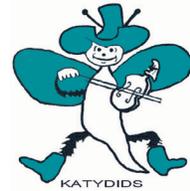


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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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So...take the picture already...there's dessert!

CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Jul. 7: **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., Jul. 14: **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

Sat., Jul. 15: **** DANCE-of-the-MONTH ****
Roadrunners
Beresford Recreation Center, San Mateo
8:00 – 8:30 PM, PreRounds with W. Iannico
8:30 – 11:00 PM, Caller: Jerry Helt

Fri., Jul. 21: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

Fri., Jul. 28: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

Fri., Aug. 4: **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., Aug. 11: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

Fri., Aug. 18: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing
**HOT AUGUST NIGHT PARTY &
SQUARE DANCE APPAREL SALE**

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS & Duties

*Acting Super Square Head - Lloyd Darknell
(408) 286-7262*

July 7	Mensing
July 14	Moore, R.
July 21	Schaffer
July 28	Shaver
Aug. 4	Stagnitto
Aug. 11	Shaney, Wies
Aug. 18	Helrich, M; Brookwell
Aug. 25	Fifield, Hinze
Sep. 1	Franger/Moore
Sep. 8	Willey
Sep. 15	Benevento
Sep. 22	Anderson

On dance night *PRIOR* to your duty night:

- Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into Club Closet. Notify Acting Super Square Head, Lloyd Darknell, at 408-286-7262 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

Slab Dances; Lucky Steppers

Ben Lomond Slab, Mill Street, Ben Lomond
7:00 PM Rounds begin; 7:30 PM Squares begin

Jul. 22: Caller: **Harold Fleeman**
Cuer: Sue Harris

Aug. 5: Caller: **Jim Osborne**
Cuer: Sue Harris

Aug. 12: Caller: Roger Smith
Cuer: Wendy-Jean Iannico

Aug. 19: Caller: Bill Silvers
Cuer: Sue Harris

Aug. 26: Caller: Ed Kremers
Cuer: Sue aris

July 29: Stampede; NCSDA

Walters Jr. High, Fremont
8:00 – 8:30 PM, PreRounds: Milo & Terri Molitoris
8:30 – 11:00 PM, Caller: Vic Ceder

Aug. 9-12: USA West Square Dance Convention

Honolulu, Hawaii

Sep. 1-3: Mid-Cal Classic

Merced County Fairgrounds, Los Banos
Callers: Bob Baier, Jet Roberts

NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN

Be an angel – support our newest dancers!!

January 2006 Class Level

Sat., July 8: Bows and Beaus

Covenant Church, Palo Alto
7:30 – 10:00 PM; Caller: Keith Ferguson

May 2006 Class Level

Fri., Aug. 25: Aloha Dance; Sunnyvale Singles

Murphy Park Community Center, Sunnyvale
7:30 – 10:00 PM; Caller: Eric Henerlau



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!

Bob & Annie Bennett. . . . June 10

Bob & Opal Hebson. . . . July 12

2006 Katydoers ~ ~

"We had a GREAT time at the Round Up. We went with Duane and Karen Stevens, also Katydoers. Duane and I were a little worried that we'd have a tough time (Karen and Dean have danced in previous lives), but we had a blast. The callers were very patient and the mainstream hall atmosphere was relaxed, everyone maintained their sense of humor. Jim must be doing a good job, because we did at least as well as some folks who had graduated from other classes. We stayed at the Marriott Friday and Saturday nights since it was our one year wedding anniversary also - decided to make a celebration of it! The facility was wonderful and I thoroughly enjoyed my first Round Up. I was fascinated by the Advanced tips and the round dancing also looks appealing. But right now we're concentrating on getting to the Plus level of square dancing, one thing at a time :-). During the last tip of the weekend, folks went a little crazy with exploding squares, and just general chaos. I lost track of Dean and ended up with a little girl as my partner. Fun was had by all! We'll definitely be attending the 2007 Round Up which will be at the same location in San Ramon. I can't believe it took me 48 years to discover square dancing!

