

# 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!**



## CLUB CALENDAR

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**Fri., Nov. 01: Campbell United Church of Christ**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

**Fri., Nov. 08: Campbell United Church of Christ**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

**Fri., Nov. 15: Campbell United Church of Christ**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 8:30 PM; **NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL**  
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing

**Thu., Nov. 21: Future of Square Dancing Meeting**  
7:00 PM at the Stevens' home  
4862 Morden Dr., San José

**Fri., Nov. 22: Campbell United Church of Christ**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing  
9:35PM; Executive Board Meeting

**Fri., Nov. 29: \*\*DARK\*\* Thanksgiving weekend**

**Fri., Dec. 06: Campbell United Church of Christ**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing  
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**Fri., Dec. 13: Campbell United Church of Christ**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 8:30 PM; **NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL**  
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing

**Fri., Dec. 20: Campbell United Church of Christ**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

**Fri., Dec. 27: Campbell United Church of Christ**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS

and DUTIES

Super Square Head

Stephanie Stevens (408-871-9525)

Nov. 01 .....Hosoda  
 Nov. 08 .....Caywood  
 Nov. 15 .....Matolyak / McManus  
 Nov. 22 .....Hebson  
 Nov. 29 .....DARK - Thanksgiving weekend

Dec. 06 .....Hastings / Oros  
 Dec, 13 .....Gray / Cosentino  
 Dec. 20 .....Wilhelmsen  
 Dec. 27 .....Smart / Krulee

Jan. 03 .....Angotti / Smith  
 Jan. 10 .....Willey, P / Wies  
 Jan. 17 .....Darknell  
 Jan. 24 .....Grubb / Lehnhoff

Before the dance:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, 408-871-9525 of any needed changes 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's member 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 Quarter Masters, **Gary or Sue De Lapp**, 408-446-1910 of any supplies needed.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

Plus Level Dances

**Nov. 1-3: Fiesta de la Cuadrilla; SDSDA**  
 Callers: Bob Baier, Eric Henerlau, Andy Allemao  
 Cuers: TJ & Bruce Chadd, Rey & Sherry Garza,  
 Regina Aubrey  
 Info: <http://www.sdsda.org/fiesta>

**Nov. 2: Dia de los Muertos; El Camino Reelers**  
 St. Andrews Methodist Church  
 4111 Alma St., Palo Alto  
 7:30 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Darren Gallina  
 Come in costume!

**Nov. 9: Farmers & Farmerettes Hoedown**  
 Walter Jr. High School, Fremont  
 7:30 – 8:00 Pre-Rounds: George Gardner  
 8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Romney Tannehill

**Nov. 16: Cactus Jack Hoedown; Sunnyvale Squares**  
 John Muir Middle School  
 7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds: Sue & Phil Harris  
 8:00 – 10:00 PM; Caller: Ken Ritucci

**Nov. 26: Annual Thanksgiving Dinner & Salvation Army Toy Donation Dance**  
 John Muir Middle School  
 7:00PM Potluck dinner; afterwards alternating squares & lines

**Nov. 30: Whing Ding; SCVCA/SCVSDA**  
 Resurrection Lutheran Church  
 1495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
 7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: Barbara-Lynn Smith  
 8:00 – 10:15 PM; Callers: Keith Ferguson, **Tork Clark**,  
 Diana Hilliard, **Roger Smith**

**Dec. 14: Ranchero Squares Plus Hoedown**  
 Walters Jr. High, Fremont  
 7:30 – 8:00 PM: PreRounds: George Gardner  
 8:00 – 10:30 PM: Caller: Bob Baier

**Dec. 31: Glass Slipper Ball; Rockin' Jokers**  
 8:30 - 9:00 PM: Rounds: Sue Harris  
 9:00 – Midnight: Caller Vic Ceder

**Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Dance; Pleasanton Singles & Pairs**  
 Caller: Dan Nordbye

**Jan. 4: Running Bear Hoedown; Krazy Dazys**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

**Joann Osborne.....Nov. 02**  
**Jennifer Steele.....Nov. 02**  
**Sue DeLapp.....Nov. 12**  
**Sandy Bruns .....Nov. 13**  
**Steven Lehnhoff.....Nov. 22**  
**Naomi Grubb.....Nov. 23**

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Well, we have turned the first of two corners (New York state) and are about to turn the second of the corners (Florida) in our personal travels of the past couple of months. We hope to be home by the end of the first full week of November and you will be seeing us at Club soon.

