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**CLUB CALENDAR**



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## **KATYDIDS' CLUB EVENTS**

All Katydids' events have been postponed, cancelled or otherwise on hold until further notice.

## **LOCAL SQUARE DANCING EVENTS**

All local square dancing events have also been postponed or cancelled until further notice.

**Life is pretty boring without square dancing, isn't it?!?!**

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**



Hello Katydids!

How are you all doing? Thus far I haven't heard of anyone of us getting sick. Have you? Several have called and they are all fine. Thank goodness!!

This month's issue of the *Chirper* will be distributed via email, and by postal mail to those who don't have email addresses on file with us

Last week via email and phone calls the Executive Board discussed what to do about our scheduled General Meeting for April 23rd for the purpose of elections. It was unanimously decided that due to COVID-19 restrictions, elections will be postponed until such time that we are able to meet in person again. In the meanwhile, the current officers will remain in place until the health restrictions are lifted.

I have had no further word from the Salvation Army regarding our application to dance at their Sunnyvale facility and I don't expect to until COVID-19 sanctions are lifted at some unknown point in the future.

A couple of days ago **Jim** sent me a message about one of the things he has been experimenting with in this day of social-isolating ourselves.

"I called my first Square Dance in while last evening. 12 couples alone in their own homes on Zoom. Only called things that could be done by one couple (no phantoms). I did require that each dancer raise their hand and swear they had dipped their partner (at least 2 dips) in their 55 Gallon Drum of Costco Hand Sanitizer before we started. Went amazingly well. Sound for music was kind of crappy & made it hard for dancers to hear calls. So no music worked best for my first whack at this. Maybe something other than Zoom has sufficient bandwidth with minimal compression to carry reasonable sounding music & voice at the same time.:"

Then this morning he added:

"One couple Square Dancing only works when dancers have embraced concepts "The calls in one dance program include all the calls and definitions from the prior dance programs." & "CALLERLAB also recommends that calls be taught from more than a single position (formation and arrangement)". That means what is now called EA (Extended Application) and was previously called APD or DBD.

**One Couple Dancing:** Reverse Wheel Around, Boy Run, Scoot Back (both are facing out), Cast off 3/4, Hinge, Boy Run, You are HOME"

So, while Katydids membership is about half couples and half singles, what would you think of meeting on Friday nights via ZOOM at 7:00 pm to check in with each other and a bit of "dancing" time for couples? Let me know if this sounds interesting to you and we'll see about setting something up.

Stay safe, healthy and find humor in your day (like the "Filter Dog" cartoon below).!! Take care of each other.

**Stephanie**



**Morris & Louise Hosoda.....April 05**  
**Jim & Joann Osborne.....April 07**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Bill Matolyak.....May 08**  
**Art Bruns .....May 18**  
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