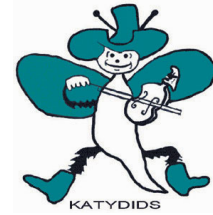


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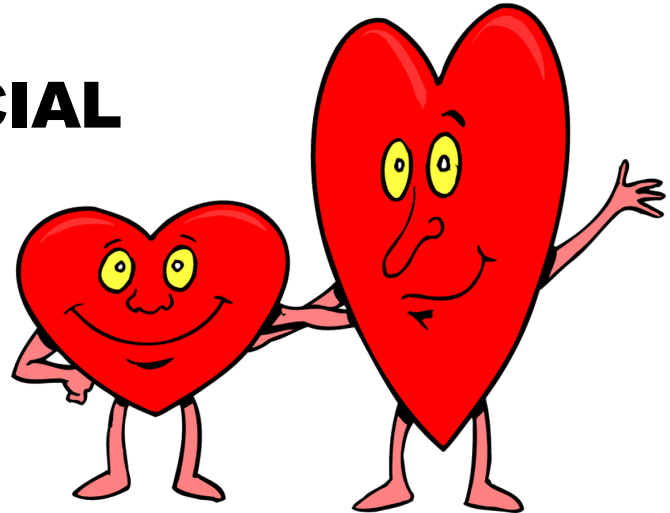


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45th ANNUAL SWEETHEART SPECIAL



CLUB CALENDAR

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- Fri., Feb. 01: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
- Fri., Feb. 08: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
Last night to bring raffle items!
- Sat., Feb. 09: **SWEETHEART SPECIAL**
John Muir Middle School
Caller: Scot Byars
Cuer: Erin Byars
6:00 PM EVERYONE Set up & decorate
BRING: Food item(s) on serving plates
Camellias
Wear red
Lots of smiles
7:30 PM Guests arrive
10:30 PM EVERYONE clean up
- Fri., Feb. 15: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
****PARTY NIGHT**** Bring food to share

- Fri., Feb. 22-24: **Club Fun Train trip to Reno**
Leave Friday at 9:45 AM
Return Sunday evening
- Fri., Feb. 22: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
- Fri., Feb. 29: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
- Fri., Mar. 07: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
Chirper distributed
9:30 PM Executive Board Meeting
- Fri., Mar. 14: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing

**SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS
and DUTIES**

Super Square Head
Caroline Fifield (408) 377-3740

Feb. 01 Hosoda
Feb. 08 Shaney
Feb. 15 Shaver
Feb. 22 Pitts/Powell
Feb. 29 Wies/Hea

Mar. 07 Darknell
Mar. 14 Andersen
Mar. 21 Gaubatz/Angotti
Mar. 28 Stevens

Apr. 04 Willey
Apr. 11 Hemsley
Apr. 18 Benevento
Apr. 25 Bennett

On Dance Night PRIOR to your duty night:

- Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into Club Cupboard. Notify the Super Square Head, Caroline Fifield, at 408-377-3740, 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.
- 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 \$1.00.
- 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 to any Executive Board Member.

After the dance: *Clean up!!* Take the trash bags out to the dumpster (locked) located in the side parking lot. The key is hanging on the wall by the door to the kitchen. NOTE: tables must go into closet FIRST, then the chair “rack”.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

Feb. 2: Anniversary Hoedown; Adobe Squares
Veterans Memorial Bldg., Petaluma
7:00 – 8:00 PM Rounds: Sharon & Casey Parker
8:00 – 10:30 PM Caller: Dan Nordbye and the Ghost Riders
Square D Fashions will be there.

Feb. 3: Square Dance Live
American Musical Theater studio
1717 Technology Dr., San Jose
Caller: Mike Luna
Mainstream / Plus

Feb. 29-Mar. 2: CCSDA Wing Ding
Merced County Fairgrounds, Merced
Callers: Jet Roberts, Mike Seastrom, Eric Henerlau
Cuers: Sharon & Casey Parker, Rey Garza
Square D Fashions will be there.

