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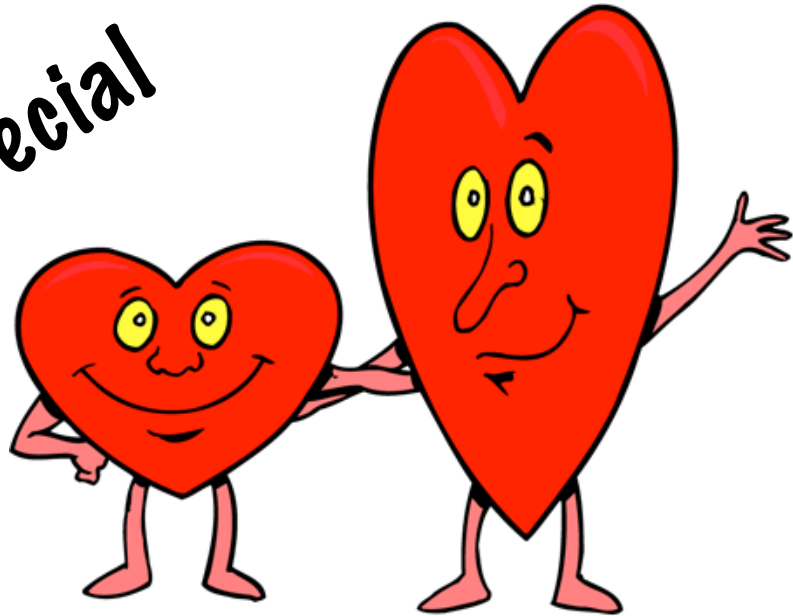
FEBRUARY 2019

Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

Volume 56, No 2

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

**56th Annual
Sweetheart Special**



CLUB CALENDAR



www.katydids.org

Fri., Feb. 01: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
8:30 PM General Meeting of the Membership
AGENDA: Changing the Club By-Laws and
Standing Rules
THEME: Pre-Groundhog Day

Fri., Feb. 08: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: Pre-Sweetheart Special

Sat., Feb. 9: **Sweetheart Special******

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 720 W. Fremont Ave.
All Club members expected to participate
2:30 pm EVERYONE set up the hall
6:30pm EVERYONE return to the hall to finish
setting up
Bring food item
Wear **RED**
7:30 pm Guests arrive
10:30 pm EVERYONE clean-up

Fri., Feb. 15: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: Mardi Gras

Fri., Feb. 22: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National Cherry Pie Day

Fri., Mar. 01: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
Chirper distributed
THEME: National Peanut Lovers Day

Fri., Mar. 08: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National Oreo Cookie Day

Fri., Mar. 15: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: St. Patrick's Day

Fri., Mar. 22: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: Spring has Sprung

Fri., Mar. 29: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
FREE 5th FRIDAY
THEME: MLB Opening Day

**SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS
and DUTIES**

- Feb. 01.....Wilhelmsen
- Feb. 08.....Franger / Moore
- Feb. 15.....Grubb / Lehnhoff
- Feb. 22..... Allen, T. / Dixon

- Mar. 01Schwartz / Village
- Mar. 08Nassau / Allen, L.
- Mar. 15Bruns
- Mar. 22Wilser / Hosoda
- Mar. 29Pitts / Smith, D.

- Apr. 05.....Paterson / Oros
- Apr. 12.....Stevens
- Apr. 19.....McManus / Wilser
- Apr. 26.....Kay / Matolyak

Before the dance:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, (408-871-9525) of any needed changes to assigned dates.
- On scheduled night, the designated Square Heads should arrive by **6:15 PM** and stay until clean up is finished around 9:45 PM. A Katydid member with a key will open the doors and will secure the hall at end of evening.
- Check the restrooms for supplies & tidiness.
- Make coffee (located on Katydid's shelf in the storage room) and ice water using provided plastic cubes stored in plastic ziplock bags in the freezer.
- Sweep the floor as necessary & set up the sign-in table.
- Bring out additional chairs from storage room as needed.
- Set up drinks and supplies on counter.
- After the first tip, place snacks, located on the Katydid's shelf in the kitchen, on the back table at back of the hall along with paper goods, sanitizer and flyers

