

# CHIRPER



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Katydid Square Dance Club Newsletter

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## What turkey?



I'm a relative of  
Myles Standish !

### CLUB CALENDAR

- Fri., Nov. 3: **Congregational Church of Campbell**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM Club dancing  
Holiday donation drive begins
- Fri., Nov. 10: **Congregational Church of Campbell**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM Club dancing
- Fri., Nov. 17: **Congregational Church of Campbell**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM Club dancing  
**\*\*PARTY NIGHT\*\***
- Fri., Nov. 24: **\*\*DARK\*\***
- Fri., Dec. 1: **Congregational Church of Campbell**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM Club dancing  
*Chirper* distributed  
9:30 PM Executive Board Meeting

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- Fri., Dec. 8: **Congregational Church of Campbell**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM Club dancing  
Last day of Holiday donation drive
- Thu., Dec. 14: **HOLIDAY PARTY**  
Spinning Wheels; Los Altos
- Fri., Dec. 15: **\*\*DARK\*\***
- Fri., Dec. 22: **Congregational Church of Campbell**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM Club dancing
- Fri., Dec. 29: **Congregational Church of Campbell**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM Club dancing
- Sat., Feb. 10: **SWEETHEART SPECIAL**  
Mark your calendars!!!!

**SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS  
&  
Duties**

*Acting Super Square Head - Lloyd Darknell  
(408) 286-7262*

Nov. 3	Mensing
Nov. 10	Moore, R & G
Nov. 17	Pitts/Powell
Nov. 24	Club DARK
Dec. 1	Wies
Dec. 8	Schaffer
Dec 15	Shaver
Dec. 22	Stagnitto
Dec. 29	Wies

**On dance night *PRIOR* to your duty night:**

- Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into Club Cupboard. Notify Acting Super Square Head, Lloyd Darknell, at 408-286-7262 of any needed supplies or change of duty assignments dates.

**Before the dance:**

- Contact Square Head for following week to be sure they will be there.
- On scheduled nights, the designated Square Heads should arrive **before** 7:00 P.M.
- Set up tables and chairs as needed.
- Bring 6-8 lbs ice for cooler and make ice water.
- Start hot water for tea and coffee.

**During club dance:**

- Welcome everyone at the door.
- Offer raffle tickets, 5 tickets for \$1
- Have guests sign guest book and collect \$4.00 donation per guest.
- Give guest names to president or membership chair for introduction during announcements.
- Divide the raffle proceeds--50% to the Club, 50% to the "cups".
- Check that water and cups do not run out.
- **If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected on to any Executive Board Member.**

**After the dance: *Clean up!*** Take the trash bags out to the dumpster (locked) located in the side parking lot. The key is hanging on the wall by the door to the kitchen.



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**UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE  
EVENTS**

- Nov. 4: Black & White Ball; Skirts & Flirts**  
Bancroft Middle School  
1150 Bancroft Ave., San Leandro  
Hardwood Floor; No high heels allowed.  
8:00 – 8:30 PreRounds; George Gardner  
8:30 – 11:00 PM Caller: Mike Sikorsky
- Nov. 18: Cactus Jack Hoedown; Sunnyvale Singles**  
John Muir Middle School, San José  
7:30–8:00 PM; PreRounds: George Gardner  
8:30–10:30 PM; Caller: Buddy Weaver
- Nov. 21: Toy Collection & Turkey Potluck Dinner**  
7:00 PM, John Muir Middle School  
Last day to sign up for potluck dish is Fri., Nov. 17th
- Dec. 16: Holiday Square Dance Party**  
Belmont  
Cuer: Wendy-Jean Iannico  
Caller: Ed Kremers
- Dec. 30: SCVSDA & SCVCA Whing Ding**
- Dec. 31: New Years Eve; Pleasanton Singles N’ Pairs**  
St. Philip Lutheran Church, Dublin  
8:30 – 9:00 PM PreRounds: George Gardner & Priscilla Staver  
9:00 – 12:15 AM Caller: Mike Sikorsky  
Info: (925) 828-2535



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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!**

- Ted & Kathy Shaney . . . . .Nov. 12**
- Skip & Stephanie Stevens . . .Nov. 12**

**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER - -**

Hi Katydids

Another month has passed and the holidays are here again. We will again have our Holiday Party with the Spinning Wheels on Thursday, December 14 in Los Altos.

