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Thank you Jim Osborne,
Club Caller, and Morris
& Louise Hosoda, Head
Angels, for these
wonderful graduates!!

CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Oct. 6: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM Club dancing
9:30 PM Executive Board Meeting

Fri., Oct. 13: **Club DARK; Dance at the Jubilee**
Attend the SCVSDA **Jubilee**, Oct. 13, 14, 15
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
Featured Callers: Sandie Bryant, Dan Nordbye,
Joe Saltel & the SCVSDA Top Ten
Featured Cuers: Sharon & Casey Parker
All levels of dancing, vendors, parties
PreRegister online, or pay at the door
<http://www.scvsda.org/jubilee-form.html>
Bring your friends to the Intro and/or Blast
Session!

Fri., Oct. 20: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM Club dancing

Fri., Oct. 27: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM Club dancing
Halloween Costume Party
Bring food to share.

Fri., Nov. 3: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM Club dancing
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GREETINGS FROM SANDY ~ ~

Greetings, Katydids! Bill and I have been full time grandparents for about the past 3 weeks. Yes, that means we have NOT been dancing lately. Our daughter had her baby and was diagnosed with Bell's Palsy the same day. It's been a blur for me...instead of resting up, she's been going to doctor appointments for one thing or another every day for 2 weeks.

We have friends nearby who are in their 80s. They've been babysitting their great-grandchildren (two tots under age 2) M-F for well over a year...the children arrive at 7am and get picked up at 4:30pm. Now, compared to them, my schedule is a cupcake. But I'm still draggin my wagon.

This morning I hit the road at 7am to go pick up the children and bring them back to grandma's house for the day. We tried putting them to work in the yard with their little rakes and shovel, but really, what can we expect a 2 year old and 3 year old to do. I've got 10 holes dug for my treelings, but it rained so heavily recently that the holes are full of water. I put the kids in old clothes and took them out with buckets to help me bail out the water. Well, the little one sat in a puddle with a measuring cup making no progress at all and worrying about bugs that fell into the water. She wandered over to her brother's area, brimming with helpfulness, swinging her little bucket jauntily. He was like a machine, bailing furiously, not even looking as he tossed cupfuls of water over his shoulder. Don't you just know what happened? Yep, she walked right into the flying stream of water. No surprise, she lost interest in helping, and we switched her to bubble wand waving. If you want to know the true secret of fabulous bubbles, buy Gazillian Gold. It's the most incredible stuff. I don't know why the other stuff doesn't work that well, but GG is terrific. We're talking huge bubbles and lots of 'em. OK, I've got to get out more.

Believe it or not, I had time to see a movie 3 weeks ago. I recommend *Invincible* to anyone who has any interest in football history and miracles. It's the true story of Vince Papali, who was a walk on for the Philadelphia Eagles in the 80s. See it, rent it, buy it. It's really, really good!!!!!!

Autumn is an experience here. First of all we had a week of cool mornings. I could have died for joy. Plus autumn lasts for quite awhile - September through November. So I pulled out my box of brown shoes and I have plenty of time to wear my autumn clothes. September kicks off with Autumn home decor, pumpkins abounding, fall colors, fall fashions, and last but not least IT'S FOOTBALL TIME IN TENNESSEE! If you read a newspaper, you probably heard that #17 UT (that's University of Tennessee) beat #8 Cal! Of course, those numbers have changed a lot every week since then, but it was a huge event here. Berkeley isn't well known for football and they were happy to have sold 40,000 season tickets this year. Oh, ho...the UT stadium was full of 107,000 passionate

people dressed in orange. It's that way for every home game. The fans are so into it; it's like nothing I've ever encountered. Season tickets are considered family heirlooms.

It's time to say Happy Fall, y'all! Write to me if you want a great recipe for pumpkin cookies!

~ ~ *Sandy Ferrill*

**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER - -**

Hi Katydids

We had a great 5th Friday dance last week. Our next dance party will be the Halloween Dance on Friday, October 27th - wear costumes! **Pat Angotti** and **Sandy Franger** are co-chairs for the dance. I hope that all our members will invite friends to come and join us.