While we have been away, it is apparent that the members of the Executive Board have been keeping our Club special events moving smoothly. And I, during my absence, have been promoting the Barn Dances to the 10 neighborhood groups in the vicinity of my home through the Nextdoor Westgate Village website. Based on reports that I have received from Morris Hosoda, I am frustrated and dismayed that we have seen no interest on the part of the 1550+ members of that group in attending our free Barn Dance nights. However, I am personally not disappointed that I tried this method of enlisting interest from the non-square-dance community. It just points out the problem that square dancing and other social/fraternal groups are having in sustaining their membership through contact with their inclusive communities.

That is not to say that we should stop trying. I think that we should finish holding the Barn Dances that have already been announced for November and December as well as proactively pursuing other methods of recruiting candidates for the January Beginning Square Dance classes recommended by Jim Osborne and Roger Smith. It just means we all have to work harder between now and then to enlist the required 12 class members to start the class and have a reasonable chance of graduating a fair number of new dancers.

We have a number of things to accomplish as we approach the early months of the new year. First, as I mentioned above, recruiting candidate class members (a job for us all). Second, a serious review and update of our Club ByLaws. Third, organizing and planning for our February Sweetheart Special hoedown. I haven't run out of fingers on my right hand so I suspect that there are a couple more.

I want to thank all of you that have kept our Club active in hosting our various dance nights and special events during our absence. I want to especially thank **Pat Angotti** for organizing and executing our Annual Halloween Costume Hoedown. From the pictures that Stephanie has received and printed in this newsletter, it appears to have been a rousing success.

See you soon (less than 2 weeks...maybe)!

*Skip*

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MANY THANKS

I would like to thank **Morris** for going "above and beyond" in printing and distributing the *Chirper* for the past three months while Skip and I have been away. You're the BEST, Morris!!

Stephanie, *Chirper* editor

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**NEWER DANCER HOEDOWNS**  
***Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!***

**-- SEPTEMBER (2012) & JANUARY CLASS LEVELS --**  
 Newer Dance Hoedown, SCVCA  
 Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Resurrection Lutheran Church  
 2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
 Callers: Jim Osborne, Roger Smith

**-- SEPTEMBER (2013) CLASS LEVEL --**  
 Snow Flake Ball, CPSD  
 Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Camden Community Center  
 3369 Union Ave., San José  
 7:30 – 9:45PM  
 Caller: Roger Smith

# HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>



Photos courtesy of Linda Caywood and Morris Hosoda

Chirper Chatter...



Good news! **Joyce Wies** has been cleared by her doctor. Her Plantar Fasciitis in her right foot is fine now and will be rejoining us (another member to be removed from LOA). She was gone to San Diego to attend her grandniece's wedding, not a bad showing of 200 when most were family. On her return she spent 3 days in Solvang at a timeshare with her two older sisters and a friend...

Another small world story. **Naomi Grubb** and **Stephanie Stevens** graduated from the same school, Pasadena High, only **Steph** graduated one year sooner. **Naomi** has another one: **Char Pitts** went to college with the wife of a man I know from the Silicon Valley Council of the Blind, another organization she belongs to. I am sure we have oodles of "Small World Stories" out there, let's share it. Email me your stories...

**Morris Hosoda** has decided to "retire" from active senior softball playing. This is only in the area of League play and most of the tournaments. He plans to play in the Fun Division of the Vintage Softball Club on Monday and Wednesday mornings. This will be less expensive, less stressful, and no commitment since teams are formed as people show up...

Long time members, **Bill** and **Betty Benevento** has taken a Leave Of Absence for at least a few months for personal reasons...

Talk to **Pat Angotti**, **Lloyd & Maxine Darknell** and **Roger Smith** about their cruise to certain ports of call in the Caribbean and the ups-and-downs of their trip through the Panama Canal...

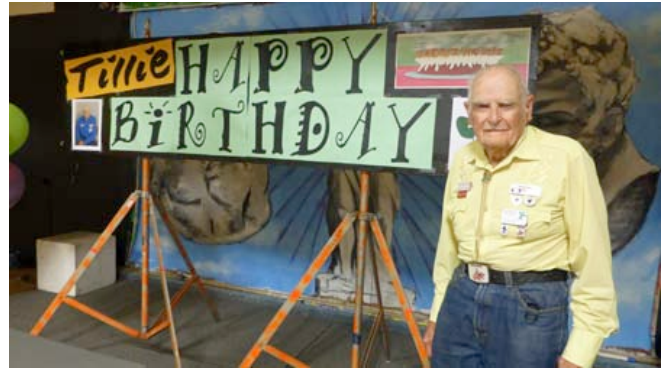
Saw **Jim Gray** and Arlene Scallon at our Halloween Party, surprisingly looking fresh and full of vigor after a month's trip through Austria and Germany and preparing to leave Sunday morning for Argentina. Arlene has been sending us a daily travelogue with a couple of photos of where they have been...

