

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!

CONGRATULATIONS, TILLIE!!!

Tillie Tillman was presented with a Centennial Award
from the United Square Dancers of America



CLUB CALENDAR



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- Fri., Oct 07: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00 – 9:30PM
- Fri., Oct 14: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00 – 9:30PM
THEME: Crazy Hat Night
- Fri., Oct 21: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00 – 9:30PM
- Fri., Oct 28: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00 – 9:30PM
THEME: Annual Halloween Costume Party



- Fri., Nov 04: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00 – 9:00PM
 - Fri., Nov 11: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00 – 9:00PM
THEME: Honoring our Veterans
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- Fri., Nov 18: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00 – 9:00PM
 - Fri., Nov 25: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00 – 9:00PM

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Oct. 07:.....Oros / Franger
 Oct. 14:.....Bruns
 Oct. 21Dixon / Standridge
 Oct 28:.....Schwartz / Village

Nov 04.....Darknell
 Nov 11Franger / Stevens
 Nov 18.....McManus / Willey
 Nov 25Lehnhoff / Grubb

Dec 02Wilhelmsen
 Dec 09Oros / Village
 Dec 16Darknell
 Dec 23DARK
 Dec 30Dixon / Standridge

Before the dance:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, (408-499-9182) of any needed changes to assigned dates.
- The designated Square Heads should arrive by **6:15 PM** and stay until clean up is finished around 9:45 PM. A Katydid member with key access will open the gates and will secure the hall at end of evening.
- Check the restrooms for supplies & tidiness.
- Because of COVID we will not be providing drinks. Single serving commercially made & wrapped snacks are welcomed.
- In the hall, set up one table for signing in and another for snacks. One unopened table needs to go in front of the piano. Flyers can go onto the top of the freezer.
- Place hand sanitizer on sign-in and snack table and at front of hall and at each round table.
- Set up the easel & board to receive the birthday/ anniversary dates provided by the Treasurer.

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone as they enter.
- Collect a **\$8.00** donation from each guest and have them sign in. "Regular" guests check the prepared guest sheet, new guests sign the guest book.
- In the green box, there is an envelope with \$70 petty cash for making change.
- Check the member sign-in list to see if we have any members on LOA. Those on LOA who will be dancing pay our Guest Donation of \$8.00.
- Offer 50/50 raffle tickets: 5 tickets for \$1.00.
- In the green box, there are Square Head envelopes for keeping track of money collected during the evening.
- Divide the raffle proceeds with 50% to the Club and 50% to the winner. (Note: odd dollar goes to the winner!)
- After announcements and raffle, feel free to dance EXCEPT for the last tip (unless you are needed to fill a square) after which you will need to be putting things away and cleaning up
- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.

After the dance:

- Pack up the sign-in table items & give to Steph.
- Reset the hall to the way we found it.
- Notify Stephanie and Naomi if we need more Club event flyers or *Chirpers* printed for the following week.

COVID-19 rules can change on a moment's notice. Be sure to check with the sponsoring club for latest update on the rules they are currently following.

DANCE EVENTS

PLUS LEVEL unless otherwise noted

Oct. 15: Octoberfest; Lucky Steppers

Murphy's Park, 260 N. Sunnyvale Ave.,
 parking is on E. California

12:30 - 2:00 C1 (Kurt)
 2:00 - 3:30 A-2 (Rich & Kurt)
 3:30 - 5:00 SSD (Rich & Kurt)
 6:00 - 7:00 Rounds j(Sue)
 7:00 - 7:30 SSD (Rich, Kurt, Jim)
 7:30 - 10:00 Plus (Rich, Kurt, Jim)

Note: Afternoon sessions (until 5:00); N95-KN95 masks required. Evening sessions: Masks optional. All attendees must be Fully vaccinated.

Solo rotation provided.

