



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for April 25, 2021

Message from Presidents

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Next Sunday, May 2, is our all important club meeting!

Here are some of the things we will be discussing:

*Slate of nominated officers:

President - Russ and Anne Nejd

1st VP - Dan and Nina Lassiter

2nd VP - Dave and Lorraine Burson

Treasurer - Nevin and Sara Mulvin

Secretary - Charlie and Linda Harris

*When and Where to start dancing again

*What safety precautions will we adopt

*Social Square Dancing - is it for us?

*What will lessons look like and when will they start

*How will the format of our dance nights change

*Dates for special dances

*Report from NORTEX meeting

You will want to attend! It's at 3:00 at Grace Church, 2005 Estates Parkway, Allen/Lucas. If you can't come in person, you can call someone who will be there and participate through your phone.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Doug and Jan Bergesen

Highlights of NORTEX Business Meeting, Sunday, April 18, 2021 2:00pm

From Alex and Vanessa Nestor

NTCA Report

The NTCA Report was presented by Ray Savell, current president of the callers association. It was a very encouraging talk. NTCA is strongly supporting SSD (Social Square Dancing.) Two clubs, Circle I and Tri-City Promenaders, have already committed to practicing SSD for the next 3 years. The goal is to make square dancing lessons shorter and provide more immediate fun for new dancers and so that membership can be increased. During the meeting a few senior members recalled their own introduction to square dancing in the 1950's consisted of 10 lessons and immediate fun. It was pointed out that mainstream and plus dances could still occur. All the clubs were encouraged to adopt SSD and tailor their dances to include as many SSD tips as possible. Debbie Anderson is inviting all clubs to a meeting to discuss SSD (TBD).

NTCA has compiled a complete lesson plan for teaching SSD. Note that the 50 SSD calls are actually groups of calls and contain about 100 specific calls.

NTCA is holding a dance as a Celebration of Life for Jerry Story on July 7 at the Swingtime Center. The dance will be limited to 400 dancers. Three-hundred-twenty (320) dancers have already signed up. Registration is required by sending a RSVP to Tony Oxendine (<https://tonyoxendine.com>).

Teen Scholarship

No scholarships have been applied for so far. The deadline to apply in April 30.

Promenade (Changes!)

The presentation was made by Audrey Mansell. The promenade is now to stay online. Currently, all ads are FREE and will be considered as color Full-Page ads regardless of the size submitted.

Submission lead time has been reduced from 6 weeks to 2 weeks.

Beginning with the July Promenade, submissions will be \$15 and will remain as full-page ads. Club directory ads will be \$30 per year. In addition, all advertised dances will be posted on the Official NORTEX Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/OfficialNORTEX>) for the week they are scheduled to take place. Note that ads that have multiple dances listed will only be posted once for the earliest pending dance. Black and white printed copies can be provided on request for a fee.

Round-Up 2021

This May will be the 60th anniversary for NORTEX. A kick-off dance will be held on June 27. Clubs may hold their own kick-off dances (not required) after June 27; please coordinate with Dave and Lorraine Burson. Callers Cavalcade is on October 29 and Round-Up is on October 30. This years theme is 'Spooktacular Diamond Jamboree.'

The Round-Up callers and Cues are

- Jet Roberts
- Vernon Jones
- Chris Farabaugh

Early registration will be available at the June 27 Kick-Off dance:

- Cavalcade \$8
- Round-Up Early Registration \$10
- Round-Up at the door \$15
- Round-Up door prize sheet \$2

Election of Officers

The following are the NORTEX Officers for 2021/22:

- President Kevin and Christine Hadley
- Secretary Audrey Mansell
- Treasurer Larry and Kaye Horstmann
- Vice Presidents
 - John and Shirley Currie
 - Chris and Carolyn Mills (President Pro-Tem)
 - Fred and Terri Lanier
 - Debbie Anderson

Installation will occur at the June 6 quarterly meeting, a FREE dance will follow at 5:30 pm, all invited.

Membership (One-time price cuts)

Presented by Russ Nejd. This year NORTEX has suspended club members fees and insurance fees. NORTEX will pay for all club insurance costs. Per club annual dues of \$25 continue. Russ reviewed the method for submitting membership rosters. In the near future NORTEX will send emails directly to club members. There is a space on the member form for anyone who would like to opt-out of NORTEX emails

2021/22 Budget Report

Vicky Spray presented the estimated budget for the year. Due to unpredictable events Vicky pointed out that the budget is subject to change.

