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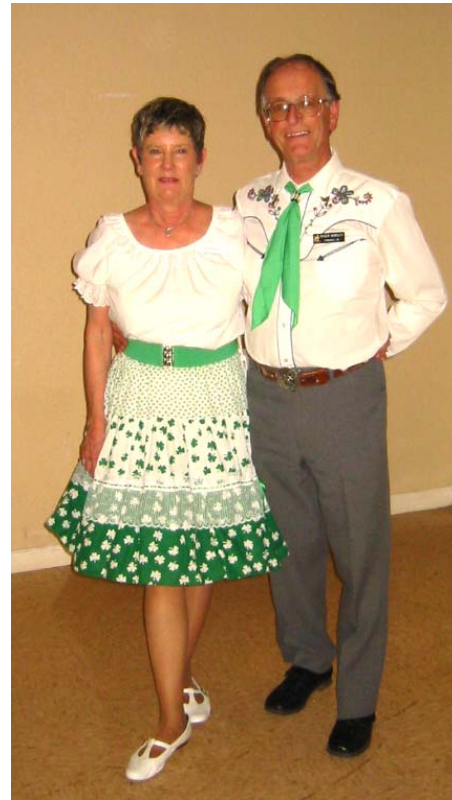
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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

Volume 44, No 4

WELCOME
TO
OUR NEWEST CLUB MEMBERS
ROGER HEMSLEY
&
CHAR McANDREWS

And, Welcome Home, Roger!



CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Apr. 06: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM Plus Workshop
Sign-ups begin for Installation Brunch
Chirper distributed

Fri., Apr. 13: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM Plus Workshop

Fri., Apr. 20: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM Plus Workshop
Club General Meeting--Elections
All Club members expected to attend.
****PARTY NIGHT** Wear green & bring
food to share**
Last day to sign up for Installation Brunch

Sun., Apr. 22: **New Board Installation Brunch**
Michaels at Shoreline in Mt. View
11:00 – 3:00 PM; \$10 per person

Fri., Apr. 27: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM Plus Workshop
9:30 PM Executive Board Meeting

Fri., May 04: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM Plus Workshop
Chirper distributed

Fri., May 11: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM Plus Workshop

Fri., May 18: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM Plus Workshop
****PARTY NIGHT** Wear green & bring
food to share**

Sun., Jun 10: ****SAVE THE DATE!****
Annual Katydids Picnic

ANNUAL CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Friday, April 20th

Agenda: Election of Officers

All Club Members are encouraged to attend

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Louise Stagnitto April 21
 Betty Benevento April 25



Katydid's
INSTALLATION BRUNCH

Sunday, April 22nd
 11:00 – 3:00 PM

Michaels at Shoreline
 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd.

\$10 per person, Paid in advance

DIRECTIONS:

- From Hwy 85 North towards Hwy 101 North
- After crossing over Hwy 101, puts you onto a temporary road that parallels Hwy 101. Exit for Shoreline is just prior to entry to Hwy 101 No.
- Turn left onto No. Shoreline Blvd. and follow it to the end (road curves to the left).

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER - -

Hi Katydids,

We had a great turnout on our fifth Friday Dance with the Westminster Squares and the Yellow Rock & Rollers in attendance. We had a great time.

With some arm twisting our nominating committee has come up with a slate of officers for the coming year. We will be holding our Elections on April 20, 2007 during the dance and we will need at least half of our members in attendance to make sure we have a quorum. We currently have 48 members.

~ ~ *Lloyd Darknell*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!

Morris & Louise Hosoda	Apr. 05
Jim & JoAnn Osborne	Apr. 07
Sal & Louise Stagnitto	Apr. 07
Robb & Gayle Moore	Apr. 16



Leprechaun Jim at his best!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Hi Katydids.

In a grueling test of the eagerness of Katydids to serve their Club, and the cause of Square Dancing fun, the following members have agreed to participate as officers for the next year. Most of these have been serving in these positions last year. They have given much time to their work in making square dancing a fun activity. The candidates for the 2008 Katydids Executive Board are:

President	Lloyd Darknell
Vice President	Bob Bennett
Treasurer	Don Powell
Secretary	Maxine Darknell
Membership	Charlotte Pitts
Publicity	Don Gaubatz
Chaplain	June Helfrich

In addition to these, the following have agreed to help out with extra duties. These are what makes the club run as a fun activity.

