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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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



CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Dec. 07: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
Holiday giving drive begins

Fri., Dec. 14: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
Annual Holiday Party & Potluck dinner
Wear **GREEN** and/or **RED**
Bring potluck dish
Bring table service, beverage
6:30 – 7:00 PM Dinner
7:00 – 9:30 PM Dancing

Sat., Dec. 15: Christmas Lights Tour with Gary Holloway
1:00 – 9:45 PM
Bus leaves from 3111 Benton St., Santa Clara

Fri., Dec. 21: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Fri., Dec. 28: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Fri., Jan. 04: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
Chirper distributed
9:35 PM Executive Board Meeting

Fri., Jan. 11: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Fri., Jan. 18: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
****PARTY NIGHT**** Wear **GREEN** and
bring food to share

Fri., Jan. 25: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Sat., Feb. 9: SWEETHEART SPECIAL HOEDOWN
Mark your calendars!!
Start collecting raffle items NOW!

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS

and DUTIES

Super Square Head

Stephanie Stevens (408-871-9525)

- Dec. 07Shaney
- Dec. 14Hastings / Stevens
- Dec. 21Bruns
- Dec. 28Merlo / Pitts

- Jan. 04Benevento
- Jan. 11Malstrom / Scharfen
- Jan. 18Hebson
- Jan. 25Caywood

- Feb. 01Franger / Moore
- Feb. 08Clark, B. / Howlett
- Feb. 15Graff / Gray
- Feb. 22Grubb / Lehnhoff

Before the dance:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Steph Stevens, 408-871-9525 of any needed change to assigned dates.
- Purchase and bring 6 to 8 lbs ice for the water cooler.
- On scheduled night, the designated Square Heads should arrive by **6:20 PM**. A Katydid with a key will open the doors.
- Sweep floor as necessary and set up tables and chairs.
- Make ice water.
- Start hot water for tea and coffee.

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone at the sign-in table.
- Collect a **\$5.00** donation from each guest and have them sign in. "Regular" guests sign the prepared sheet, new guests sign the guest book.
- In the green box, there is an envelope with petty cash for making change.
- Offer raffle tickets: 5 tickets for \$1.00.
- In the green box, there are envelopes for keeping track of money collected during the evening.
- Divide the raffle proceeds – 50% to the Club, 50% to the winner.
- Check that water and cups do not run out.

After the dance:

- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.
- 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 the closet **FIRST** (remember the Caller's table, too), then the chair rack.
- Notify the Quarter Masters, **Gary or Sue De Lapp** 408-446-1910 of any supplies needed.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

Plus Level Dances

- Dec. 29: Whing Ding; SCVSDA/SCVCA**
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds: John Caywood
8:00 – 10:15 PM; Callers: Keith Ferguson, Bob Elling, Diana Hilliard, Vicki Woods
10:15 – 10:30 PM; A-2 Star Tip

- Dec. 31: Glass Slipper Ball; Rockin' Jokers**
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
8:30 PM – 12:15AM
Caller: Lawrence Johnstone
Cuer: Sue Harris

- Jan. 5: Running Bear; Krazy Dazys**
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
Caller: Eric Henerlau, **Jim Osborne**
Cuer: Sue Harris

- Jan. 18-20: Winter Festival**
Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, King City
Callers: Jerry Story, Bob Baier, Tony Oxendine, Romney Tannehill, Eric Henerlau
Cuer: Sharon & Casey Parker

- Feb. 15-17: Sequoia Stampede**
Tulare County Fairgrounds
Callers: Mike Seastrom, Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts
Cuer: Sharon & Casey Parker

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NEWER DANCER HOEDOWNS

Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!

--September Class Level--

Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara

Sat., Dec. 22: End of the World Hoedown

7:30 – 10:00 PM

Callers: Roger Smith, Jim Osborne

Sat., Jan. 12: Come in Out of the Cold; Castaways

7:30 – 10:00 PM

Bring food to share.

Callers: Tork Clark, Bob Steele, Roger Smith

Sat., Feb. 2: Newer Dancer Hoedown; CPSD

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Salutations Katydids,

Last week we had a pretty good Free Fifth Friday. The dancers were energetic and it appeared most were having a good time. I certainly enjoying seeing my students who were there enjoying it.