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.

The following clubs have closed until further notice:

Circle 8	Cliff Dwellers	Dance Arouds
Diamond Jubileers	Dixie Chainers	Fort Worth Squares
Kissin' Kuzzins	Model A's	Pegasus Squares
Pioneer Squares	Plus 4s	Rebel Rousers
Roadrunners	Stone Steppers	Texas Reelers
Tri-City Promenaders	Triangle Squares	

Dancing Opportunities:

ADD+, Double Plus, Log Cabin Swingers, and Rainbow Rounds have already resumed dancing. Several other clubs (Circle I, Harvest Holiday, and T Square Gadabouts) have announced they will resume dancing in May. Please see the online *Promenade* for information and advertisements concerning dances. (Please note that ADD+ is temporarily dancing at Elks Lodge 1984, 3825 Duck Creek Drive, Garland rather than the location listed in their *Promenade* ad.)

Log Cabin Swingers 46th Anniversary Dance is this Saturday, May 1. See their ad on page 11 of the April Promenade on new.nortex.org for information.

Square Dancing Practice Opportunity

The following information received from Bill and Elizabeth Hinckley, caller for the Stone Steppers, is provided for your information:

Everyone is invited to get back to square dancing.

When: Thursday, 6:30 - 9:00PM

Where: Goodbar Recreation Center, 3000 Concord Dr, Mesquite

Call Bill for information at 214-498-7424 or email billhinckley@sbcglobal.net

CASUL (the Swingtime Board) will sponsor dances in May celebrating the reopening of Swingtime:

Date: May 1 – In memory of Joe Truly, Rick Smith, Dennis Ziebell, and Jack Kenny

Time: 8:00 – 10:00PM

Callers: Vernon Jones, Charles Crockett, and Ray Savell

Cuer: Jack Von der Heide

Date: May 15
Time: 8:00 – 10:00PM
Callers: Vernon Jones, Charles Crockett, and Ray Savell
Cuer: Jack Von der Heide

Memorial Day Dance

Date: May 31
Time: 7:00 – 9:30PM
Callers: Charles Crockett, Ray Savell, Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Toby Thomason, Vernon Jones
Cuer: Jack Von der Heide

Celebration of the Life of Jerry Story

Date: August 7, 2021
Where: Swingtime
Schedule: 2:00 – 4:00PM – Reception
4:00PM – Optional BarBQue (\$20 per person)
7:30 – 9:30PM – Dance featuring callers in attendance (free, advance ticket)

For more information including contact information and how to get your ticket, copy and paste this link in your browser:

https://pridervresort.com/jerry/?fbclid=IwAR2cxJtZftUIW5X8BcHwkkRB5ptZdIDTfYf7o7eijMKfnY5V_BAKk2lu9ec

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

None

*** * * 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

Refreshing rain and cool but pleasant weekend is surely a sign of spring. Unfortunately the NORTEX family of dancers has had a sad previous week.

Past President of NORTEX Jean Jessee has passed away. She and her husband, Al, were Presidents in 1988-1989. Please keep her family in your prayers. Linda Harris shared a memory. "We knew them both very well. We were assistant Promenade editors and they were editors ... in the days of paste up boards ... and driving newsletters to someone that could put them in newsletter columns for publishing ... lots of work. I look back at some of those Promenades in the NORTEX website in Archives ... they were pretty good..."

Sunday, four members of the Pioneers Square dance club were injured in a bad traffic accident. They were on their way to the memorial services for John Davis, C.B. and Clarice Davis' son. 3 were in ICU so our prayers continue for them and their club members.

Andy Anderson, a member of Lone Star Solos and Rebel Rousers, passed away from COVID last week. Those of us who visited Rebel Rousers can remember him as one of the tallest members of NORTEX dancers.

It was nice to see Swinging Stars members at the NORTEX in-person meeting at Swingtime last Sunday. The Bergesens, the Bursons, the Hamms, the Harrises, the Nejdls, and the Nestors attended.

Special dates to put on your calendar

Sunday May 2, 2021 3:00 PM – Swinging Stars General Meeting – Grace Church located at 2005 Estates Parkway in Lucas.

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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