Class Head Angels	Morris & Louise Hosoda
Chirper Editor	Stephanie Stevens
Historian	Louise Stagnitto
Sheriff	Joyce Wies
Social Chair	Pat Angotti
Super Square Heads	Caroline Fifield & Sarah Grizard
Website Manager	Lloyd Darknell
Sweetheart Special 2008	Bob Bennett

Please give them your support.

Your loyal, friendly, courteous, and cheerful Katydids 2007 Nominating Committee,

Parker Willey Jr.

HAVE A GREAT TRIP !!

We wish **Kathy** and **Ted** a wonderful, fun-filled, and safe trip to Europe. We all want to hear about your adventures when you return!

BON VOYAGE !

From the Kitchen of ... Gesine Schaffer

FRESH GINGER CAKE

Serves 12
Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 2 hours

- 8 ounces (two 6-inch pieces) fresh ginger, peeled and roughly chopped
- 3 cups all-purpose flour (spooned and leveled)
- 2 teaspoons baking soda (I used baking powder)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar (I used 1 cup)
- 2/3 cup unsulfured molasses
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, melted
- nonstick cooking spray
- confectioner's sugar for dusting

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a food processor, pulse ginger until finely chopped (or chop by hand). You should have 1 cup.
2. In a large bowl whisk together flour, baking soda, and salt. In another bowl whisk together granulated sugar, molasses, and eggs until smooth. Whisk in butter and 1/3 cup hot water. Stir in flour mixture just until incorporated; stir in ginger.
3. Generously coat a nonstick 3-quart Bundt pan with cooking spray. Pour batter into pan; bake until a toothpick inserted in cake comes out clean, about 45 minutes.
4. Transfer pan to a wire rack; let cool completely, about 1 hour. Run a knife around edge of cake, then invert. Dust with confectioners' sugar before slicing.

This spice cake is good with lightly sweetened whipped cream; it can also be sprinkled with minced candied ginger.

Published in the December 2004 issue of "Everyday Food," a Martha Stewart publication.



Sad News:

Joel Kadish, a long time caller recently died. If you would like more details, see our Club Caller, Jim Osborne.

MINUTES Katydids Executive Board Meeting March 9, 2007

President, Lloyd Darknell called the meeting to order at 9:37 p.m.

Roll Call: President, Lloyd Darknell; V.P., Bob Bennett; Secretary, Maxine Darknell; Treasurer, Don Powell; Membership, Pat Angotti; Publicity, Don Gaubatz.

Absent: Chaplain, June Helfrich.

Visitors present: Stephanie Stevens, Annie Bennett, Sue and Parker Willey.

The minutes from the previous meeting of January 12th were approved as published.

Reports:

Officers:

1. President: No report.
2. Vice-President: No report.
3. Treasurer: Don Powell gave out copies and presented his report. The board acknowledged all the time and effort he puts in to keep good records.
4. Membership: Pat confirmed that we have 46 active members and 0 inactive. Lee and Mackey Lunsford resigned as of January 31st.
5. Chaplain: Absent.
6. Publicity: Don G. reported that he wrote an article for the March Chirper titled, "Wasn't the Sweetheart Special – Special".

Committees:

1. Chirper: Stephanie indicated the articles are due to her on Friday, March 30th.
2. Social: The board acknowledged the successful potluck that Sue Willey and Sandy Franger had organized on January 26th.

Old Business:

1. Sweetheart Special Dance, February 10, 2007: It was agreed by everyone present that the S. H. S. Dance was a great success and that Randy Dibble was well received by all present (about 19 1/2 paid squares). As usual, the food was great and the raffle tickets sold well. The Darknell's hosted

Randy for B and B. A special thank you to those who headed a committee and all the Katydids who helped!

