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Katydid Square Dance Club Newsletter

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

**WE'RE
B-A-A-A-C-K !!**

A colorful illustration of a Mardi Gras crown with purple, yellow, and green ribbons, surrounded by stars and confetti. The word "Mardi" is written in a large, purple, stylized font with swirls. Below it, the word "GRAS" is written in a large, colorful, diamond-patterned font. The text "It's Party Time!!" is written in a bold, black font across the middle. The date "Friday, March 4th" is written in a bold, black font at the bottom right.

It's Party Time!!

Friday, March 4th

CLUB CALENDAR



www.katydid.org

Fri., Mar. 4: Salvation Army; Fellowship Hall
3090 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30PM
THEME: Mardi Gras Party



Fri., Mar. 11: Salvation Army; Fellowship Hall
3090 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30PM

Fri., Mar. 18: Salvation Army; Fellowship Hall
3090 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30PM

Fri., Mar. 25: Salvation Army; Fellowship Hall
3090 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30PM

Fri., Apr. 1: Salvation Army; Fellowship Hall
3090 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30PM

Fri., Apr. 8: Salvation Army; Fellowship Hall
3090 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30PM

Fri., Apr 15: TBD (Good Friday)

Fri., Apr 22: Salvation Army; Fellowship Hall
3090 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30PM

Fri., Apr 29: Salvation Army; Fellowship Hall
3090 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30PM

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Mar 04Bruns
 Mar 11Dixon / Village
 Mar 18Franger / Moore / Willey
 Mar 25Schwartz / Oros

Apr 01Lehnhoff / Grubb
 Apr 08McManus / Standridge
 Apr 15Stevens
 Apr 22Wilhelmsen
 Apr 29Darknell

May 06Bruns
 May 13Dixon / McManus
 May 20Franger / Moore / Willey
 May 27Schwartz / Village

Before the dance:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, (408-871-9525) of any needed changes to assigned dates.
- The designated Square Heads should arrive by **6:15 PM** and stay until clean-up is finished around 9:45 PM. A Katydid's member with a key will open the gates and hall and will secure the hall at end of evening.
- Check the restrooms for supplies & tidiness.
- Because of COVID we will not be providing drinks. Single-serving commercially made & wrapped snacks are welcomed.
- In the hall, set up 1 table for signing in.
- Flyers can go onto the top of the freezer.
- One unopened table needs to go in front of the piano.
- Place hand sanitizer on sign-in table at front of hall
- Set up the easel & board announcing birthday/ anniversary dates.

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone as they enter.
- Collect a **\$6.00** donation from each dancing guest and have them sign in. "
- In the green box, there is an envelope with \$70 petty cash for making change.
- Check the member sign-in list to see if we have any members on LOA. Those on LOA pay our Guest Donation of \$6.00.
- Offer 50/50 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 with 50% to the Club, 50% to the winner. (Note: odd dollar goes to the winner!)
- After announcements and raffle, feel free to dance EXCEPT for the last tip (unless you are needed to fill a square) when you will need to be putting things away and cleaning up
- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.

After the dance:

- Pack up the sign-in table items & give to Steph.
- Reset the hall to the way we found it.
- Notify Stephanie and Naomi if we need more Club event flyers or *Chirpers* printed for the following week.

COVID-19 rules can change on a moment's notice. Be sure to check with the sponsoring club for latest update on the rules they are currently following.

DANCE EVENTS

PLUS LEVEL unless otherwise noted

- Mar. 18-19: March Hoedown;** Lucky Steppers
Mainstream/Plus/Advanced
Caller: Johnny Preston
Cuer: Sue & Phil Harris
- Mar. 25-27: Fiesta de la Cuadrilla**
Balboa Park, San Diego
SSD/Plus/Advanced
Callers: Eric Henerlau, Dan Nordbye, Andy Allemao
Cuers: Randy & Marie Preskitt, Rey & Sherry Garza, Bill & Beth Davenport
Info: <http://sdsda.org/fiesta>
- Mar. 26: Black & White Ball;** El Camino Reelers
Mainstream/Plus/A2
St. Andrews Church, 4111 Alma St., PA
7:30 – 10:30PM
Caller: Vic Ceder
- Apr. 30: Caller Appreciation Whing Ding; ;**
SCVSDA/SCVCA
7:30PM PreRounds; Cuers: Sue Harris, Sandi Kremer, Arlene callon
8:00PM Callers: Bob Elling, Keith Ferguson, Kurt Golhardt, Harlan Kerr, Jim Osborne, Bob Steele
- May 6-8: Silver State**
Nuggett Casino Resort, Sparks, NV
- May 27-29: Golden State Roundup**
Grape Festival Fairgrounds, Lodi
Callers: Charlie Robertson, Ray Brendzy, Jay Hendersen, Mike Sikorsky

