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Katydid Square Dance Club Newsletter

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START YOUR WEEKEND RIGHT ... DANCE WITH THE KATYDIDS ON FRIDAY NIGHT VIA ZOOM!



HAPPY 101ST BIRTHDAY, TILLIE!!



CLUB CALENDAR



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KATYDIDS' CLUB EVENTS

All Katydid in-person events have been postponed, cancelled or otherwise on hold until further notice. We are, however, meeting via ZOOM at 7:00pm on Friday nights. Join us!!

LOCAL SQUARE DANCING EVENTS

Most local square dancing events have also been postponed or cancelled until further notice.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hello there, Katydid's & Friends,

Well, looks like we're still at it. This shelter in place is getting tiresome, to say the least. Two Fridays ago at our weekly Zoom meeting, we actually danced a little bit as a couple with a phantom partner. It was actually quite fun and caused a huge WHACK! up the side of my head as to how rusty I am. We were going to do a bit more this past Friday but Jim was called away before we could get started. We'll give it a go next Friday. Join us!! It would be nice to get some movement going now that Jim is able to get the music going.

By the way, it has been a real delight to have **Keith & Meg Ferguson** join us in our Friday fun. We never know what we will talk about. One week we told jokes, another we talked about where we had been during the week, or movies recommended (**Jim** recommended the movie *The Whale that ate Jaws*.) Oh, and we also met "Scrubs" (ask Keith, who by the way, has an 80th birthday coming up soon.)

This past month we learned that Caller, **Bob Baier** had had a stroke. I am not personally aware of the outcome other than he had "left the hospital." We did hear that Caller, **Al Knoppe** passed away last week. He was just shy of 92 years of age. If you would like to send **Mary** a message here is her address: 1050 Borregas, #18, Sunnyvale, CA 94089 Services will be held on Friday, October 30th at Oak Hill Funeral Home in Grace Chapel, 300 Curtner Ave, San José. Visitation at Grace Chapel will be from 11 am - 12 noon; Funeral service is from Noon - 1pm and Burial is at 1 pm with Navy Honors. A limit of 60 guests may attend the services and an RSVP to Mary is required. Email her at: maryknoppe@sbcglobal.net

Denis Moore has had quite the scare all month with fires near the Covelo area where he lives. He sent me several photos and messages about the experience which I have copied on the next page.

Perhaps the best news of all is that our very own centenarian, **Tillie**, turned 101 years YOUNG on Sunday, October 4th. He says it wasn't nearly as much fun as last year . . . Celebrating via ZOOM just isn't the same as in-person partying, I guess!!

And, last but certainly not least, **Ed Wayne** sent the following URL to a very interesting TED talk: <https://www.celebratewhatsright.com/tedx> Thank you, Ed, for sharing. Enjoy!

Stay healthy and safe . . . and, by the next *Chirper* this election craziness will be over . . . I hope!

Stephanie



Janna & Lloyd Standrige.....Oct. 04

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tillie TillmanOct. 04

Don VillageOct. 05

Val PatersonOct. 07

Bea ClarkOct. 11

Bobbie DavisOct. 13

Jan Dixon.....Oct. 20

Eric WilhelmsenOct. 29

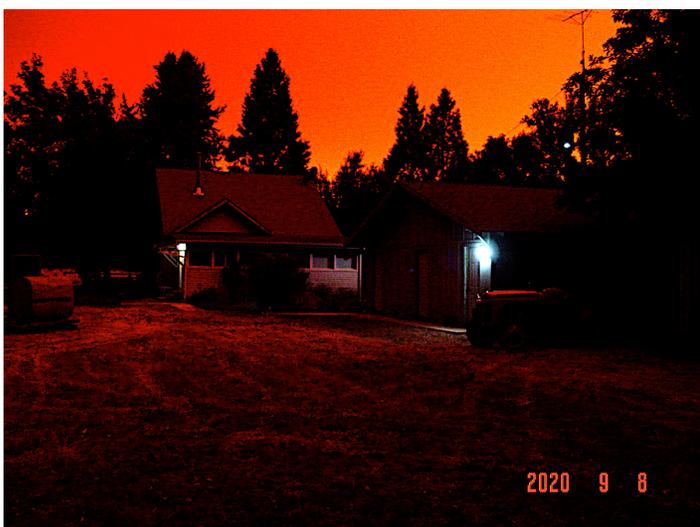
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Heard from Denis Moore:



Daytime on Sept. 8th [ed note: the photo has been lightened!]



Sept. 8th: Nighttime at Denis' home

8 Sep: I just took the attached pictures [above]. The smoke is so thick that it is like nighttime. The fire is about 10 miles east of here and there is going to be an east wind today. There is also a new fire that has 101 closed between Hwy 162 (Covelo Road) and Willits. You need to look at the photos on a computer not cell phone. In one you can see the tractor and trailer but if I did not know what I was looking at I would not know what it was. It is really that dark out.

Got to go I am cleaning up flammable material, leaves and grass around buildings. In the dark!

27 Sep: "Things are ok here but things sort of lit up today with the wind. Here is a link to a map that is continuously updated with satellite heat signature from the fires <https://maps.nwcg.gov/sa/#/%3F/%3F/40.1004/-123.2111/10> [Denis lives on East Rd in Covelo]

.... There was hardly any red on it last night and now there are some seriously hot fires going. During church this morning several cell phones went off with the emergency alert signal notifying us that several areas North of here were being evacuated. One of the people at church lives in one of the areas that was being evacuated. He plans to stay there and protect his place if the fire gets close.

The smoke has not been too bad for the last few days. It was starting to bother me with an annoying cough. I am leaving two doors open tonight to cool off the house. Hope I do not wake up to a house full of smoke in the morning.

I miss the square dancing and the fellowship. Wish things would get back to normal.

Got to go.

Best Wishes"

2 Oct: "We have had lots of smoke but the fire definitely is calming down. Air quality for the last few days has been very bad. Three days ago the entire community of Ruth burned. Some friends of mine lost everything. They evacuated to the Ruth airport because it was clear of brush and trees and would not burn. Around 11pm the first day, there was a knock on their window of their camper and it was the owner of the Ruth Lodge. He invited everyone that was at the airport to come to the Lodge and gave them beds and dinner. All I can say is WOW!!! It almost brings tears to my eyes to hear of such kindness.

I went to dinner last night at a friends place and when I got home around 9pm there was a huge cow standing on my lawn eating the grass. I had watered the lawn in the morning so each step the cow took she sank about 5 or 6 inches into the wet ground. Plus she gave me a big pile of cow p--p next to my sidewalk. One of the joys of living in the country. I chased the cow out of my yard and back on to the road and it headed home. A neighbors fence had a problem and a bunch of cattle escaped. A pickup truck hit a calf and killed it. I walked down the road and talked to a tribal policeman about what was going on. He was waiting for the Highway Patrol to show up and I understand that they never came due to 7 active accidents on highway 101 last night.

Got to go."

5 Oct: "So far all is well. Saturday we could see flames at the top of the hills North of the Valley but that is about 8 miles from here. As long as the wind is calm we should be fine. We do have rain in the forecast for Saturday. We could use about 2 inches of it."

[ed note: Thank you, Denis, for sharing your fire story with us. We all wish you calm winds and some rain to quell the fire(s) and clear the air.]