On a different note I need volunteers to chair some Sweet-heart Special committees. We need everyones help to make the dance a success. February 10th will be here before we know it.

~ ~ *Lloyd Darknell*

**To Our Newest Square Dancers ~ ~**

Congratulations to all you Katydoers of 2006. It has been indeed a great pleasure to have been your Head Angels during your struggles of learning square dancing. Perhaps the class needs to be informed about the duties of Head Angels so that we can interact better in future classes.

Our primary duty is to make you comfortable, be at ease in this new environment you have been cast into. Other duties that follow are: collect fees for dancing as there are expenses involved as in any other activity; help fill squares since you have come to learn to square dance and not observe; and in my case, I can help explain and teach square dance calls.

As new square dance graduates we most certainly wish you would join Katydids and remain with us but you are open to join any Plus or lower square dance clubs in the area. Graduating from Katydids allows one to join Katydids immediately without going through new member requirements. Singles are welcome but encouraged to join with a partner. We do have occasional members come solo and several strong dancers capable of dancing both positions.

Whatever decisions you make, make sure you keep square dancing as we can attest to the fact that it is a wonderful activity to keep you physically, mentally and socially healthy.

See you in a SQUARE!

Louise & Morris Hosoda, Head Angels

Heard from Rod & Mary ...

Well, August was another great chapter in the adventure. It started with the final leg of our cultural swing, the Mozart Festival in Burlington, VT, and moved into the Canadian Maritime Provinces for history and nature. Great weather for our travels continues, although the forecast given in Celsius took some getting used to. And we sure haven't seen many Americans - probably more Europeans. I guess the price of gas in Canada - about \$4 US for a US gallon - looks different depending on European prices (\$7-8) or American prices.



We started the month in Burlington, VT. Beautiful city on Lake Champlain with a lot to do! We took a 20 mile bike trail from our campground into the city - did I mention that it's pretty hilly around Burlington? Our activities ranged from the Vermont Orchestra's Mozart concert at the

Carriage House on Shelburne Farm to a rock concert in the Burlington's Battery Park. We also spent a day wondering around Shelburne Farm, a wonderful education facility that has a constant stream of school outings - and some pretty good farm-made cheese. We also stuck around an extra day to get in a square dance with the Green Mountain Steppers and Al Monti (how could we pass up a caller with that name?). Another day trip was to the Champlain Islands to see a performance by the Lippizan Stallions. Hard to see how we could pack more into 5 days.



We boogied over to Calais, ME, to get ready for our entry to Canada. While there we went to Campobello Island (Canadian Island but only accessible from the US) where we got our first exposure to the tremendous tidal variance in the Bay of Fundy. It's very hard to explain (or appreciate) without pairs of pictures, but Mary is standing at the high tide water mark on this ladder - and the water is up there in only 6 hours! There was a volunteer work party painting the lighthouse at the end of the peninsula - they watch the clock pretty carefully to keep from being trapped on what becomes a separate island for six hours. Campobello was quite beautiful itself and we enjoyed the Roosevelt memorial park with a tour of his summer home - learned a lot. Our first customs experience post 9/11 but sans trailer

We brought the trailer into Canada without incident and headed to Saint John, New Brunswick. Here we saw the Reversing Falls, where the tremendous tidal rise causes the river to flow inland and reverse the direction of the falls near rivers mouth. The force/speed of the 'bore' - the wave of the tide moving upriver - was almost as amazing as the resulting change in water level. We learned here early in our trip that to really appreciate what we were seeing, we needed to plan on spending six hours to actually see high and low tide - to see just one and be told how it looked six hours later just

doesn't do it justice. We saw the tour buses that would show up for 15 minutes, let everyone take a picture and move on - and realized right away that we had made the right decision to go on our own and be able to take more time. This would be reaffirmed many times over the next month. We also went to the Saint John Museum - the first of many maritime museums - and enjoyed a fresh seafood dinner on the city wharf where we could watch a local country music concert on one end and a sand volleyball league on the other.



