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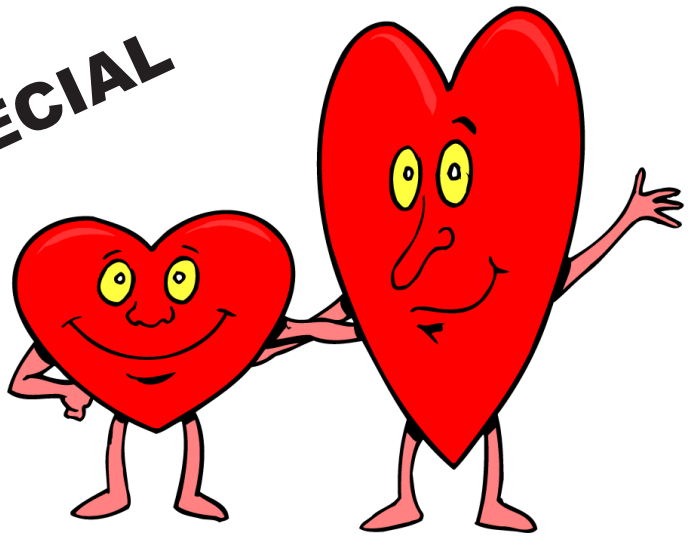
START YOUR WEEKENDS RIGHT … DANCE WITH THE KATYDIDS ON FRIDAY NIGHT!

46th ANNUAL SWEETHEART SPECIAL



CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Feb. 6: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
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9:30 PM Brief Executive Board Meeting
at home of Char Pitts

Fri., Feb. 13: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing

Sat., Feb. 14: **SWEETHEART SPECIAL HOEDOWN**
John Muir Middle School
Caller: Randy Dibble
Cuer: John Flora
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. 20: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, **PLUS WORKSHOP**
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Sun., Mar. 29: **Bill Davis Memorial Hoedown**

Sun., Apr. 19: ****SAVE THE DATE**** Installation Brunch
11:30 - 3:00 PM at Michael's at Shoreline

Sat., Apr. 25: ****SAVE THE DATE**** Trip to Castro District of SF with Gary Holloway.

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Acting Super Square Head
Lloyd Darknell (408) 482-9320

Feb. 06 ..... Wies / Hea
Feb. 13 ..... Franger / Moore
Feb. 20 ..... Bennett
Feb. 27 ..... Benevento

Mar. 06 ..... Clark
Mar. 13 ..... Helfrich
Mar. 20 ..... Caywood
Mar. 27 ..... Fifield / Kernan

Apr. 03 ..... Anderson
Apr. 10 ..... Pitts / Powell
Apr. 17 ..... Darknell
Apr. 24 ..... Angotti / Gaubatz

On Dance Night PRIOR to your duty night:

- Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into Club Cupboard. Notify the Acting Super Square Head, Lloyd Darknell, at (408) 482-9320, 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. ***Note: Chairs should be set up in a horseshoe shape with an opening at the back for access to food & drinks.***
- 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 sign-in table.
- Offer raffle tickets, 5 tickets for $1.00.
- Have guests sign guest book and collect a $4.00 donation per guest and 'angels'.
- Give guest names to President or Membership Chair for introduction during announcements.
- 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: ***Clean up!! Remove non-recyclable trash accidentally tossed into recycle bins.*** Take the trash bags out to the dumpster located in the side parking lot.

NOTE: tables must go into closet FIRST (remember the Caller's table, too), then the chair "rack".

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS
— PLUS LEVEL —

Mar. 6–8: Central Calif. Square Dance Assn Wing Ding
Caller: Jet Roberts, Mike Kellogg, Bob Baier
Cuer: Marlene & Leo Humphreys, Milo Molitoris, Cindra Firstenburg

Mar. 6–8: Solvang Spring Fling
Veterans Memorial Bldg
Callers: Ken Bower, Buddy Weaver
Cuer: Karen MacDonald

Mar. 14: Pot of Gold Hoedown; Clodhoppers
Peninsula Covenant Comm. Ctr
3623 Jefferson, Redwood City
7:30 – 8:00 PM, PreRounds: John Flora & Dolores Ferrero
8:00 – 10:30 PM, Caller: Lawrence Johnstone
Hardwood Floor!!