It's time to also start thinking about getting ready for our Sweetheart Special Dance. We need volunteers to chair the food, the decorating, the photos, the badges, the raffle ticket sale and the raffle prize collection this year. If you can help us out please see Bob Bennett or me.

Thanks

*~ ~ Lloyd Darknell*

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**SCVSDA NEWS:**

Greetings to all fellow square dancers. I would like to thank you for electing me as your Association President. My officers and I will do our best to make this Association a positive force in the square dance community. We encourage you to be active in your clubs and to attend your delegates meetings. We need all of your support and help. My goals for the year are;

- A. To visit all clubs and attend as many square dance activities as possible
- B. We must be more involved in our communities and charitable activities
- C. Foster a better working partnership between the dancers and callers associations.
- D. As we represent you, I intend to have an open door policy. Please feel free to contact me with your helpful suggestions & ideas.
- E. I will publish a short newsletter at the Whing Dings to try to keep everyone informed about your Association.

Again my thanks for all of your support.

(signed) Joe Pava  
joemar14@hotmail.com  
(408) 269-1669

*(ed note: Currently the Katydids are not members of the SCVSDA.)*

**MINUTES  
Katydids Executive Board Meeting  
October 6, 2006**

President, Lloyd Darknell called the meeting to order at 9:26 p.m.

Roll Call: President, Lloyd Darknell; V.P., Bob Bennett; Secretary, Maxine Darknell; Publicity, Don Gaubatz; Chaplain, June Helfrich.

Treasurer, Don Powell and Membership, Pat Angotti were absent.

Visitors present were: Annie Bennett, Sandy Franger and Stephanie Stevens.

The minutes from the previous meeting of August 25th were approved as published.

A partial treasurer's report and the check book were given to Lloyd by Don P. prior to his leaving on vacation. Lloyd paid Jim Osborne for the month and also the church.

**Reports:**

Officers:

- 1. President: None
- 2. Vice-President: None
- 3. Membership: In Pat's absence, Lloyd announced we now have 44 active members and 6 on leave. Gary Hinze had to submit his resignation because of other commitments.
- 4. Chaplain: June mailed out birthday cards and anniversary cards to those celebrating this month.
- 5. Publicity: Don G. indicated he was in the process of creating a flyer for our upcoming Plus Workshops that start in January. It was noted by many that the Halloween Flyer was great and the article he wrote for "Club Chatter" in "Squares 'Round the Bay" was informative and interesting.

Committees:

- 1. Chirper: The articles for the November Chirper are due to Stephanie on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. She also indicated she had some upcoming bills for the printer she uses for the Chirper.

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**Old Business:**

1. 5<sup>th</sup> Friday Dance: Lloyd mentioned that the September 29<sup>th</sup> dance was lightly attended but was fun for all.
2. Halloween Party, October 27<sup>th</sup>: Sandy asked for "nice" refreshments to serve our guests and requested that Lloyd e-mail our club members prior to the party. Costumes are optional. Sue Willey, our other Social Chair will be out of town so Sue asked Pat A. to help. Pat has prizes for the costume contest.
3. Holiday Party, Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: The Spinning Wheels has again asked the Katydids to join them for a planned, pot luck dinner. More information later. The board voted to be dark on December 15<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to poll our club members to let the majority rule regarding whether we dance on December 22 and 29.
4. Sweetheart Special: Lloyd said John Muir School is reserved for February 10, and that caller, Randy Dibble, and Cuers, Chuck and Shirley Hurst have signed contracts for that night. He announced that volunteers would be needed for various committees. Bob Bennett offered to make a list of committees and jobs that would need to be done. Don G. will start working on flyers and place an ad in the January and February "Squares 'Round the Bay".
5. Workshops: Lloyd asked Don G. to also place an ad in the December and January "Squares 'Round the Bay" to advertise the starting of our Plus Workshops.