**Skip** and **Stephanie Stevens** are submitting their spot news as they leave their impressions all around the country and I do mean all around (and some places in Canada as well). They are currently in Florida and thereabouts visiting kids and relations. They are targeting to be home around Nov. 8th ...

I just found out recently that **Janis Parsons'** daughter, Anna Kroeker is a professional ballet dancer in several companies. She will be dancing in Menlowe Ballet Company's **Lineage** to be held at Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton, CA 94027, with performances on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15 & 16 at 8:00 PM and Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2:00 PM. Tickets may be purchased at [www.menloweballet.org](http://www.menloweballet.org) or by calling 800-595-4TIX (4849)

Morris Hosoda, [moho77@gmail.com](mailto:moho77@gmail.com)

CELEBRATING TILLIE'S BIRTHDAY  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>



Photos courtesy of Morris Hosoda

From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti - -

PINEAPPLE BANANA CAKE

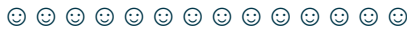
- Preheat oven to 350°F
- 13x9 inch cake pan, greased & floured
- 1 pkg (18.25 oz) white cake mix
- 1 1/2 c. ripe bananas, mashed
- 1/3 c. vegetable oil
- 1/2 c. well-drained crushed pineapple

**Cake:** In a large mixer bowl, combine cake mix, eggs, bananas and oil. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Stir in pineapple. Spread batter in prepared pan. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until a tester inserted in the center comes out lean. Cool 10 minutes in pan on a wire rack.

**Frosting:** A plain butter frosting with 2/3 c. well-drained crushed pineapple mixed in is nice with this cake.

Do We Get Letters! (includes e-mails)  
10/22/13

Dear Morris,  
... I've written to Stephanie, who I understand is on a long RV trek, that **Betty** and I are going "inactive" as of 10/31. From time to time when we're in the area, we may drop in for a tip or two. Until then keep your eye on the ball & just hit line drives.  
/s/ **Bill Benevento**



10/26/13  
Dear Katydids,  
Seeing the world from a horizontal position in bed is a new view for me, but it has its teaching moments. Definitely, patience is the biggy. The next biggy is gratitude, and how wonderful are my friends, and especially my square dance friends.

Thank you so much for all your wonderful cards, notes, jokes, emails, visits, and food to share. I am so grateful for these bountiful gifts. Ours is a wonderful community.

Each day I notice something that shows me I am getting better. The work I have been doing with Energy Medicine has been VERY important in speeding my recovery. Also, I am incredible lucky that the damage is minor and most likely I'll make a full recovery. I can walk easily and stay vertical long enough to fix simple food, do my exercises and walk around the house 3-4 times a day to make sure my muscles stay strong. After a 10 minute foray into the kitchen I am exceedingly glad to get back in bed and stay horizontal for awhile. Thanks to you guys, I have lots of books to read, some audio books to listen to, and some great visits from those of you who have dropped by.

In addition, I am enjoying the travel stories of **Stephanie** and **Skip**. What a super trip! And so well documented!

I wish I could have been there for the Halloween party—**Pat** always throws a great party. It is getting to be an annual event, yippee! As soon as I can sit up for a longer time, **Morris** has promised to pick me up for a visit. I am looking forward to that. You all are the BEST. I'm hanging in there.

Yellow rock,  
**Char Pitts**

NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL DANCE  
10/18/13



Photos courtesy of Morris Hosoda

WOW! LOOK WHO SHOWED UP ... Club Member, Val Paterson, who has been living out of state for the past year. Great to see her!!!

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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !**

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

## TRIP REPORT - Part 1

Morris has asked Skip and me to write up a report of our recent cross-country van-camping trip. We have been sending newsletters of our trip to our family and are up to Part 5. We will try to condense them here a bit for you. So, here goes. But, first, you might want to get a map of the USA out so you can follow our "trail."