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone as they enter.
- 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 with 50% to the Club, 50% to the winner. (Note: odd dollar goes to the winner!)
- Check that coffee, water & cups do not run out during the evening.
- After announcements and raffle, feel free to dance except for the last tip (unless you are needed to fill a square) when you will need to be putting things away and cleaning up

After the dance:

- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.
- Pack up the sign-in items, leftover snacks and flyers.
- Empty coffee pot and dry the cooler and pack up other supplies and return them to the shelf in storage room.
- Wipe counter and tables where needed.
- Empty garbage can if more than half full. The dumpster is located in the side parking lot.
- Sweep up crumbs from the floor as needed.
- Return extra chairs to the storage room
- Notify the Quartermaster, Lloyd (408-482-9320) of any replacement supplies needed for the next week.

DANCE EVENTS

PLUS LEVEL unless otherwise noted

- Feb.9: Sweetheart Special; Katydid's**
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
7:30 – 8:00PM, Pre-Rounds: Sue & Phil Harris
8:00 – 10:30PM, Caller: Buddy Weaver

- Feb. 16: Cactus Corners Hoedown**
Del Valle School, 2253 5th St., Livermore
7:30 – 10:00pm Callers: Scot Byars, Ed Kuidis

- Feb. 23: 3/4 Thru Winter; El Camino Reelers**
St Andrews Church; 4111 Alma St., Palo Alto

- Mar. 1-3: Wing Ding; CCSDA**
Merced Co. Fairgrounds
999 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Merced
Callers: Jet Roberts, Andy Allemao, Charlie Robertson
Cuers: Sharon & Casey Parker, Mary Ann Callahan & Craig Cowan

- Mar. 22-24: Bakersfield Fiesta: USDA**
Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield
Cuers: Neil & Patt Booth, Mary Ann Callahan & Craig Cowan, David & Susan Clark
Callers: Tony Oxendine, Darryl Lipscomb, Charlie Robertson, Noah Siegmann, Vic Ceder

- Mar. 29-30: Square Dance Jamboree; NSDA**
Veterans Memorial Hall, 2374 Montgomery St., Oroville
Cuer: Sharon & Casey Parker
Callers: Mike Seastrom, Mike Wright

- Mar. 30: Presidents Ball Whing Ding; SCVSDA/SCVCA**
Callers: Roger Smith, Mike Luna, Diana Hilliard
Cuer: Sue Harris

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SUPPORT OUR NEWEST DANCERS!

-- September Class Level --

Feb 2: Hearts & Flowers Hoedown, CPSD
Camden Community Center, 3369 Union Av., SJ
7:30– 9:45PM
Caller: Lawrence Johnstone

Mar. 2: Newer Dancer Hoedown, Castaways
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara



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Message from Pat Angotti, Vice President Sweetheart Special Chair

This year at our Sweetheart Special Hoedown since we can no longer use the back room, we will not be able to have our raffle. The food will now be in the main hall along one wall and if we had a raffle it would take up a second wall which would leave only one wall left for dancers to sit down. The raffle was a lot of work, and thanks to **Dory Clark** who always took the day off work to help me. Maybe next year we can return to doing a raffle. ...

For our caller for the Sweetheart Special we have **Buddy Weaver**. He should be great. The hoedown is just around the corner, lets make a one to remember!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Doris Smith.....Feb. 07**
- Alice McManus.....Feb. 08**
- Lloyd Darknell.....Feb. 20**

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ed note: Lloyd has certainly gone beyond the duties of President as stated in our Club By-laws in support of the Club. If you would like to know more about the specific duty definitions of the Executive Board officers and Appointees, they can be found in the Club's Bylaws and Standing Rules which can be found on our Club's website: www.katydid.org

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hi Katydids
It's come to my attention that most members don't know what I do as President of the Katydids so here is a list of what I do.

