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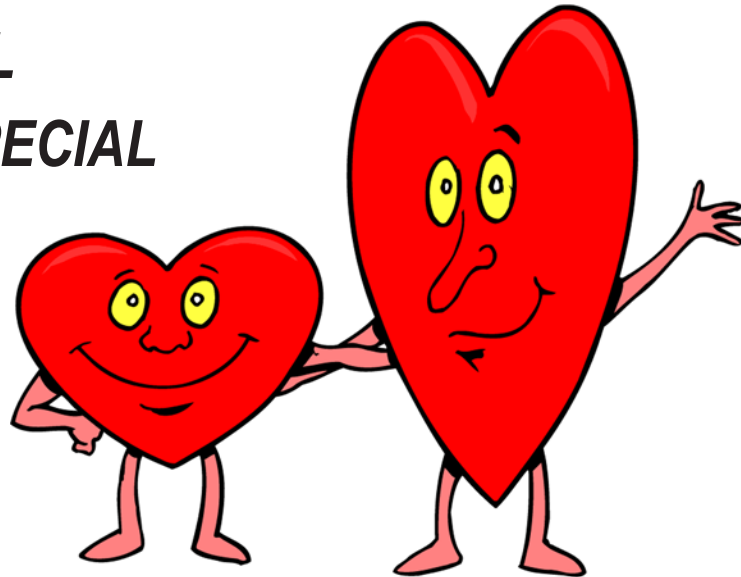


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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsle

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43rd ANNUAL SWEETHEART SPECIAL



CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Feb. 3: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing
Chirper distributed

Fri., Feb. 10: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing
BRING RAFFLE ITEMS!!!

Sat. Feb. 11: ****SWEETHEART SPECIAL****
John Muir Middle School
Caller: Eric Henerlau
Cuer: Chuck & Shirley Hurst
6:00 PM **Everyone** set up & decorate
BRING: Food item(s)
Camellias
Wear red
Lots of smiles
Stuffed animals
7:30 PM Guests arrive
10:30 PM **Everyone** clean up

Fri., Feb. 17: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing
****PARTY NIGHT** Wear Green**

Fri., Feb. 24: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing
9:30 PM Executive Board Meeting

Fri., Mar. 3: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing
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Fri., Mar. 10: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

Sun., Apr. 23: ****SAVE the DATE****
Installation Brunch at Michael's at
Shoreline in Mountain View

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS & Duties

*Super Square Heads - Carol & Larry Griffith
(408) 252-2106*

Feb. 3	Griffith
Feb. 10	Lunsford
Feb. 17	Mensing
Feb. 24	Moore, R

Mar. 03	Franger/Moore
Mar. 10	Pitts/Powell
Mar. 17	Schaffer
Mar. 24	Shaney
Mar. 31	Shaver

Apr. 07	Stagnitto
Apr. 14	Stevens
Apr. 21	Willey

On dance night *PRIOR* to your duty night:

- Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into Club Closet. Notify Super Square Heads (Carol & Larry Griffith 408-252-2106) of any needed supplies or change of duty assignments dates.

Before the dance:

- Contact Square Head for following week to be sure they will be there .
- On scheduled nights, the designated Square Heads should arrive **before** 7:00 P.M.
- Set up tables and chairs as needed.
- 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 door.
- Offer raffle tickets. 5 tickets for \$1
- Have guests sign guest book and collect \$4.00 donation per guest.
- Give guest names to president or membership chair for introduction during announcements.
- Divide the raffle proceeds--50% to the Club, 50% to the "cups".
- Check that water and cups do not run out.
- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected on to any Executive Board Member.

After the dance: *Clean up!* Take the trash bags out to the dumpster located inside the fence enclosure in the side parking lot.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

Feb. 17, 18, 19: SquarRama

Tulare Fairgrounds, Tulare
Callers: Joe Saltel, Ron Libby, Dan Nordbye
Cuers; Radka & Steve Sandeman, Chuck & Darlene Ball

Mar. 4: San Mateo Roadrunners

Beresford Recreation Center, San Mateo
8:00 – 8:30 PM, Prerounds with: Wendy Jean
8:30 – 10:45 PM, Caller: Mike Sikorsky