**New Business:**

1. Storage Clean Up: Lloyd reported that Louise Stagnitto, our Historian, requested help in organizing and cleaning out the two Katydid sheds that they keep on their property for us. How many years we should keep various reports, etc., was discussed. Lloyd volunteered to check the state's requirements.
2. Church/Salvation Army Donations: There was discussion regarding monetary Christmas donations. Last year, funds were given to Salvation Army and to the church's food pantry. The board decided a lot of our members probably put money in the Salvation Army Kettles or give directly to them. They voted to support the church in appreciation of being able to use their facilities every Friday. It was decided to give \$200.00 from our fund to the church's food pantry and to encourage our members to donate money,

also. By giving money, they can buy exactly what they need to restock their pantry. Checks can be made out to the "Congregational Church of Campbell" and given to our Treasurer, Don Powell.

3. Membership Applications: In the absence of Pat, our Membership Chair, Lloyd presented the applications from three ladies. They are Patty Stevens and two ladies from our class – Amy Helfrich and Sue Boyd. They were all accepted.

4. Chirper Expenses: Stephanie presented a need for a replacement drum kit and toner for the Club printer. It was discussed and voted to allow up to \$400.00 for expenses.

**Agenda Items for next meeting:**

1. Time Change? Bob B. asked that everyone consider the possibility of a time change for our club dancing. Most people are not able to get there at 7:00. He would like our members to consider starting at 7:30 p.m. and end at either 9:30 or 10:00 p.m. Lloyd will poll members by e-mail.
2. Christmas Party
3. Sweetheart Special Dance Committees
4. January Workshops

**Party Night:** October 27<sup>th</sup>, WEAR COSTUMES!

**Next Board Meeting:** Dec. 1st, after club dancing.

Meeting ended at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Darknell



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!**

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| <b>Bill Schaffer</b>  | Nov. 01 |
| <b>JoAnn Osborne</b>  | Nov. 02 |
| <b>Dave Anderson1</b> | Nov. 06 |
| <b>June Helfrich</b>  | Nov. 13 |
| <b>Bob Bennett</b>    | Nov. 29 |



## From Mary & Rod ...

*ed. note: Mary and Rod were members of the Katydid's prior to their moving out of state. Rod retired in June and they are now RVing their way around the country. The article below is continued from last month.*



On to Fundy National Park and more scientific discoveries – about relativity this time. Notice how Mary felt about the windy mid-50 degree weather relative to the local Canadian kids! The farther up the Bay of Fundy you travel, the more extreme the tidal variance becomes. Around the

park, the difference in water level between low and high tide – six hours duration – is about 38 feet on average! And even more during the full moon or storms! Do the math – that's a foot every 10 minutes. You can actually see the water coming in higher with every wave. This picture was taken near high tide; at low tide, we walked across to the trees on the other side.



A short drive farther up the bay brought us to Hopewell Cape and the famous 'flower pots'. I have to try and show you the change that we found so amazing, so

here are two pictures taken six hours apart. The normal water level rise here is forty feet. Since the beach (actually pretty gooey red muck in many areas) bends out of sight around the cliffs and is not nearly as level and even as this picture makes it look, it's easy to see how people regularly get trapped away from the ladder as the tide rushes in. They have emergency platforms along the beach that awestruck tourists can climb up to and wait (six hours) until the tide recedes and it's again safe to venture to the ladder up the cliff.



