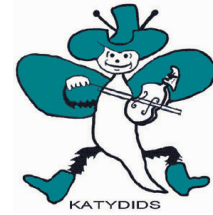


# CHIRPER



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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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**START YOUR WEEKENDS RIGHT ... DANCE WITH THE KATYDIDS ON FRIDAY NIGHT!**

# Happy Holidays

## CLUB CALENDAR

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| Fri., Dec. 05: <b>Campbell United Church of Christ</b><br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing                                                                                              | Fri., Jan. 09: <b>Campbell United Church of Christ</b><br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing<br><i>Chirper</i> distributed |
| Fri., Dec. 12: <b>Campbell United Church of Christ</b><br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing<br><i>Final night for holiday donation collection.</i>                                       | Fri., Jan. 16: <b>Campbell United Church of Christ</b><br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing                               |
| Fri., Dec. 19: <b>Campbell United Church of Christ</b><br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing<br><b>**PARTY NIGHT**</b> Wear <b>green</b> and/<br>or <b>red</b> , and bring food to share. | Fri., Jan. 23: <b>Campbell United Church of Christ</b><br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing<br><b>**PARTY NIGHT**</b>     |
| Fri., Dec. 26: <b>**DARK**</b> Christmas holiday                                                                                                                                                                      | Fri., Jan. 30: <b>Campbell United Church of Christ</b><br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing                               |
| Fri., Jan. 02: <b>**DARK**</b> New Year's holiday                                                                                                                                                                     | Sat., Feb. 14: <b>SWEETHEART SPECIAL HOEDOWN</b><br>Chair sign-ups in December<br>Worker/food sign-ups in January                                      |
| Thu., Jan. 04: <b>Executive Board Meeting</b><br>6:30 PM at the Stevens' home                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                        |

## SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

*Acting Super Square Head*  
Lloyd Darknell (408) 482-9320

Dec. 05 ..... Marshall  
Dec. 12 ..... Darknell  
Dec. 19 ..... Angotti / Gaubatz  
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Dec. 26 ..... DARK

Jan. 02 ..... DARK  
Jan. 09 ..... Fifield / Kernan  
Jan. 16 ..... Stevens  
Jan. 23 ..... Willey  
Jan. 30 ..... Shaney

Feb. 06 ..... Benevento  
Feb. 13 ..... Bennett  
Feb. 20 ..... Franger / Moore  
Feb. 27 ..... Wies / Headman

### On Dance Night PRIOR to your duty night:

- Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into Club Cupboard. Notify the Acting Super Square Head, Lloyd Darknell, at (408) 482-9320, of any needed supplies or change of duty assignment dates.

### Before the dance:

- Contact Square Head for following week to be sure they will be there.
- On scheduled night, the designated Square Heads should arrive **by 6:30 PM.**
- Set up tables and chairs as needed. **Note: Chairs should be set up in a horseshoe shape with an opening at the back for access to food & drinks.**
- Bring 6-8 lbs ice for cooler and make ice water.
- Start hot water for tea and coffee.

### During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone at the sign-in table.
- Offer raffle tickets, 5 tickets for \$1.00.
- Have guests sign guest book and collect a \$4.00 donation per guest and 'angels'.
- Give guest names to President or Membership Chair for introduction during announcements.
- Divide the raffle proceeds – 50% to the Club, 50% to **one single "prize" cup.**
- Check that water and cups do not run out.
- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.

**After the dance:** *Clean up!!* **Remove non-recyclable trash accidentally tossed into recycle bins.** Take the trash bags out to the dumpster located in the side parking lot.

NOTE: tables must go into closet **FIRST** (remember the Caller's table, too), then the chair "rack".

## UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS — PLUS LEVEL —

**Dec. 4: Lucky Steppers Toy Dance**  
German American Hall, Santa Cruz  
6:30 – 7:30 PM, Class Level  
7:30 – 10:00 PM, Plus Level  
Callers: Don Benson, Roger Smith, **Harold Fleeman** and Walt Cooley  
Cuer: Sue Harris  
Donation per dancer: 1 unwrapped toy or \$6

**Dec. 13: Rancho Squares**  
St. Philip Lutheran Church, Dublin  
7:00 – 7:30 PM, PreRounds: George Gardner  
7:30 – 10:00 PM, Caller: Bob Baier