*Yellowrocks,
Chris and Dean Davison"*

There you are folks, a great testimony. We are all sorry to hear about Jim Osborne's illness and the Katydoers all wish him a very speedy recovery. You did learn *Explode the Wave, Spin Chain the Gears, Spin Chain and Exchange the Gears and Crossfire*. There was a Mainstream call that I did not cross off in my list, *Pass to the Center*. I heard it used and I was amazed that you all did it. Just for reviewing: this call starts from an Eight Chain Thru formation, ie, two boxes of four with couples facing each other with a couple from each box back-to-back - all pass thru, those facing out, partner trade. Ends in a double pass thru formation.

Class, you are doing really great. I can almost see the end of the tunnel so hang in there.

Morris & Louise Hosoda, Head Angels

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER - -

Hi Katydids.

I hope every one is enjoying this summer weather that we have been having. That reminds me that we have our Hot August Night, January class level Dance coming up on August 18. We will be selling recycled square dance clothes and inviting newer and seasoned dancers from other clubs to come and join us that night. We are hoping all members will help by bringing snacks and finger food to the dance. I would like to see all of our Katydids' members and class at the dance that night.

~ ~ *Lloyd Darknell*

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NEWS FROM MARY & ROD: (former Katydids)

Rod retired about a month ago and they are heading north to Maine for the summer as they begin their full time travel in their 5th wheel. However, first they flew to Washington State where they spent a week at Lake Chalan and lucked into the Apple Blossom Square Dance Festival and also toured the Grand Coulee Dam. They flew back to Orlando, FL to pick up their 5th wheel and headed off to St. Augustine for a couple of days of sight-seeing which included a drink from the Fountain of Youth for insurance.

They then started their trek up the east coast states along the mountains rather than the coast stopping first in St. Mary's, GA to visit the Submarine museum and then on to Maggie Valley in the North Carolina Smokey Mountains, Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN, and Jonesborough, TN where they listened to a professional storyteller at the International Storytelling Center. They have quickly discovered that they have to leave every place before they're ready - or else they would never get anywhere.

Now they are on their way to Pittsburgh, PA, Binghamton, and Watkins Glen in NY and then to Albany/Pittsfield and Lenox, MA where they will attend a Boston Symphony concert at Tanglewood before arriving in Maine the end of July.

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GREETINGS FROM SANDY ~ ~

Greetings from east Tennessee! I have so much news to tell you about. First of all, happy Fourth of July to all of you. If you don't have a flag, this is a convenient time to find one at any of your local Targets, Home Depots, Costcos, Longs, etc. They are not always easy to find later in the year. Bill made a 15 foot flag pole for me when we moved into our home here, and I "run up" the Colors daily. The silk-screened flags are inexpensive, but fade significantly within a couple years. The stitched flags last for years.

Now for some square dance news. I discovered that the author of Crossfire lives in our fair city Sevierville. His name is Ron Schneider and he was a full-time professional caller from 1962-1985. He now works full-time for a log home builder and does some occasional calling.

Bill and I had a recent adventure visiting the Claxton Country Squares recently. The route took us through numerous small towns, so now we have seen Powell, Clinton, and Claxton, Tennessee. We had obtained meticulous directions online and had input from various Knoxville Squares dancers, so we were well-prepared for our one hour sightseeing trip. We were told, "It's next door to the steam plant." We've never seen a steam plant, so that detail was a little vague for us. We assumed we'd see something resembling a utility power plant. We passed a huge complex resembling a nuclear power plant from the future. We actually thought maybe we had sojourned into Oakridge, because we know there's a nuclear power plant there. Eventually, we had to turn around and explore the small building set way back from the road, not exactly next door to the huge mystery complex, but the only other building anywhere for miles. Yes, that was it. No signs anywhere, not at the paved entrances nor on the building itself, which turned out to be the Claxton Community Center. But we were warmly welcomed and enjoyed dancing on a splendid wood floor in air-conditioned comfort.

Recently I had a wonderful opportunity to visit a lily farm in the nearby town of Townsend. Some of you may have visited the tulip fields in Holland and I imagine your awed appreciation was like mine. It just a heavenly experience to see acres and acres of flowers.