We headed around the head of the bay and into Nova Scotia, then south along the eastern shore of the Bay. We found a great campground in Five Islands where we backed right up to the water – fortunately at high tide. At low tide, we could walk all the way out to the little rock

'island' you can see in the picture – and climb 35 feet up to the top of the rock! While here we also got to hike in two of the provincial parks and saw a world premier play, "Lillibet", in the regional theater at Parrsboro. We got to meet several of the locals at a nearby church supper to celebrate the beginning of blueberry season – it was wonderful on all counts.



Further down the west coast we began to get into one of Canada's Acadian regions. Quite a story here, ranging from the ingenuity of the early settlers to use dikes to harness the fertile but tidal-flooded lowlands to their eventual expulsion as a result of the European English

and French wars. This also made the land available for fleeing Loyalists after our Revolutionary War. We began to see results of the better farmland in farmers' markets, cheese creameries, and wineries. We were able to get in a hike at Blomidon Provincial Park (pictured), so you can see it's not all farmland! We began to find some pretty good restaurants, too. And we discovered that most libraries had wireless internet available.



Next stop, Annapolis Royal. It was captured back and forth by the English and French, although they each had different defense strategies that caused two forts to be built on opposite sides of a small bay – they were just never occupied at the same time. The strip of land between them is

now the site of the first North American hydroelectric dam that is tidal powered! It's a relatively small demonstration effort, but with the tides up here, the possibilities are amazing! Environmental impacts are the question. They do a real nice job on a nighttime cemetery walk, explaining the history of the town but also of burial traditions as they've changed over the generations. We took a day to drive down through Digby to Brier Island where we had a very successful whale watching cruise. There were so many humpback whales in the area that we had a hard time getting back to port – always a reason to stop for a few more minutes. On our drive back, we were able to stop for a square dance with some wonderful people in Clementsport, hosted and called by Wayne and Linda Isles.



A long driving day for us (160 miles) brought us around through Yarmouth to the south side of Nova Scotia, the Atlantic Ocean and Lockeport. This off-the-beaten-path village has a beautiful crescent-shaped sand beach without the red coloring that had permeated the Bay

of Fundy beaches. We day-tripped to Shelbourne on a drizzly day for a museum day where we met Daniel Fry, a wooden canoe builder, in the Shipbuilding Center. What a delightful man and a fountain of knowledge about both the area and its shipbuilding history. He pointed us to even more great restaurants. Driving the

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other direction brought us to Kejimikujek National Park – Seaside Adjunct. (Now that’s just fun to say.) We made another pleasant hike that took us across several different eco-zones on and near the shore, highlighted by views of seals hauled out to rest on the rocky off-shore islands. In the picture, gulls and cormorants are on the horizon and the seals are the light-colored ‘rocks’ on the lower ledges. The “Lost Seaman Memorial” surprised us at how many men had lost their lives at seafaring jobs – and at how that continues right up until this year, albeit thankfully at much lower levels



Heading into “Labor” Day Weekend, we move on up to Indian Harbor (why not Harbour?), just next to Peggy’s Cove and near Halifax. Another beautiful setting, but lot’s on the agenda and not enough time to just relax and enjoy it.

Hope you’re having a great summer with fair weather, good times with friends, and trying a few new things.

**Mary & Rod**  
(817) 308-5991



**SPOOKY OCTOBER NIGHT...**

The Katydid’s Halloween Costume Party brought out several anonymous square dancers who’s identity had to wait until after the judging. These included an alien from outer space and a scare crow. A priest and a nun appeared in their church finery (a married couple?). Yet another showed off her colorful collection of seven full petticoats. The most unusual was a great set of male legs topped by a very skimpy, female, sexy outfit (I’m certain the Police Vice Squad would have questioned him if he was spotted on the street!). All-in-all it was a fun evening dancing to the calling of **Jim Osborne**. Special guests in attendance were **Harold and Lee Fleeman** and **Roger Smith**. Kudos to **Sandy Franger & Pat Angotti** for chairing the party!