Mar. 17, 18, 19: Bakersfield Fiesta

Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield
Callers: Steve Kopman, Darryl Lipscomb,
Mike Seastrom, John Marshall, Jerry Story
Cuers: The Booths, The Hurds, & Peter Gomez

Mar. 31, Apr. 1, 2: Spring Jamboree

Amador Co. Fairgrounds
Highway 49 in Plymouth, CA
Caller: Mike Sikorsky, Jim Rammel
Cuer: Casey & Sharon Parker

Apr. 21, 22, 23: Dance by the Sea

Calif. Square Dance Council State Convention
Ventura Co. Fairgrounds, Ventura

Apr. 29: SCVSDA & SCVCA Whing Ding

May 11, 12, 13, 14: Silver State

Reno Hilton/ Grand Sierra Resorts
Callers: Randy Dougherty, Gary Shoemake, Mike
Sikorsky
Cuers: The Vogts, The Storms

Jun. 21, 22, 23, 24: National Square Dance Convention San Antonio, Texas

NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN

Be an angel – support our newest dancers!!

8:00 – 10:15 PM; John Muir Middle School

September 2005 Class Level

Sat., Mar. 4: Sunnyvale Singles
Caller: Roger Smith

January 2006 Class Level

Sat., Apr. 1: Beaus & Bows
Caller: Keith Ferguson

KATYDIDS SURVEY

How would you like to receive your *Chirper* each month? Please let the *Chirper* editor, Stephanie Stevens, know of your choice between the following;

- Email in PDF format
- Hard copy
- Email *AND* Hard copy



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| Mark Helfrich | Feb. 02 |
| Don Powell | Feb. 03 |
| Bob Hebson | Feb. 06 |
| Lloyd Darknell | Feb. 20 |
| Larry Griffith | Feb. 21 |

From Ginny Cowie ...

Dear Friends,

I think of you all so often, and your joyful Friday nights, and wish I could join you! ... Am still dancing -- in Shingle Springs, with Bronc Wise -- the boys' part. Ah well, at least I'm dancing!

Love to all,
Ginny Cowie

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER - -

Hi Katydids,

It's the time of year when we all need to be getting ready for the Sweetheart Special Dance that our Club is putting on February 11, 2006. We are going to need help from all of you to make the Dance a success again this year. We have various committees that need committee members. Please sign up to be on one of the committees and let's make this dance a success story.

We also need help from all our members at the class. We need you to come at 7:00 PM to help by being an Angel for the class.

Thanks,

~ ~ Lloyd Darknell



Katydoers for 2006 ~ ~

Have you been to our Club square dancing since the class started? Of course you have. I am very pleased at the turnout of Angels to help fill our Katydoer squares. As usual we have much more women in our classes than men so ladies I need to borrow your men. I will need every available man in our Club since I received two more phone calls this week inquiring about our class. We have 28 Katydoers now with hope of increasing that by two or three more.

Pat Angotti made a sign-up form for our Katydoers which includes a question about how they learned about our class. It is interesting to note that most of those now attending were from friends (yes, all you had to do was ask your friends). In second place far behind were flyers. In third place was from my e-mail. As Head Angels for many years I would say this is typical. So please understand that the best weapon we have to secure new dancers is YOU. All you need to do is tell your friends, tell them again, and again and bring them to our classes. Dale Carnegie said in his many positive thinking books that a successful salesman makes at least seven calls before giving up.

Thank you for your support!

Morris & Louise Hosoda, Head Angels

GREETINGS FROM SANDY ~ ~

Hi, Sweethearts! I'm blowing kisses to all you Katydid Sweethearts. We know the Sweetheart Special will be a wonderful event. It's a well known tradition in the South Bay Area square dance world and lots of people look forward to it every year. I miss getting to borrow **Louise Stagnitto's** fabulous sequined vest to wear to church the day after the Katydid Event. I received so many complements and everyone said I was so razzle-dazzle.

Each month I eagerly read the *Chirper* cover to cover, especially *Curly's Diary*. Her letters are always such good descriptions of life in another place and challenge me to reach deep to share fun and interesting news from my part of the world. You don't know how many times I'm tempted to describe how hard it is to be transplants and start a whole new life. We're still learning the ropes...we're new to retirement, the South, grandparenting, and health insurance.

