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Katydid Square Dance Club Newsletter

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



SEASON'S GREETINGS

CLUB CALENDAR



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KATYDIDS' CLUB EVENTS

All Katydid in-person events have been postponed, cancelled or otherwise on hold until further notice. We are, however, meeting via ZOOM at 7:00pm on Friday nights. Join us!!

LOCAL SQUARE DANCING EVENTS
Most local square dancing events have also been postponed or cancelled until further notice.

LOCAL ROUND DANCING EVENTS
Wed., Dec. 2: 4-week class begins via ZOOM
Instructor: Sandi Kremers
See article on page 3 for more information

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings Katydids and Friends!

The holiday season is upon us! It snuck up while we were all trying our best to socially distance ourselves. I don't know how things will play out at your house but I expect at our house it will be uncommonly quiet. No big gatherings, no big family meals, no out-of-town visitors no and probably not even small family gatherings. Quiet indeed!

We have had some very interesting conversations during our Friday evening ZOOM meetings. One night Jim told us some stories from his days at sea in the Gulf of Tonkin on the USS Constellation. Another evening we reminisced about the price of haircuts in days gone by as well as the price of cars. Also discovered that Armand was stationed while in the Army in Germany at the same time Ann Mayers was there and actually heard Armand when he was on the radio And, last week some of the attendees were remembering very old TVs, Oh! And we pondered the difference between Valencia and Navel oranges. Runs the gamut as you can see. Be sure to join us some Friday night. Never know where the discussion topics will take us!!

By the way, are you remembering to continue to collect tabs from all cans for Art who is collecting them to deliver to the Shriners Hospital in Sacramento? The value of the tabs will be applied toward wheelchairs for children who cannot afford one. Once the Shelter-in-Place order is lifted I expect he will be receiving a lot of them. The more the better!!

Speaking of charitable giving, the Katydids Club will be donating to the United Church of Christ Campbell's food pantry again this year. If you are interested in donating food or money, please get your donation to me by Saturday, Dec. 19th. (408-499-9182 • 4862 Morden Dr., San Jose 95130) Thank you in advance for your participation in helping those in our community who are particularly in need.

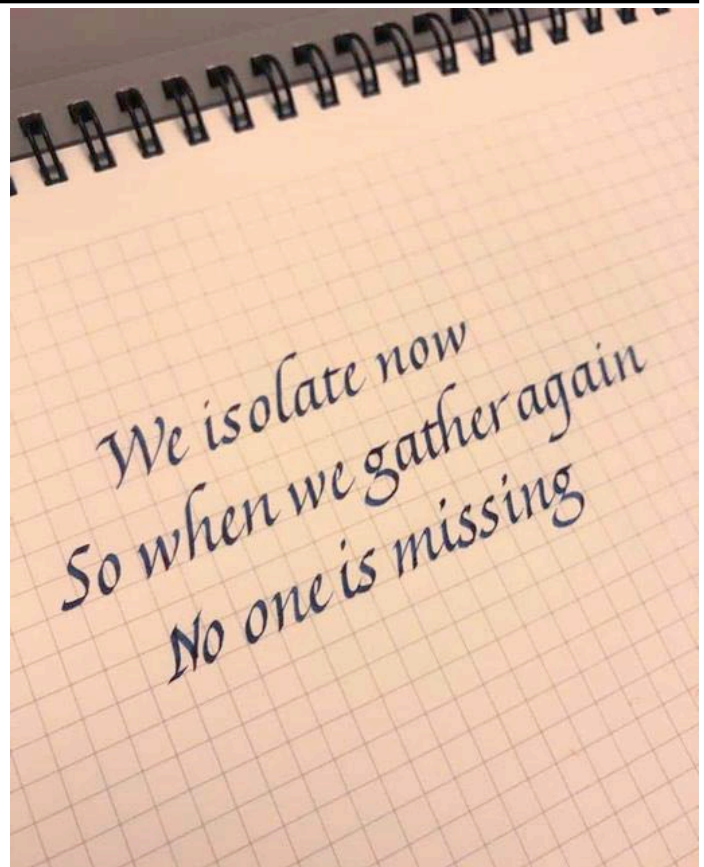
Be well and stay safe and healthy . . . please!! We will need everyone of you on the dance floor as soon as we are allowed!

Stephanie

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Janna Standridge.....Dec. 09



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Parker & Sue WilleyDec. 10

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Gingerbread Men Christmas 2020



Thank you, **Tillie**, for forwarding the information below from **Cole Barber**.

