, Texas. They have not done any dancing yet.

John and Debra Cave are working with Meals on Wheels 2 days a week. Debbie has been home schooling their two grandchildren and John is helping with taxes through AARP at the McKinney library (not face to face).

The Caves are still hosting monthly Zoom meetings for the Texas Reelers. They visited the Stone Steppers 3 weeks ago and hope to dance again in a few weeks.

Several of our members are waiting on their 2nd COVID vaccinations... hopefully in late February or early March. Everything depends on how long the storm delays shipments.

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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