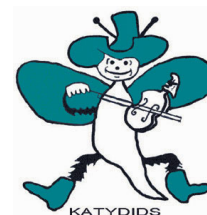


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Katydid Square Dance Club Newsletter

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

BOO!

GENERAL MEETING



Friday, November 7th

Agenda:

Discuss the way(s) forward for the Club.

ALL Club Members are encouraged to attend.

CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Oct. 3: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing

Fri., Oct. 10: **** DARK ****
Dancing at the Jubilee – All Levels!!

Thu., Oct. 16: **Executive Board Meeting**
7:30 PM, at the Hemsley home

Fri., Oct. 17: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing

Fri., Oct. 24: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
****HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY****
Bring food to share

Fri., Oct. 31: ****DARK** Happy Halloween!**

Fri., Nov. 7: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:45 PM, Club Dancing
8:45 – 9:30 PM, Club General Meeting
All Club members encouraged to attend.
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Fri., Nov. 14: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing

Fri., Nov. 21: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
****PARTY NIGHT** Wear green and
bring food to share.**

Fri., Nov. 28: ****DARK** Thanksgiving holiday**

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Acting Super Square Head
Lloyd Darknell (408) 482-9320

Oct. 03 Helfrich, R. & J.
Oct. 10 DARK
Oct. 17 Clark
Oct. 24 Caywood
Oct. 31 DARK

Nov. 07 Pitts / Powell
Nov. 14 Wies / Lindsay
Nov. 21 Hea / Headman
Nov. 28 DARK

Dec. 05 Marshall
Dec. 12 Darknell
Dec. 19 Andersen
Dec. 26 DARK

On Dance Night PRIOR to your duty night:

- Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into Club Cupboard. Notify the Acting Super Square Head, Lloyd Darknell, at (408) 482-9320, of any needed supplies or change of duty assignment dates.

Before the dance:

- Contact Square Head for following week to be sure they will be there.
- On scheduled night, the designated Square Heads should arrive **by 6:30 PM.**
- 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 \$1.00.
- Have guests sign guest book and collect a \$4.00 donation per guest and 'angels'.
- 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 to any Executive Board Member.

After the dance: Clean up!! Remove trash accidentally tossed into recycle bins. Take the trash bags out to the dumpster located in the side parking lot.

NOTE: tables must go into closet FIRST (remember the Caller's table, too), then the chair "rack".

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

— ALL LEVELS —

Oct. 10-12: Annual Jubilee, SCVSDA
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
For schedule of events see their website

or

check our notice board on Friday night.
www.scvsda.org/jubilee.html
Callers: Mike Callahan, Mike Jacobs,
Mike Kellogg and SCVSDA Top Ten Callers
Cuers: Eileen & Bob Silvia

— PLUS LEVEL —

Oct. 4: Fun Level Plus Hoedown; CPSD

John Muir Middle School
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: John Flora &
Dolores Ferrero
8:00 – 10:20 PM; Caller: **Harold Fleeman**,
Roger Smith, Jim Wylie

Oct. 17: Anniversary Hoedown; Farmers & Farmerettes

8:00 – 11:00 PM; Newark Pavilion
Caller: Ken Bower
Cuer: John Flora

Oct. 25: HoooDown; Rockin' Jokers

First Congregational Church,
1980 Hamilton Ave., San José
7:30 PM; PreRounds: John Flora
8:00 – 10:45 PM; Caller: Scot Byars

Nov. 15: Cactus Jack; Sunnyvale Singles

John Muir Middle School
Caller: Buddy Weaver
Cuer: John Flora

Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Dinner & Salvation Army Toy Dance

John Muir Middle School
Donation per dancer: 1 unwrapped toy or monetary
donation

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THANK YOU

to **Pat Angotti & Linda Caywood** for the *wonderful*
trips you put together last month!!!

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REMINDER:

On Club Nights, Jim is alternating two different levels of dancing throughout the evening: **Green Light** is for newer **AND** experienced dancers (*everybody*) while **Red Light** is for experienced dancers only.



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NEWS:

One of the Katydids' previous callers, **Bill Davis**, who was also a premier choreographer of square dance calls (all levels) suffered another stroke recently. His wife, Bobbie, reports that he is doing as well as can be expected. A card has been sent on behalf of the Club. Here's their address if you should wish to contact them:

1359 Belleville Way, Sunnyvale, 94087 • bdavissdc@aol.com

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From the Kitchen of **Pat Angotti ...**

YUM! YUM! YUM!