I set the agenda and preside over all board meetings and general meetings. I make the announcements at club dances. I send out an email reminder to all members and guests every Thursday about club happenings.

I handle negotiations and contracts for the caller and cuer for both the Club and the Sweetheart Dance. I handle the contract and specify what tables and chairs we will need and the way we need them set up with the facility for our sweetheart dance. I make sure the Sweetheart caller is picked up from and returned to the airport and he has a place to stay and meals while he is here and has the sound equipment he needs to call our dance. I also stop by the facility and pay them two weeks before the dance. I pick up the key the day before the dance and return it after the dance. I order the ribbons and dangles we need for the dance and the new member badges we need for new members.

I keep track of and store most of the Katydids property that is used at the dances, hoedowns, special events, and the picnic every year. I go and reserve the picnic site at the city every year and chair the picnic. I purchase the food and supplies that we need for the picnic. I come early to the picnic to clean the area before everyone gets there and I do most of the cooking.

I make sure that the treasurer pays the insurance on time and I audit the bank accounts for the club.

I maintain the www.Katydids.org web site for the club at no cost to the Club. I make up the new member packets and many flyers using my printers at no cost to the club.

As Quartermaster I make sure there are ample kitchen supplies for the dance every Friday night. I buy needed supplies for the kitchen when needed. I am responsible to make sure that all other board members are doing their job.

I store the used square dance clothes that we sell every August at our Hot August Night dance. I need to load it up in a borrowed truck and bring it to the dance each time we have a sale and after the sale I load it back up on the truck and take it home to store any remaining items until the next sale.

Lloyd

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

It's Tuesday morning the 18th of December, and my alarm is set for 3:00 a.m. Actually, I set a second alarm "just in case," which I had to get out of bed to turn off. True to Clark fashion, that second alarm went off at 2:00 a.m. Needless to say, I didn't sleep much between 2:00 and 3:00.

The car arrived at 4:30, and it was smooth sailing to the airport. There were very few people at the Alaska check-in, and I had printed my boarding pass and luggage tags at home, so I was through there and in the security line, with only a handful of passengers ahead of me, by 5:15. Time for the gremlins to get to work again. The TSA agent tried to scan my boarding pass and had no luck. It seems my computer and printer left a small margin of code off the right side of my pass. Back downstairs to print a new one; then back upstairs to the security line, which had a few more people in front of me by that time.

I was lucky to have had those small inconveniences happen the day I left San José, because the rest of my trip could not have been any better. I had a through flight which left SJC at 7:05 and arrived at JFK airport at 3:30 (12:30 San José time). We had a few sprinkles (no snow) a couple of days and steady rain the day I flew home, but otherwise, even though it was cold, it was sunny and quite comfortable.

Some highlights:

- Lunch out with my daughter Laura and a friend of hers, which was really nice. She has been in New York now for about 18 years and has made many friends, a lot of whom I have met and like.
- Time spent at home just visiting, or reading, or enjoying someone else's cooking. My grand-daughters are 15, so they were very often fully occupied with their phones. That did not surprise me.
- A trip to TKTS to see what deal we could get on a Broadway show. Success. Did a little shopping and then went to see *The Bands' Visit*, a musical. Very much enjoyed it. Great music and some excellent band music.
- Getting up Christmas morning and finding a Charlie Brown Christmas tree, about 18 inches tall, with lights and a present for me
- Boarding a train which would take us to Somers, about an hour away, to have Christmas with my son Matt, daughter-in-law Amy and grandson Benat (from Bellingham, WA) at Amy's parents home. Dinner and gifts to open. What a happy Christmas!



- A trip to Rockefeller Center to see the beautiful tree, thousands of lights everywhere, the skaters, the huge crowds enjoying it all!

I love to visit New York and see my family, but am always happy to return to my city, my home and my friends in San José!

Tree and Angel at Rockefeller Center



St. Patrick Cathedral Spires

Lights downtown



Saks 5th Avenue

Submitted by Bea Clark regarding her trip to New York over the holidays. Thank you, Bea!

