

# CHIRPER



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Katydid Square Dance Club Newsletter

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



**ROGER! THANKS FOR THE MEMOIRES!**

**CLUB CALENDAR**



**[www.katydid.org](http://www.katydid.org)**

## **KATYDIDS' CLUB EVENTS**

All Katydid 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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## **LOCAL SQUARE DANCING EVENTS**

Most local square dancing events have also been postponed or cancelled until further notice. However, there is news that the Lucky Steppers are sponsoring a 2-day Celeb ration July 2 & 3 at the Prunedale Grange Hall in Salinas. Mike Sikorsky and Mike Luna calling and Sue Harris Cueing. See copy of flyer on page 3 for more details.

**PRESIDENT’S CORNER**



Greetings Katydid & Friends!

It is exciting to see the COVID-19 case numbers diminishing and I know we all have itchy feet to get back on the dance floor .I get it!! However, I am sorry to burst any bubbles, but we do not have a hall to dance at. Resurrection Church is no longer available and while the Salvation Army is still a possibility, they will likely not come through for awhile. yet. So . . . . . we are back to trying to find a hall. at a minimum, for the summer perhaps longer. We NEED your assistance! **Please help us find a place to dance!** Talk to your friends. Make phone calls. Issues encountered so far are:

- Too expensive
- Need a 501(c)(3)
- Need a high percentage of members who live in the host city

And, as we contemplate when and how to re-open the Club, we are also considering starting a new class and what that might look like. There was some discussion at the Friday, 28 May ZOOM meeting about the possibility of using three thirteen-week classes over the next year. I am sure there will be more discussion on ZOOM before we decide what we want to do as a Club. Join us on Friday nights!

And, speaking of classes, a couple of Friday’s ago **Jim** mentioned that there was going to be a webinar the next day hosted by the California Council of Square Dancers with a presentation by Barry Johnson, Vice Chair of the SSD (Social Square Dancing) Committee. He was going to talk about the recently adopted SSD program by CALLERLAB as an alternative entry-level program. I decided to attend the Zoom meeting. **Jim, Armand, Skip, and Barbara Johnson** also attended. The webinar was recorded (almost 2 1/2 hours long!) Here is the link to view it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqySZNvURrE>  
Kip Garvey has a video he recorded in 2018 about his thoughts on square dancing: (about 35 minutes long)  
<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=%3Dg8YsA3yNZEK&source=gmail&ust=1623034021633000&usg=AFQjCNGJNtehfZ7TvcmtmUmTB6nOdKRphg> In my opinion SSD is certainly worthy of our consideration.,

As we prepare to re-open. I have started to make calls to our members with the intention to re-do our Club Roster. To make things go faster, you can contact me with the following information I need from each member:

- **Name(s):**
- **Status:** Active? Leave of Absence? Resign?
- **Address:**
- **Phone(s)**
- **Email address(es):**

Besides hearing recently that Roger will be moving to Southern California June 10<sup>th</sup> to live with his daughter, we have also learned that his brother recently died. We send our condolences to Roger and his family.. We will miss you, Roger! You have been a shining star in supporting the square dance community. We are most grateful! If you want to contact Roger: Cell: 408-821-1837 or email: [sqdroger@gmail.com](mailto:sqdroger@gmail.com)

**Naomi and Steve** have resigned their positions on the Board as Publicity and Secretary respectively as well as the appointed position of Sunshine. We will be looking to make new appointments per our Club’s By-Laws soon. Naomi and Steve have have been on the Board for six years and we thank them so very much for their service to the Club.

To **Jim** we congratulate him on his 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Katydid and **Happy Birthday** wishes are in order as well!!

Wishing all the father’s a very **Happy Father’s Day** later this month

**Stephanie**

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**Meet Chloe**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Morris Hosoda.....June 21  
 Jim Osborne.....June 25  
 Lee Fleeman .....June 28  
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## ZOOMING on Friday, 4 June





### America's Celebration

Mike Sikorsky & Mike Luna calling and Sue Harris cueing

Sponsored by Lucky Steppers Square Dance Club

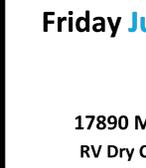


## Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday July 3, 2021

### Prunedale Grange Hall

17890 Moro Rd, Salinas (Prunedale) CA 93907

RV Dry Camping available with weekend registration




**Friday Night 6 PM to 10:30 PM**—  
 6 PM - Advanced, 7 PM - Pre Rounds, 7:30 - PM MS/Plus alternation tips with Single Rounds ending with "Sikorsky" Hot Hash, ending at 10:30 PM

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**Saturday Morning 9 AM to 12 PM**  
 9 AM - Pre-Rounds, 9:30 AM - MS/Plus alternation tips with Single Rounds until 12 PM

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**Saturday Afternoon 12 PM to 5:30 PM**  
 12 PM - Advanced, 1:30 PM - MS/Plus alternation tips with Single Rounds, 4:30 PM - Rounds until 5:30 PM

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**Saturday Evening 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM**  
 5:30 PM - Advanced, 7 PM - MS/Plus alternation tips with Single Rounds ending with "Sikorsky" Hot Hash, ending by 10:30 PM

**Limited space due to COVID restrictions** – Wear your mask and bring any refreshments you need.  
**Pre-registration only** for each session. Registration closed when we meet the attendance requirements  
 Friday Evening = \$15, Sat Morning = \$15 Sat Afternoon Session = \$15, Sat Evening Dance = \$15 Weekend = \$45  
**More info: Sue & Phil Harris 408-393-8453 leave message or e-mail phillipwharris@att.net**

Mail checks to: Phil Harris, 19130 El Cerrito Way, Aromas, CA 95004

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mark all where you will be dancing  Rds  Adv  MS  Plus

\_\_\_\_\_  FRI  SAT AM  SAT PM  SAT Eve  Weekend \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sometimes, it's not really just luck . . .

Thank you, Naomi, for sending this 28 March 2021:

**This story is confirmed in Elmer Bendiner's book, THE FALL OF FORTRESSES. Sometimes, it's not really just luck.**

**Elmer Bendiner was a navigator in a B17 during WWII. He tells this story of a World War II bombing run over Kassel, Germany, and the unexpected result of a direct hit on their gas tanks. Our B-17, the Tondelayo, was barraged by flak from Nazi anti-aircraft guns. That was not unusual, but on this particular occasion our gas tanks were hit.**

**Later as I reflected on the miracle of a 20 millimeter shell piercing the fuel tank without touching off an explosion, our pilot, Bohn Fawkes, told me it was not quite that simple. "On the morning following the raid, Bohn had gone down to ask our crew chief for that shell as a souvenir of unbelievable luck.**

**The crew chief told Bohn that not just one shell but 11 had been found in the gas tanks. 11 unexploded shells where only one was sufficient to blast us out of the sky**

**It was as if the sea had been parted for us. A near-miracle, I thought. Even after 35 years, so awesome an event leaves me shaken, especially after I hear the rest of the story from Bohn.**

**"He was told that the shells had been sent to the armorers to be defused. The armorers told him that intelligence had picked them up. They could not say why at the time, but Bohn eventually sought out the answer. "Apparently when the armorers opened each of those shells, they found no explosive charge. They were as clean as a whistle and just as harmless.**

**Empty? Not all of them! One contained a carefully rolled piece of paper. On it was a scrawl in Czech. The intelligence people scoured our base for a man who could read Czech. Eventually they found one to decipher the note. It set us marveling. Translated, the note read:**

*"This is all we can do for you now . . .  
Using Jewish slave labor is never a good idea."*