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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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



CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Jan. 02: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 9:30 PM; Club & Katydoer Class Dancing
THEME: New Year's Party; practice Running Bear

Fri., Jan. 09: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 9:30 PM; Club & Katydoer Class Dancing
THEME: California Dreaming; Listen to the Rhythm of the Falling Rain

Fri., Jan. 16: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 9:30 PM; Club & Katydoer Class Dancing
THEME: Sweet Sixteen; Be a Teenager and Dance the Night Away

Fri., Jan. 23: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 9:30 PM; Club & Katydoer Class Dancing
THEME: A Hard Day's Night; Beatles & British Bands

Fri., Jan. 30: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 9:30 PM; Club & Katydoer Class Dancing
Special Guest Cuer: Barbara-Lynn Smith
THEME: FREE 5th Friday; Mardi Gras; New Orleans Jazz & Costumes if you wish

Fri., Feb. 06: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 9:30 PM; Club & Katydoer Class Dancing
THEME: Good Vibrations; Music from the Beach Boys Era
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Fri., Feb. 13: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 9:30 PM; Club & Katydoer Class Dancing
THEME: Chinese New Year; Year of the Sheep

Sat., Feb. 14: **SWEETHEART SPECIAL******
All Katydids Club Members are expected to participate in this annual fundraiser event.
Start collecting raffle items, large baskets, and ribbons NOW for Linda Caywood, Raffle Chairperson.

Fri., Feb. 20: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 9:30 PM; Club & Katydoer Class Dancing
THEME: Hit the Road Jack; Lose your Baggage

Fri., Feb. 27: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 9:30 PM; Club & Katydoer Class Dancing
THEME: Country Roads; Silicon Valley Redneck Revival

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

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

Jan. 02Shaney / Clark
Jan. 09Darknell / Tillman
Jan. 16Wilhelmsen / Krulee
Jan. 23Shaney / Parsons
Jan. 30Hebson / Krulee

Feb. 06.....DeLapp / Clark
Feb. 13.....Grubb / Lehnhoff / Wies
Feb. 20.....Willey / Paterson
Feb. 27.....Bruns / McManus

Mar. 06Franger / Moore / Steele
Mar. 13Wilhelmsen / Gray
Mar. 20Darknell / Tillman
Mar. 27Angotti / Smith / Matolyak

Before the dance:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Lloyd Darknell, 408-482-9320 of any needed changes to assigned dates.
- Purchase and bring 6 to 8 lbs ice for the water cooler.
- On scheduled night, the designated Square Heads should arrive by **6:15 PM** and stay until clean up is finished around 9:30 PM. A Katydid member with a key will open the doors.
- Sweep floor if needed and set up tables and chairs.
- Make ice water and start hot water for tea & coffee..
- Set up food & drink tables and put out flyers on table.

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone at the sign-in table.
- 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 – 50% to the Club, 50% to the winner.
- Check that water and cups do not run out during the evening.

After the dance:

- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.
- ALL MEMBERS can help the Square Heads clean up. Help put away tables and chairs and pack up the coffee pot, cooler and other supplies put back into the Club cupboard.
- **Remove non-recyclable trash accidentally tossed into the designated recycle bins.** Take the trash bags out to the dumpster located in the side parking lot.
- Sweep or wet mop the floor as necessary.
- Note: Tables must go into the closet FIRST (remember the Caller's table, too), then the chair rack.
- Notify the Quartermasters, **Steven Lehnhoff or Naomi Grubb** (408-227-3631) of any supplies needed for the next week.

OTHER SQUARE DANCE EVENTS Plus Level Dances (except as noted)

Jan. 03: Running Bear Hoedown; Krazy Dazys
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont, Sunnyvale
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Eric Henerlau
Running Bear Tip: Jim Osborne
10:35 PM Advanced Tip

Jan. 10: General Dance Program; SCVSDA
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont, Sunnyvale
7:30 – 10:00 PM; Callers: Bob Elling, Harlan Kerr

Jan. 16-18: Winter Festival, King City
Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, King City
Callers: Bob Baier, Tony Oxendine, Jerry Story, Jet Roberts, Bronc Wise
Cuers: Sharon & Casey Parker, Eileen Silvia

Jan. 19: General Dance Program; Foggy City Dancers
250 Laguna Honda Blvd., San Francisco
7:30 – 9:30 PM
Caller: Harlan Kerr

Jan. 30-31: Hummingbird Hoedown; Thunder Mountain Twirlers
Kino Hall, St. Andrews Catholic Church
Sierra Vista, AZ
Caller: Jerry Story
Cuer: Lisa Wall

Jan. 30-31: Winter Round Up 2015
Escapees Activity Center
Rainbow's End RV Park, Livingston, TX
Callers: K.O. Jeanes & Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Mark & Pam Prow