Chirper Chatter...

We got word that **Alice McManus** will be rejoining us after only one month of LOA. She followed her doctors orders and kept massaging her cyst and lo and behold it began to disappear...no need for an operation, back active status in February. Also **Jeff Robinson** is returning to active status starting in February...



Welcome new member, **Sylvia Kay**, to our family. She has been dancing for about 8 years and is also a member of this Resurrection Lutheran Church...

I got word that past member and frequent supporter of our Reunion Picnic, **Ken McKay**, passed away on Jan. 19, while a resident of Sunny View Retirement Community in Cupertino. I will provide more information as they become available...

A little something about OUR THEMES:

Katydid's Pre-SHS Dance (02-08-19). I can't imagine that this will be my 44th year attending, helping, working on our 56th Annual Sweetheart Special Hoedown. This could be our last year at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church as they have tried to raise our rental fee enormously, higher than John Muir Middle School so come on out and enjoy one of the top hoedowns in the valley.

Mardi Gras Dance (02-15-19). Mardi Gras is traditionally celebrated on "Fat Tuesday," the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Mardi Gras 2019 falls on Tuesday, March 5. Katydid's usually celebrate Mardi Gras anytime after their annual Sweetheart Special Hoedown.

National Cherry Pie Day (02-22-19). Some pie lovers will be eating their favorite pie on February 20 during National Cherry Pie Day but Katydid's selected Washington's birthday as it seems only right that we celebrate the cherry pie day on his birthday as we all know the story (albeit untrue) of President George Washington and the cherry tree.

National Peanut Butter Lover's Day (03-01-19). It's National Peanut Butter Lover's Day! Whether you prefer it smooth, chunky, or natural, peanut butter is the perfect addition to any snack. It goes with practically everything: crackers, pretzels, celery, carrots, apples, bananas, chocolate, and much more.



Morris Hosoda
moho77@gmail.com

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Salvation Army Camp Fire Fund

Sorry, I missed telling our reading audience how much we collected in the January *Chirper*. I asked **Allen Nassau** to help me count for security reasons. He counted the CASH and I counted the CHECKS. The total came out to be \$1,000 which I announced at the dance that night. You ever wonder how these funds come out to be even numbered. Well, it usually is because the person in charge makes his donation to make it a nice round figure. However, when I recounted at home I discovered I left out a \$50 check, so the TOTAL is actually **\$1,050.00** which I sent to the Salvation Army address in Sacramento the following day. I did receive a THANK YOU letter from the Salvation Army. To our legion of Holiday Givers, I thank you for your support.

Morris Hosoda

From the Kitchen of – Janna Standridge

*** *REVISED* ***

CHOCOLATAE MOUSSE PIE WITH GRAHAM CRACKER CRUST

Graham Cracker Crust

9" Deep dish or 9x13" baking dish

1 1/2 c.

2 c.

Graham Cracker, medium fine crumbs

1/2 c.

3/4 c.

Sugar

6 T.

8 T.

Salted Butter, melted

Mix all together . Press into dish

Bake in 375°F oven for 9 minutes. Cool

Pie Filling

12 oz semi-sweet chocolate chips (Nestle's is just fine)

1 whole egg, room temp

2-4 T. rum**

Don't use spiced or flavored rums

Don't overdo the liquor or your pie will be bitter and/or runny

2 egg yolks, room temp

~~2-4 T. Rum**~~ **DELETE**

2 egg whites, room temp

2 c. whipping cream, chilled, divided in half

2 t. pure vanilla extract, divided in half

4 T. powdered sugar, divided in half

1 square unsweetened chocolate

Choose to prepare a 9' deep pie dish OR a 9x13" baking dish and prepare following the directions above. Then:

Melt chips over a double boiler (make sure NO water gets into the chocolate). Remove from heat.

One at a time beat in whole egg, then one at a time add egg yolks, beat until glossy. Stir in rum.