2. Workshops: The workshops continue to be successful with good attendance. It was decided to keep them going as long as people are interested.
3. Storage clean up: Lloyd repaired the shelves in the small shed before we returned the coffee pots and other items used for the S.H.S. Dance. Before putting everything back, the Darknell's and the Stagnitto's eliminated a lot of old records and organized what was left to make more storage space.
4. June Picnic: Louise Stagnitto reserved the space at Central Park in Santa Clara for June 10th. Bob and Annie Bennett agreed to co-chair the event. They will have sign-up sheets available as time gets nearer. It was decided to start the setup between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. Besides the Katydids, alumni, work shop guests and special friends are invited. We will need a count in order to purchase the meat to B.B.Q.
5. Nominating Committee Report: Parker Willey presented his list of officers. They were: Lloyd Darknell, President; Bob Bennett, V-President; Secretary, Maxine Darknell; Treasurer, Don Powell; Membership Charlotte Pitts; Publicity, Don Gaubatz; and Chaplain, June Helfrich. These will be voted on by the Katydid Members on Friday, April 20th. The appointed positions filled thus far are: Chirper Editor, Stephanie Stevens; Class Head Angels, Morris and Louise Hosoda; Historian, Louise Stagnitto; Sheriff, Joyce Wies; Social Director, Pat Angotti; Co-Super Square Heads, Caroline Fifield and Sarah Grizard; and Web Master, Lloyd Darknell. Thank you to Parker for being willing to take on this job!
6. Initiation Brunch: The date is set for Sunday, April 22nd from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Michael's Restaurant behind the Shoreline Amphitheater. The room is available to us starting at 10:30 a.m. Lloyd asked Sal Stagnitto to be the Master of Ceremonies and Louise S. to do the installation. They will have to check their calendar and let Lloyd know if they are available. All Katydids members are invited plus special guests. Those who attend are asked to pay \$10.00 with the balance being paid out of the Katydids bank account. We will eat first and then have the installation. It has been tradition that Morris Hosoda calls a few tips toward the end of the event.

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New Business:

1. Business Cards: Don G. has been working on cards to have available to those interested in having some to give out to people who might like more information about square dancing or to leave in doctors'/dentists'/ offices, etc. There was discussion regarding information that should be included. It was decided to include the Katydids web site. Personal information can be added by individuals if desired. Don will print some up and have them available on the sign-up table.
2. Caller for 2008 Sweetheart Special Dance: Lloyd asked Bob Bennett to take responsibility for getting a caller for next year. There was some discussion regarding those that might be available.
3. Caller's Contract: It was decided that the Katydids Caller Contract needs to be reviewed. Annie agreed to do this and Lloyd will email her a copy of the contract.
4. New Dancers Class: Karl Belser, who is on a committee to promote square dancing, asked Lloyd to present some ideas they had regarding a new square dance class. They would attempt to offer this class possibly on a Thursday night and hope that all clubs would send new people to this combined class. Upon graduation, all clubs could make an announcement inviting the graduates to their clubs. Angels and people to provide snacks and drinks would be needed.

Agenda Items for next meeting:

1. June Picnic.
2. Caller for 2008 S.H.S. Dance.
3. Katydids Caller Contract.
4. Membership fee evaluation.

Next Board Meeting: "In and Out" on April 27th, after club dancing.

Meeting ended at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Darknell

Remembering Tom Dunlavy

We recently lost another former Katydid square dancer on March 12, 2007, **Thomas H. Dunlavy, Jr.** He was 92 years young preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, **Connie Dunlavy** in 2003. My Katydids records go back to 1981 and they were already active members and talking to some former members, they think they were in the class of 1978. They resigned from Katydids in 2002 which puts them pretty close to 24 years as Katydids. They both worked together on the various assignments that Connie took on and as always, Tom was the gentleman in everything they did. To the best of my knowledge the following Katydids and Katydonees (former Katydids) were in attendance at his Memorial Service held on March 16: **Bill & Betty Benevento, Marilyn Shaver, Clif and Karen Frazer, Walt and Gerry Fant, Tony and Dale Fadelli, Ginny Cowie, Bill and Bobbie Davis, Ken and Patsy McKay, Chuck Roberts, Barbara Gagner, Nes and Pat Delevaux, Bill and Mercedes McCarty, Ken and Lucy Steen.** I'm sorry if I left anyone out.