And I want to thank all the Katydids who showed up to the Snowflake Ball for the beginner dancer hoe-down this Saturday. It helped me lock in my pilot squares so the dancers could find their way home.

Coming up we have our annual Holiday Potluck on December 14th. The club is buying a ham as we have done in the past. We will start early at 6:30 PM. The sign up sheet was out last week, and it will be out this week, the 7th, also. The following week is the event. If you could, please sign up this week.

We will also have the box for the Annual Church gift out starting this week. The church offers us a great deal. It's a good venue. I would ask that you at least give a thought to helping them out this time of year. I met Pastor Tracey who is the new pastor at the church this past month. She seemed real nice. I guess one gets a little kinder and gentler once you meet someone. The box should be out for the next few weeks.

Also this year we will not be dark during the holidays. We will be dancing ... at least someone will be dancing, or maybe calling, on the 21st, the 28th, and January 4th. I know it gets cold. And everyone is busy. But we should be open a bit. Need to decide how the class will work during the holidays. Hmm, always something to think about.....

For our 2013 Sweetheart Special, the 50th anniversary, February 9th, the caller will be Deborah Carroll-Jones, and the cuer will be Sue Harris. After the new year begins, we will start the sign up sheets for this event. Remember, it's the 50th anniversary. Quite a legacy.

And of course the Sweetheart Special raffle. Start looking for "nice" things to put in the baskets. Always interesting to see what folks have in the baskets. We will start looking for those ever needed volunteers. Last year I was very nervous as no one was signing up for the slots. But, at the last minute, everyone chipped in and the event came off as a success.

Our class is still continuing. Right now we have seven students. Not too bad. All are returning dancers or took another class last year so Jim is working them through their paces quickly. Because of this, they are well ahead of Bob Steeles or my class.

Remember the class starts at 6:30, and runs till 8 PM. Most of the teaching occurs before 7:30. Given the advanced state of the class, soon you may not even notice you are dancing with a beginner class. And it seems most club dancers don't arrive till a bit after 7:30. So, hopefully the class isn't impacting your club dancing too much.

Happy dancing!

Tork

<http://dorysvineyard.com/TorksSquareDancePage.html>

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WINTER BEGINNER CLASSES

TUESDAYS

Castaways

Instructor/Caller: Rob Paull, Roger Smith
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Santa Clara
7:30 – 10:00 PM

Start: Jan. 8th; 1st 3 nights FREE; \$5/night thereafter
Couples / Singles ; Former Dancers
Contact info: 408-821-1937

Roadrunners

Instsructor/Caller: Jim Osborne
Beresford Recreation Center, San Mateo
7:30 PM

Start: Jan. 8th; 1st 2 nights FREE
Contact info: 650-762-8008

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Tork ClarkDec. 24

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Parker & Sue WilleyDec. 10

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ed. note: Next month I hope to print up a new Club roster. If you have any changes to your contact information, please let me know right away.

Chirper Chatter...

We are indeed sorry to hear that **Nanci Scharfen** had gone to New York City for the Marathon only to learn that it was cancelled by Mayor Bloomberg and Marathon Director, Mary Wittenberg, Friday afternoon before the Sunday run. There was a lot of pressure caused by Storm Sandy to call off the run even with the 40,000 out of 47,500 registered runners that were in town for the race. Any hope of compensation for the runners will be determined later...

On the other hand, **Morris Hosoda**, was able to play senior softball in Phoenix, AZ, Nov. 13-15. Having won in Las Vegas, the Tournament Director, elevated his team to the 80's Major Division (from AAA). This is a tougher level and they ended up with 3 wins and 3 losses, reasonably respectable. He received his Championship ring delivered by UPS that he earned in Las Vegas. Looking closely on the one side it shows his name, uniform number and position played. These rings must be designed for display for he finds it too heavy to wear...



On Nov. 16, we had a Leave Of Absence visitor, **Willie Albino**, who wanted to share his Birthday with the Katydids...he even brought his own cake. Thank you, **Willie** for being so thoughtful and many more years of fun, good health and abundance of anything you wish for...