Use an electric mixer to beat egg whites until stiff. Set aside. (Eggs, bowl & beaters should be room temp.) Clean beaters

Put a separate mixing bowl & beaters in freezer for 10 min. Using chilled bow & beaters, whip 1 c. whipping cream, 1 T powdered sugar, 1 tsp vanilla, until stiff. Gently fold egg whites and whipped cream into chocolate mixture. Pour into pie shell. Chill at least 30 min. Before serving, put mixing bowl & beaters in freezer for 10 minutes. Whip last 1 c. whipping cream, 1 tsp vanilla & 3 T. powdered sugar until stiff. Spread whipped cream on top of pie, creating peaks. Use a vegetable peeler to shave unsweetened chocolate on top. Enjoy!

Notes:

The crust can be made up to a week ahead.

The pie filling can be made a day ahead.

The crust & filling take about 1 hour, not counting chilling time.

This pie can also be made without liquor, too.

**50 ml bottles are just perfect for this recipe. I usually get these at BevMo.

**You can also use other liquors in place of Rum

Grand Marnier: For an orange-chocolate flavor

Frangelico: For a hazelnut-chocolate flavor

Chambord: For a raspberry-chocolate flavor

In honor of the recent National Winnie the Pooh day on Friday, January 18th ...

Why Winnie the Pooh is called Pooh?



Since A.A. Milne published the first official Winnie the Pooh story in 1926, the character has become beloved by children across many generations. Milne’s writing clearly struck a chord, and the character’s many subsequent TV and film adaptations have endeared him to an even wider audience

But why is Winnie called a *Pooh* rather than a bear? Given that most children (and grown-ups, for that matter) have a different idea of what a pooh is, how has the name stuck?

The answer lies back in the 1920s.

In fact, when first introduced by Milne, Winnie wasn’t even Winnie. Initially, he went by the name of Edward Bear, before changing to Winnie in time for that aforementioned official 1926 debut. The “Winnie” part of the name came from a visit to the London Zoo, where Milne saw a black bear who had been named after the city of Winnipeg, Canada.

As for Pooh? Well, originally Pooh was a swan, a different character entirely.

In the book (the same book that introduced Edward Bear), Milne wrote a poem, telling how Christopher Robin would feed the swan in the mornings.

He told how Christopher Robin had given the swan the name of “Pooh,” explaining that “This is a very fine name for a swan, because if call him and he doesn’t come (which is a thing swans are good at), then you can pretend that you were just saying ‘Pooh!’ to show him how little you wanted him.”

Milne indeed knew what he was doing by using such a word. The names “Winnie” and “Pooh” were soon brought together and Winnie the Pooh was born. Milne still took a little time out to explain why Winnie was a Pooh, though.

As he would write in the first chapter of the first *Winnie the Pooh* book, “But his arms were so stiff ... they stayed up straight in the air for more than a week, and whenever a fly came and settled on his nose he had to blow it off. And I think — but I am not sure — that *that* is why he is always called Pooh.”

It’s not the most convincing explanation, but it’s a formal explanation nonetheless.

Not that the reasoning ultimately mattered too much. The name stuck, having never seen a focus group in its life. A much loved childhood character, with a vaguely funny name, would go on to superstardom. And even be honored with his own holiday, Winnie the Pooh Day, which occurs annually on January 18th.

Source: <http://mentalfloss.com/article/570899/why-winnie-the-pooh-is-called-pooh>

Katydid's Square Dance Club

Pre-Groundhog Day Friday Dance

HAPPY Groundhog Day
Appreciation Society

National Groundhog Day
February 2nd

WELCOME TO GOBBLER'S KNOB
PHOENIXVILLE, PA
Weather Capital of the World

Your Friday Night **FUN** Club
Plus Dancing from 7:00 - 9:30 PM
Only \$5/Person
Caller: Jim Osborne

What shadow?

An unlikely star rises out of the shadows.
February 1, 2018
Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

Katydid's Square Dance Club

Katydid's Pre-SweetHeart Special Friday Dance

Has anyone told you
I love you today...
just how
Awesome!
you are?