And, we should mention that the reason for this trip was to take the ashes of Skip's mom and dad back to Lakeview Pond near Ellisburg in Upstate NY. It was a favorite fishing spot Skip's dad shared with his sister & her husband whose ashes have already been scattered there. The scattering was to take place on Wednesday, October 16th and we left home on August 21st.

Our very first stop was to visit Skip's middle daughter who has a small "farm" just outside of Fresno in Sanger. In July she had broken both of her wrists after falling off a tall stack of hay. She was so lucky to have "only" broken her wrists. She is healing nicely and we were able to celebrate her birthday, too.

We had hoped to drive north along the foothills of the Sierra mountains but found that the Yosemite fire was going to prevent that choice and instead we headed north up I-5 to Portland, OR to visit with some long time friends of mine whom I met when we were doing a Peace Corps-type tour of duty in Vientiane, Laos. It was really good to see them after staying in touch all these years later. We even earned our "keep" by Skip figuring out a way to boost the WiFi signal from their son's house across the street so they can share a single internet provider (IP) account.

Continuing north we stopped in Bellingham, WA to visit with friends. It was here that they just happened to mention that the border patrol was being particularly picky of late. That got us to thinking ... maybe it was not such a good idea to go through the Canadian Rockies after all with the ashes of Skip's parents under our floor boards. We really didn't want them confiscated and dumped in a trash bin at the border. So, we aborted that plan and headed east from Washington, marveling at the miles and miles of wheat fields growing there. We traveled through ID, to MT, and quite by accident found the Lolo, MT Square Dance Center, Store & Campground. Of courses we had to stop and check it out. They host dancing on a "floating" wood floor. Nice! It was there that we learned that we had just traveled through a recent fire area that came perilously close to burning them out.

We visited with one of my cousins who lives just a few miles down the road from Lolo. Skip had great fun throwing pine cones "balls" into their pond so their Labradoodle could fling himself off the bank of the pond to fetch them. In the morning, they made Scotch Eggs for us. Have you every had them? Most interesting!! They are hard boiled eggs with sausage meat wrapped around them and baked. They can be eaten hot or cold. Quite tasty.

We then headed towards and through Yellowstone trying to catch glimpses of any critters we could find. We did find another of my cousins who lives in Jackson and had a nice visit with him (no, he was NOT one of the critters I was referring to). His large living room window perfectly

frames Grand Teton. What a view! Hadn't seen him in 45 years or more.

It was time to head to Kansas and we headed south and east passing through Boulder, CO just before a huge early-season snow storm descended upon the area. Instead we got 119° heat in Burlington, CO and that night it was 106° at our camping spot in Stockton, KS To stay that it was hot that night is an understatement!

We learned that in Alton, KS where Steph's mother's family had lived for awhile, that General Bull, the husband of Steph's Great Grandfather's sister had died in an unusual way... gored by the horns of one of his pet elk that he kept at his exotic animal zoo! The horns (postmortem) are now on display at the



Osborne County Courthouse

On our way to Topeka from Osborne we stopped at what looked like a nice campground right on a lake... bad idea. The place had hordes of mosquitoes and other bugs blown across the lake from an unseen marsh by strong winds. After closing the van's doors for the last time that night, Skip spent the next 15 minutes ambushing and swatting bugs drawn to the light of a flashlight shining on the interior roof of the van so we could sleep in peace. He did a great job of slaying the beasts! (I never knew that Skip was such a lady killer!) Not a one bothered us and by the time we got up the next morning only a couple of frantic male mosquitoes seemed to be trying to escape through the closed windows to the outside! Not taking any chances at a return of a female soiree, we left very quickly that morning.

We camped one night at the Mark Twain State Park just outside Florida, MO which we discovered was quite a large park once we saw it in the daylight the next morning. There is a Mark Twin Memorial & Museum that houses the original building of his birth that had been located a short distance away in the town of Florida and moved to the site for safe



keeping. They have done a wonderful job of preserving the building and furnishing it with various period artifacts as part of the display. We then drove on down the road to the town of Hannibal to see the Mark Twain related things there.

Wouldn't you know ... just as we stopped the car it began to sprinkle, two seconds later as I stepped out of the van it started POURING buckets! We ducked into a gift shop and after the downpour subsided we walked around for a bit, but

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by then we were already thoroughly drenched. We got back into the van and DROVE around instead!