~~ Don Gaubatz, Publicity

**GREETINGS FROM SANDY ~ ~**

Not much news lately. I’ve been a full time gramma for 6 Greetings, Square Friends! I’m having computer trouble tonight, so will keep this short. We are planning to attend a few upcoming Saturday night dances in Knoxville weather permitting. Our favorite caller is in a band called The Red Boot Boys. I asked him what color is the other shoe. He laughed heartily. I am so curious to see what they wear...he said, no, they aren’t all wearing red boots.

weeks, which means I’m out of practice talking to adults. I just know that someday soon I will have other thoughts on my mind besides potty training. Right now our daughter has three in diapers. I only babysit the two older ones and the job was much simpler when we weren’t trying to work on potty skills.

I’m improving after 3 weeks of poison ivy again. It is my theory that a mosquito bit me after it had rested in an ivy patch. Bill’s theory is that I was out in the yard in shorts and short sleeves. But I keep insisting that the mosquito bite was the beginning and it was 4 days after I’d been in the yard. The dog is probably the culprit.

We had deer in the yard last week, the trees are all ablaze in yellow, orange, and red now, and it’s been raining a lot. I still haven’t been able to get those 10 baby trees into the ground.

We love the cooler weather. We all feel like we live in a perfect place in the autumn. Wish you could see it now. Bill won a bag of 13 Southern Gospel music CDs last week at a concert. WOW! I had to go out and get an additional CD rack.

My most exciting news (besides recovering from poison ivy) is that we finally turned on the heater. Bill has a tradition of waiting till November. It’s just the principle, I think. He never really explains it to my satisfaction. Well, after three straight days wearing our parkas all day in the house, I’d had it. We broke tradition for the first time in 12 years. Brrrrrrrrrrrr.

Two excellent movie recommendations come to mind: One Night With A King is the story of Esther. Facing the Giants is based on a true story about a high school football coach in Georgia. Coach Mark Richt has a walk on part...I recognized him from the Wheaties box. Both are good family movies.

Hope all y’all have a blessed Thanksgiving. Can you believe some of the schools are teaching that the First Thanksgiving was to thank the Indians? As a matter of fact, I think that’s the way I learned it, too. We’re going to a concert Thanksgiving night - Southern Gospel, of course. I’m on my treadmill already walking off all that turkey. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

~~ Sandy Ferriss



# HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 27, 2006

- Best Costume: Ted Shansy
- Best Couple Costume: Ray & Virginia Mensing
- Scariest Costume: Marilyn the Scarecrow
- Strangest Costume: Carlene Efffield
- Most Original Costume: Pat Angotti



Ray & Virginia Mensing



Toby



Marilyn the Scarecrow



Sarah Grizzard



Giller, Jim Osborne, and friends



Lee Fleeran



Harold Fleeran



Carlene Nelson, Bill Hanna



Joyce Wiles, Bob Byle

Photo credits courtesy of Don Coetz and Stephanie Stevens

Thank you Sandy and Pat for a fun party!!



June & Rodney Helfrich



Don Rowell, Mackey & Lee Lunsford



Pat Angotti



Ted Stansy !!



The going load. Literally!



Marilyn & Harry Shaver



Cesine & Bill Schaffer



Roger Smith



Ketty Stansy, Caroline Fifield



**CURLY'S DIARY --**

Don and Char are not here anymore and we surly miss them. We had such a great time...we will never forget.

**October 8**

Don and Char are gone...sniff.



This is the last day of the CANNSTATTER VOLKSFEST. Every year with millions of guests, Stuttgart, the state capital of Baden Württemberg celebrates one of the greatest and best fairground festivals in the world. Still today, its trademark, the 24-metre high, magnificently decorated Fruchtsäule (fruit pillar) act as a reminder that the young and well-loved Queen Katharina and her husband King Wilhelm 1 of Württemberg gave this festival to the citizens of the land in 1818 following the end of a severe famine.

