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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!



CLUB CALENDAR



www.katydids.org

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: skip.stevens@comcast.net
408-761-6588

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 Celebration 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

Dear Katydid's and Friends,



Another month has gone by and it really does feel like we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel for when we might be able to start up and dance again. During a recent ZOOM session, we learned from Roger that mid June he is planning to move to his daughter's in Southern California. He also said that Resurrection Church may not be available for our dancing for some time, yet, if at all. There's always a new wrinkle to keep us on our toes!

Jim also told us that his wife, Joann, was finally able to get her COVID shot. YEAH!!! He also relayed the message that Bob Steele had a very long surgery (by a robot!) last week. It went well and the progress of Bob's Myasthenia Gravis disease should be lessened. Lisa says more will be known in a few weeks. We all certainly wish Bob and Lisa the very best for Bob's speedy recovery! We were surprised and delighted to see both Lisa and Bob at our ZOOM meeting last night. And, another thing, Jim recommends the movie Sandlot.

Mark Mason reported that he had a nice camping trip along the north coast to Mendocino last month. And, Laurie, Tillie's daughter, says her nephew is preparing to leave for a 3-year assignment in Japan with the Navy's Air Force. We have also heard that the Allen's, Thomas, Lauren, Acton, and Greta, have not moved to Oslo, Norway, yet.

At last night's ZOOM meeting, we talked about cats. Yes! You read that correctly. Jim and Joann are getting a new addition to the family . . . a Siamese cat! Her name is Chloe. Congratulations to the new fur-ball parents!

Heard from Naomi, she says they are doing well. However, she keeps getting distracted with other things and keeps missing our ZOOM meetings. Perhaps we'll see her next week?!

Wishing all a good week and I wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the moms.

Stephanie



Photos courtesy of Pat Angotti

Are you remembering that Art collects cans that he turns in to a service group that collects them to purchase wheelchairs for children of families that cannot afford them. Art & Pat recently spent an afternoon removing tabs from their cans

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From the Kitchen of Bea Clark - - - -

What America
Eats

BETTER-THAN-TAKEOUT
GLAZED CHICKEN

All you need are a few pantry staples to turn out this easy dish from the new cookbook *Simply Julia* by Julia Turshen. And it comes together faster than ordering delivery. Serve it the classic Chinese restaurant way, with steamed broccoli and rice.

Sticky Chicken
The sauce also works well with shrimp or tofu.

In a small bowl, stir 2 Tbsp water and 1 tsp cornstarch until well combined. Stir in ¼ cup ketchup, 3 Tbsp honey, 3 Tbsp soy sauce, 1 Tbsp chili garlic sauce (such as sambal oelek) or your favorite hot sauce (optional) and 4 cloves garlic, minced.


Cut 1½ lb skinless boneless chicken breasts or thighs into bite-size pieces. In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat 2 Tbsp canola oil.

Add half of chicken; season generously with kosher salt and pepper. Cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until browned all over; transfer to a plate. If needed, add more oil to pan. Cook remaining chicken; season with salt and pepper. Return first batch of chicken to pan along with sauce. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes or until sauce is thick and coats chicken, stirring occasionally. **Serves 4.**







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America's Celebration
Mike Sikorsky & Mike Luna calling and Sue Harris cueing
Sponsored by Lucky Steppers Square Dance Club

Friday July 2nd 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

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

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

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 philipharris@att.net

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

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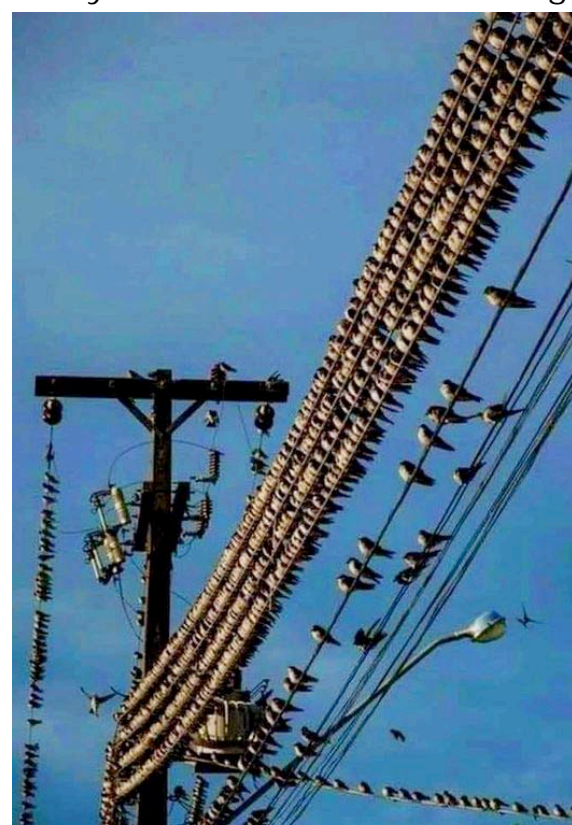
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No wonder the internet is slow,
everyone is online and tweeting.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Bill Matolyak.....May 08
 - Art BrunsMay 18
 - Jane Bishop.....May 31
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No Anniversaries this month.

Sometimes, it's not really just luck.

Many thanks to Naomi for sharing this story with us.

The following story is confirmed in Elmer Bendiner's book, *The Fall of Fortresses*.

Elmer Bendiner was a navigator in a B-17 during WW II. 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 antiaircraft 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 heard 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."*

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ZOOMING on Friday, 7 May