Drove up into northern IL to visit with relatives and then went up to Alma, WI which is a small river town situated along the wall of cliffs rising above the Mississippi River. This is also an area of several locks

providing portage around natural obstacles in the river. This area was the home where one of Steph's boys' grandmother's was born and raised. We also drove out to Schoepp's Valley to see the old homestead which one of their immigrant great grandfather's had built. He was a very clever man in that while there was "bad" water on the site of his home, there was "good" water where his barn was located. So he ran a pipe under the roadway from the "good" well to the house and the spring entered the property in their basement. Apparently it is still there and working just fine.

We headed south, pulled into a KOA just outside of Madison to camp for the night and soon found ourselves in the middle of a rainstorm. We happened to turn on our radio and the program was interrupted by weather warning announcements. Seems that a strong weather cell was headed our way and would be there in 10 minutes. It started raining harder in 8 minutes!. In fact a tornado watch was issued for an area about 20 miles SE of our location.

On the night of September 21st we camped at the Canal State Park on the I & M Canal in Morris, IL (yes! We thought of you, Morris!) It took us a while to find it and drove through what seemed like miles of cornfields. This canal was begun in 1836 and carried pioneers and their produce between Lake Michigan and the Illinois Valley. It was superseded by a deep waterway after 50 years of use. It is now maintained for recreational use (green hiking byway).

As many of you know, Skip and I enjoy finding out things about our ancestors. We have not wanted to bore you with all of our wonderful "finds" but occasionally a particular story needs to be told. To wit: Steph was looking for the Yates Cemetery in Kosciusko County, IN and knew that it was a very small cemetery and quite possibly on someone's private property. It was a Sunday afternoon and there wasn't much else to do so we went looking for it. We drove around the area of Silver Lake on County Line Road where we thought it might be and finally found a church cemetery. We were pretty sure this wasn't the correct spot but we got out and walked around where the older stones were located (we needed to stretch our legs anyway!) Didn't find anything. As we were sitting in the car pondering where to drive to next, a gentleman drove up into the church parking lot and asked us if he could help us. We explained the situation and he said "Stop right there! You need to talk to my wife. She's the genealogist, not me!!!" He told us to drive back down the road a short distance and go knock on the door of his house. We did as we were told since about now we were pretty desperate. She was very nice and talked a lot but did not know the cemetery we were looking for but told us about one to try that was about two miles away. As we left to go find it, I told Skip that I really did not think

that this would be the correct one and that we should move on. Stubbornly, Skip drove to the cemetery and we started walking it. Fortunately it was a small one and before we were half through I noticed that a car had driven up and parked near our van. That's odd, I thought. Then I noticed that it was the gal from the farmhouse! She had come to find us because she had just remembered having heard something about some other people looking for the Yates Cemetery the previous weeks. She also called the owner of the property (small town, everyone knows everybody) to be sure that it would be okay to visit. Boy was I lucky that Skip was stubborn that day!! She led us to the correct farm



and we found the stones. We never would have seen them by ourselves even though they were right beside the road. There were two stones under a very old large tree amongst lots of underbrush. These were the headstones of my gr-gr-gr grandparents. They died a few months apart in

1850. The thought is that it might have been from a cholera outbreak. These were the only headstones there to be seen, however, the owner of the property says that at one time there was another small stone marked "infant."

Some of the campgrounds have been interesting. One in particular in VanWert, OH, was the Huggy Bear Campground. All the "streets" were named after bears, such as Pooh Bear, Gummy Bear, Smokey Bear, etc. Another one we saw had streets named in a Halloween theme. Kind of fun in a quirky sort of way.

By September 27th we had reached Skip's cousin's home on Skaneateles Lake in NY. We noticed as we entered the state the beginnings of color showing up in the trees and the weather was perfect. We sat lakeside chatting for several hours. We dropped some things off here (including the ashes) and then decided to make a bee line to the Bay of Fundy in New Brunswick, Canada. We had always wanted to see this area and with the timing of things it was going to be a quick trip now or possibly never. We drove north into New Brunswick past St. John to to Hopewell Rock, or 'flower pot rocks'. The area has "islands" of rock formations with greenery growing at the top. At low tide you can walk on the tidal sand and at high tide a good portion of the "rocks" have water around them. We also saw the tidal bore come in at Moncton. We stood on a bluff and pretty soon there was this wall of water making its way up the river. It wasn't a terribly high wall of water the time we saw it and unfortunately we didn't have time to stay to catch the next tide. This is a beautiful area and we were really hard pressed to turn around and head back to Maine because Skip had a high school class reunion luncheon to attend on Sunday, October 6th.

To be continued ... Part 2 next month.

