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Katydid Square Dance Club Newsletter

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



Season's Greetings

CLUB CALENDAR

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| <p>Fri., Dec. 03: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
Holiday giving drive begins</p> | <p>Fri., Jan. 07: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
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| <p>Fri., Dec. 10: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP</p> | <p>Mon., Jan. 10: Executive Board Meeting
6:30 PM at the Stevens' home</p> |
| <p>Fri., Dec. 17: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
HOLIDAY PARTY
Wear RED and/or GREEN
End of giving drive</p> | <p>Fri., Jan. 14: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP</p> |
| <p>Fri., Dec. 24: **DARK** Christmas</p> | <p>Fri., Jan. 21: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
PARTY NIGHT Wear GREEN</p> |
| <p>Fri., Dec. 31: **DARK** New Year's Eve</p> | <p>Sat., Feb. 12: **SAVE THE DATE**
Sweetheart Special Hoedown
Chair sign-ups in December
Worker/food sign-ups in January</p> |

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Co-Super Square Heads

Lloyd (408-482-9320) & Carol (408-264-9606)

Dec 03 Benevento
Dec 10 Pitts / Gray
Dec 17 Oros / Scharfen
Dec 25 DARK
Dec 31 DARK

Jan 07 Darknell
Jan 14 Caywood
Jan 21 Clark
Jan 28 Franger / Moore

Feb 04 Howlett / Malstrom
Feb 11 Angotti
Feb 18 DeLapp
Feb 25 Ashmall / Tillman

Before the dance:

- Notify the Co-Super Square Head, Lloyd Darknell, 408-482-9320 of any needed change of duty assignment dates.
- Purchase and bring 6-8 lbs ice for the water cooler.
- On scheduled night, the designated Square Heads should arrive **by 6:30 PM**. A Katydid with a key will arrive to open the doors.
- Sweep floor as necessary.
- 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 refreshments.*
- 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.
- Collect a \$4.00 donation from *each* guest and have them sign-in. Regular guests sign the prepared sheet, others the guest book.
- 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 –

- **ALL MEMBERS: Clean up!!** Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into the Club cupboard. **Remove non-recyclable trash accidentally tossed into the designated recycle bins.** Take the trash bags out to the dumpster located in the side parking lot.
- Sweep or wet mop the floor as necessary.
- NOTE: tables must go into closet FIRST (remember the Caller’s table, too), then the chair “rack”.
- Notify co-Super Square Head, Carol Headman, 408-264-9606 of any supplies that are needed.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

— PLUS LEVEL —

Dec. 18: Mirage Squares Plus Dance

St. Andrews Methodist Church
4111 Alma St., Palo Alto
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: John Flora
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Vic Ceder

Dec. 31: New Year’s Eve Dance; Pleasanton Singles and Pairs

St. Phillip Lutheran Church
8850 Davona Dr., Dublin
8:00 – 9:00 PM; PreRounds: George Gardner & Priscilla Staver
9:00 – 12:15 AM; Caller: Mike Sikorsky

Jan. 8: Running Bear Hoedown; Krazy Dazys

John Muir Middle School
Cuer: Sue Harris
Caller: Eric Henerlau

Jan. 14-16: Winter Festival

Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, King City
Callers: Bob Baier, Jerry Story, Tony Oxendine, John Reitmajer, Eric Henerlau
Cuers: Sharon & Casey Parker, Radka & Steve Sandeman

Jan. 28-30: Oregon Mid-Winter Festival

Linn County Fair & Expo, Albany
Cuer: Pat & Joe Hilton
Caller: Joe Saltel
Info: <http://www.midwinterfestival.com>

Jan. 29: Presidents Ball; SCVSDA/SCVCA WhingDing

John Muir Middle School
Cuer: Sue & Phil Harris
Caller: **Jim Osborne**, Jill Sybalsky, and Al Knoppe

NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN

Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!

John Muir Middle School

7:30 – 10:00 PM

-- September Class Level --

Sat., Dec. 04: Callers: **Jim Osborne** & Mike Wright
Sponsored by CPSD

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER --

Dear Katydid,

The season of gratitude, caring, and sharing is upon us. I would like to tell you how very grateful we are to have each of you as a member of this fine Club. A number of you have been VERY helpful to several amongst us who have transportation needs, from giving a ride to someone or to wait until their ride arrives to take them home. THANK YOU!! **Mary Howlett** spoke to me recently about how she and her dog, Teri, will be in need of rides more often now that her son has moved on. She lives near Bascom, Camden & Hwy 85. If you can help her out, please give her a call or contact me.