**Dec. 31: New Year's Eve; Pleasanton Singles n' Pairs**  
St. Phillip Lutheran Church, Dublin  
8:30 – 9:00 PM; PreRounds: George Gardner & Priscilla Staver  
9:00 – 12:15 AM; Caller: Mike Sikorsky  
PreOrder by 12/15, \$15 each  
Info: Judi: 925-838-2535

**Jan. 3: Running Bear; Crazy Dazys**  
John Muir Middle School  
7:30 – 8:00 PM Pre-Rounds, Sue & Phil Harris  
8:00 – 10:30 PM, Caller: Eric Henerlau  
10:30 – 10:45 PM, Plus Star Tip

**Jan. 16-18: WINTER FESTIVAL**  
Salinas Fairgrounds, King City  
Callers: Bob Baier, Tony Oxendine, Jerry Story

**Jan. 31: Whing Ding; SCVSDA & SCVCA**  
John Muir Middle School  
Cuer: Barbara-Lynn Smith  
Callers: Bob Elling, Keith Ferguson, Al Knoppe, **Jim Osborne**, Jill Sybalsky

## NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN

*Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!*

-- *September Class Level* --

**Sat. Dec. 6: CPSD Newer Dancer Hoedown**  
**John Muir Middle School**  
**7:30 – 9:45 PM**

Callers: Roger Smith & **Harold Fleeman**  
**Note: Shirley's 2nd Chance Clothing will be there**

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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!**

Parker & Sue Willey ..... Dec. 10

December Sweetheart Special "To Do" List:

- \*Volunteer to chair one of the committees
- \*Start collecting raffle prize items
- \*Start selling pre-sale ribbons



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

Joann Osborne ..... Dec. 24  
 Carol Headman ..... Dec. 27  
 Skip Stevens ..... Jan. 04



## 2009 Winter Beginning Classes

### MONDAYS

Bows & Beaus: Instructor: Keith Ferguson  
 Start: January; 7:30 – 9:30 PM  
 Loyola School, 770 Berry Ave., Los Altos  
 Contact: contact@bowsandbeaus.org  
 Singles, Couples

### TUESDAYS

Single Squares of Sunnyvale  
 Instructor: Rich Reel  
 Start: January; 7:00 – 8:30 PM  
 Murphy Park Community Center, Sunnyvale  
 Contact: Joe 408-996-0174; Joy 650-968-1432  
 Singles



## SET YOUR TV RECORDERS !

*Sin, Fire & Gold! The Days of San Francisco's Barbary Coast* will be showing on Channel 9 on Friday, 12/12 at 8:30 PM and again on Saturday, 12/13 at 12:30 AM. This documentary shows a lot of what our guide, the incomparable Gary Holloway, showed us on our Club's recent tour of San Francisco.



### It's THAT time of year ...

Remember to use the hand sanitizer located on the snack table in the back of the hall to help keep germs from spreading particularly during the winter months. Of course, if you are ill, or symptomatic, it is best to stay home and we will all be most thankful and wish you a speedy recovery.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER – –

Hello, Katydids!

Wow! How can it be December all ready!?! I trust you had a lovely Thanksgiving holiday with your friends and families. You didn't eat too much, did you?! Now it is time to get our running shoes on to get ready for the other various holidays coming our way.

The (basic) Plus Level workshop that Jim is calling has created quite a lot of buzz and excitement on Friday nights. Be sure to invite any friends who are feeling rusty dancing the plus level calls and remember that as we learn, or re-learn, these calls, it is important to attend regularly so as to not fall too far behind.

At the recent Executive Board Meeting, the Board agreed to follow the Club's bylaws and, therefore, the Vice President, will become the Interim President until we hold elections next spring.

Time to start planning for our Club's Annual Sweetheart Special Hoedown that is being held on Valentines Day this year! This is our annual Club fundraiser and all members are expected to participate. This month we need to fill the following "chair" spots; contact **Bob Bennett** or myself to volunteer: Decorations; Drinks (water & coffee); Raffle (collection and presentation); and Dangles & Badges. Many thanks to the following who have already volunteered: **Pat Angotti & Josie Baumgartner**, Door; **Don Gaubatz & Don Powell**, Raffle Tickets; and **Maxine Darknell**, Food/Kitchen!! Sign-ups for duty and food assignments will begin the first Friday after our holiday break, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Oh, I almost forgot ... Be sure to start collecting some nice gifts we can use as raffle prizes!

I understand that a number of Katydids went to the Thanksgiving Potluck and Toy Collection Dance last week: **Ted & Kathy Shaney, John & Linda Caywood, Don Powell and Char Pitts (I hope I didn't forget anyone)**. A great time was had by all and it was very successful in collecting barrels and barrels of toys for needy children of our community!