APPLESAUCE NUT CAKE

1 package yellow cake mix
 1 package (3 3/4 ounces) vanilla instant pudding
 & pie filling
 1/2 cup chopped nuts
 1/2 cup raisins
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1 1/2 cups applesauce
 1/3 cup vegetable oil
 3 eggs

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix all ingredients in ungreased oblong, 13x9x2 pan with a fork; scraping corners frequently until moistened. Then stir batter vigorously with a fork 1 minute, scrape the sides with a rubber spatula.

Spread batter evenly in pan.

Bake 30 to 45 degrees until top springs back when touched lightly in the center.

Cool.

Loosen cake from sides. Cut and serve directly from pan and store any remaining (!?) cake loosely covered in refrigerator.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER --

Hi there, ya' all!

I'm practicing for our upcoming visit to N'awlins! By the time you are reading this, you will know that Char and I have missed a couple of Friday nights, and I do mean missed – we enjoy our fun nights with the Katydids, and we are encouraged by the way the evenings have developed. We are dancing three squares for most of the evening now. Thank you, Jim, for making the program interesting and varied. Recycle seems to be in the news, but I did not know there were so many different ways to achieve it! It has been suggested that we introduce some line dancing and mixer dances to vary the evenings to provide an opportunity for us to dance with each other. If you have any other ideas, please tell a Board Member.

A few of our dancers are going to the new CPSD class. Char and I attended the first evening, as did **Don** and **Char** representing the Katydids. If any others of you can spare an evening occasionally, it will help the Katydids profile. It is a fun evening with **Roger Smith** calling.

A big THANK YOU to **Pat Angotti** for arranging the excellent San Francisco tour. Our guide, **Gary Holloway**, was, as Pat had described, an absolute mine of information and had a wonderful warm personality. We all enjoyed Chinatown, sampled Moon Cakes, heard a fiddling barber, and enjoyed some free time before we met for dim sum in an excellent restaurant. Gary said he used to square dance, so before he could blink, he was in a square do-sa-doing with the best! The afternoon tour of the North Beach district was just as interesting with historical references, famous people's locations, and anecdotal snippets which all made for a first-rate tour. Thanks, again, Pat! I believe Pat will have Gary's list of tours (about 200 to choose from), so we will be excited to schedule our next day out.

Thank you, again, Club Members and our regular guests for your continued support. The Jubilee is almost upon us, and I hope Char and I will see you and dance with you there. The full program is posted on the notice board with Mainstream highlighted. I hope you all have happy times and meet new people and make new friends, as I have through my square dance life. (I started 56 years ago!)

See y'all in a square.

Roger Hemsley

TOUR OF CHINATOWN & NORTH BEACH AREAS OF SAN FRANCISCO **Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008**



This alley used to have brothels and a few doors down is this church with the sign that says "Son. Observe the Time and Fly from Evil. Ecc. IV. 23."



Gary Holloway, tour guide extraordinaire!

Dr. Sun Yat Yen, 1866-1925

Photographs courtesy of John Caywood, Don Gaubatz, Don Powell & Lloyd Darknell



Imperial Palace Restaurant



And, we even *FORCED* Gary to dance with us!!!!



Sign on the wall at this barbershop says: "This is Erhu from China. I play Erhu in the movie-- *The Pursuit of Happiness*"



Bins of ginseng roots at an herb shop



Note the green, white, & red flag on the pole. We're in North Beach!





CLUB NIGHT DANCING

Friday, Sept. 19, 2008



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SAN JOSE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT TOUR & LUNCH AT HOMETOWN BUFFET IN MILPITAS

Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008



Photographs courtesy of John Caywood, & Don Gaubatz

FROM MARY & ROD ---

09/08/08

Hello friends and family,

We hope you've had a great summer! Ours certainly has been a lot of fun - and full of variety. We started June in South Dakota where it was easy to tell we'd left the plains of Kansas and Nebraska.

We first stayed at Hart Ranch, a wonderful Coast to Coast Park just south of Rapid City. Art and Babette, long time friends from Binghamton (now Boulder, CO), joined us for a week of sight-seeing in state and national parks. The park was spacious and featured a pool with hot tubs and a pretty good breakfast restaurant. Fortunately for us, Art did all the driving, so Mary got to see the wonderful scenery just as well as I did.

We spent one day driving through Custer State Park - what a variety of geography! Rolling hills in some areas then up a mountain and driving through spires and pinnacles ... just a mile up the road. Some real hairpin turns and tunnels that were not only one way but also less than 7 feet in height. And we saw some rather large bison herds which included lots of young calves at this time of year.