Our annual holiday collection for charity begins December 3rd. The Church where we dance each week has an ongoing food pantry and reaches out to members of the community at large who find themselves a bit down on their luck. The Executive Board has authorized a \$200 gift to the food cupboard and invite other Club members to join in. A purple box will be available the first three Fridays in December, the contents of which, plus the contribution from the Club treasury will be delivered to the Church prior to Christmas.

By the way (with my editor's hat on), I want to apologize for forgetting some of your birthdays and anniversaries last month. Most embarrassing of all is forgetting to include MY OWN anniversary!! I have included November dates in the birthday and anniversary lists in this issue of the *Chirper*.

The first hoedown of the new year will be on Saturday, January 8th with the Krazy Dazys' *Running Bear Hoedown*. **Jim Osborne** will be calling the Running Bear tip and so between now and then, **Jim** will be workshopping the Running Bear dance with us so be sure to tell your friends in other clubs to be sure to join us while we all learn this simply complicated dance together.

Be sure to check the square head duty list EACH month as changes do occur from time to time.

This month we have re-instated our "Meet a Katydid" column. Thank you **Tork** for your nice write up this month and look forward to others in the future.

We are sorry to learn that **Don Gaubatz** who has been nursing a very sore leg for several months, has found it necessary to retire from dancing. We will all miss him and are so grateful for his wonderful photographs and flyers which he so ably provided to the Club over

the years. We hope we will see him in the future at non-dancing events .

And, we have missed **Willie & James** the past month while they have been in Puerto Rico tending to Willie's mother who is not well. We hope to see them back on the dance floor soon.

It is time to start thinking about our annual Club fundraiser, our Sweetheart Special Hoedown which is on Saturday, February 12th. All members are expected to participate. And, perhaps since we have quite a few new members, I should mention that the Katydids do not charge Club members for attending. We are expected to be good hosts and provide our guests with a wonderful dance experience.

Beginning this month, we need to fill the following "chair" spots. Contact **Dory Clark**, Sweetheart Special Chair, to volunteer.

- Decorations
- Drinks (water & coffee)
- Raffle (collection and presentation)
- Entrance
- Raffle Ticket (sales)
- Food/kitchen
- Badges

We need to ALL help promote this dance. See **Dory** to get flyers to distribute and ribbons to sell. We should all be wearing ribbons as we attend Hoedowns and other clubs during the next couple of months.

Sign-ups for duty and food assignments will begin in January. AND, be sure to start collecting some nice gifts we can use as raffle prizes. You can bring items in on Friday nights at any time.

Wishing each of you a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends.

See you in a square soon!

Stephanie

**THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW:**

Club Member, **Maxine Darknell**, will be in her church's annual holiday production of *Bethlehem*, an outdoor performance of the Christmas Story. There are 5 free performances Dec. 9-13th, between 6:30 PM and 9:00 PM; each 30 minutes long. Includes a petting zoo, music, and children's projects. Santa Clara First Baptist Church, 3111 Benton St., between Kiely Blvd. and Lawrence Expressway. It is a very impressive event. They truck in tons of sand, have live donkeys and a camel. And the games and arts & crafts in the market stalls are entertaining and educational. In short, they do a marvelous job of presenting the flavor of the times.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

- Joann Osborne Nov. 02
- Dave Andersen Nov. 06
- Sue DeLapp Nov. 12
- Sandy Bruns Nov 13
- June Helfrich Nov. 13
- James Thompson Nov. 16
- Naomi Grubb Nov. 23
- Tork Clark Dec. 24
- Carol Headman Dec 27
- Skip Stevens Jan. 04
- Rhoda Gill Jan. 05



From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti --

CARROT APPLE STREUSEL CAKE

Serves 12-16

- 1 pkg Carrot Cake Mix
- 1 3/4 t. ground cinnamon
- 3 large eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/2 c. applesauce
- 1/3 c. oil
- 3 baking apples, pared, cored, and cut into eighths
- 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- 2 T. sugar
- 1/4 c. butter (1/2 stick)

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour two 9x1 1/2" round layer pans.
2. Combine dry cake mix and 1/2 t. cinnamon in large bowl. Combine eggs, applesauce and oil; add to dry ingredients and mix thoroughly with wooden spoon. Divide batter evenly in pans. Arrange sliced apples on top.
3. For streusel, combine flour, sugar and 1 1/4 t. cinnamon in small bowl. Cut in butter with pastry blender or 2 knives until crumbly. Sprinkle evenly over apples.
4. Bake at 350°F for 28 to 33 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Serve warm.



NEWS FLASH!

Our club cookbook, *Square Dancing with Great Taste* is still available for \$5.00 each. Hurry, only 4 copies left.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!