Willi and I visited the festival the afternoon alone. We drank beer and the MENÜ looked mouthwatering: KÄSESPÄTZLE (cheesy pasta) roast, Schupfnudel (noodles) with German cabbage, Göckele (chicken) or crispy knuckle joints all provide a good basis for several "Maß" (litres) of beer or large, sophisticated glasses of wine. We met some friends and we had such a great time

**October 9**

8:00 in the morning the <Pfennig Bazaar> began for me and many other helpers from The GERMAN - AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB, STUTTGART.

All projects in our club are supported by profits from our most significant fundraiser, our annual Pfennig Bazaar. As you can imagine, only active participation on the part of club members will bring forth a satisfactory end result: a successful bazaar! The monies earned at the Bazaar are put back into the community through various social organizations needing financial support. I worked 10 hours everyday at the Linnenstand (table linnens, white bed linnens, handywork...so many people came and made a good buy, smiling, joking and see the picture! We had fun too!

**October 13**

This is the very last day of the Pfennig Bazaar.

**October 21**

Willi and I drove to Köln, slept over in the house of our wonderful nephew with his lovely wife...next day we picked up our daughter, Stephanie and all her stuff including her two dogs to move her to Munich. It was a funny picture...Steffi with one big dog and me with the other falling on my lap and this for 7 hours.



Unloaded all the stuff, had a nice dinner with the two girls (of course Angela came to help) and then driving home to Stuttgart (2 hours more) more...puhhhhhhh!

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October 25

10:00 in the morning. I'm a member in a Fitness Studio. The first time in the studio...saw all the instrument of torture...yep. Looked around...young ( yeah, yeah, I'm young, too) physique like Barbie and Ken (what am I doing here??) I try to be COOL. Here we go, Schwarzenegger in young (TRAINER) age ask me, where or what kind of problem I have.

He stare after me, looked like he made a CHECK UP...! Yeah, I'm blond...again yeah. I'm a few days, older than 18...yeah, my arms are not well trained (I'm always afraid to wave, because of the vibrates, make me turn around very fast ) yeah, my body is more like a bolster...blump. But who cares?? I'm funny!

Yeah, then "here we go" said the trainer, we start a trainings program ...very funny "WE" ... " it's ME not WE !!!!!!!!!!!!! After 30 minutes, my head looks like a stop sign...RED of course . 30 minutes later, the stop sign switch to GREEN....why, all around, look like fresh styled...except me of course.

The Trainer was a < look- a - like Schwarzenegger> was content and ME ?????? I was like a little baby who learned to go .

1:00 in the afternoon

Today I was again in the <ROBERT BOSCH REHABILITATION CLINIC> This is a visiting service we (The GERMAN AMERICAN WOMAN'S CLUB) provide each Wednesday. So many seriously ill people.....with a yummy cake, good coffee and time to listen we made them smile and gave a good feeling.

I was so busy (in a good way) and this after a loooong hard fitness training. I'm tired, but happy!!!

Yeah I know exactly what you want to say ..."**Willi and Curly, what about SQUARE DANCING. THIS IS FUN, SOMETHING GOOD FOR BODY AND SOUL**" PROMISE , we try to make it next week!! and PROMISE I will write about **THE BEST DANCE OF THE WORLD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Now Willi and I are going to the <STAMMTISCH> to meet our American and German friends and have a nice dinner...Schnitzel mit Kartoffelsalat (pork with potato salad)

LIVE—LAUGH—LOVE

Curly

Friday evenings with Jim Osborne  
Beginning 7:00 pm  
January 12, 2007  
\$4/person/evening

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FROM THE HOHENNER'S ~~

Marianne Hohenner sent an email recently saying that she and Harro (past Club members) have moved to Minnesota. "Close of escrow is Wednesday, October 18; moving van packs/loads on Thursday-Friday, October 19-20; and we leave for Minnesota on Saturday, October 21, with dog and cat in tow. I hope the cat settles down and doesn't protest for all 2,088 miles (30 driving hours). We are due to arrive in Winona on Wednesday, October 25, but it may take a day or two before I have web access and can download any emails. The moving van unloads on Thursday-Friday, October 26-27."