While I am on the subject of birthdays, **Steven Lehnhoff** and **Naomi Grubb** celebrated their birthdays on Thanksgiving Day. **Steven's** birthday landed on Thanksgiving Day and **Naomi's** was just a day later so why not combine all that into one just big celebration day...

Bea Clark has been absent a few Fridays because she had a cataract operation on her eyes and is mending well. As all former cataract patients know there are a many eye drop medication required, a few before and lot after the operation...

Sandy Hastings has asked to be placed on Leave Of Absence because she was told by her orthopedic doctor to go easy on her right knee for at least 3 months but it was good to see her come out for our 5th Friday dance...

Morris Hosoda, moho77@gmail.com

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ONLY 2 LEFT!
KATYDIDS COOKBOOKS
FOR SALE at \$5.00 each



Contact Stephanie to purchase.

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 Celebrating the Christmas Story Club Member, **Maxine Darknell**, will be in her church annual production of *Bethlehem*, an outdoor performance of the Christmas Story. There are 5 free performances Dec. 6-10, between 6:30 PM and 9:00 PM; each 30 minutes long. Includes a petting zoo, music, and children's projects. Location: Santa Clara First Baptist Church, 3111 Benton St., between Kiely Blvd. and Pomeroy. 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.

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From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti - -
PERSIMMON CAKE
 • 1 box Duncan Hines cake mix butter recipe
 • 1/2 t. cinnamon
 • 1/2 c. pecans
 • 1 c. persimmon pulp
 • Mix cake mix according to direction on box.
 • Add. cinnamon, pecans and persimmon.
 • Bake at 350°F for 45 minutes.

Lloyd, Maxine, Pat, and Roger's
ALPS OF EUROPE TOUR – Part 2

We railed to the village of Grindelwald spending the next three nights at Hotel Derby. This is an exceptionally beautiful area with stupendous views of the Alps and the purported home of “Heidi” and the area where it was filmed. We walked through the village to take the longest gondola lift in Europe. From a remarkable summit view of various Alp peaks (Eiger, etc.), we saw cascading mountain streams, views of family homes, farms, and animals down through the treetops.

The four of us also railed back to Brienz to explore the Balenberg Folkloric Village of 100 buildings and 250 animals (Swiss life circa 1900) including reconstructed farms, homes, shops, churches and restaurants which serve meals from the animals and food raised there. We had to bypass part of the 163 acres because 3 out of the 4 of us ran out of steam!

Sunday, September 16th, we packed our bags and boarded a bus to drive through the Alps (cars would have to get out of the way because the bus took the whole road). It was very scenic and the driver would stop occasionally for photos. Our group stopped to ride another funicular railway to the Reichenbach Falls where Sherlock Holmes and the evil Doctor Moriarty supposedly fought and died. We stopped again to walk through the narrow abyss of the Aare River Gorge which was amazing! We left our bus to travel again by rail. First was a cog, steam-powered journey over the original Furka Pass narrow gauge line. These engines were originally sold to Vietnam in the 1930's and later were found abandoned in the jungle, repatriated to Switzerland and again serve the line for which they were built. We passed the outlet of the Rhone Glacier, source of the Rhone River and crossed the towering Oberalp (Overalp) Pass. Later, we boarded another train with our own historic dining car to enjoy a wonderful, scenic view dinner. We arrived in Chur where we will spend our next three nights.



Rhone Valley

Monday, we traveled the “Bernina Express” for a four hour trip over Bernina Pass into Italy. We arrived in Tirano in time for a walk to the old town, viewing an ancient cathedral and back in time to buy a quick lunch to eat on the return trip. Coming and going, the views were magnificent of many glaciers, small villages, people's homes, and animals.

Tuesday, a free day, Pat and Maxine walked through the old town and visited shops while Roger rested (he caught a cold that was being passed around in our tour group). Lloyd went with a small group by train to the new Albula Railway museum in Bergun. It had an articulated “Crocodyl” electric engine. They returned by a different route to see more country. That afternoon, the three of us rode a “cliff-hanging” scenic train line to Arosa.