Are you surprised that Modesto is famous? The women here haven't heard of San Jose, but everyone's familiar with Modesto, California thanks to the national news. We've become close friends with a transplant couple from Modesto. They've been here 6 months. He's changed jobs 4 times and she's on her 3rd; they're moving next month closer to east Knoxville. We love getting together with them, because they always have a new job to describe. We haven't been able to convince them, yet, that square dancing will change their lives.

I wrote in December about attending the Von Trapp Grandchildren's concert. Shortly after that we were able to attend the Moscow Boys Choir concert with our Modesto friends. It was just splendid. Our oldest grandchild was adopted from an orphanage near Moscow, and we loved seeing the children from his first country. I will never again be bored when I hear The Twelve Days of Christmas! Each number featured a different soloist and each time the entire chorus was repeated, the soloists got sillier and sillier. My favorite was the "two ta-ta doves!" shouted out so happily. The entire audience laughed every time his part rolled around.

Speaking of grandchildren, number three is on the way. My daughter phoned to tell us the happy news. I asked Bill if he could picture us babysitting 3 children in diapers. He said, "No," and had to go rest on the bed immediately. Our son observed, "Dad never helps babysit," so I guess it was just the thought of seeing me in action that knocked him out.

Good news. We have recently square danced. The September Class now features a New Beginner Dance every 2nd Tuesday. We had a wonderful, relaxing time. I only wish I could wear square dance clothes. Bill and only one other man wore Western shirts, but Bill's the only one who wears boots. Even the caller wears white athletic shoes. Dancing with the Class is no pressure and it's great seeing how well

they're doing. The month of February is called HeritageMonth and they'll be featuring old, old square dance calls that have been out of use for many years, i.e. Motivate and Dip 'n' Dive. We're going to try hard to start dancing every Tuesday. I'm sure I'll have lots of funny stories to tell after Heritage Month.

I caught a fascinating program on the radio this week. The host interviewed the owner of The Varmint Busters Company. Varmint is probably a lost word in Silicon Valley. My dismay grew exponentially as he described his focus on exclusion, rather than extermination of snakes, bats, squirrels, and skunks. I had to laugh when a caller phoned in with a question about lady bugs. My hair curled when he informed us that "snakes don't just stay in crawl spaces; they come and go. They're hibernating right now, but they do get up and move around a little." I was figuring this was my best chance to go deal with the last 30 boxes still in the barn. But I sure don't want to bump into any snakes that are getting up and moving around.

Our whole family loved the new Queen Latifah movie, Last Holiday. If you get a chance, it's a fun family Cinderella story. We're looking forward to attending a Lady Vols basketball game at UT, Knoxville in February. They were ranked #1 in the nation until a humiliating wipeout at Duke last week. We used to refer to them as the undefeated Lady Vols, but now it's the #3 Lady Vols. Pat Summitt has taken her teams to the Final Four and National Championships so often, it's expected. I bet smoke was coming out of her ears that night at Duke.

We love living in the Volunteer State. You could ask anyone anywhere in east Tennessee about our local reserve unit and they could tell you it's the 278th out of Chattanooga. Signs all over town welcomed them back in December when they returned after a year in Iraq. Flags are posted for half a mile through the commercial zone the months of November and May in honor of Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Thousands of people turn out for the funerals of fallen heroes. The local community college waived the out of state fees for our son, because he is a vet. The National News will tell you about the ongoing political corruption and that Tennessee leads the nation with the highest tax on food, fattest population, and highest number of high school dropouts, but good hearted people are everywhere - and a lot of them have moved here! Y'all come visit us, y'hear!

We're coming to California for a wedding in late April and are already planning to come dance with all y'all on April 28th. Be there or be square. We hope to see all of you. Till then, Happy Valentines Day and best wishes for a fabulous and successful Sweetheart Special.

~~ Sandy Ferrill

MINUTES**Katydid Executive Board Meeting
January 6, 2006**

President Lloyd Darknell called the meeting to order at 9:32 PM.

Roll call: Officers present were President, Lloyd Darknell; VP, Bob Bennett; Secretary, Bill Benevento; Membership, Morris Hosoda; Publicity, Don Gaubatz and Chaplain, Marilyn Shaver. Officers absent were Treasurer, Bob Hebson.

Visitors present were *Chirper* Editor, Stephanie Stevens, Anne Bennett, Harry Shaver and Peggy Lake

The Minutes of the November 11, 2005 Meeting were approved.