Jan. 31: Presidents Ball; SCVSCA/SCVCA
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont, Sunnyvale
Callers: Jim Osborne, Bob Steele, Vicki Woods
Cuer: Barbara-Lynn Smith

Feb. 07: General Dance Program; SCVSDA
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont, Sunnyvale
7:30 – 10:00 PM
Callers: Keith Ferguson, Rich Reel

Feb. 13-15: Pearsteppers Sequoia Stampede
Tulare County Fairgrounds
215 Martin Luther King Ave., Tulare
Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, Pat Carnathan
Cuers: Sharon & Casey Parker, Mary Ann Callahan

Feb. 28: 3/4 Thru Winter; El Camino Reelers
St. Andrews Methodist Church
4111 Alma St., Palo Alto
Caller: Jet Roberts

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happy New Year Katydid's & Katydoer's,

My hope is that it's going to be a good year for everyone. Tonight is Katydid's New Year's Party. Lets keep the parties going! Have you made your resolutions?

This month has 5 Fridays and the 30th will be fantabulous. It's FREE 5th Friday Mardi Gras night with Guest Cuer **Barbara-Lynn Smith**, be sure to mark your calendars. There's some surprises for that night. Think about what costume you might want to wear. We need to find some Cajun recipes for that night.

Katydid's annual Sweetheart Special Hoedown is fast approaching. **Randy Dibble** is the Caller and **John Caywood** is the Cuer. Each Friday please bring any donations you can part with to help create raffle prizes and gift baskets. Gently used or new items please. Restaurants often donate gift certificates if you show them the flyer and talk to the manager. Those make great raffle prizes!

Small items will be put into gift baskets and larger items are placed on the tables. The last night to bring donations is January 23rd. If we don't have enough donations, we won't have many raffle prizes which will affect Katydid's financially. It will also disappoint the Guests who have enjoyed a huge raffle for several years. This is the biggest income producer for Katydid's.

It's rewarding to see the change and fun atmosphere at Katydid's with more dancers and more squares each week. The new dancers have been a pleasure. They are so ambitious and willing to lend a hand with setting up and bringing goodies to share. It warms my heart. I've tried to make a difference.

If anyone wants to come a few minutes earlier sometimes to help with chairs, tables, and etc, we could get the hall set up faster and share the load. I know the folks on Square Head Duty, including me, would surely appreciate any assistance. To have a successful club, it takes everyone willing to pitch in as much as possible.

Keep dancing!

Linda

NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN
Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!

— **SEPTEMBER (2014) CLASS LEVEL** —

Sat., Jan. 24th
 Gold Discovered; SCVCA
 Resurrection Lutheran Church
 2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
 7:30 – 10:00 PM
 Callers: Bob Elling, Jim Osborne

Sat., Feb. 21st
 Hearts & Flowers; CPSD

Sat., Feb. 28th
 Newer Dancer Hoedown; Castaways

— **JANUARY (2015) CLASS LEVEL** —

Sat., Mar. 7th
 Spring Fling; Sunnyvale Singles
 Caller: Rich Reel

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !

Steven Lehnhoff & Naomi Grubb.....Jan. 18

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**SWEETHEART SPECIAL HOEDOWN
COMING UP SOON ...**

Hi There Katydid's
I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's holiday this year. **Maxine** and I have been very busy with travel and most recently the Bethlehem program at Church.

Now it's time to roll up our sleeves and get to work. Our Sweetheart Special Dance is coming up on February 14 and we are going to need everyone's help to get ready for it. We need volunteers to sell ribbons in January and February at other clubs in the area. We need more donations for our raffle prizes. We will need help with food donations and food service, setting up the hall before the dance and tearing down after the dance. We will also need volunteers to help with various jobs at the dance. I will be coming around asking for help with various tasks that we need help with at the dance.

Lloyd

CALLER'S CORNER

I hope everyone had a Fantastic Christmas, Hanukah and total Holiday season.



I have been yapping about the current state of Square Dancing for some time. Over the last few weeks I have had four conversations that make me think I am way out of touch with what MANY local Square Dancers think/believe.

Why do YOU Square Dance? Is it because of a LOVE and desire to experience the millions of possible choreographic possibilities with Plus Level dancing and the Entertainment available with Plus Hoedowns? If it is, I along with the rest of the Square Dance world need YOUR help. As Morris said just before the latest Katydoer class, Square Dancing is dying.

Jubilee 1984 had near 120 Squares Dancing in the Plus Hall. For Jubilee 2014 the best report I have counted 12 Squares Dancing in the Plus Hall. I danced & called at both Jubilees. My perception is, what was called in 1984 was significantly too complex for most of the 2014 dancers. Kinda a sign Square Dancing NEEDS to bring in New Dancers and that = Classes.