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Mondays:

Bows & Beaus; Beginners class
 Instructor: Tork Clark
 Date: Begins March 7:
 Time: 7:00– 9:00 pm
 Location:Loyola Elementary School,
 770 Berry Ave., Los Altos
 Cost: \$7 per person; 1st two nights are free.
 Info: Sharon 650-429-8368

Tuesdays:

Ongoing Refresher Square Dance class
 Callers; Tork Clark & James Thompson
 Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
 Location: Resurrection Lutheran Church
 1495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
 Cost: \$8 per person
 Info: Pat 408-338-8386

**BOWS & BEAUS
BEGINNING SQUARE DANCE CLASS**



Adult Singles/Solos/Couples
(partners not required)
Mondays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Great Exercise!
Socialize!

Masks per SCC Guidelines

Class Starts March 7, 2022

**Please check the website below to
confirm this start date!**



March 7th and 14th Classes are **FREE!**
\$7 per person/class thereafter

COVID-19 Proof of Full Vaccination Required

Loyola Elementary School
770 Berry Avenue, Los Altos
(near Foothill Expy &
Rancho Shopping Center)

Caller/Instructor: Tork Clark
Info: Sharon 650-429-8368
Or <http://www.bowsandbeaus.org>



Refresher Square Dance Class

Tuesdays, starts August 10, 2021

7 - 9 pm

Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave, Santa Clara



Callers: Tork Clark & James Thompson

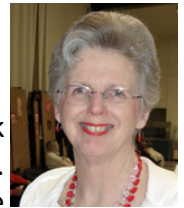
\$8 per person

Covid vaccination & proof required

Contact Information:

Pat Angotti 408.338.8786

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



To Katydid and Friends,

FINALLY I can welcome you all back to dancing with our favorite caller. Friday, March 4th we will again be dancing at the Salvation Army's Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:00pm. And, to celebrate this delightful turn of events, we are going to Party, Mardi Gras style! Feel free to wear your beads, fancy masks or other costume finery. Please bring your own beverage. Single-serving commercially made and wrapped snacks to share are welcomed.

COVID rules have changed slightly:

- Need to show proof of full vaccination (or have the information on file with us).
- COVID masks are highly recommended (but not required).

I expect that I will call for a General Meeting of the membership later this month to give you an update on our financial status and to discuss the results of the survey we took last November and make some decisions. I will let the membership know as soon as the Board sets a date.

I hear that **Bea** has returned home after her hip surgery and rehab stay and has been having in-home therapy and is being able to cut down on her pain meds. We look forward to seeing her as soon as she is able.

In talking with **Janna** today I learned that **Don** has been visiting the History San José Museum at Kelly Park where she works. Apparently when the museum reopens, there will be a new exhibit about communication, including Morse Code and Don has shown interest in becoming a volunteer docent teaching the code to anyone who wants to learn more about this way of communicating.

See you on the dance floor soon!!