Of course the primary attraction in the area is Mt. Rushmore. We arrived on a cool mid-week day - along with lots of other people. Looked and sounded like a UN meeting! Didn't feel crowded, though. The main approach is lined with flags from the 50 states and is quite impressive with the monument visible at the far end. There is a nice walking trail that brings you closer to the mountain and helps one see how large the faces are. Half the loop is wheelchair accessible and it also takes you to the model shop with explanations of just how the work was accomplished. There is also a very large amphitheater that we returned to in the evening for a very impressive show and tribute to veterans. Mary found the whole experience very different from her original trip to the monument 40 years ago.



We next took a short drive to the Crazy Horse Monument; this is a privately-funded effort that was started over 20 years ago as a tribute to Native Americans. It is huge in

scope. The model in the picture shows what the final monument will look like and the actual monument in the background shows progress to date. The face is pretty well formed, the top of the arm has been exposed, and the opening under the arm has been started - the visible hole in the stone. The viewing area is so far away that it is hard to visualize just how big this piece of stone is, but one weekend each year they allow people to actually walk up on the monument. We saw news clips with thousands of people walking on the outstretched arm!

Another day we drove down to Hot Springs to see the Mammoth Site. This was a really well-done exhibit that includes information on many other prehistoric animals along with the mammoths - which are aptly named. It includes the actually in-process excavation site with partial and full skeletons intact as well as many dioramas showing the animal habitat as envisioned.

On our way back we stopped and took the tour at Wind Cave National Park. The picture below shows that natural entrance to what is currently the third largest cave system in the country.



Needless to say, we didn't have to use this entrance! It was still a pretty steep walk into the cave (and an elevator back out) but impressive once we got to the main system. Exploration is still going on, so the cave system size gets larger each year. Very different from both Carlsbad Caverns (NM) or Alabaster Cave (OK) in that there were few stalactite/stalagmite formations, no crystal formations and quite dry. It was more like Mammoth Cave (KY) with huge rooms. The unique feature here was large areas of fine rock lattice work formations that showed the fracturing of rock then filled with sediment that solidified harder than the original stone. Eventually it dissolved away leaving very intricate formations

Another day took us a bit east of Rapid City to the South Dakota Air & Space Museum. We enjoyed the indoor exhibits and the 15 planes on the grounds. However, the primary attraction was the tour of the Minuteman training silo at adjacent Ellsworth Air Force Base ... Ellsworth was responsible for 150 live silos across the northern states of the western plains. A hundred have been decommissioned as part of disarmament treaties, but 50 are still operational.

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Given the state of security and the number of visitor sites that are either no-longer accessible or have been moved off bases, I was surprised that this facility was still available to tourists. It did take quite a while for our id's to get validated before entry and cameras were well-controlled.



After several days of touring, it was time to stretch our legs. Our objective was Harney Peak, highest point in South Dakota. Located in Custer State Park, an observation tower had been constructed

on the peak by a CCC crew. It was a beautiful stone structure that made for great views and a fine place for a picnic lunch. This picture was taken about halfway up the trail to the tower. The trail was a seven-mile loop, which allowed very different views of the surrounding mountains and rock formation



After a week we were left on our own. We ventured farther east to Badlands National Park. Now we had seen several 'bad land' sites in our travels, but it was easy to see why this area was chosen as a National Park. Huge formations that stretched for miles; steep, slippery and deeply rutted by water and wind erosion. There were a couple of tough trails to the tops of some peaks (pictured) and other more accessible trails that moved horizontally through the valleys - all were very isolated and desolate within a hundred yards of the trailhead. There is a great visitor center at the east entrance with displays and movies-and a pretty good restaurant. At the west entrance we had ice cream at the famous Wall Drugstore.

Nearby was the Minuteman National Historic Site. Here we were able to take a tour of the command center that controlled the launch of the missiles. In the underground bunker itself, the docent was a retired Air Force officer who had been stationed at the facility when it was active. Each center had control of 10 missiles. Firing a missile required simultaneous actions by the two officers at different stations. A launch could also be initiated by a



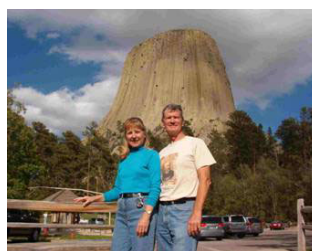
backup control center (the connecting underground cables are huge) or by an airborne command post. The men were stationed at Ellsworth and would come out for a 4x24 stint at the command center. It quickly became boring and most officers spent the time completing their MBA studies

We moved up to Sturgis, a bit northwest of Rapid City and home to the (in) famous Sturgis Motorcycle Rally each August. Here we were able to visit some of the famous western and mining towns, such as Spearfish, Lead and Deadwood ... Legalized gambling has resurrected these towns and I had a little luck at the blackjack table. We enjoyed the museum and sight-seeing tour in Deadwood, got to see Wild Bill Hickok's grave, and marveled on the beautiful drive over the Black Hills Scenic Highway (14A). The campground was a lot of fun, with a steak and potluck dinner one night, followed by some pretty talented western singing from the camp host.