Your Friday Night **FUN** Club
Plus Dancing from 7:00 - 9:30 PM
Only \$5/Person
Caller: Jim Osborne

I Loved You Yesterday
I Love You Still
I Always Have...
I Always Will
Happy Valentine's Day

You can't blame **GRAVITY** for falling in **LOVE!**
February 8, 2019
Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

Katydid Square Dance Club  

BADGE DANCE  **Presents** 

Our 56th Annual Sweetheart Special

HOEDOWN

Feb. 9, 2019

CALLER 
BUDDY WEAVER
San Diego, CA

RD CUER 
SUE & PHIL HARRIS
Aromas, CA

Pre-Rounds: 7:30
Plus Squares: 8:00-10:30
Hot Hash Tip

REFRESHMENTS!

Donation/Person: \$12 Presale
\$15 at Door; \$5 Teens



Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Ave.

For more information:
Visit our Website - <http://katydids.org>



Katydid Square Dance Club  

MARDI GRAS

FRIDAY DANCE





Your Friday Night **FUN** Club
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COSTUMES ENCOURAGED

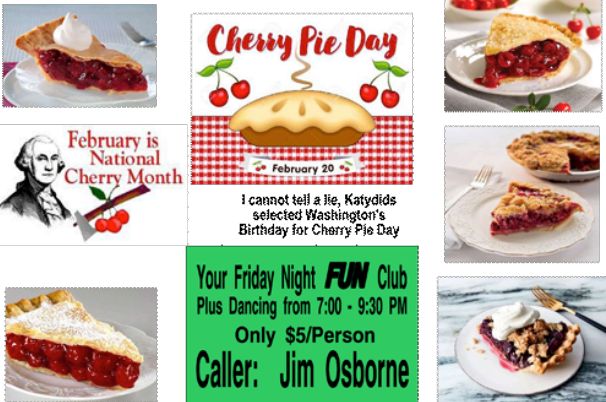
February 15, 2019

Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

Katydid Square Dance Club  

National Cherry Pie Day

Friday Dance



February is National Cherry Month

Cherry Pie Day
February 20

I cannot tell a lie, Katydid selected Washington's Birthday for Cherry Pie Day

Your Friday Night **FUN** Club
Plus Dancing from 7:00 - 9:30 PM
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Caller: **Jim Osborne**

I cannot tell a lie, you know, I cannot tell a lie,
I did, I cut it with my hatchet (you gave me).

February 22, 2019

Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

Katydid Square Dance Club  

National Peanut Butter Lover's Day

Friday Dance



NATIONAL PEANUT BUTTER LOVER'S DAY

Your Friday Night **FUN** Club
Plus Dancing from 7:00 - 9:30 PM
Only \$5/Person
Caller: **Jim Osborne**

Dadgum Good Days Starts With PB Sandwich!

March 1, 2019

Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

Meet Our Members!

Janna Standridge

Janna loves to dance! She has recently joined Katydids after Jim recommended that she come check it out and we are so glad she is dancing with us!

Janna is the eldest of four children and grew up in the Strawberry Park area of San José which is located near Saratoga and 280. In the 50's, most of the valley was still orchards and, as the name implies, Strawberry Park was covered in strawberry fields. Janna would bike through the fields and orchards on her way to ballet and art class. If you've ever wondered why Janna's nail art always looks stunning, it's because of those years of art classes! Her father was a Logistics & Analysis Engineer and was one of the first 100 employees at the Sunnyvale Lockheed plant. Her mother was active in the church choir, the PTA, and was one of the Leaders of the largest Girl Scout troop in the valley (56 girls!). Janna was a very active Girl Scout up through high school and the Scouts did all sorts of activities, including putting on a full musical, taking lots of camping trips, learning to ride a horse, and going door to door selling cookies. No setting up in front of the grocery store! It was in Girl Scouts, too, that Janna learned to make the delicious chocolate mousse recipe that she made to share with us for Mousse Night and was so kind as to publish in the January edition of the *Chirper* [ed note: revised recipe elsewhere in this issue]. Hooray for needing a cooking badge! Janna's future husband, Lloyd Standridge, grew up 4 blocks away from Janna. The two went to school together and their families intertwined in many ways, as often happens in small neighborhoods. They never dated in high school, though, and didn't start dating until they happened to meet each other again two years into college. In October 1980, Lloyd and Janna got married... In the midst of the annual October heat wave. It had been 115 all week and the wedding venue at Alum Rock Park was closed due to fire danger. The day of the wedding, it cooled down to just 105. For your average couple, this would have been a disaster, but since Lloyd was a park ranger, he was able to make sure all the wedding guests were allowed into the park!