Reports:

1. The **President** reported that in behalf of the Club he had engaged Chuck and Shirley Hurst to cue the 2006 Sweetheart Special (SHS). He further reported that Morris and Louise Hosoda had once again agreed to "angel" the 2006 Class. Lloyd indicated that Club members had donated an aggregate of \$278 to the Salvation Army this Christmas season through the Club.
2. The **Vice-President** had nothing to report.
3. The **Treasurer** was not present and no report was presented.
4. **Membership** reported that there were currently 46 active and 13 inactive members in the Club.
5. The **Chaplain** reported that Bill Schaffer had undergone knee replacement surgery.
6. The **Publicity** Chair reported that Pat Angotti had prepared and distributed approximately 200 Class flyers and that he had distributed a number of flyers at the Cupertino Senior Center, Cupertino Library and at several other venues.

He further reported that he had placed a SHS ad in the *Chirper* and that he was advertising our Class in the *San Jose Mercury News* as well as in *The Wave* and *Metro* and that on Saturday, 1/7 approximately 500 Class flyers were to be distributed within a several block radius of our Church dancing venue. As to the SHS Lloyd, Harry Shaver and Bob Bennett were taking a quantity of flyers to various other square dance clubs.

Committees:

The *Chirper* editor reported that the *Chirper* deadline for submission of articles would be 1/27 this month. She also reported that she had received a former member's check covering postage for mailing the *Chirper* to their out-of state home. Additionally, she reported that she had purchased 4 toners at an aggregate cost of \$365 which was under the \$400 authorization afforded her by The Board.

Stephanie noted that Lloyd puts the *Chirper* on the Club website and that in the next *Chirper* the Club would offer members the opportunity to receive it electronically via PDF (Portable Document File).

Old Business:

1. Don Gaubatz reported that due to the priority given to both the new Class and SHS he had made no progress on the new **Club banner**.
2. Lloyd noted that with respect to the **Class** there was a need for members to come to dance at 7 PM in order to help "angel" the Class.
3. As to the SHS most of the Chairs have been filled. Skip Stevens will be handling the photography this year. Marilyn Shaver will be picking up kitchen supplies stored at the home of the Stagnittos in the Club storage shed and Don Powell would do likewise with respect to the SHS decorations. It was also noted that members would be requested to bring camellias on the night of the SHS to be used as table decorations and further that food brought by members should be brought in such a manner that it could be placed directly on the table eliminating the need for further handling. Additionally, members would be asked to begin bringing to the Friday dances raffle items.

Lloyd noted that at several recent hoedowns it was his opinion that attendance was down and that we might anticipate the same for the SHS this year.

New Business:

1. **Picnic**: There is no Chair as yet and none will be appointed until after the completion of the SHS. Louise Stagnitto would be asked to reserve a date with the City of Santa Clara with a first choice date of June 25th and a second choice of June 11th. Lloyd is to coordinate these dates with Jim and JoAnn Osborne.

2. **Officer elections:** Lloyd is to look into “drafting” a nominating committee. There was some discussion as to the timing of the election and various procedural matters relating thereto.

3. **Installation luncheon:** From a brief discussion it was agreed that the luncheon take place on a Sunday around the beginning of May and probably at Michael’s Restaurant in Mountain. View.

Agenda items for the next Board meeting: None noted

The next **Party night** will be held on January 20. Wear GREEN!

Dance of the Month will be the Sweetheart Special.

The next **Board meeting** will be held Friday, February 24, 2006 following the dancing at the Congregational Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Benevento, Secretary



SUNSHINE REPORT

January was a busy month for birthdays. We have helped the following Katydids celebrate with cards: **Annie Rook**, Jan. 01; **Skip Stevens**, Jan. 04; **Marrilyn Crom**, Jan. 07; **Kathy Shaney**, Jan. 22; **Pat Angotti**, Jan. 28; and **Thomas Natoli**, Jan. 30.

Paul and Virginia Schneider celebrated their anniversary on Jan. 27. We hope they all enjoyed special celebrations and will have many more.

A get well card was sent to one of our newer members, **Bill Schaffer**. We hope he and **Gesine** will be back dancing with us soon.