- Ted & Kathy Shaney Nov. 12
- Skip & Stephanie Stevens Nov. 12
- Parker & Sue Willey Dec. 10

From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti --

TRIPLE LEMON CAKE

Serves 12-16

Preheat oven to 350°F
13x9" cake pan, greased

Cake:

- 1 pkg (18.25 oz) lemon cake mix
- 1 pkg (3 oz) lemon-flavored gelatin dessert mix
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 c. vegetable oil
- 3/4 c. water

In a large mixer bowl, combine cake mix, gelatin mix, eggs, oil and water. Beat on medium speed for 4 minutes. Spread batter evenly in prepared pan. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool for about 20 minutes.

Glaze:

- 2 c. confectioner's sugar, sifted
- 1/3 c. lemon juice

Poke holes with tines of a fork about 1-inch apart on top of warm cake. Whisk confectioner's sugar and lemon juice together until sugar dissolves. Pour evenly over warm cake. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack before cutting.

Tip: If you leave this cake 20 minutes before glazing, the glaze will harden to look like a white icing, with a bit of crunch. Reduce the cooling time to only 10 minutes and the glaze sinks in, leaving a softer, shiny top.

Variation: For a more mellow lemon flavor, try a lemon instant pudding or use the lemon gelatin with a white cake mix.

MEET A KATYDID --

MARY HOWLETT

Mary Howlett is a long time California resident. She was born in Souix Falls, South Dakota and lived there until she was seven years old. In 1944 she moved to Morgan Hill. After 20 years or so there she married and moved to Inglewood, California for a bit, and then back to the area in San José. In the last decade or so her mother became ill and so she moved back to Morgan Hill to take care of her. Her mother died and she spent another three years in Morgan Hill taking care of related issues and recently, just a few years ago, moved back to San José.



She has been visually impaired for most of her life. In her family, her older brother also was visually impaired. Prior to her eyesight impairment occurring, the doctors thought his eyesight was from astigmatism and that he should be able to see well if he tried. But during that time Mary's visual impairment was coming on gradually and by the time she was 11, she couldn't see the writing on the chalkboard from the front row in school. When she was 16 she went to Stanford Hospital which was hosting a convention of Ophthalmologists. She was examined by fifty or so doctors and her visual impairment was declared hereditary and there was nothing that could be done.

She has three children, two daughters and a son. From these children she now has seven grandchildren, ages from 16 to 25. And from these grandchildren she has four great-grandchildren. She enjoys raising children and through her church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, she and her family also accepted for a bit of time, six foster children into her family.

These foster children added to her life in a number of ways. One was a wheelchair-bound child with cerebral palsy, two boys' ages 2 and 3, she took care of while their real parents took parenting classes and seeing them reunited with their real parents was an event to remember. Two others were White Mountain

Apache Indian boys that lived with her for a year to enable them to see what life is like off of the Reservation. One boy, who came to her family when he was five years old, and lived with her family for five years, was autistic and had leg braces and a wheelchair. He came to life once he started exercising on his mini trampoline. He grew to be 6'8" in height!

Mary also loves to travel. One her favorite adventures was a 10,000 mile USA road trip with a square dance friend back in 1988. Their initial goal was to visit her friend's 90 year old mother in Vermont. They stopped in numerous states visiting relatives along the way, including Oregon, Wyoming, the Dakotas, Tennessee, Washington, DC, and Canada. Along the way they marveled at the beautiful sunsets caused by the great Yellowstone fire of 1988. In Springfield, Massachusetts they got lost looking for a hotel. It was well past midnight and they kept turning the wrong way on a roundabout that kept shooting them back across the river. A police officer became suspicious. After stopping them, he saw that the driver was tired, and of course Mary couldn't see to help them out. His response was that even though it was out of his jurisdiction, he would escort them to the right turnoff. So he drove ahead of them and when the correct turnoff was reached, he flashed his lights to lead them to the turnoff.

Mary started square dancing in 1986 with Gary Carnes and the Sunnyvale Singles and also with Jay Klausen and the Bachelors and Bachelorettes. She danced for about year and then lost her ride. Another year or so went by and she found another ride and she started back dancing again. She danced for another year or so and then lost her ride again. It would be 17 years before she got back into square dancing. She got back in square dancing, by chance, by taking a Santa Clara County Outreach ride and meeting someone who asked her if she knew how to square dance. She said yes and decided to get back into it. Last year she took an A2 class with the Outlaws. She would love to take another A2 class to lock in what she has learned.

Next time you see Mary during Club, make a point to stop by and say hello. She has been a Club member for nearly a year now. She does need a ride occasionally. We would hate to not see her for another 17 years.

~~Submitted by Tork Clark

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Copy **deadline** for the January issue is **December 31st**. You can submit articles to the *Chirper* Editor, Stephanie Stevens, at:

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