Wishing all of you a very happy holiday season full of wonderful times spent with your families and friends.

### Stephanie Stevens

PS I hope to see many of you at the first hoedown of the new year -- the Krazy Dazys annual hoedown on Sat., Jan. 3rd where **Jim Osborne** will be calling the Running Bear Dance ... always a fun challenge!

FROM MARY & ROD ---

11/11/08

Hello friends and family

Happy Veterans Day! Let's see – that means I'm still way behind with this August report. So right to it – a whole month of Rocky Mountain pictures.



We drove north from Lake Louise to Jasper. On the way we took a short stop at the Columbia Glacier. Beautiful to see – and so BIG! Pretty chilly, too. We decided to spend more time on our return. The whole drive was beautiful – gorgeous mountain ridges often capped with snow interspersed with dozens of lakes, every one a different hue of blue. Jasper was a pretty large town – wonderful visitors' center and park, a good brew pub, gorgeous flowers everywhere, and delicious bakeries.



We found this pleasant hike nearby – Valley of the 5 Lakes, each more beautiful than the previous.



A serious hike to the top of the Bald Hills (hills???) for this view of Maligne Lake. Met a nice couple from Stuttgart at the top – lots of Europeans here.



A water-level view of Maligne Lake – boat rides and pleasant lake shore walks are also available.



One day trip took us back down the Icefields Parkway to Sunwapta Falls (left). Just amazing the way water can cut straight through granite rock for hundreds of feet. Another trip brought us to the Mietta Hot Springs, which felt really good after all the hiking.



Finally we started back south – slowly. We took another stop at Athabasca Falls.

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*(Mary & Rod continued from page 4)*



We slipped out of the Rockies but the beautiful lakes and scenery continue – we also enjoyed an afternoon at Rocky Mountain House National Memorial.



Couldn't get into a park we planned on – so a bit farther down the road look what we found! Spent a great weekend here – good people, food, and music.



We leave Canada with a wonderful sunset –



and a beautiful full moonrise.



But we're not through with National Parks. We spent a week near Glacier – mostly relaxing and watching the Olympics, but we did take the shuttle across the "Going to the Sun Road" for views like this



Heading to Bozeman for some RV work, we stopped in Butte, MT, and saw this huge open pit copper mine and the Mining Museum *(Mary & Rod continued on page 6)*

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While in Bozeman, we caught up with Bill Meyers again and had a wonderful dinner prepared by his wife, Jodee. We continued to “download” our full-timing experience at this great rib house the next evening.



Repairs completed, we drove to West Yellowstone for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Knothead Jamboree, a Labor Day Weekend square dance event. Wonderful building, a few people we’d danced with before, a great young caller (Hunter Keller), and a fun town.

So, August was another wonderful month on the road. The Canadian Rockies have been near the top of our destination list from the beginning – and its lived up to all our expectations. For me, that was over 50 years of waiting – ever since seeing color slides that my grandparents took on their trip to Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper. And, as with most of the places we’ve visited, we have a long list of things to do on our next trip back to the area.

We’re currently in Arizona and will travel here and in southern California until February. We’re planning a trailer trip into Mexico with the Escapee group “Mexican Connection” in February. Keep sending your suggestions and let us know where you’ll be celebrating Thanksgiving, by phone (817-308-5991) or you can reach us by e-mail [marymonti@aol.com](mailto:marymonti@aol.com)

Mary & Rod

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Pork Chops??

In a zoo in California, a mother tiger gave birth to a rare set of triplet tiger cubs. Unfortunately, due to complications in the pregnancy, the cubs were born prematurely and due to their tiny size, they died shortly after birth. The mother tiger after recovering from the delivery, suddenly started to decline in health, although physically she was fine. The veterinarians felt that the loss of her litter had caused the tigress to fall into a depression. The doctors decided that if the tigress could surrogate another mother’s cubs, perhaps she would improve. After checking with many other zoos across the country, the depressing news was that there were no tiger cubs of the right age to introduce to the mourning mother. The veterinarians decided to try something that had never been tried in a zoo environment. Sometimes a mother of one species will take on the care of a different species. The only ‘orphans’ that could be found quickly, were a litter of weaning pigs. The zoo keepers and vets wrapped the piglets in tiger skin and placed the babies around the mother tiger. Would they become cubs or pork chops?? Take a look:



Now, please tell me one more time .....? Why can’t the rest of the world get along??

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