

CHIRPER



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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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



Katydids Annual

PICNIC

& Reunion



Sunday, June 9, 2013

11 am to 2 pm
Eating at Noon

Central Park
909 Kely Blvd.
Santa Clara

Members bring:
Appetizers or desserts
Salad/side dishes
(with serving spoons/forks)
Chairs
Plates and utensils
Drinks (special if desired)



www.katydids.info
(408) 871-8525

Contact Lloyd or Maxine to
help with set-up @ 9 am or
for other picnic information:
(408) 241-7567



Club provides:
Hamburgers
Hotdogs
Condiments
Drinks

CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Jun. 07: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
830 PM Special General Meeting
9:35 PM Executive Board Meeting

Sun., Jun 9: ANNUAL CLUB REUNION & PICNIC
Central Park, Santa Clara
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Be sure to invite your Katydids' alumni
friends & our class members to join us!

Fri., Jun. 14: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Fri., Jun. 21: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
PARTY NIGHT Wear GREEN and
bring food to share

Fri., Jun. 28: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Fri., Jul. 05: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
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Fri., Jul. 12: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Fri., Jul. 19: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
PARTY NIGHT Wear GREEN and
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Sat., Aug. 17: **SAVE THE DATE!**
Pat Angotti's trip with Docent, Gary
Holloway. Details TBD

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Super Square Head
Stephanie Stevens (408-871-9525)

Jun. 07Caywood
Jun. 14Hebson
Jun. 21Franger / Moore
Jun. 28Gray / Hastings

Jul. 05Grubb / Lehnhoff
Jul. 12Angotti / Smith
Jul. 19Darknell
Jul. 26Wies / Parsons

Aug. 02Matolyak / Tillman
Aug. 09Willey
Aug. 16Shaney
Aug. 23Clark, T&D
Aug. 30DeLapp

Before the dance:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, 408-871-9525 of any needed change 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 **6:30 PM**. A Katydid with a key will open the doors.
- Sweep floor as necessary and set up tables and chairs.
- Make ice water.
- Start hot water for tea and coffee.

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.

After the dance:

- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.
- ALL MEMBERS: *Clean up!* Help pack up supplies and jugs and put 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, Gary or Sue De Lapp 408-446-1910 of any supplies needed.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

Plus Level Dances

Jun. 8: Strawberry Festival Hoedown; Sunnyvale Squares
John Muir Middle School
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: George Gardner
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Rick Hampton

Jun. 15: Anniversary Dance; Tam Twirlers
Community Center, 618 "B" St., San Rafael
730 –1030 PM Caller: Eric Henerlau & Jet Roberts
Air Conditioned. Wood Floor
European style, no breaks between tips
Traditional square dance attire optional

Jun. 22: Wild West Hoedown; Wildcards
Calvary Methodist Church, 729 Morse St., San Jose
7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds: John Flora
8:00 – 10:30 PM, Caller: George Knox

Jun. 26-29: National Square Dance Convention
Cox Convention Center
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Jun. 29: Caller Appreciation Whing Ding; SCVCA/
SCVSDA**
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
Callers: **Jim Osborne**, Keith Ferguson, Diana Hilliard, Wayne Janssen, Al Knoppe, Bob Steele, Vicki Woods
Cuer: Barbara-Lynn Smith

Jul. 6: Farmers & Farmerettes Hoedown
Walters Jr. High, Fremont
7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds: Bob Ensten
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Mike Wright

Jul. 13: Starlight Plus Hoedown; CPSD

Jul. 20: 2nd Annual Benefit Square Dancers Jamboree
Cypress Community Center, San Jose
9:00 AM – 8:30 PM

Jul. 27: Roadrunners Hoedown
Beresford Recreation Center
2720 Avenue de las Pulgas, San Mateo
7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds: George Gardner
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Gary Carnes

Jul. 27: Get to Know your Corner; Adira Dance & Costume
Adira parking lot, 2038 Lincoln Ave., San Jose
5:00 PM Dinner
Caller: Scot Byars
Cuer: John Flora

Aug. 3: Anniversary Dance; Lucky Steppers
Ben Lomond Slab in Ben Lomond
7:00 –7:30 PM; Pre-Rounds: Sue Harris
7:30 – 10:00 PM; Caller: Don Benson

Sep. 13–15: 57th Annual Jubilee; SCVSDA
Gunderson High School, San Jose
Callers: Dan Nordbye, Charlie Robertson
Cuers: Mary Ann Callahan & Brian Wyatt

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



We are on the verge of what promises to be a very comfortable Northern California summer. What with the pleasant weather we have been experiencing in the Bay Area, a very interesting venue of outside square dancing events coming up in the near future and an extensive variety of activities vying for our attention as vacation opportunities, it is expected that we will be seeing a reduction in our Friday night Club attendance. If this describes your personal situation, let me speak on behalf of the Club in wishing you safe and happy vacation activities during your absence and the hope that you will return to our dancing at your earliest opportunity. And if you think of it, think about keeping a journal or memories diary of your activities, or take pictures and share them with our Chirper editor, Stephanie Stevens (geneosteph@gmail.com) so she can share your fun with the rest of the Club members through our newsletter.