New contact info:  
Marianne & Harro Hohenner  
22283 County Road 15  
Winona, MN 55987  
Cell phone: 408-892-3047  
Email: marianne@hohenner.com

"Come and visit (us) if you are ever in the Midwest."



## From your Traveling reporters....Don and Charlotte

September 27<sup>th</sup>...After arriving back in Stuttgart from Munich, Curly and Willi met us at the train station and whisked us off to a Stantish dinner. It's a German/American group, of about 25, that meets monthly, same time, same place. As people were finishing up with their dinner, a Japanese gentleman came in and proceeded to show everyone how to make paper Origami birds. To my surprise, Char jumped in and was assisting him. A hidden talent that I didn't know she had. Another great evening...

The following day, after Willi left for work, one of Curly's friends, Gerheldt, picked us up and we were on our way to see Hollernzoller Castle, which is about an hour out of town. As we drove towards our destination, the countryside was filled with a heavy ground fog, with a visibility of just a few hundred yards. Then all of a sudden, as we looked off to our left, there was this beautiful castle, which appeared to sit on a cloud layer, like something out of a fairy tale. After arriving, and a long shuttle ride up to the castle, the experience and view were outstanding. On the way home, we had lunch at a Greek restaurant. That evening, we were off to our second Square Dance club. They danced mainstream with some APD mixed in.

Friday, Char and I walked around town and ended up visiting a Genealogy office. After 3 hours, she feels she has found several contacts, which may lead her to a long lost relative.

Sat Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>...It was time again to walk down to the Karlsplatz about 8 am. Seems I found out about the weekly flea market, so I met the others there about 11 am. Then it was off to an antique store, where Willi bought a liquor cabinet and a used violin. Early afternoon, we then drove about an hour, to Tubingen, Old downtown, with its cobblestone streets, wood and stone buildings, seem to take you back in time. We came across the tail end of a wedding, that had just taken place at the castle. We enjoyed a very nice dinner at the edge of the town square, listening to an impromptu band that showed up to entertain all that happened to be there.

Sunday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>...It was off to Calw, another great little town, but this time, their annual traveling food vendors were there. They were pushing their own specialty, such as sausage, fish, cheese, fruits, etc. People were enjoying the verbal contest between the vendors. Curly ended up buying a very large bag of assorted cheeses and fruits for 10 Euro each. It looked like a great deal to me.

Tuesday, it was misty, rainy but it is the day we planned to go to the Volksfest. This is Stuttgart's Oktoberfest, Germany's second largest. Char insisted on riding the Ferris wheel, so I reluctantly joined her. So after the operator tried to dry the seats off, we hopped on board, with our umbrella's fully extended. Come to find out, this is the biggest one in the world, about 80 meters high (200 ft). WOW, what a view.

Wednesday, Oct 4. We boarded a train for Rothenburg, a medieval, walled city, with lots to see and do. After spending a day and early afternoon there, we were on our way back to Stuttgart

Friday morning, we took the U-bahn over to the new Mercedes-Benz Museum. This just opened up in May, and what an outstanding job they did. It showed the history of Mercedes-Benz from the horse to the future of the automobile. While we were there, Curly was busy cooking and getting ready for Willi's Birthday, on Saturday.

Saturday morning, we had another fabulous breakfast, with Stevie Wonder's Happy Birthday song playing in the background. By 9 am, I was on my way down to the flea market, as one of the vendors told me that she had 3 mining lamps that belonged to her Dad, that I could buy. She didn't show, it was a bit disappointing. That afternoon, we celebrated Willi's birthday with an early dinner, two cakes and gift's.



Sunday, it was time for us to load up our bags and drive over to the train station and say "see you later". As we looked at Curly and Willi through the cloudy train window, they drew hearts on it, and we waved as the train pulled away. We had an outstanding visit and bring home with us, so many beautiful memories.

Thank you  
Don & Charlotte



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**November 2006**

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