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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter
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Start Your Weekend Right .... Dance with the Katydids on Friday Night via ZOOM!


## KATYDIDS' CLUB EVENTS

All Katydids in-person events have been postponed, cancelled or otherwise on hold until further notice. We are, however, meeting via ZOOM at 7:00pm on Friday nights. Join us!! For technical support, contact Skip Stevens:
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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Katydids \& Friends!

I wish I had news of a new location to
 dance at. So far, no luck on that front. Many thanks to those who have been scouting the county to find a suitable dance hall. Keep looking! There's got to be a bingo hall, fraternal order hall, private school, small church, etc. that would work for us. As I have mentioned previously, the possibility of our dancing at the Santa Clara Salvation Army on Homestead Road has been put on hold during a change of officers. I am hoping to hear something this month. Fingers crossed!!

We have heard from Roger who is now living with relatives in Eastvale near Riverside. He never missed a beat joining us on ZOOM on Friday nights.

Contacted Morris several weeks ago and found out that he has been struggling with issues with one of his eyes since the beginning of the year. He has a hole in the macula and had surgery (a vitrectomy) for it in early February. The out patient surgery was easy however, the follow up was difficult. Can you imagine eating, sleeping, and entertaining yourself while being required to lie face down 24/7 for a whole week?! While he healed from the surgery, Louise was a trouper in giving him eyedrops every few hours. Unfortunately,the hole reappeared and after getting a second opinion last month, he is now living with the problem and knows that he can always choose to have a second surgery at some point in the future. Wishing you the best, Morris!!

I would like to take a moment to thank those of you who have worked at keeping the Katydids connected with each other. From attending our ZOOM meetings on Friday nights, to helping with computer problems, to general upbeat support and to those actively helping to find a new dance location . . . THANK YOU!!!!

Stephanie

## DANCE EVENTS

PLUS LEVEL unless otherwise noted
Jul 31 Welcome Back to Square Dancing@: SCVCA.SCVSDA
Tentative location: Ohlone Middle School, SJ 7:30PM
COVID Rules: Fully vaccinated dancers only For details: SCVSDA.org

Aug. 14 Good Ole Summertime Festival; Lucky Steppers Location: TBD 10:00AM - 10:00PM Callers: Joe Saltel, Mike Luna Cuer: Sue Harris


No Anniversaries this month.
 July 22

Marjorie Wilser .July 24

Lisa Steele $\qquad$ July 29

## From Char Pitts:

1. Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter $=$ Eskimo Pi
2. 2000 pounds of Chinese soup $=$ Won ton
3. 1 millionth of a mouthwash $=1$ microscope
4. Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement $=1$ bananosecond
5. Weight an evangelist carries with God =1 billigram
6. Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour $=$ Knotfurlong
7. 16.5 feet in theTwilight Zone $=1$ Rod Sterling
8. Half of a large intestine $=1$ semicolon
9. $1,000,000$ aches $=1$ megahurtz
10. Basic unit of laryngitis $=1$ hoarsepower
11. Shortest distance between two jokes =A straight line
12. 453.6 graham crackers $=1$ pound cake
13. 1 million- million microphones $=$ 1 megaphone
14. 2 million bicycles $=2$ megacycles
15. 365.25 days $=1$ unicycle
16. 2000 mockingbirds $=2$ kilomockingbirds
17. 52 cards $=1$ decacards
18. 1 kilogram of falling figs $=1$ FigNewton
19. 1000 milliliters of wet socks $=1$ literhosen
20. 1 millionth of a fish $=1$ microfiche
21. 1 trillion pins $=1$ terrapin
22. 10 rations $=1$ decoration
23. 100 rations $=1 \mathrm{C}$-ration
24. 2 monograms = 1 diagram
25. 4 nickels $=1$ paradigm
26. 2.4 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital $=1 \mathrm{IV}$ League
27. 100 Senators $=$ Not 1 decision


> Instead of a sign that says 'do not disturb I need one that says 'already disturbed proceed with caution'


Thank you, Ed Wayne, for sharing!

## From Parker Wiley:

## Hi

In my early years, My interest was electronics. Antenna sizes are in meters. In High schoof chemistry, alt measurements were metric. I realized Metric is SIMPLE and that our country, the USA should go metric. Disclaimer: This is myopinion and not necessarily the opinion of any others I am affiliated with.

Let's compare complicated and simple measuring methodologies.

## Complicated:

Inches use fractions, $3 / 4,9 / 16,17 / 32$, etc. 1 foot = 12 inches.
1 yard $=3$ feet.
1 fathom = 2 yards.
1 chain = 11 fathoms.
1 furlong = 10 chains.
1 mile $=8$ furlongs, 80 chains, 1760 yards, 5280 feet, 63360 inches, or 0.86898 nautical mile.
1 acre $=$ a rectangle, not square, 1 chain $\times 1$ furlong, 43560
sq. feet, a dude with horse and plow can plow in one day. 1 gallon of water weighs 8.345 pounds \& occupies 231 cubic inches.
1 cubic foot of water weighs 62.427 pounds and holds
7.488 gallons, or 1728 cubic inches.

1 troy ounce $=1.097$ avoirdupois ounces.
THIS IS A KLUDGE

## Simple:

1 meter $=1000$ millimeters,. (or 100 centimeters or 10 decimeters)
1 kilometer $=1000$ meters.
1 hectare $=10000$ sq. meters, 100 meters square. (about 2 footballfields +2 end zones) 1 cubic centimeter (milliliter) of water weighs 1 gram.
1 cubic decimeter (liter) of water, weighs 1 kilogram. 1000 milliliters, 1000 grams.
1 cubic meter (kiloliter) of water, weighs 1 metric ton.
1000 -liters. 1000 kitōgrams.
This is a Measurement System! This is the Metric System!
Which is simpler?
Which should America use?
Why do we still use a Kludge?
If we make products in simple metric units, wouldn't foreigners be more likely to buy them?
Isn't that better than imposing trade tariffs?
Some companies have two production lines, one for domestic sales and one for foreign trade. Cost?

Lets switch from Kludge to simple!
Say social distancing, keep 2 meters apart. Not 6 feet! Stop using Kludge measures! Go Metric! Here are some web sites for more info.My site: sites.google.com/site/mymetric US Metric Association: US Metric Association

Please share the above comparison with others, especially those with influence. Write your Representatives, \& President.

Thank you ....Parker