Oct. 21-23: Harvest Hoedown; ASDSC

Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds

442 Franklin Ave., Yuba City

Cuer: Sharon & Casey Parker

Callers: Bill Harrison, Tom Miller, Joe Saltel,
 Buddy Weaver

Levels: Squares: SSD, Mainstream, Plus to advanced
 Rounds: from II through VI

Oct. 29: Rocky Horror Show Dance; El Camino Reelers

SSD-50, Plus, A2

St. Andrew United Methodist Church

4111 Alma St., Palo Alto

7:30 - 10:30PM

Caller: Eric Henerlau

Nov 5: President's Ball; Whing Ding; SCVSDA & SCVCA

7:30 – 8:00PM; PreRounds: Sandi Kremer &
 Arlene Scallon

8:00 – 10:30PM Callers: Tork Clark & Bob
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Nov 12: Harvest Moon Holiday Dance

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Santa Clara

6:30 – 7:00PM, PreRounds: Sandi Kremer

7:00 – 9:00PM Caller: tork Clark

Nov. 22: Annual Thanksgiving Benefit Dance; Jane & Joyce

Squares and Lines

Salvation Army Santa Clara Citadel Gym

3090 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara

7:00 - 9:30PM

Callers: Jim Osborne, Keith Ferguson, Tork
 Clark, Mike & Joyce Shannon

Admission: \$10 or a new toy. All proceeds
 go to Salvation Army

Dec 03: Holiday Party General Dance; SCVSDA & SCVSCA

St Andrews Methodist Church, 4111 Alma St

Callers: Tork Clark, Mike Pogue

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hello Katydids and Friends from Richmond, Virginia,,

Our road trip across the country continues. This past week we attended a reunion in Birmingham, Alabama of colleagues i worked with during an assignment in Laos years ago.

I understand that Plaid Night was fun and there are pictures on page 5. We also had some special guests, **Donn and Gerri Thomson**. I was really sorry that we couldn't be there. Years ago Donn called for the Silver Buckles youth club and my two sons and our neighbor's two girls were members at the time.

Last week, the 27th,we celebrated **Tillie's** 103rd Birthday. A number of guests showed up including callers **Tork & Dory Clark** and **Bob & Lisa Steele**.

A few days prior to the party, **Bonnie Abramson** contacted me to say that the National Square Dancers of America (NSDA) wanted to acknowledge Tillie's 103rd birthday. They would have done so three years ago if they had known. A certificate of recognition and appreciation is currently being prepared and will be officially presented to Tillie at a later moment. **Congratulations, Tillie!!**

I was told that when Tillie's daughter, **Laurie**, was ready to leave that Tillie was heard to have said something to the effect "No! It's MY birthday party! We're not leaving yet" He also liked the cake! Always the birthday boy!!

Tonight I learned that **Denis** recently spent a week in the ICU at a Santa Rosa Hospital and then was transferred to a regular hospital bed in Willits which is much closer to his home in Covelo. He was released from the hospital last Sunday since he was "stable" however, he is still undergoing various tests to find out what is wrong. We wish Denis some answers soon so he can get onto the road to healing.

And speaking of health issues, **Char** underwent a medical procedure a couple of weeks ago but it was not successful. She was rescheduled for a repeat of the procedure a few days ago and it was a success!! We wish you well, Char!

Coming up on the 14th is Crazy Hat Night which should be a lot of fun and then, of course, on the 28th we will be having our annual Halloween Costume Party. Get your costumes ready!!

SOME CHANGES ARE COMING: A few weeks ago I received notice that the rental agreement with the Salvation Army would be changing. Turns out that they were wanting to increase our rental rate 100% (gulp!) I talked with **Shoshannah** and we have worked out a compromise. The "T's" haven't been crossed and the "i's" haven't been dotted, yet. However, it looks like as of 1 November the following changes may be made to our rental contract:.

1. We will dance from 7:00 to 9:00pm instead of to 9:30pm
2. The rental rate for the two hours will go up 67%
3. The requested 3 hour minimum will be waived by Salvation Army.
4. Salvation Army Santa Clara is starting a food pantry for the community and they have requested some assistance from volunteers to help out on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00pm. More information to follow.

Be well,
Stephanie

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Don Village05 Oct**
- Bea Clark11 Oct**
- Jan Dixon.....20 Oct**
- Eric Wilhelmsen29 Oct**



Janna & Lloyd Standridge.....04 Oct

CLASSES

Stanford Quads

Location: Ladera Comm. Church, Portola Valley
Date: Introductory Nights: Oct 2 and 9
Time: 6:30 –8:30pm

Friday, 9 September
THEME: Plaid Night
Special guests: Donn & Gerri Thomson!



CELEBRATING TILLIE'S 103RD BIRTHDAY!!