We will miss this kind, tall gentleman.

Morris Hosoda



Greetings from your Chaplain:

Birthday cards were sent to those celebrating in the month of March. Two Katydids celebrated on the same day, **Marilyn Shaver** and **Denis Moore.** Others celebrating in March were **Bob Pyle, Jenny Anderson, Louise Hosoda,** and **Char Pitts.** An Anniversary card and our congratulations were sent to our *President* and *First Lady*, **Lloyd** and **Maxine Darknell** celebrating their first anniversary. A sympathy card was sent to **Don Gabautz** with the loss of a family member. Our thoughts and prayers are with him at this time.

Those celebrating Birthdays in April are **Betty Benevento** and **Louise Stagnitto.** Springtime is a beautiful time to get married and we have four couples that must agree. Celebrating their Anniversaries in April are **Morris** and **Louise Hosoda, Jim** and **JoAnn Osborne, Robb** and **Gayle Moore,** and **Sal** and **Louise Stagnitto.**

Your Chaplain,

June Helfrich

CURLY'S DIARY --

...Continuing Tour of Australia ...



Sydney...We have been in the Featherdale Wildlife Park ...take a look at the pictures...amazing !!!!!!!



Willi bought me a wonderful hat from the museum ... another woman from the group bought the same one. In the picture you see the two girls with the same hat and a aborigine.

Darling Harbor was absolutely breathtaking.

10 January 2007

A wonderful day in the Blue Mountains and 7:30 in the opera house.

11 January

1:00 PM

Log the cruise

We had a 12 days cruise

Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Fjordland, Port Chalmers, Lyttleton, Tauranga, Auckland. Total food used per cruise is about 130 to 140 tons...so the shopping basket is not a light one...he, he!

For us there is nothing like a day at sea for relaxing...but not only relaxing...yeah!

We made a line dancing class...that was so much fun and also a ballroom dancing class.

It was so funny to see all the (serious) funny discussions (all married couples) about who is the leader. Sometimes I tried the same but...yeah...Willi is the man and I have to tell you he is a wonderful dancer.

13 January

Melbourne

Wow, what a liveliness, big city with a special flair and so friendly, sports - minded Australians.

If you stay there for a minute and take a look at your map, instantly a person asks "Do you need assistance?"

You can not help yourself – you have to smile. The tram driver from the City Circle tram sang wonderful country songs and we hum the sound ... loud of course!

People around gave us a smile in great pain because it was a torture for them.



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Melbourne is big on everything. There is culture and art, high fashion, luxuriant parks. Its population of 2,7 million live in 59 separately named communities within the 715 square miles of the city proper.

The heart of the inner city called the Golden Mile. All of Melbourne's most noted landmarks are on or adjacent to the Golden Mile.

And, by the way, when Tasmanian John Batman traveled up the river in 1835, he knew he had found the perfect place for a city. Befriending the local Aboriginal tribes, he named it in honor of Lord Melbourne, prime minister of England at this time.

NEXT STOP: Hobart Tasmania.

Hobart in Tasmania has a lot in common with Sydney. Founded just a few years later. Sail into the fine deep - water harbour, and you'll see the city of Hobart spilling over the broad lower valley of the Derwent River. In the background is Mount Wellington, snow-clad in winter, forested and green the rest of the year. It was an easy place to explore on foot and we made many friends along the way.



We took a powerful Jet Boat for a thrilling ride up the rapids of the Waimakari (that was so much fun for me too) so fast...I was enthusiastic and yelling for more speed!!!! The leader of the tour stopped to show a wonderful

bridge. At this moment so many black flies came over us, that everybody on the boat were more than happy that we drove again.

NEXT STOP: Dunedin, South Island, New Zealand



We took a Tour, hopping on an 8 wheel drive all-terrain vehicle for an exhilarating cross country tour. First stop was the mythical "Maori's" footprint location which offers 720 panoramic views (because we looked around twice descending from 189 meters above sea level , we stop, during the nesting season at a breeding colony of cormorants nestled on a rugged cliff

facing rising from the crashing Pacific Ocean waves below

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It has happened a lot in our life during the past months, making time flying by; and now, being back to an (almost) regular life, we can start to breathe again.