Stephanie

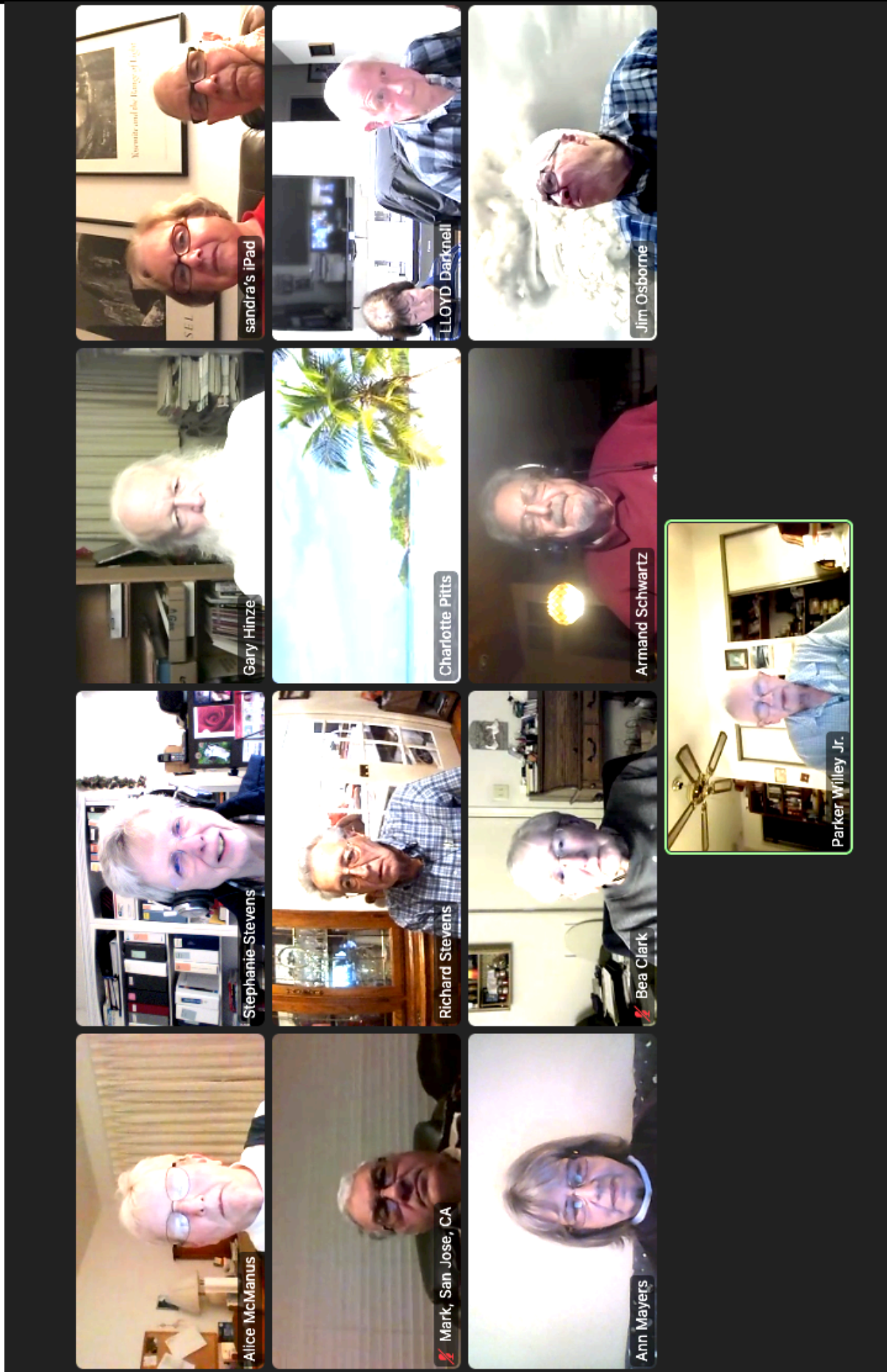
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Liv BraatenMar. 07

Denis MooreMar. 11

Louise HosodaMar. 29

Final Zoom meeting on 28 February.



The Allen Family Adventures

The letter copied below was received from The Allen Family (Thomas, Lauren, Acton, and Gretta) on 24 Feb 2022. Be sure to check out the great photos and stories by clicking on the "Adventure Album Link" listed at the end of the letter, (Until about two years ago the Allens were members of the Katydid's.)

Hello Friends and Family,

Happy (belated) Valentine's Day and (very-belated) Holidays! I'm not sure why I seem to be incapable of getting a holiday letter out at regular holiday times, but February seems to work for me. Perhaps it's for the best anyway. By February, things have again become "regular," boring, and drab. And, then, *voila*, a touch of holidays for your inbox! So, with that, no apologies, just Happy Holidays!

This letter will also be shorter than usual. Hoorah! I wrote a long, sparkly, shiny holiday letter a week or so ago and then, with the unfortunate click of just one button, it was all gone. Deleted and unrecoverable. I didn't know that was still possible on a modern computer, but I guess I must thank Apple for the memories. So, the re-write is a condensed version. Likely less sparkly, but also, thankfully, less wordy! (Though it may give you some indication of just how long the other one was... ha!)

So... here we go! In December of 2020, Thomas accepted a position at a company in Oslo. The plan was: 1) get visas, 2) get rid of almost everything we own, 3) rent out the house, 4) move to Oslo. It essentially went like that. There were a couple of additional things, a hitch here and there, but, you know, mostly that.

1) Get visas- we obtained a visa appointment in San Francisco in February with the grand lead- time of: part of 1 day. That meant, I spent the majority of an evening penning a 10 page document about "how I know Thomas." They wanted detailed information and photos detailing how we met, what we liked to do while we were dating, our engagement, our wedding, and our honeymoon. Thankfully, after writing all that, I got a break, since they had no interest whatsoever in anything that happened *after* we were married!

Work visas were supposed to be processed in 6 weeks. It ended up taking 12, but they arrived shortly before we moved out of our house, which brings us to:

2) Get rid of everything we own- if you ask Thomas's (very patient) parents, I would imagine that they have a very different feeling than we do about how much stuff we have! The reason for this is that all of our stuff moved into their kitchen in May and, apparently, that's where it lives now because it is all *still there*. I have grave concerns about 'what goes around, comes around' as I

just don't know if I will be able to take it with such grace if/when one of my children decides to park their I motorcycle in my bathtub or something during their gap year!