Perhaps you know more about lilies than I did. I had lovely day lilies, small white flowers with purple centers, growing without supervision in my San Jose yard. The soil was clay, so it was difficult to transplant shoots

and bulbs. After one halfhearted attempt, I gave up. The only thing I really knew about day lilies was that they are absolutely care-free and they multiply. That means no maintenance and that's my kind of garden resident.

Here we are 2000 miles east of San Jose and again my yard is clay, this time red clay. I purchased two lily plants at the lily farm, expecting two stalks sitting in plastic pots with a flower atop each one. After a mix-up with the order and a one hour wait in the hot sun with the 11 other Keenagers [ed note: name of senior group] on the field trip, we all piled back into the hot van and drove to the lily fields to await the order. We sat and sat, waiting for the handyman to arrive in his pick-up. He had assured us it would only take a few minutes at this point.

Various Keenagers helpfully suggested, "How 'bout if I just go pull up two lilies for you", as we sat and sat waiting. Keenagers can be as impatient as small children, and we were all starving and very late for our lunch reservation. Finally the handyman appeared with a shovel and after much hacking and ripping, pulled up a canteloupe-size root ball. The Keenagers watched appreciatively from the van windows and all murmured, "Wow, look at that!"

There was not one flower in my bagged mass of green leaves. "Does that look like two lilies?" I asked skeptically. "Oh, yes," all the Keenagers assured me. "That looks like at least four!" When I finally got home hours later and inspected my \$20 purchase, I counted 14 stalks and numerous buds.

Did I mention the temperature was about 95 degrees that day? Normally I would have been too hot to plant the lilies immediately, but I felt really committed to keeping them alive. After fruitless attempts to dig up cement, I mean, to dig holes in my yard, I decided to explore container gardening. The Keenagers had given me lots of conflicting advice, whether or not to separate the plants immediately or next year.

Separating roots is a misleading phrase, because thousands of strands are tangled like wet hair; ripping apart is a more accurate description; then I stuck the two clumps into tubs of dark, purchased soil. I'm happy to report that within a week my beautiful Prairie Moonlight lilies are blooming profusely.

Did you know there are 6000 varieties of lilies? Imagine my surprise days later when we were at my daughter's home, seeing hundreds of different lilies

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blooming. My mind clicked into fast forward mode, and I am picturing myself next January transplanting many lily shoots from her vast variety. She's already told me to help myself.

Speaking of garden wonders, firefly season was in June. In recent years the phenomenon has drawn widespread attention in our area. In June 2005 over 13,000 people flocked to a particular viewing site in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park during the 12 day mating period. The public attention has increased vastly due to the identification of the synchronous firefly 5 years ago. This is a species never before known. Yes, they perform synchronized flashing.

I also want to give you a Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) update. This destructive pest has been in the USA since 1924 and is believed to be an Asian native. If you missed my earlier reports, this is a serious pest decimating the Eastern and Carolina hemlocks. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park has been aggressively attacked for three years and has been working with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville for an environmentally friendly solution. A lady bug army of millions, released 2 years ago, has so far had an inconclusive effect on controlling the voracious HWA. A chemical micro-injection method is proving effective on a labor-intensive tree by tree basis.

Keep dancing, stay friendly, and be well. Have a wonderful summer! We miss everyone!

~~ Sandy Ferrill



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Birthday Greetings were sent to **Ray Mensing, Annie Bennett, Sal Stagnitto, Morris Hosoda, Jim Osborne, Harry Shaver** and **Virginia Schneider**. In honor of their Anniversary, cards were sent to **Harry & Marilyn Shaver, Bob & Annie Bennett** and **Ken & Marilyn Crom**. Get Well cards were sent to **Ted Shaney** and **Jim Osborne**. Good to see **Ted** out of the hospital and both he and **Kathy** able to come out on Friday. Hope to see **Jim** with us soon. Thanks, **Harold** for helping us out in his absence. Congratulations **Mark** and **Nicki** on your High School Graduations. A Thank You Card was sent by **Mark** and **Nicki** to the Katydid's in appreciation of the club members' generosity for their graduation gifts