Speaking of summer, we have already had a couple of very warm Club nights in the last few weeks where we were wanting for some air movement through the hall. I checked into the status of our Club fans with Tork and he tells me that our Club fans had seen better days, were noisy and not working well so he decided to trash them. So, with the approval of the Executive Board at tonight's after-Club meeting, I will try to get two very quiet high-volume floor fans that will help make dancing more comfortable for those warm summer evenings. If anyone has some ideas for a brand/model of fan that they were particularly impressed with (at reasonable cost), please contact me and let me know your recommendations.

We will also be brainstorming with our caller, Jim Osborne, on the subject of whether to start a new square dance class and ideas for how to get new members to the Club. I am always open to inputs (comments and suggestions) from Club members on the betterment of our Club dancing and sharing it with others.

Speaking of the betterment of our Club dancing, I would like to remind everyone that our Friday Club night dancing is primarily for that purpose. Being respectful of dancers with perfume allergies we ask that dancers refrain from wearing heavily scented cologne, perfume or other essences.

Likewise, I would ask you to be respectful of the dancing interests of our members, guests, callers and cuer (and mid-evening announcements) and refrain from conducting loud conversations in the hall during these tandem activities. Can we ask you to step well outside the hall entries if you want to conduct your conversations, be they either social or business? Please don't spoil or interfere with the focus of our dancers during the dance or Club announcement activities. And please don't get offended if other Club-night attendees remind you of the need to respect the needs of others at our activities. Lets try and keep the Katydids fun for everyone!

Last Friday was the Katydids' Free 5th Friday Celebration and it was good to see Bob & Lisa Steele and a few of his square dance class members who joined us as well as a few notable dance community regulars (did someone say "Jane?" -- who reluctantly revealed she had a birthday that same evening!). Our caller, Jim Osborne, shared his stage with Bob Steele and Roger Smith for alternating tips. It was refreshing to experience the differences in calling style between the three callers.

And, John Caywood continues to show his skills as a developing round dance cuer. I have every confidence that he will be accomplished and quite professional in time for his gig at our 2015 Sweetheart Special hoedown!

We will be seeing less of Tork and Dory at Club because they are focusing on getting more accomplished in the construction of their home in Gilroy on Tork's long 'Off-Friday' weekends. We wish them well in this endeavor.

Respectfully,

Skip

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !

- John & Linda Caywood.....Jun. 11
- Gary & Sue DeLappJun. 24
- Tork & Dory Clark.....Jun. 25

Chirper Chatter...



We are all so sorry to hear that Sue DeLapp has fractured her ankle. How? A little unusual. She was at her daughter's home helping dispose of things in a 16 cubic yard dumpster sitting on her driveway. She was in the dumpster when the wind got hold of the side door and the door hit her foot hard enough to fracture it. It could have been worse had the door slammed against her foot and the steel floor (shudder the thought). Get well soon!

Char Pitts is in Arizona for 3 weeks visiting her sister and will have more to say when she returns...

Sandy Hastings hurt her back somehow and wishes to avoid any activity until it gets better. She does not want to be placed on LOA. Please get well soon and we know you can...

Morris Hosoda played senior softball in Manteca the weekend of May 4/5 and reports he has nothing extra ordinary to say. The team also played in the Regionals in Reno May 28-30 and again have nothing great to report, except to say they came in 3rd place (out of 3 teams). He did have a visit at the ball park from an old Katydid's friend, Glen McCabe, who now resides in Reno. They have been seeing each other for at least 5 years. This tournament always follows Memorial Day. Glen's picture was taken at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Sparks, an adjoining city north of Reno.



Louise Hosoda finally had to send her old reliable 1996 Buick Regal to its final resting place (some charitable organization) and replaced it with a 2013 Buick Verano ...

Spike Colistra has been found! Our frequent visitors, Jack and Glenna Colistra, visited us on May 31. As usual towards the end of the night Jack will let his dog, Spike, out of his car and very unusually soon disappeared. Several dancers have joined in on the hunt which proved to be successful. Jack sends his thanks to all who helped...