Well, first of all our younger daughter Stephanie was unexpectedly accepted as a student at the Technical University in Munich in October. We all were very happy about that, but had to move her from Cologne to Munich, and finding an apartment for her, which was a BIG JOB (thousands of students were looking at the same time, prices skyrocketing high, and she has two big dogs...). We were travelling back and forth between Cologne, Munich and Stuttgart, talking to hundreds of people and real estate agents. Finally it worked out, and she could move in on November 1st, one day before the semester started, which was great.

Then, all of a sudden, Willi's dad passed away on November 10th. It was a very sad time for the whole family. He had been ill for years, but nothing life threatening, and so it was totally unexpected. His mother was basically paralyzed. We cared a lot for her, which was especially necessary because she suffered two strokes, but, thank God, she recovered very good and almost 100%. And today you basically can't recognize that she is a stroke survivor. We visit her regularly, and she comes to us every couple of weeks to spend some days with us, next time tomorrow.

Besides Willi's hard work (which he like, he having a great team, and nice projects, but takes about 13-14 hours a day.

And of course not enough (but that's the last bad story, I promise!), Willi had a huge (1cm diameter!) kidney stone a month ago, which sent him to the hospital for emergency surgery. Extremely bad pain, but nothing serious nowadays anymore.

And here we are again, back to a happy life, spending the first weekend in a loooong time alone, together in Stuttgart, and having a good time. Outside, the last snow from the winter is melting (this years winter was unusually mild, and we had almost no snow). I have been pretty active with my social work, caring for elderly people in the Robert Bosch Hospital, and feeding handicapped/elderly/needy people in the Vesper Church. I'm also volunteering teaching face jogging classes for the International Women's Club, and the Stuttgart Women's Club.

Sooooooooooooooooon more!!

Hugs,
Curly

SUBJECT: NASA CHICKEN TEST

SOMETIMES IT DOES TAKE A ROCKET SCIENTIST. SCIENTISTS AT NASA HAVE DEVELOPED A GUN WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO LAUNCH DEAD CHICKENS AT EXTREME VELOCITIES. THE GUN IS USED TO SHOOT DEAD CHICKENS AT THE WINDSHIELDS OF AIRLINE JETS, MILITARY JETS AND THE SPACE SHUTTLE AT MAXIMUM VELOCITY THE VEHICLE COULD BE TRAVELING.

AS SUCH, IT SIMULATES THE FREQUENT INCIDENTS OF COLLISIONS WITH AIRBORNE WILDFOWL AND, THEREFORE, DETERMINES IF THE WINDSHIELD WAS DESIGNED STRONG ENOUGH.

BRITISH ENGINEERS AT RAILTRACK, UPON HEARING OF THE GUN, WERE EAGER TO TEST THE GUN OUT ON THE WINDSHIELD OF THEIR NEW HIGH SPEED TRAIN. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE, AND THE GUN WAS SENT TO THE BRITISH.

UPON FIRING THE GUN, THE ENGINEERS WATCHED IN SHOCK AS THE CHICKEN HURLED OUT OF THE BARREL, CRASHED INTO THE SHATTERPROOF WINDSHIELD SMASHING IT TO SMITHEREENS, BLASTED THROUGH THE CONTROL CONSOLE, SNAPPED THE ENGINEER'S CHAIR BACKREST IN TWO AND EMBEDDED ITSELF IN THE REAR OF THE CABIN.

LUCKILY, THE TRAIN WAS UNMANNED AT THE TIME. THE HORRIFIED BRITS SENT NASA THE DISASTROUS RESULTS OF THE EXPERIMENT ALONG WITH THE DESIGN OF THE WINDSHIELD AND BEGGED THE NASA SCIENTISTS FOR ANY SUGGESTIONS.

NASA RESPONDED WITH A ONE-LINE MEMO:

"THAW THE CHICKEN"

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