~~June Helfrich, Chaplain

HOT
AUGUST NIGHTS
SQUARE DANCE

Friday evening, August 18, 2006 7 - 10:00 PM
 Caller: Jim Osborne \$4.00 per guest

Congregational Church of Campbell
 400 Campbell Ave., Campbell

Please bring used square dance clothes to sell
 Invite your friends and newer dancers (Jan. Level)

Lloyd Darknell 408 - 286-7262 Bob Bennett 408 - 778-2689



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

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|------------------------|---------|
| Jeff Darknell | July 05 |
| Don Gaubatz | July 07 |
| Rodney Helfrich | July 15 |
| Maxine Darknell | July 16 |
| Joyce Wies | July 17 |
| Sue Willey | July 18 |
| Sandy Franger | July 22 |

Square Dance Camp for Children ages 9-17

There will be a Square Dance Camp for children 9-17 years old sponsored by Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation July 10-14th from 8:30am – 3:00 PM Cost is \$122 - \$146. Location is the Fair Oaks Park Building and the Instructor is Ruth Riegelhaupt-Herzig.

Katydids Picnic

Sunday, June 11, 2006

Central Park, Santa Clara

The weather was quite stimulating being just a tad bit on the cool side. Otherwise, the sun shine brightened the area and everyone's feelings. About 40 Katydids thoroughly enjoyed the annual Katydids picnic in Santa Clara's Central Park. A number of digital cameras recorded most of the day's events. At the end of the festivities, **Skip Stevens** downloaded all pictures from numerous camera memory chips to his laptop computer – look for a revealing edition of the Chirper to showcase all.

This enjoyable annual social event was arranged by the hard work contributed by **Annie and Bob Bennett, Lloyd and Maxine Darknell** and other club members. Many thanks are due to all who contributed to the great day.

Bob Bennett, as chief cook served whopper sized hamburgers (with cheese if you prefer), polish sausages, and hot dogs with all the condiments. I think a few hot links got mixed in there somewhere. The great cooks of the Katydids Square Dance Club provided chips and dips, beans, vegetable dishes, salads, sliced watermelon, and more – Wow! what a feast – topped off by a slice of cake. Definitely a gastronomic challenge for those of us with any fleeting thoughts concerning our waist line. Even so, the food definitely made the day a delight and helped all to enjoy the fellowship.

The highlight of the day was recognition of **Nicki Brookwell** and **Mark Helfrich's** graduation from Milpitas High School and Oak Grove High School respectively. **Nicki** plans to build upon her U.S. Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps experience by joining the U.S. Coast Guard in the Fall. **Nicki** will report for boot camp in New Jersey and plans to pursue a career with the Military Police. (She will be missed as a member of the Katydids Square Dance Club. She promises to keep all Chirper readers up to date on her new adventures.) **Mark**, as a member of the US. Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps initially planned to build upon his experience in public affairs by joining the U.S. Air Force. Instead, with a change of mind, he will be attending Evergreen Junior College with a major in general education.

This past year, **Nicki** gained her great tan by performing with the school's Marching Band Color Guard and drilling with the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps. Also, as a first year member of the school's diving team, she added to the tan and made it all the way to the school district's diving finals. She won the coveted Sportsmanship award. Her special memories from her high school days are of being on the diving team and getting many, many bruises from the water. Obviously **Nicki** loves sports and enjoys scrap book-

Mark is quite talented musically and plays the tuba, trumpet, trombone, baritone euphonium, French horn, and bugle. As a member of the school's band, he played the tuba in an Easter Parade in Edinburgh, Scotland and toured England. **Mark** works with the San Jose Library System shelving, checking and sorting. As a member of a pool of library workers, he is able to choose his own hours and plans to continue working part time while in college. **Mark** especially enjoys working with the computer and playing soccer.