Roger Hemsley update: After being in the ICU for over two months as a result of an adverse reaction to a drug for his heart arrhythmia that affected his lungs, Roger is now in rehab and getting stronger every day. His goal is to dance again on his feet, which will take many months. We wish him the best in his long road to recovery. Notes of encouragement are very much appreciated: 1766 Dalton Pl., San Jose, 95124

Stephanie Stevens has returned from her recent trip to Las Vegas where she attended a genealogy conference where she decided that she is not a genealogist . . . a family historian perhaps. The work of a true genealogist is

just too daunting a task!. From Vegas she went directly to Salt Lake City for her annual trek to the genealogy mecca with her genealogy class. Unlike one of participants, she reports that she is happy that she doesn't have to inform her family that she found direct line relatives where a grandfather married his granddaughter. On the other hand, there was another member of the group who found a female relative who was accused as a witch in Tennessee. She was found not guilty and then she and her husband turned around and accused the accuser and WON. They were awarded \$5,000 for the false accusation or about \$130,000 in today's dollars. Wow!! As for what Steph found, well, that has yet to be determined. She has many pages of notes to transcribe first.

Morris Hosoda, moho77@gmail.com

IT'S SUMMERTIME ... TIME TO PLAY BALL!
Watch Morris play on Tuesday mornings!
10:00 AM

- June 11 at DeAnza vs Maroon - H
- June 18 at Butcher vs Maroon - V
- June 25 at DeAnza vs Red - V

DeAnza is surrounded by Marquette, Princeton, Helmond and Meridian.

Butcher is located off of Camden between Lancaster and Oakwood with Ross parallel to Camden

NEWER DANCER HOEDOWNS
Be an angel - Support our newest dancers!!

--SEPTEMBER CLASS LEVEL--

Sat., July 6: Castaways
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:30 - 10:00 PM

--SEPTEMBER & JANUARY CLASS LEVELS--

Sat., June 15: Shotgun Wedding; Castaways
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:30-10:00 PM
Callers: Keith Ferguson, Roger Smith

Sat., July 27: Lucky Steppers
Ben Lomond Slab in Ben Lomond
7:30 9:45 PM; Callers: Don Benson,
Roger Smith, Guest Callers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

- Morris Hosoda.....June 21
- Jim Osborne.....June 25

FROM MARY & ROD - -

April 2013

Hello, friends and family!

Several years ago (2009), we spent two wonderful months RVing in Mexico. Here is Part 2 of my long-overdue newsletter. I apologize (a little) for the length and number of pictures – but it was a fantastic trip.

Our Escapee HOP with the Mexican Connection was timed to participate in “Carnival” – and Guaymas, MX was not to be out-partied by anyone!



This large parade had many extensively-decorated floats, several marching bands, and scores of other participants.



Of course, certain commercial interests were also represented!



I confess I usually think of Mexico as being somewhat behind in development. So I was quite surprised to see the local police using Segways for parade-escort duty.



And what’s a party without some snacks – delivered Mexican style.



After the parade we wandered round town and found the fishing fleet – shrimpers mostly.



We also found the cruise ship port.



Near our campground was a commercial pearl factory. They provided a very interesting tour and explanation of how oysters were “farmed”.



The HOP ended and everyone dispersed, Some headed back to the US, others headed to Mexican winter destination campgrounds. We were joined by SKP friends Don & Kay and Court & Mary for an extended tour down the Sea of Cortez coast. Of course, our RV’s had to share the road with locals!



We arrived in Alamos, greeted by the church.



And the town plaza.



Climbing El Mirador we got an over-view of the city -

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.... and could easily see the path of destruction of flash floods resulting from a Pacific hurricane that hit the area the year before.



But people persevere! The flood washed away a large market area, yet the vendors returned and began the task of rebuilding



And the local farmers provide plenty of food!



The young ladies sure know how to dress for their Quinceañera party (15th birthday).



Another sign of civic activities returning to normal was the national election. Here people were standing in line for up to two hours in order to vote.



We had an opportunity to tour one of the "apartamentos". Other than the intricately-carved door, the exteriors were pretty drab.



But once inside, the courtyard was exquisite!



The informal dining area looked pretty plush to us RV'ers.



And local art of many styles adorned the home.



We took a guided tour into the countryside, stopping at an abandoned silver mine. The owners had just walked away – no remediation attempted



Clearly it had been abandoned for a while!



The churches of the countryside are much simpler than their city counterparts.

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The crafts were simpler, too. These snakes are made from bottle caps.



Some of the beachfront homes are mansions



Found this beachfront restaurant...



We headed farther south to Huatobampito, passing this school. Looks like fun, doesn't it?



But the local Red Cross building shows wear.



... and enjoyed a feast!



Back to the fancy churches.



Our campground was well-situated.



We also found some local art....



Most Mexican communities had extensively-decorated cemeteries, often with lots of fresh flowers



We drove to this beach at Topolabampo



.... and some really local art!