In the area also was Bear Butte State Park. There was a small museum and display area on the Native American history in the area and a pretty good 4-mile trail to the top of the butte which provided great views of the surrounding countryside. Our most exciting moment, however, was our first known encounter with a rattlesnake on the trail. Fortunately he was feeling pretty lazy and just enjoying the warm rocks as the sun was going down, so we took our pictures, gave him as wide a berth as the trail allowed and continued on our way.

Later we got in our South Dakota square dance with the Buckles & Bows Club in Spearfish.

We decided to visit Devil's Tower from this side instead of waiting until we arrived in Gillette. It was a beautiful drive over and watching the tower grow out of the horizon as we approached was spectacular. We hiked the Red Beds and



Tower Trails, a wonderful 5-mile hike that circled around the tower and at some points brought us right to its base. It sure looks like a long way up to the top from there! The top is slightly rounded and about the size of a football field - so we were told. We got to see a

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couple of rock climbers making their ascents - one of the few things we have no interest in trying for ourselves. Also visible from another point on the trail (using a telescope) were the remains of a wooden stake "ladder" driven into a crevice about 2/3 of the way up the tower, that the first successful climbers (local ranchers) had constructed around 1890. It was pretty amazing to see the hexagonal rock columns that made up the tower, as evidenced by the giant sections that had fallen away and lay at the base.

We finally left the area and headed to North Dakota. Just south of the state line we decided to stop for lunch at the Alaska Café. While stretching our legs through the 4 blocks of town, we found the Petrified Wood Park. It was quite large - a full city block - and contained hundreds of structures built from petrified wood found in the area. Many were oddly-shaped towers 5-8 feet tall, but there were also larger monuments, statues and even full buildings constructed from the multi-colored pieces. Once in Bismarck we experienced some of the blackest clouds I've ever seen, hid from the tornado warnings, drove over to visit with family friends Ken & Kay Dawkins, and square danced with the Dakota Rambler Camping Square Dance Club.



At the recommendations received from many of you, we spent a couple of days in Medora, near Roosevelt National Park. This quaint western town had a lot to offer visitors in addition to the park. We enjoyed a one-man play, "Bully", on the life of Theodore Roosevelt, who actually lived in the area and ranched for several years as a young adult. In the evening there was a dinner theater featuring - pitchfork

Mary & Rod

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

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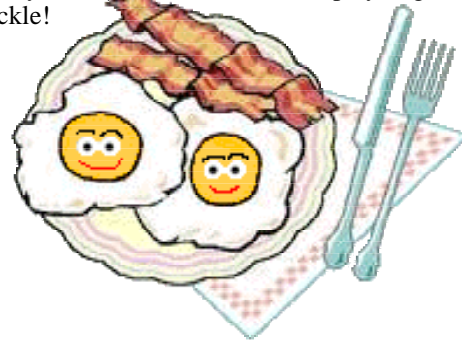
From: "Jacqueline Ginsberg" [ed. note: a square dance friend in Southern California.]

Subject: Senior Breakfast Special

Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008

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me of you may not be seniors, I hope you get a chuckle!



We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'seniors' special' was two eggs, bacon, hashbrowns and toast for \$1.99.

'Sounds good,' my wife said. 'But I don't want the eggs.'

'Then, I'll have to charge you two dollars and forty-nine cents because you're ordering a la carte,' the waitress warned her.

'You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?' my wife asked incredulously.

'YES!!' stated the waitress.

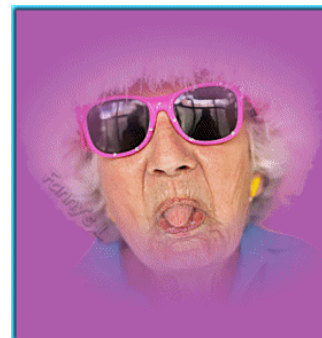
'I'll take the special then.' my wife said.

'How do you want your eggs?' the waitress asked.

'Raw and in the shell,' my wife replied.

She took the two eggs home.

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