Nicki and **Mark** began their lively square dance adventures about a year and a half ago with the Katydids. In recognition of their graduation, the Katydids and individual members of the club contributed to graduation gifts for both **Nicki** and **Mark** – congratulations to both of you on your achievements. The Club wishes you well on your continuing journey into adulthood.

Special guests at our picnic were: **Harold and Lee Fleeman, Roger Smith and Josie Baumgartner, Bill and Bobbie Davis, and Jim and Joann Osborne.**

*Submitted by Don Gaubatz, Publicity
June 30, 2006*





KATYDIDS ANNUAL PICNIC Sunday, June 11, 2006

**Katydids...Katydoers...Caller & Taw...
Special Guests...Significant others
(including dogs)...
Good food...Watermelon...
Good fun...Fellowship...**



Thank you, Bob & Annie, Picnic Chairs!!



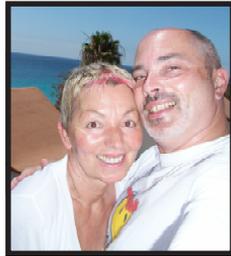


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June 12

Willi and I are soooo tired but happy. It's partytime!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We are sick...SOCCER FEVER! There's no cure for this soccer fever.

All over the city people are celebrating the global sporting event of the year.

Join in the fun and enjoy the warm and friendly welcome afforded by the people of Stuttgart.

Whenever Willi is back from work, we walk from our house down (15 Minutes) to the heat of the action < Schloßplatz Square < venue, to a giant screen showing every minute of the soccer - just a stones' throw away. Stuttgart's traditional wine village offers an authentic taste of Swabian hospitality. If you've been inspired by your football heroes and you feel like getting active yourself - head to Marktplatz Square.

On Karlsplatz meanwhile, the exiting (invented for life) exhibition showcases the latest developments in lifestyle products and demonstrates Stuttgart's strength as a center of business and innovation.

Stuttgart is heaven for retail junkies - a host of prestigious department stores, chic boutiques and the new Königsbau arcades off Schloßplatz Square are perfect for a shopping spree. Extended open hours apply for the duration of the world cup from Monday to Saturday, shops are open until 10pm, on Sundays from 2 pm to 8pm. On 15 June, however, shops will be closed because of a religious holiday.

June 18

So many fans on the SCHLOSSPLATZ SQUARE, with its magnificent buildings and Baroque gardens, is situated in the very center of Stuttgart on the main shopping street, the Königsstrasse.



huge area, bringing a stadium - like atmosphere into the heart of the city.

So, Willi and I watched the three giant screens. They will broadcast the matches live across a

AMERICA, the great boys you have...hey a BIG COMPLIMENT !!!!!!! The soccer players - AMAZING, GREAT. Willi and I with a big flag from USA, proud, how wonderful and dynamic the players are.

There was a break between two games. We met a wonderful family from India. He was one from the seminar (Auslandsreferenten). His beautiful wife, the sweet kids. It was so nice to have a talk.

On the Bühne was a man with a microphone. "Hey we have a shirt to give and need 5 women." I was not thinking only running and wow so many nice girls and ME.



I was one and 4 other young girls from Brazil. Can you believe this? I was the second on the stage. He asked a lot of questions and we were to never answer with - YES, NO, BLACKND WHITE - I felt hot and cold because then I am realizing that I'm on all the GIANT SCREENSof course not for so long because I'm too spontaneous and said as a answer YES.

June 16

We are so happy because our daughter, Stephanie, passed her final high school examination with a sensational 2,1.

We are so proud, yeahhhhhhhhh

June 28

It's raining again. No problem, nobody care's about the weather, because everybody is in a good mood. It is so wonderful we have all the ,friends all over the worls< here and one language, ENGLISH.

It's orderly and peaceful. You can hear all over different songs or simple :-> HOLE:HOLE:HOLE:HOLE! We are the champion. . . < It doesn't matter who the champion is. I wish it can always be like this.

My freinds, I hope everybody is fine. I will write the next chapter about our vacation in Portugal. We are back 20 July.

BIG HUGS AND MANY KISSES,

Curly

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