We have also received word of the passing on January 7 this year of a former Katydid member, **Samme Jacobson**. She and her husband **Orlin** danced with the Katydids for a number of years. On a happy note, two former Katydids, **Bill McCarty** and **Mercedes Conner** were recently married.

~~ **Marilyn Shaver**, Chaplain

**From The Salvation Army
Santa Clara County**

To Katydids Square Dance Club,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$278 to the work of The Salvation Army during the 2005 Christmas Holiday Season. This kind gift will allow us to bring joy to many of the less fortunate in our community this year.

The Salvation Army is called upon each and every day of the year to provide assistance, and we are pleased to do so. But without the help from community members such as you it would be an impossible task.

Whether it is a bed for a homeless person, food for a family, or a chance to better the lives of children through one of our many outreach programs we have a daunting job ahead of us. This job is made possible because you cared enough to lend your support.

If you are ever near our facility, please feel free to come by and be taken on a tour, and you can see first hand on how your donation has helped up to help others.

May God richly bless you.

Sincerely,
Major Douglas Tollerud
Santa Clara County Coordinator

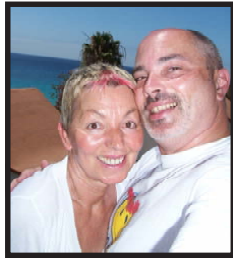
**SIGN UP FOR JIM’S
FOCUS-MOVE-OF-THE-WEEK**

Our Club Caller, **Jim Osborne**, has started a “Focus Move of the Week” and is sending an email each week listing the movement he will be emphasizing that week. To let him know that you wish to be added to his “send” list, send him an email:

<learn2sqdance@mindspring.com>

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Wed. 01. 18. 06

It's Wednesday and today we are going to a Line Dance class for the first time. We will see how it works.

We plan to go to Romania again this summer. You probably remember my telling you about the island with all the wonderful kids, teachers full of enthusiasm, and all the great helpers there that made this project work so well. So, we decided that we wanted to learn how to Line Dance so we can show all the kids how much fun it is. Square Dance is a possibility too...but, oh my, we are so rusty!

It's raining and I'm hankering to take the next plane to California...of course, not without my lovely hubby and the kids. (This is one of the days I am feeling a bit homesick.)

Did everyone have a good time New Year's Eve? We hope so!

Willi and I got a present for Christmas "a BACH Concert in the Liederhalle." So we dressed up and enjoyed...ahem...I mean Bach music is wonderful...but for New Year's Eve ?????

The artist gave it his best and it was, of course, very enjoyable. After 2 hours of serious music, we rushed into the next disco. Oops...! Wrong place...all around young people...no question we are young, too. Next time I will wear my miniskirt and Willi will wear his hair like Elvis...is this a good idea?

We looked around as we looked out for our kids. The waitress asked, "Can I be of any service for you, a glass of Champagne or something?" Well, so here we are standing with our black nice outfits, cool as a cucumber. A young couple offered their seats to us.

Elvis Presley, his voice; Willi with me; a seat...we started singing and clapped our hands. After a while, it was SUPER; oldies after Bach...not bad or what!?

Willi and I are so much looking forward to participating in the European Bike Week in Austria in September this year. But until then we will log on some miles by riding around the beautiful Black Forest roads, which are just around the corner, and to Switzerland, and to Italy in July to visiting some friends of ours who live there since their retirement.

Willi and I intended to come to California for vacation in June this year, but Willi will be on a business trip to the Far East in June in China, Japan, and South Korea. So this year, most likely we can't make it. But we hope to come in 2007, and as soon as we see clearer, we will start planning when to come, trying to rent a bike, and scheduling the trip.

Curly

ARE YOU READY ???

The Sweetheart Special is just one week away and we still need people to sign up for at least one work shift, be it in the kitchen, selling raffle tickets, or staffing the raffle table. Raffle prizes and merchant donations are what makes this hoedown particularly special. Please search your closets for appropriate items and then make a visit to your favorite merchant to ask for a donation. (Lloyd has letters for merchants for those who wish them.) We also can use stuffed animals for decorating the stage and camellias for decorating the eating area.

Remember that everyone is to bring ready-to-serve food or donate \$10.00 per person so that additional food can be purchased.

See you at **6:00 PM** Saturday, February 11th to help with set up and decorating the hall!!

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