How long do YOU personally believe should be allocated to a class for a Never Previously Square Danced New Dancer to become a Plus Level Club, Hoedown/Festival Attending Dancer in 2015? **There is NO wrong answer.** I am interested what YOU believe. For me knowledge of beliefs is IMPORTANT.

Please send me e-mail learn2sqdance@3osb.com, call me on the phone (650) 549-5273, or let's talk. I will be the 2015 President of the Santa Clara Valley Callers Association. So this invitation to communicate is NOT just for Katydids. This is an invitation to ANY Square Dancer you may know. PLEASE speak up, and encourage others to speak up.

JIM (Katydids Club Caller)

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It's THAT time of year ...
Remember to use the hand sanitizer located on the snack table in the back of the hall and/or the soap at the kitchen sink 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

- Skip Stevens.....Jan. 04
- Roger Smith.....Jan. 14
- Kathy Shaney.....Jan. 22
- John Caywood.....Jan. 25
- Pat Angotti.....Jan. 28

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CUER'S CORNER

Hi Katydids,



It is hard to believe I have been paid for being a cuer for Katydids for a year. I probably cued for Katydids for free for the prior year. How time passes.

The new year coming with interesting themes will make a challenge for me to find appropriate themed music. Although there is no longer a half hour of round dance teach from 6:30 to 7:00, the time is well utilized by Jim incrementing the Katydoers up to plus level.

As a reminder, the correct help to a confused dancer is not to push or yank. Just point or tell them where they should be and which direction facing.

John Caywood

Katydids Round Dance Cuer

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WINTER BEGINNER CLASSES

MONDAYS

Bows & Beaus

Instructor: Keith Ferguson

Loyola Elementary School, Los Altos

7:30 – 9:30 PM

Starts: Jan. 19st; 1st two nights FREE; then \$5/person/class

Contact: Nanci 650-390-9261

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SUNSHINE REPORT

What fun we have had at Katydids. Having the class attend added a group of very fun boys and girls. Fun Times!

Nothing to report on the Secretary side of me. The Sunshine girl side has had an opportunity to send out some get well cards after surgery. All that have been 'out of commission' are getting back into dancing shape. Some quickly, others just need to be patient and know that we miss them at the club!!

Looking forward to seeing y'all after Christmas 
Yellow Rock!

Submitted by Janis Parsons
Secretary and Sunshine

Chirper Chatter...

It seems that the Christmas season has kept all the square dancers busy with very little to report on the goings on with their lives.



Sorry to hear about our big stalwart member, **Parker Willey**, who earlier had a hernia operation, an outpatient procedure. A few days after that he had to go to ER as a result of a seizure. He is not sure of the cause but he thinks the two incidents are related but as a seizure patient, he had to give up his driver's license for the time being. Stay strong, **Parker**...

I would like to begin including the Katydoer's lives in this column but need to get them to loosen up a little on relinquishing their private information to share. I do know that we have had three **Katydoers** had injuries to themselves mostly by tripping, slipping and falling. **Brenda Enevoldsen** did something to her ankle and had a minor surgery done to it. As a result she was getting around in a wheelchair and/or a leg scooter. They were not able to attend Dec. 19 because **David** had a company Christmas Party and they expect to be with us on Jan. 2. **Marian Honig** took a fall during one of our dance nights walking backwards during the call "Sides Face, Grand Square". She believes it might have been on a wet leaf or wet spot on the floor which could be as I noticed she does wear those semi-tall heel shoes. She banged her elbow hard trying to break her fall and did not hit her head. Let us all be aware of wet spots on the floor with the rainy season upon us. Paper towels are available in our coffee room. The third person to injure her leg is **Marie Travelstead** who fell at another venue, Tuesday night. She tried to dance the night of Dec. 19 but after a tip or two she decided to sit it out.

This might be an opportune time to share some of my square dance experiences going way way back. As we have angeled many classes, I can tell you reliably that early eager dancers often "audio taped" the instructors lessons during the night and then several class people would get together and practice at one of their garages, living rooms or backyards. They also danced at other classes such as some of you are doing now to increase their "floor" time. I have tried to help you more by writing the calls you have learned in the **Katydoer News**, hoping that you will read and re-enforce the calls you have learned. I never got any feedback on these calls and hope you are still learning the calls by purchasing a book, going to the *Callerlab website*, attending other classes, whatever suits you

best to tackle this new challenge called *Modern Western Square Dancing*. Louise and I have been dancing for 40 years now and still enjoy it.

Morris Hosoda
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GETTING TO KNOW YOU ...