Mar. 20–22: Bakersfield Fiesta
Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield
Callers: Bob Baier, Ken Bower, Darryl Lipscomb, Mike Seastrom
Cuers: Robert French & CJ Smith, Barbara & Wayne Blackford, Neil & Lee Booth, Oberdan & Vanessa Otto

Mar. 28: Sunnyvale Singles' Ghost Riders Hoedown
John Muir Middle School
Caller: Eric Henerlau

Apr. 4: Circus Circus; Rockin' Jokers
First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton
Caller: Charlie Robertson
Cuer: John Flora

May 8–10: Silver State Festival
Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV
Callers: Tim Mariner, John Marshall, Dan Nordbye
Cuers: Joy & Kay Read, Curt & Tammy Worlock
Contact: www.SquareDanceNevada.com

May 16: Black and White Ball; Krazy Dazys

May 22–24: Golden State Round Up
Callers: Charlie Robertson, Randy Dougherty, Ron Libby, Phil Farmer
Cuer: TJ & Bruce Chadd

June 29: 58th National Square Dance Convention
Long Beach Convention Center

It's THAT time of year ...

Remember to use the hand sanitizer located on the snack table in the back of the hall to help keep germs from spreading particularly during the winter months. Of course, if you are ill, or symptomatic, it is best to stay home and we will all be most thankful and wish you a speedy recovery.

February Sweetheart Special "TO DO" List:

*Sign up for job duty time slots

*Be sure to sign up for food item(s) and bring it/them to the hoedown on serving dishes that are "ready to go"

*Sell pre-sale ribbons

*Bring camellias to decorate the hall

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

Don Powell ..... Feb. 03

Opal Hebson ..... Feb. 06

Alice McManus ..... Feb. 08

Lloyd Darknell ..... Feb. 20

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ! !

No anniversaries this month.

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NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN

Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!

- - September Class Level - -

Sat., Feb. 7: Newer Dancer Hoedown; CPSD
John Muir Middle School
7:30 – 9:45 PM
Callers: **Jim Osborne**, Rich Reel

Sat., Mar. 7: Spring Fling Newer Dancer Hoedown
Sunnyvale Singles
John Muir Middle School
8:00 – 10:15 PM
Caller: Eric Henerlau

- - January Class Level - -

Sat., Apr. 18:Newer Dancer Hoedown; Bows & Beaus
John Muir Middle School
7:30 – 10:00 PM

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER – –

Hello there, Katydids,

Golly it sure was a busy January, wasn't it?! Quite a number of Katydids attended the Running Bear Hoedown and later in the month the Katydids were, again, well represented at the annual Winter Festival in King City.

Our January Party Night was a bit different this month…we had a square dance apparel sale. Wow! Did we ever have a lot of dresses, skirts, shirts, and petticoats! Something for everyone. We are most grateful to **Marrilyn Crom** for donating so much of the clothing items and to **Maxine and Lloyd Darknell** who chaired the sale. (The clothes that haven't found a good home, yet, are in the **Stevens**' closets and we hope they will be sold at a Newer Dancer Hoedown soon.) We all had a good time dancing to our own special caller, **Jim**, and the split-the-pot that night ballooned to $15!! Guest, **Hank Engel**, was the winner.

Were you there the Friday night that **Pat Angotti** brought in a surprise cake? She had us all guess what the mysterious ingredient was. Would you believe …Tomato Soup?!?! **Bob Bennett** correctly guessed correctly and **Caroline Fifield** was a close second. They even won a prizes!! Thank you, **Pat**, for making that night especially fun! And, you will find the recipe for the cake printed on page 4.

Now that it is February our attentions turn to telling our loved ones that we love them and, of course, our Club's (46th!) annual Sweetheart Special Hoedown which is being held Saturday, February 14th at John Muir Middle School. We **ALL** need to arrive by 6:00 to help cleanup, set-up, and decorate the hall and snack areas. Please contact one of the following committee chairs to offer your assistance:

Chairs: **Bob Bennett & Stephanie Stevens**
Kitchen: **Maxine Darknell**
Door: **Pat Angotti & Josie Baumgartner**
Raffle Ticket Sale: **Don Gaubatz & Don Powell**
Decorations: **Caroline Fifield**
Badges: **June & Rodney Helfrich**
Raffle table: **Linda Caywood & Char Pitts**
Drinks: **Dory & Michael Clark**

Linda says that we probably have plenty raffle prizes. However, she could use some cash to buy wrapping supplies. And, REMEMBER to bring camellias for decorating the snack area as well as lots of smiles and happy energy!!