Submitted by Stephanie Stevens



FROM MARY & ROD - -

Below is a note from Mary & Rod who used to be Katydid's Club members prior to their full time RVing

June 2013



Hello, friends and family!

Wow – what a busy summer! So now it's "catch-up" time. June was a transition month for us – going from family to the Good Sam Syracuse Rally and then heading into the Canadian Maritimes for the summer. Here's how we did it.



Olivia was our first grandchild overnight in the RV. It actually stretched to three nights – she just kept having a good time!

Nice Core of Engineers park that had playgrounds and lake access. The nearby bakery was pretty good, too.

We always say that we miss two things from our pre-RV days – our hot tub (thanks, Ron!) and our vegetable garden.



So we were happy to help Maria get her backyard garden started. Hope we get to sample the results as we return in the fall.



Good Sam Rallies are large (2-3000 RV's!) and well-run. Lots of vendors and seminars. And we got to venture into downtown Syracuse a little to "party".

One of the guest performers was Wayne Newton. Unfortunately, his voice is past its prime – certainly wouldn't recommend paying to see him



More than made up for by Reba's performance. One of my favorites anyway; she put on a great show!

We left and headed through New England. On an overnight stay in Gorham (NH) we found this evening concert in the park – lots of fun. Had to spend time getting our washer/dryer replaced, which took away the time we had planned to spend climbing (by car) nearby Mt Washington.



We wanted to make this entry through northern New Brunswick, so we crossed the border at St Leonard. The French influence in this area (it borders Quebec Province) was immediately visible and predominate

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We wanted to follow the coast around to Nova Scotia, so our first stop was Charo. Nearby are Campbellton and the bridge to Quebec. We enjoyed the scenic

walkways. This is an entry to the Gaspé Peninsula – a very possible future destination.

Also nearby was the Miel N Bee Honey Farm. Now how often do you get to dress up like this?



We learned a lot about these industrious little creatures. A very interesting couple of hours.

Proof - we made it into Quebec!

And we enjoyed our venture to the Restigouche National Park on opening day



On up the road to Bertrand. The good news – they have a beer museum. The bad news – it wasn't yet open for the season.



The Miscou Island Lighthouse – the first of many this summer.

And when you're in this area, don't miss Steve's beachside restaurant! See if he has found a lobster larger than this 9-pounder!



We also spent a day at the Village Historique Acadie. This was a continuation of the Acadian history tour we started in Louisiana last Spring.

One of the exhibits – spinning wool.



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Further down the coast we stayed at Kouchibouguac National Park. Usually a very popular park.....we unfortunately had a lot of cool rain during our stay



So after a quick eight day tour, we crossed into Nova Scotia. Glad we took that route – a lot different than our previous trip up along the Bay of Fundy. Very different culture – lots of great seafood. A good introduction to the rest of our summer!

Okay – New Brunswick down, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland to go. Hopefully, you won't have to wait long for those updates.

We've enjoyed hearing from many of you about your summer activities via e-mails, blogs and Facebook. So many opportunities to keep in touch! Keep it up this fall.

We are currently visiting friends in the mid-west on our way to South Texas for the winter and preparing for our trip to New Zealand and Australia in March for 3 months, so if you have any suggestions for that trip, let us know.

**Mary & Rod Garges**

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Message received from Jackie Daemon (CPSD)

Oct. 11, 2013  
Hi CPSD Angels -

The CPSD class at Camden has been moved temporarily to Classroom 2, where we have had the class in the past. The center got a rental for the Multipurpose Room so we got "the boot"!

We feel very fortunate that so many of you have been coming to our class. The new dancers really do well with lots of angel help. And, of course, we can always use more.

There are lots of opportunities to Angel on Tuesdays between CPSD, Castaways and Sunnysvale - there is just no reason to stay home!

Thanks and Happy Dancing!

*Jackie*

#### **CPSD Class**

Camden Community Center  
3369 Union Avenue, San Jose  
6:30 - 8:30 PM  
Caller - Tork Clark

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#### **Castaways Class**

Resurrection Lutheran Church  
2495 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara  
7:00 - 9:30 PM  
Callers - Roger Smith & Rob Paull  
*This class has finished Mainstream  
so it's lots of fun to dance with them.*

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#### **Sunnysvale Class**

Washington Park Building, 840 Washington Ave.,  
Sunnysvale (corner of Washington & Pastoria)  
7:00 – 8:30 PM: Beginners  
8:30 – 10:00: Plus Level  
Instructor/Caller: Rich Reel

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