Janna has been square dancing for over 43 years. As many stories start, there was *a boy*. Actually there were two. They were part of the Jr. High Photo Club and thought that Janna's enthusiasm would fit right in at the square dance club they danced with. It was a kids square dance club called Poke-A-Dot Squares and the kids ranged in age from 8-18. Apparently the caller had 8 children and needed some inventive way of keeping track of where they all were. (They're all still in the same square?) Anyway, as is somewhat typical of dancing endeavors, especially in Jr. High, Poke-A-Dot Squares was low on boys, so Janna got the opportunity to learn both parts straightaway, which has often come in handy! She danced with them for three years before high school activities (ahem, boys... and Scouts, sports, drama, 2 choirs, 14 clubs & commissions, honor roll and, did I mention boys?) outweighed dancing with little kids on Friday nights. Which leads us to high school equation time:

If Boys > X and X= Square Dancing
then Boys > Square Dancing

Getting back into square dancing as an adult again involved *a guy*, but this one she originally met in kindergarten, Lloyd Standridge. Lloyd was working as park ranger at Alum Rock Park and, after a while, his fellow park rangers noticed that he was still dating the same girl. They convinced him to bring her to the new beginner's square dance class that the *Gadabouts* club was starting. The caller was a nationally known caller, Joe Johnson. A month into the class, they were the only new dancers left, so the club taught them at club level. You learn *really* fast that way! Later, when Joe fell ill, Jim Osborne, a promising new caller, filled in for him and eventually became the permanent caller for the *Gadabouts*. After about a year and a half of dancing, Lloyd suffered two injuries that ended his dancing day. First, he injured a knee and, two weeks later, he injured the opposite ankle doing rescues off the cliff face in Alum Rock Park. Knowing how much Janna loved to dance, though, he encouraged her to keep dancing without him. While Janna dances, Lloyd is happily at home playing chess and video games or doing sudoku and crossword puzzles. He also gets his own special portion of whatever amazing cooking creation Janna has made! He still gets to tease her, too, that "she looks like a little girl's lampshade" in all her petticoats! Janna was dancing with the *Gadabouts* when they merged with the *Krazy Dazy's* and, when it looked like the *Krazy Dazy's* might be coming to an end, Jim recommended that Janna visit the *Katydids* where she has happily found a new square dancing home. Over the years, Janna has also helped with numerous beginner classes, has done multiple demos, has worn holes in her shoes dancing the length of parade routes and has even appeared on TV, turning over the money raised by square dancers as part of the MD marathon.

Janna worked in corporate purchasing for about 20 years for tech companies, including Samsung. Later she worked for 17 years for J.C.Penney's at the Vallco store, mainly supervising fashion jewelry. In addition to retail, she also got to dress mannequins, put together store windows, and her favorite part was matching the colors and styles to the current apparel. She spent one year in fine jewelry and finished in intimate apparel & sleepwear. When the Vallco Penney's closed, Janna made a point of redirecting resources, which otherwise would have ended up in the dumpster, to non-profit and needy groups. Some went to Teacher's Resources and Habitat For Humanity, 7 car loads of office supplies went to four different school districts, 2 pick-up truck loads went to libraries, and multiple truck loads of carts, mannequins, 1 story ladders, Christmas trees & large ornaments were brought to History San José, the San José Fire Museum, and Christmas in the Park. Three square dance groups also benefited from this distribution and they received over-sized decorations (hearts, flowers, butterflies, snowflakes, etc.) to use for decorating at hoedowns. Currently, for a few weekends each year, you can find Janna selling Christmas trees at a Christmas tree farm in the Los Gatos mountains. You cut down the tree, she takes your money! Her husband, Lloyd, always the outdoor type, worked for the City of San José as one of the first Park Rangers (Badge #3) and later transferred to be a city gardener, union rep, and contract negotiator. He retired after 32 years with the city.