Wednesday, we packed our bags, validated our Austria Rail Pass and railed across the Alps to Innsbruck for our last three nights of the tour, staying at the beautiful Grand Hotel Europe. We took a bus tour of the city which, besides other sights, took us by the location of a past Winter Olympics.

Day Thirteen, Thursday, September 20th, we railed to Jenbach where we boarded a narrow-gauge steam train with historic coaches to the village of Zell am Ziller where we had a nice lunch at the Sport hotel Maria Theresa. We then railed to the Achenseebahn Steam Cog Railway which is driven by the world's oldest steam cog locomotives (1889) which makes its way up to Tyrol's largest alpine lake in Austria. At Lake Achen, we cruised around on another steam boat.



Achenseebahn

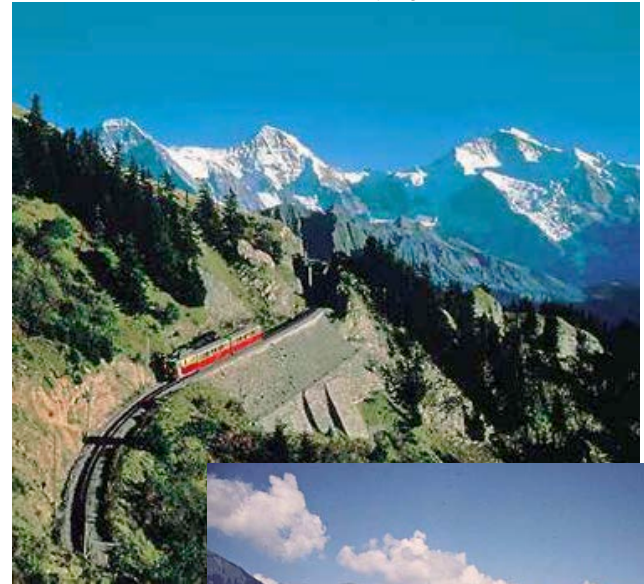
Day Fourteen, Friday, September 21st, we railed to Salzburg using fast direct “Rail Jet” trains which travels through cities, villages, intermountain valleys and farm lands, partially in Germany. When we arrived in Salzburg, we took a city bus tour showing parts of old town and other special places plus showing us some spots and props where the Sound of Music was filmed. We also took a boat cruise up a pretty river, returning to Innsbruck via a different rail route to see different, more rugged mountain scenery. We enjoyed a nice farewell dinner at our hotel in a historic dining room which survived the bombing of World War II. Saturday after breakfast, we all went our separate ways.

The four of us boarded a train to spend two days in Vienna. Now Pat has the cold with Lloyd in close pursuit. Maxine's started the next day. At this point, we were starting to “drag” but Maxine and Pat walked around visiting shops and a nearby cathedral. Sunday, we all took a city bus tour around Vienna, seeing their most important sights and touring the Schonbrunn Palace. We traveled by subway back to our hotel, packed up everything and left Monday morning, flying from Vienna Airport to Zurich Airport, and then back to San Francisco. We were all happy to arrive home safely!

Thank you Lloyd and Maxine for submitting this wonderful story and photos from your trip!

More photos relating to story on page 5.

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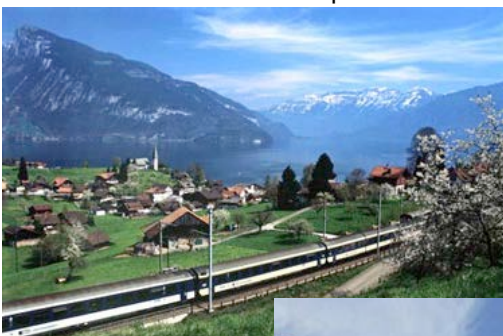
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Swiss Lake Steamer

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More photos relating to story in the November 2012 Chirper



Train along Thunersee



Postal Bus Route



St. Moritz
Photo: Robert Ciminel

St. Moritz

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

with the

Katydid



Please bring a dish to share!

Ham provided by club.

Eat, dance, and be merry!



Friday, December 14, 2012

Eating: 6:30 pm

Class: 7 pm

Campbell United
Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Avenue
Campbell

Caller - Jim Osborne

Home City, Home State Home ZIP
Home Street
First Name Last Name

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