In any event... moving out: we made some piles (yes, piles. Not boxes. Am I bitter? Maybe a bit...) of things that were coming with us and transported them to Rick and Diane's house (where they sit gathering dust). Then, we sold and/or gave away everything else. We had a 5 day free garage sale in front of our house, culminating in several trips to the dump and the thrift store ...and then our house was empty and Rick & Diane's house was very full. I'm still not sure what all was in the house. A lot of cloth diapers, despite no children of diapering age. And a lot of paper. Mostly notes we'd taken in college, presumably written down in an attempt to make up for the information not being in our brains.

3) Rent out the house- this one should have been easier than it was. We had a property management company because we were going to be abroad. I wish they did a better job than they did. We went through a couple of months of not knowing what it was they were doing and, despite the fact that you could, quite literally, rent out a house that is missing walls in under 10 minutes in the Bay, it took them over 3 months to get it fixed up and rented! However, eventually, the house got "fixed" (i.e. destroyed) to their satisfaction and they rented it out. Since then, I haven't heard much from them, but money comes into my account, so I guess things have been going mostly well.

4) Move to Oslo- ah... we found it! The hitch. Norway closed to the entire world in January of 2021. Originally, they were going to be closed about 2 weeks, then they extended another 2 weeks and this just continued and continued and continued, long past the expectations of, I think, everyone involved, including Norway. For us, it meant that, while we moved out of our house the beginning of May, we did not actually arrive in Oslo until December.

In May, we temporarily moved in with Thomas's parents; Norway could theoretically open in just 2 weeks! In practice, we bounced back and forth between Palo Alto and Tehachapi, ensuring no one got too tired of us, visiting family and friends and, because it was summer, going to the pool. And while this sounds relaxing, by late July we were all going a bit crazy. It is hard to plan for anything when you are always 2 weeks away from moving to a new country! My sister pointed out that, even though Thomas had quit his job in April, we really hadn't been on a "vacation." Point taken! With Europe opening up to American tourists, we booked ourselves plane tickets to Denmark, figuring that Norway couldn't possibly continue to be closed for that much longer, but recognizing that, worst-case scenario, we would leave the EU after 3 months and go somewhere else!

Allen Family continued from previous page.

We arrived in Copenhagen August 6. We recovered from our jet-lag with a healthy dose of tourism, and spent 5 days wandering all over the city. From there, we booked an AirBnB in a holiday town called Dronningmølle. It was off-season so it was quiet. We spent 3 weeks visiting quaint places and watching how the Danes stoically walk into the ocean until they are submerged, bob up and down a time or two, and then walk out again. (Enjoyment of the sea, as far as we can tell, is not involved.) After 3 weeks in Dronningmølle, we crossed over to the mainland and spent 5 weeks in Kolding, near Billund. This AirBnB had a dog and a playmate for Gretta! We got a season pass to LegoLand and did quite a bit of child-tourism. Overall, it was a good time! After 5 weeks in Kolding, we spent 10 days in Dybvad (which was very far north and the only place in all of Denmark where we struggled at all with a communication barrier, but also the only place that had a desert...), then 10 days in Vinderup (where Thomas fell off a see-saw and then couldn't walk for two weeks), and finally, we landed for 5 weeks in Silkeborg. For those of you who math-ed this paragraph (don't feel obligated) and are familiar with the Schengen Visa, I'm sure you can recognize that something doesn't add up. You're correct. Our Schengen Visa expired as we entered Silkeborg. Thomas's company, with exactly 2 business days to spare (thankfully, that wasn't stressful...!), managed to figure out a way for us to become temporary residents of Denmark and we were allowed to remain in the country on a procedural stay while our residency was processed. Phew!

We were processing our Danish residency, had just finished our biometrics, had figured out our residency address, and were working on where we would stay next, when, lo and behold, Norway announced that they would open! We rather liked Denmark and, for a moment, considered staying (*should we have stayed!?*), but figured it was probably a bit late to change the plan, so we hopped on a ferry from Frederikshavn a week later, and finally arrived in Oslo the morning of December 3.

We became residents of Norway on December 16, just 9 days shy of 1 year after Thomas accepted the position at Pexip. After two months in temporary housing, life began with a huge jolt on Feb 1. We moved into our own apartment and tripled our worldly possessions. The next day, tired from the previous day's 7-hour IKEA trip, the children began school at two different schools. Overall, it seems to be going well. Gretta's teacher is amazing and she has made some friends already. Acton's start has been a little more difficult, but he has made a friend and things really aren't too onerous. Thomas is working at Pexip, finally! And I am continuing to teach classes on Pacific Standard Time and am looking into learning Norwegian.

And that, friends, is how to move to Norway! In just 4 simple steps! If you'd like to see our "adventure album," I am including a link below.

Love to all of you!
Lauren, Thomas, Acton, and Gretta

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Adventure Album Link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ehUyvo2dmFzWdRXQ6>



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