Outside of square dancing Janna has lots of other interests and hobbies, many of which she shares with her husband, Lloyd. Many of you have enjoyed the award winning jams, jellies, syrups & relishes Janna brings to club nights and hoedowns, but it's a collaborative effort. Lloyd is the production department (That's right, he *makes* the good stuff!) and Janna is the supply, promotion, distribution, and reclaim departments. Year after year Lloyd wins multiple ribbons at the Santa Clara County Fair for his canned goods. Janna usually is winning in the Table Setting category. Janna excels at decorating with a theme! Besides canning, both love to cook and bake, though, if you can imagine, Janna credits Lloyd with being a much more creative cook! Food Network & the Cooking Channel are favorites for both of them. Both grew up camping and embracing the outdoors, fishing & photographing nature. Lloyd introduced Janna to country western music and she introduced him to musicals and symphonies. Throw in rock & roll, swing, jazz, and choral music and you'll get the musical picture. They also love books, old movies (TCM is a must-have!), gardening, art, the rich and varied PBS programming, science, history, model trains (HO & G scale) and the San José & SF Giants. They also share a love of chocolate. Sometimes, they are even willing to share their chocolate with each other.... True Love!

Janna's creative excitement goes beyond food and has led to many years of costuming – historical, theatrical, and fantasy. You may have seen her on TV or in photos in the newspaper when she waves to the crowds in period costumes for the 4th of July "Rose, White & Blue Parade" or the Willow Glen "Founders Day" parades. Most of you have seen a number of her unique costumes, but did you know her turquoise "walking jellyfish" led to her being a published author? Through her connections in the Greater Bay Area Costumers Guild, she was convinced to write an article on how to recreate the "jellyfish" and it was published in the May 2017 on-line costumer's magazine "Virtual Costumer."

A love of history and experience with modeling, photography and theater have helped triggered the creative thrill and inspiration to craft and wear all manner of costumes and has trained Janna to look for the details that make a costume distinctive and accurate. When History San José offered extensive costume classes, she took every one. The result was historical costumes were created from the skin out, hats to spats! Janna has also volunteered at History San José 3+ days a week for nearly 40 years and, in her time there, she has been involved with many areas including:

- Portraits of the Past, which are fashion shows +vignettes so you get to learn Valley history and see pretty dresses at the same time.
- Providing ambiance for historical and children's events.
- Gardening in multiple flower gardens and the extensive veggie garden, which, in the summer, often allows her to deliver 150 lbs/week to Second Harvest Food Bank
- Head Holiday Elf, in which she is responsible for designing and decorating the 13 acres of buildings and grounds at History San José
- Gallery Guide
- Collections conservationist and exhibit support. This role requires extensive knowledge of how to properly display the costumes so that she can dress the mannequins in addition to knowledge of how to archive them. She is responsible for photographing, conserving, and entering descriptions for on-line viewing of the textiles, furs and hat collections.

Janna and Lloyd have always made a point to give back and share with the community, whether by donating time, resources, the vote or the bounty from the garden. They try to help bring a positive outcome to today and the future. Hopefully Janna's enthusiasm is infectious enough to energize you to hop right up and join the fun that's brought us together, square dancing. Square Up!



Collage of dresses: Janna made & modeled a new dress each year for Jubilee. The B&W photo was from about age 8 or 9, but has the same modeling pose!



At History San José for classic cars day. Janna is in '40s attire.



Janna & Lloyd's 105°F



Janna has been featured many times in the newspapers, both for square dancing and for her costuming.



On trip with choir to Hawaii, age 21



Janna, age 7

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