Another excursion included a bike outing on the Fundy Trail near St Martins - pretty hilly for us flatlanders, but we didn't walk too much of it and we did get some wonderful views. We also got to see the sea caves at St Martins and had our first taste of Canadian 'world famous' seafood chowder. Here



we also began to see the fishing fleets that are grounded at low tide and can only sail into and out of the harbors during high tide. The original driver for shift scheduling, I suppose. How did we end up with a 24 hour day when the tides are on a 25 hour schedule? Guess the early guys were more influenced by daylight than sea levels.

... To be continued ...

Mary & Rod
(817) 308-5991

(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.)

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!
Jake & Elsie Ignacio. Oct. 14
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!
Opal Hebson Oct. 09
Bill Benevento Oct. 30
Bill Schaffer Nov. 01
JoAnn Osborne Nov. 02

CLASS GRADUATION

Friday, September 15, 2006





Graduation photos courtesy of Don Gaubatz, Louise Stagnitto, & Stephanie Stevens

CURLY'S (and Don & Char's) DIARY --**September 11**

FAAK - AUSTRIA

75,000 Bikers and Willi and me in the middle, with all the interesting people from all over the world, sitting on the Harley and gape.

100000 Audience looking to the parade. The weather was amazing and everybody in a good mood. Around the Faakersee, kind of a city with a big market for all the Bikerstuff, FOOD, all kinds of life music.

Here and there was a Country Band. Willi and I started LINE DANCING in front. Thank you , **Morris**. That was fun because of you...smile !!!

After 3 days, wonderful views, nice people..... home on the bike for 10 hours.

September 12

I got an invitation to be a speaker for FACEJOGGING. It was very effective and wonderful. I teach now in a very nice classroom with very elated women.

September 16

Angela, our daughter, called and asked us to come to the beginning of the Oktoberfest because all her friends want us to be there when at 12:00 the Mayor makes the ANSTICH (first a speech and then opens the first barrel of beer). After this everybody can get a beer.

The date – September 15, Friday – I called Willi and told HELP! I have no Dirndl. So Willi came home. We jumped in car driving to Munich. We know the Trachtenshop will close at 8 :00. 7:45 in Munich, in the shop, Angela came. I saw all the wonderful, colorful. red, yellow, blue dresses. It puts a smile in my face...until the seller told me: “The big sizes are upstairs”. I was speechless. It looked like a part of a camping store - big tent in grey, black and dark green. I tried on the first one and it looked like a tub with two legs and two arms.

The next one was the dress I wanted. It was so tight, I looked like a sausage – red and about ready to pop open. Willi found a nice one for me and everybody was happy.

Sat Sept. 16. The Oktoberfest (the biggest Festival of the world) started and it was sooooo nice.

**September 19**

Don and Char arrived in Stuttgart at 14:33. YEAH-H-H-H-H-H-H !!!!!!!! I welcome both with an “Oktoberfest heart”. It was so wonderful to see the wonderful friends again. Never, I swear, I had visitors like this and you know why? After the luggage in the house, we walked almost four hours. Don and Char looked fresh and wide awake. Can you believe this?

Both gave us the presents. Oh, I was crying. It was soooooooooooooooooooooo touching. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WONDERFUL WORDS: EVERYBODY LEAVES A FOOTSTEP in our Heart. Don and Pat, your letter came right to our heart and your gorgeous gift makes us so happy. THANK YOU SO MUCH !!!!!!! Hey Skip, your German is excellent! I know now everybody wants to know what we are doing...smile !

Don wants to write about the time and all the adventure vacation.....so this Diary is TEAM-WORK..

But let me tell you , it is a GREAT time we spend together and we never let them go back.

September 25

Our daughter, Stephanie, is now a student in Munich...yeahhhh !