FREE ROUND DANCE CLASSES
BEGINNING LEVEL
PHASE 1 & 2 TWO STEP

Class Instructor: Sandi Kremers
Class Dates: Wednesdays, Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd
Time: 4:00 pm to 5:00pm (PACIFIC TIME)
LEARN WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO START ROUND DANCING
FIGURES, CUES, ROOM ALIGNMENTS, DANCE FRAMES, RHYTHMS and PHASE LEVELS

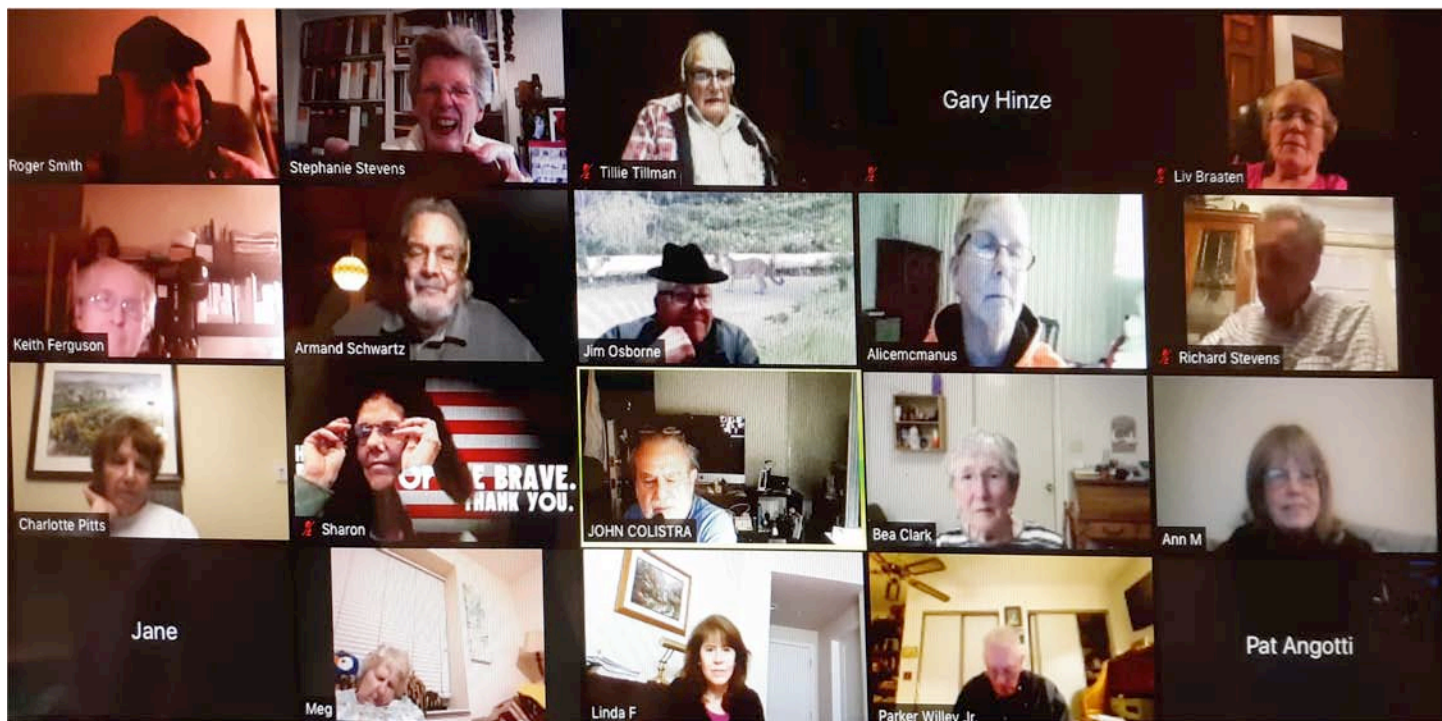
This 4-week class will be offered virtually on Zoom.

Email: sandradee312@gmail.com if you are interested and to receive the zoom link.

CAN YOU FIND WOODSTOCK?



Zooming on Friday, 11 November



Wish you were here!

The Night Before Quarantine

'twas the night before quarantine and
all through the town,
not a restaurant was open,
not a school-bus was found.

hand sanitizers were placed by
all doorposts with care,
in hopes that Corona would
never come there.

the children were swinging from
the crystal chandeliers, and
the stir-crazy babies were
almost in tears.

with everyone in health masks and
live updates on their screens,
we hunkered down and
waited for COVID-19.

for into our lives with
a sneeze and a cough
came a global pandemic and
a crash of the stocks.

away to the grocery
we all flew like a flash, and
bought all the toilet paper
for our personal stash.

as the moon slowly rose on
our fates and our fears,
what to my wandering mind
should appear?

in the absence of busyness
a new life taking form: in
the stillness of solitude, in
the silence of the storm

in the magic of together and
home-bound company,
rediscovering connection in
our family.

so with the pup in her kennel and
the children in their beds,
new visions of adventures
now danced in my head!

the checklists could wait and
the bank accounts would be fine, for
we had been given the most
sacred gift of time.

so I gathered the markers and
crayons and paints,
I collected the nerf guns and
assembled board games. with a wink and a smile I
moved on to schoolwork:
math facts and science and
vocabulary words.

I laughed as I thought it,
in spite of myself,
“what if quarantine can heal our
emotional health?”

if the birds are still singing and
if the flowers still bloom,
surely the sunshine can
overcome our gloom.

if we set aside fear and
choose kindness instead,
maybe we'll all begin to realize
we have nothing to dread.

I tucked back into bed and
smiled up at the moon, for
a peace had replaced the
impending doom.

so take heart and take hope
through this curious plight, and
“happy quarantine to all”
until we're allowed to reunite.