Mar. 14-16: Bakersfield Fiesta
Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield

Mar. 29: SCVSDA & SCVCA Whing Ding

Apr. 5: Rockin’ Jokers, Circus Circus
Caller: Michael Kellogg
Cuer: John Flora

May 2-4: Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival
Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV
Callers: Ken Bower, Wade Driver, Jerry Haag
Cuers: Al & Carol Lillefield, Sharon & Casey Parker

May 23-25: Golden State Round-Up
San Ramon
Callers: Baier/Bredzy/Nordbye/Saitel
Cuers: Radka & Steve Sandeman

May 30: SCVSDA & SCVCA Whing Ding
Caller Appreciation Dance

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NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN

- - September Class Level - -

Feb. 02: CPSD
7:30 – 10:00 PM, John Muir Middle School
Callers: Sam Shilmover & **Jim Osborne**
Bring treats to share

Mar. 01: Sunnyvale Singles; Spring Fling
Caller: Scot Byars

THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER – –

Hi Katydid,

The class is off to a good start but we could use more angels. If you can come at 7:00 and help out it would be appreciated.

We also need everyone to help with our “Sweetheart Special” dance this year on February 9th at John Muir. Please sign up to help at the dance and bring snacks for our guests.

It is also that time of the year to start thinking about taking on a board position. Most of the current board will not seek re-election this year. The nominating committee will be looking for members to serve.

~ Lloyd

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

- Mark Helfrich Feb. 02
- Don Powell Feb. 03
- Bob Hebson Feb. 06
- Lloyd Darknell Feb. 20

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HAVE FRIENDS IN ALAMEDA?

New Beginner Class:

Thursday,

Elks ‘N’ Does: Instructor: John Hall
Start: Feb.21; 7:30 – 8:30 PM; 1st 2 nights FREE
Alameda Elks Lodge
Contact: Mary Jo 510-635-6450
Singles, couples

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ! !

No anniversaries this month.

MINUTES

**Executive Board Meeting
January 11, 2008**

President, Lloyd Darknell called the meeting to order at 9:30 p.m. at the home of Charlotte Pitts.

Roll Call: President, Lloyd Darknell; V.P., Bob Bennett; Secretary, Maxine Darknell; Treasurer, Don Powell; Publicity, Don Gaubatz; and Chaplain, June Helfrich.

Absent: Membership, Charlotte Pitts.

Visitors present: Chirper Editor, Stephanie Stevens; Social Chair, Pat Angotti; Caroline Fifield and Annie Bennett.

The minutes from the previous Board Meeting of November 15th were approved as published.

Reports:

Officers:

1. President: No report.
2. Vice-President: No report.
3. Treasurer: Don P. distributed and explained his reports for November and December.
4. Membership: Lloyd gave the report Charlotte sent him showing our Membership of 37 active members and 4 inactive members. It was suggested that Char check our past lists of inactive members for possible candidates for the mainstream class as a refresher course.
5. Chaplain: No report.
6. Publicity: Don G. reported that he had submitted an article for the January “Squares ‘Round the Bay” advertising our Sweetheart Special dance for February 9th.

Committees:

1. Chirper: Stephanie said the “Chirper” deadline for the February issue is January 26th.
2. Social: Pat Angotti said that she now has 13 people who have paid for the Reno trip on the “Fun Train” which had been rescheduled for February 22nd. She plans to check on transportation for the round trip to Emeryville where the train to Reno departs. Pat said the next social will possibly be tours of the Jelly Belly Factory and the Budweiser Brewery.
3. Class Angels: Morris and Louise Hosoda will again be head angels keeping track of those who sign up for the class and providing name badges for them. They will need the help of all the Katydid to “angel” the class.

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Old Business:

1. **January Class:** The class will start on January 25th and the first two nights will be free with a \$4.00 charge after that. It should last 16 weeks. Caroline had already agreed to be in charge of class recruitment and brought samples of brochures she was working on. She suggested a new approach to passing out fliers. Rather than go into the neighborhood again, she suggested that Katydids take fliers and leave them at libraries, senior centers, churches and other places where people congregate. Also, she suggested putting them on various bulletin boards, giving to friends and co-workers, etc. Caroline mentioned that Gary Hinze, who was a past member of the Katydids and is on the "Committee to Promote Square Dancing", had placed advertisements about our new class in four different local newspapers.
2. **Sweetheart Special, February 9th:** Bob B. reported that he has all the chairpersons that are needed for our hoedown. As usual, Katydids get in free but are expected to come at 6:00 p.m. to help set up and clean up afterwards. Caroline is in charge of Decorations and needs Katydids to bring camellias for the tables and help with decorating. Food chair is Marilyn Shaver and she needs Katydids to sign up for at least two food items or to donate money toward purchasing things needed. Katydids also need to sign up for taking a turn helping to serve in the kitchen. The Helfrich family is in charge of the drinks. Pat Angotti, with the help of Josie Baumgartner, will be at the door selling ribbons, etc. The Raffle chairpersons are Roger and Charlene Hemsley. Katydids are asked to solicit donations for the raffle from stores or to bring nice items they may already have. Roger and Charlene will collect and organize all the raffle prizes and with the help of Annie and perhaps Charlotte Pitts, will organize the distribution of the prizes. Don G. and Don P. will sell the raffle tickets. Lloyd needs to buy two rolls of tickets to be sure we have enough. He also needs to print signs for the sale of the Dangles and Raffle Tickets, and other signs that might be needed.

New Business:

1. **Caller in the area:** Jim talked to Lloyd about a guest caller, Ken Bowers, who will be in our area the end of April and would like the opportunity to call in a few clubs while he is

here. Jim thought we might like to invite him to call for the Katydids and invite other clubs to join us for a mini hoedown. He thought it should be an easy way to make some money for our club. Lloyd will contact Bob Elling for more information.

2. **February, 5th Friday:** Lloyd announced that February has 5 Fridays but recommended that because of our new class, that we not participate with the other clubs. The others on the board agreed.

Agenda Items for next meeting:

1. Evaluation of New Class
2. Evaluation of Sweetheart Special
3. April Mini Hoedown?
4. Slate of New Officers
5. Installation of New Officers
6. Picnic

Next Party Nights: January 18th & February 15th

Next Board Meeting: March 7th after club dancing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Darknell

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KUDOS to **Caroline Fifield** for her untiring effort in promoting our new class and the Club to the square dance community.

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Received 12/6/07 from Jim Osborne who received this from his sister-in-law.

Something cool that Xerox is doing: If you go to this web site, www.letsaythanks.com, you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq . You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to some member of the armed services. How AMAZING it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one!!! Please send a card!! It is FREE and it only takes a second.

C Ya
Jim

web site: <http://www.3osb.com>

PUPPIES FOR SALE

A store owner was tacking a sign above his door that read “Puppies for Sale”. The signs have a way of attracting children. Soon a little boy appeared at the sign and asked, “How much are you gonna sell those puppies for?”. The store owner replied, “Anywhere from \$30-\$50.” The little boy reached into his pocket and pulled out some change. “I have \$2.37, can I look at them?”

The store owner smiled and whistled. Out of the kennel came his dog named Lady, running down the aisle of his store followed by five little puppies. One puppy was lagging considerably behind.

Immediately the little boy singled out the lagging, limping puppy. He asked “What’s wrong with that little dog?” The man explained that when the puppy was born the vet said that this puppy had a bad hip socket and would limp for the rest of his life.

The little boy got really excited and said “That’s the puppy I want to buy!” The man replied “No, you don’t want to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I’ll give him to you.” The little boy got upset. He looked straight into the man’s eyes and said “I don’t want you to give him to me. He is worth every bit as much as the other dogs and I’ll pay the full price. In fact I will give you \$2.37 now and 50 cents every month until I have him paid for.”

The man countered, “You really don’t want to buy this puppy son. He is never gonna be able to run, jump and play like other puppies.” The little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly twisted crippled left leg supported by a big metal brace. He looked up at the man and said, “Well, I don’t run so well myself and the little puppy will need someone who understands.” The man was now biting his bottom lip. Tears welled up in his eyes ... He smiled and said, “Son, I hope and pray that each and every one of these puppies will have an owner such as you.”

In life, it doesn’t matter who you are, but whether someone appreciates you for what you are, accepts you and loves you unconditionally. A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks away. Copy this and send to all the people in your life you consider to be special.

Received from Mary Monticello via email, November 28, 2001

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Copy **deadline** for the March issue is **February 29th**. You can submit articles to the *Chirper* Editor, Stephanie Stevens at:

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