September 29

Hot off the press, from your traveling reporters, Don & Charlotte: Arrived right on time, with no problems at all. And there was Curly, with that big smile

and open arms. We loaded our two small bags into a waiting cab and were off to her place. Well, needless to say, that was the last time we stepped into a cab since our arrival. They live about 10 to 12 blocks from the edge of the center of town. They usually walk every where, so we have been putting on the miles on our pedometers. As for those 385 steps that Curly talked about earlier - yes, it's true, but they don't all come at one time.

The first few days, we walked around town, getting used to the layout of the town. Stuttgart, it is an old city, with many old buildings and lots to see. The third day, we were sent out on our own for the day, as Curly and Willi were both busy. It was time to ride the public transportation system, (S bahn, U bahn). So off to see the sights. First thing in the morning, it was a ride on the 43 bus up to the top to Killesberg Park. This is about 40 acres with many gardens and beautiful flowers. In the middle of the park stands a very high tower (at least 100 feet). From here, there is an outstanding view of most of the city. Then, back on the bus and over to the TV tower (217 meters high) for another great view from the other side of town. That evening, at 8pm, Willi had a Square Dance Club picked out for us to dance at. They have about 35 to 40 members, but most were not quite back from vacation, so with us, there were 10 people, so we danced with just a single square. They danced mainstream, with a bit of APD, mixed in. It was a great time.



It has been fast paced, since we arrived, but we slowed down a bit on Saturday. Early Sunday morning, we drove to Munich for the Oktoberfest, with a stop about half way to meet Willi's parents. We en-

joyed a short coffee break and then it was off again for three days on our own, in Munich. Curly & Willi stayed with us at the Oktoberfest (6 hours). The weather was just beautiful, sunny and in the high 70's. It was crazy, so many people, so much BEER drinking, thousands of people from all over the world. There was no seating left in any of the BEER halls that we went into, so we were lucky to find a table for 8, and quickly sat down. Right behind us, another four people

joined us. We enjoyed our first 1 liter beers and all ordered a half a chicken. The other four people were partying right along with us and everyone else for that matter. Oliver, the German, in the pink shirt, met us in the Marionplatz, about 10 am on Wednesday, and gave us a personal tour of the center of town for 3 hours. Another unexpected treat and great history lesson.

On Monday, we left our motel, which was 30 minutes out of town, to meet up with our tour to see two castles in Bavaria. The Linderhof and the Neuschwanstein Castles, (10 hour tour), which are a must to see while in this area. While on the tour, we met a dad and his daughter and ended up having dinner with them at the Ratzskeller, an underground Beer garden.

The next day, it was back into town for a tour of the German Museum. What a wonderful place to see. It must be comparable to or better than our Smithsonian. After 6 hours, it was time to walk up to the Marionplatz and find a seat to watch the Glockenspiel joust at the 5 pm bell. At this time, a fine misty rain had began to fall, but we managed with one umbrella. We wandered over to the Hofbrauhaus, a world-famous beer hall. As we were walking by the live band, one of two men started dancing with Char and was having a great time. After the short dance, we introduced ourselves. Seems Bill and Richard came here to the Oktoberfest without their wives, because the ladies didn't drink. Come to find out, they both live in the Almaden area, just a few miles south of us. This was the first of many that we are meeting from the States.

By 3:30 pm, we were on a train, back to Stuttgart. We did have to change trains in a town called Ulm. Wouldn't you know it, we jumped on the wrong train. This high speed one arrived just 4 minutes before the one we should have been on. It ended up costing another 25 Euro, to stay on board.

A few interesting bits of information:

- We found out in short order what an "AUSFAHRT" is (exit from the roadway).
- Most places expect you to pay E.50 euro to use their WC. (bathroom)
- People are eating all the time around here.

Well, this is to be continued.....

Curly, Willi, Don & Char

BOOO!

Fraidy Nite
October 27th
7:00 PM



**Spooker
Jim Osborne**

Congregational Church of Campbell
400 West Campbell Avenue
Campbell, CA



Info: Lloyd
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