After the Hoedown, our attentions will turn to Club election of officers. When a member of the Nominating Committee (**Bob Bennett** & myself) asks if you will serve on the Executive Board this coming year, please give the request every consideration.

We were all saddened to learn that **Bill Davis**, a caller for the Katydids from 1978 to 1995, passed away on Wednesday, January 28th. His widow, **Bobbie**, says that a square dance will be held in his memory in March. More details will be forthcoming soon. Her contact information:

Bobbie Davis
1359 Belleville Way
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
408-736-5624
bdavissdc@aol.com

See you in a square soon!
Stephanie

From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti – –

MYSTERY CAKE

Serves 16
Prep Time: . 10 Minutes
Baking Time: 28-31 Minutes
Assembly Time: 15 Minutes

1 pkg (18.25 oz.) plain spice cake mix
1 can (10.75 oz.) condensed tomato soup, undiluted
3 large eggs
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup water
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1 can/pkg Buttercream Frosting (& add cinnamon)

1. Place rack in the center of a preheated oven -- 350 degrees. Grease two 9-inch round cake pans (or one rectangular pan), then dust with flour. Shake out the excess flour & set pans aside.

2. Place the cake mix, undiluted tomato soup, eggs, oil, and water in a large mixing bowl. Blend with an electric mixer on low speed for 1 minute. Stop the machine & scrape down sides of the bowl. Increase the mixer speed to medium and beat 2-3 minutes more, scraping the sides down again as needed. The batter should look well combined and thickened. Fold in the raisins and pecans, making sure they are evenly distributed throughout the batter. Pour batter evenly into the two prepared pans.

3. Bake the cakes until they spring back when lightly pressed with your finger and when it starts to pull away from the sides of the pan -- 28 to 31 minutes. Place cakes on wire racks to cool for 10 minutes. Run a dinner knife around the edge of each layer and invert each onto a rack, then invert them again onto another rack so that the cakes are right side up. Allow them to cool com pletely, 30 minutes more.

4. Frost with Cinnamon Buttercream

5. Place cake, uncovered, in the refrigerator until the frosting sets -- 20 minutes.

KISS A FROG

A guy is 75 years old and loves to fish and play golf. He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say '*Pick me up.*' He looked around and couldn't see anyone. He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again,

'*Pick me up.*' He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog. The man said, '*Are you talking to me?*' The frog said, '*Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up.*'

Then, *'kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen.*

I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because I will be your bride!'

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front breast pocket.

Then the frog said, '*What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride.'*

He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said,

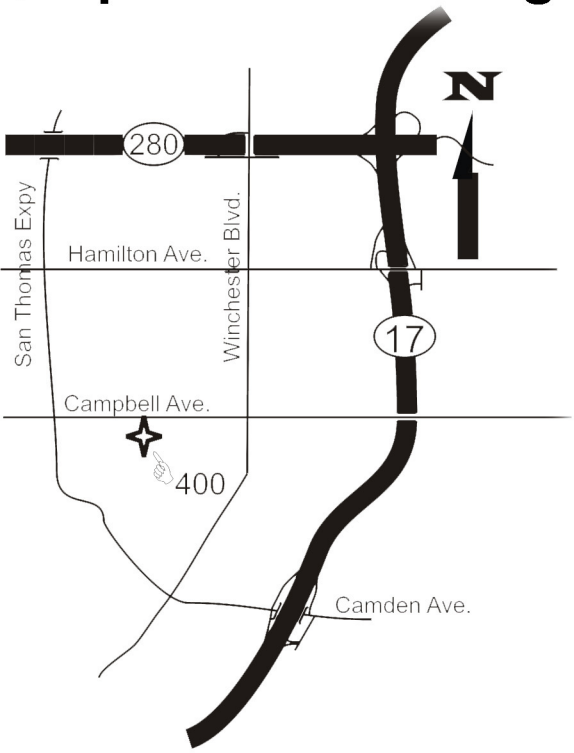
'Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog.'

WORKSHOP

Friday evenings with Jim Osborne

APD PLUS

Beginning 7:00 PM
February 20, 2009
$4/person/evening



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The *Chirper* Newsletter is written by, and for, members of the Katydids Square Dance Club.

Copy **deadline** for the March issue is **February 27th** You can submit articles to the *Chirper* Editor, Stephanie Stevens at:

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