Charlie Class



Charlie is a native of San Francisco. He is the father of two daughters, grandfather of one granddaughter, two grandsons, great-grandfather of one teen-aged great-grandson, and two teen-aged great grand-daughters. He was in computer management at Stanford University for twenty-eight years. He and his wife were a professional ballroom dance team that performed and taught dancing on cruise ships during the 1970's. In the 1990's Charlie became a Gentleman dance host on cruise ships. The primary job of a host is to ballroom dance with unescorted lady passengers. Charlie added Travel Agency to his many avocations since 1995. Have you heard of "Travel with Class"? Charlie is Executive Producer of the award winning documentary about the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII titled: *Gila River and Mama: The Ruth Mix Story*. He shows the film followed by a Q & A session, at museums, libraries, churches, clubs and senior centers. He has hosted and produced community television shows for 30 years in the San Francisco Bay Area. In 2004, square dance caller, **Mike Luna**, started a community channel show in San José called, "Square Dance Live". Charlie was show host and co-producer with **Lloyd Darknell** (a Katydids Club Member). The program was taped for nine years and is being re-run at several south bay cable stations. You might visit www.squaredancelive.com to see if any re-runs are scheduled in your cable area.

From the *Katydoer News*, Vol. 2, #7, June 27, 2014

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The Caywoods' pretty little Christmas tree

From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti - -

APPLE DUMP CAKE

Cake:

- 3 large eggs
- 1 box pineapple cake mix
- 1 can pineapple pie filling

In a bowl, slightly beat 3 large eggs. Add cake mix a little at a time until blended. Dough will be thick. Using a wooden spoon, stir in pie filling. coat and flour cake pans or baking dish then bak according to cake mix.

Frosting:

- 2 sticks butter, softened
- 4 c. powdered sugar
- 3 T. milk

In a bowl, beat butter and add powdered sugar a little at a time. If mixture gets too thick, add a tablespoon of mix after each cup of sugar. Stir in any desired flavoring.

Variations:

- Spice cake mix & apple pie filling
- Chocolate cake mix and cherry pie filling

Flavoring suggestions:

- Apple pie filling: Add 3 teaspoons cinnamon to frosting mix.
- Cherry pie filling: Add 1 tablespoon of almond extract
- Chocolate frosting: add cocoa powder to taste.

FOOD PANTRY FUND DRIVE

The Campbell United Church of Christ Annual Food Pantry Refill Drive ended on Friday night, Dec. 19. **Lloyd Darknell** and I counted the collection which included the \$52 from the Christmas Tree Raffle Drive and the total came to a resounding \$530. An additional \$70 was added to make the nice round sum total of \$600 which was delivered to Faith King, Food Pantry Team Leader, on Dec. 23. She thanked us profusely and wished all of us a very Merry Christmas. My thanks to all the Katydid, Katydoers and guests who contributed.

Morris Hosoda, Treasurer

From Pat Angotti, Publicity

It is hard to believe that it is almost 2015. 2014 has been a year of rebuilding of the Katydid Square Dance Club. We now have a good chance for the first time in a long time to add new members, it is most imperative that we show the Katydoer's that we are the most friendly club in the valley, and make them feel we want them to join our club. The Club needs to be patient and helpful to bring them up to speed. Please ask new dancers to join them in a square and if one asks you to dance a tip with them, please do so. Our Club dancers should remember what it was like when they started so many years ago. If we don't have new dancers that Katydid will fade into history. It has been a real pleasure for Roger and me to work with these folks and they are ready and willing to learn so let's make 2015 a banner year for the Katydid Square Dance Club.

Also I would like to thank **Linda Caywood** for all her work and for bringing new life to the Club. We need to encourage her to continue her work next year to make Katydid even bigger and better. She is now on a roll and now is not the time to stop. Also, thank you to the whole Executive Board for the great job they have done this year.

Also, look to next year for two bus trips with **Gary Holloway**.

Happy New Year

Pat

THANK YOU, ROBBIE !!



With much appreciation we thank Katydoer, **Robbie Criswel** owner of the Criswel Tree Farm for his generous donation of two trees to our Club Night Raffle with the proceeds going to the Church's Food Pantry. The **Stevens** "won" one of the trees and were grateful for a lull in the rain storms to cut down their tree.

Skip & Steph Stevens

KATYDIDS AND FRIENDS PHOTOS

December 5, 2014
HOLIDAY POTLUCK



Photos courtesy of Linda Caywood

December 12, 2014
CHRISTMAS GOODIES THEME NIGHT



Photos courtesy of Linda Caywood

December 19, 2014
HOLIDAY SPIRIT THEME NIGHT



Photos courtesy of Linda Caywood, Marie Travelstead & Stephanie Stevens

Katydid's Square Dance Club

FREE Fifth Friday Dance

MARDI GRAS



NIGHT



Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Avenue, Cambell
January 30, 2015
6:30 to 9:30 PM

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED

Caller: Jim Osborne
Special Guest Cuer:
Barbara-Lynn Smith



**Come and try
Cajun snacks**

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