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We left the RV's in Los Mochis and took the train into the mountains to the famous Copper Canyon. They no longer take RV's on the train.



Not too far from the coast we're into some serious mountains....



.... requiring several severe u-turns in the tracks



Our first view of Copper Canyon.



And the famous Taramahara natives.



We took a hike and tour to see more of the area.



The hike started with bridges



But... degraded to fording the creeks



After a couple of miles we arrived at a beautiful waterfall location.



Surprise, surprise – the local vendors and craftspeople had also found this location. And I bet they found a shorter route!



There were many areas to overlook the Copper Canyon as we toured around. Impressive in size, but we think the colors and steepness of our Grand Canyon make a more vivid visual impression.

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Again, the countryside churches are simpler – but often striking in their simplicity, especially their interiors.



Even the churches get into the act



Back on the road – still sharing it – and heading to Las Glorias



We passed a local Taramahara home, with their colorful laundry was hung out to dry



We never know what we'll find in our travels!



Nothing but the finest roads for our RV's



We stayed overnight in Creel, a small, pleasant town that got us into the state of Chihuahua



Creel has a wonderful museum – could even make you miss your train if you rely on the published schedule!



Our southern-most destination.



Did I mention it's a very colorful town?



One last view of the Taramahara women.



Another of the fantastic beach restaurants, just a pleasant walk from the campground.

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Alternatively, there is "fast food".



Guess which one Mary chose?



We decided to take one of the yachts to Bird Island.



It's got to be a challenge to perch on a cactus!



Rosy Spoonbills on the wing.



And newborn pelicans in the nest.



Heading back north we decided to check out the WHR park, Kino Bay. A very exciting entrance drive – 12 miles of soft sand and few directional signs.



(It was before the new road.) But what a wonderful beach when you get there!



Complete with golf course – desert style



Our traveling companions came out for a visit – in their car!



Not many people still in the park – it's early April now – so easy to relax for a few days.



The city of Kino Bay was pleasant with lots of beach area. The mountains were nearby – this church easily visible from town. Not sure how one actually got there! We were warned to get out of town before the Easter crush arrived – or be trapped for a week.

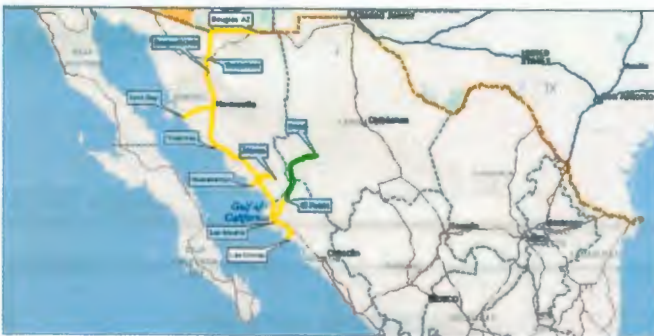
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We broke up the drive back to the border and Tucson with an overnight stay in Santa Ana – and were rewarded by a pleasant wander through town and this parting view of our Mexican adventure.

OK – here’s the route summary. Note that we barely got farther south than Pharr, TX!



Hope you found it worth the wait. I’ve certainly enjoyed the opportunity to relive the trip – which is why I do these. We had a great time and found the local Mexican people to be friendly and helpful. The beaches were magnificent and the food tasty. Hopefully, the travel environment will improve and we’ll get a chance to return for another winter.

Our special thanks to SKP’s Don & Kay Damkaer for being our tour guides; it made the trip much more than we could have possibly done ourselves.

Back to the present, we’ll be in Marietta (GA) soon and then take two weeks to travel to Elmira (NY). We’re looking forward to seeing many of our Eastern friends soon.

Mary & Rod Garges

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Do We Get Letters (and E-mails)!!!

Valerie Paterson
March 15, 2013

Morris,
Thanks for the payment receipt notice. I could not remember how far out I had already paid. Dues are no big deal to me. I want to support the Club as much as I can while away. I am not worried about a Leave Of Absence, when I return I will make sure my dancing is up to speed. I will probably be supporting the newer dancer groups again as additional practice. I really have little news to add to the *Chirper* but do enjoy reading about what is happening.

Campbell United Church of Christ
May 17, 2013

Katyids Square Dance Club (& Guests),

The Food Pantry of Campbell United Church of Christ was extremely active in 2012. The number of visits has nearly doubled from 350 in 2011 to at least 690 in 2012. The need seemed to increase across the board, although it was most dramatic among the homeless.

Thank you so much for your gifts of goods and money and the opportunity to work in this ministry.

May God Bless You,
/s/ Faith King, Team Leader

Thanks so much for the generous donation to this ministry. We have been able to supplement food donations with that money. I hope you can thank your members for us.

Faith

Submitted by Morris Hosoda



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