Friday, 30 September



Katydid's Square Dance Club

Crazy Hat Night Dance

Oct. 14, 2022
Friday Dance

COVID-19 Rules per All Authorities
* Showing proof of full vaccination is required.
* Masks are highly recommended.
* Bring your own drinks; single-serving commercially made and individually wrapped snacks welcomed.
HAND SANITIZERS ARE AVAILABLE

Friday Night FUN Plus Club and WORKSHOP
7:00 - 9:30 PM
\$8/Guest Donation
Caller: Jim Osborne

Salvation Army - 3090 Homestead Rd. - Santa Clara, CA

Katydid's Square Dance Club

Annual Halloween Costume Party

Oct. 28, 2022
Frankenstein Friday

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Lucky Steppers'

October fest

Saturday, October 15 2022

Kurt Gollhardt Jim Osborne Rich Reel Sue Harris

12:30 – 2:00 C-1 Kurt	<p>Murphy Park</p> <p>260 N Sunnyvale Ave Sunnyvale, California</p> <p><i>Parking lot off of E California Ave</i></p>
2:00 – 3:30 A-2 Rich & Kurt	
3:30 – 5:00 SSD Rich & Kurt	
5:00 – 7:00 Rounds Sue	
7:00 – 7:30 SSD Rich / Kurt / Jim	
7:30 – 10:00 Plus Rich / Kurt / Jim Single Rounds by Sue	

\$15 per person, for the whole day
ALL Attendees Must Be FULLY-VACCINATED **SOLO ROTATION**

More info: Sue & Phil Harris 408-393-8453 leave message or e-mail philipwharris45@gmail.com
Pay at the door, or Zelle to Phillip Harris 408-393-8453

* SSD = Social Square Dance, a subset of Mainstream

Copied below with permission is a copy of an email message that Char Pitts sent to, Stephanie & Skip while they were on on a road trip to tell them about Tillie's Birthday party.

Hi Stephanie and Skip,

Just a quick note to let you know we had a wonderful time for Tillie's birthday. He got there a bit before 7:00, and stayed the night. Everyone went over to greet him and he was just beaming, especially with his eyes. Jana did a bang up job with the decorations, and being the MC. Vic brought lots of extra goodies like individual tiramisu cups, juices, and "it's it" ice creams. What a guy! The cake was a snafu on the part of the cake bakers because even with a diagram in front of them, they left off Tillie's name! So we got it for free. Nice!! Jackie and Eric manned the sign in desk, requesting vax proof for new guests to keep everything on the up and up. Jim was half an hour late because there was a fire at Magdalena and 280, and they had closed half the lanes. Massive traffic snarl. We had three squares dancing, and a few non-dancers sitting out— like me. Carol and Allan Glesser came, but she didn't dance because her hip really hurt. A bunch of Bows and Beaus showed up as well as Cole and Beth, and Rosemary and Al. Good party. Tillie will have another party on Wednesday with the Rockin' Jokers, and then a family birthday somewhere along the way. Fun evening.

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Char

✓ Road Gypsies 2022

by Skip and Steph Stevens

The past several years when Skip and I have taken a road trip across the country, we sent a newsletter to our family and friends telling of our adventures along the way. The following are portions from Road Gypsies 2022 #1 and #2

.The impetus for the road trip is a Reunion of International Voluntary Services (IVS) volunteers being held in Birmingham AL, 3-6 October. We could have chosen to fly but after having done that in late May and then contracting COVID, Steph really wasn't eager to fly this time.

On Wednesday, 7 September we **finally** took off only to turn around a few blocks down the road having forgotten an important item. We finally left San Jose around 10:30am. It turns out the Mosquito Fire had tuned up the prior afternoon and we were under a thick smoke plume from Auburn all the way to Reno and beyond. . Interestingly it was 108 degrees at home and only got up to 87 degrees in Fernley NV, Amazing!

The next morning we drove to Salt Lake City and again were surprised that it wasn't scorching-hot. We stayed the night at the Salt Lake City Plaza Hotel and Steph was crushed with the idea of being "feet" from the front door of genealogy research heaven and not able to do any research. We left early the next morning and as we headed east on I-80 noted that we did not see ANY trains on their east-west trek. We got off of I-80 at Laramie, WY, and drove south (Surprise, in a heavy drizzle!!) to the Fort Collins area to spend the night at a KOA Campground in one of their cabins. We have our sleeping bags with us so it worked out fine.

Friday we headed back north to Cheyenne (still drizzling and only 46 degrees) and got back on I-80 east. At some point along this leg of the trip, don't recall just where, it started to really rain. Wow! That was fun; first rain we've seen in months and our car got a free bath!! Spent the night in Grand Island, Nebraska.

From Grand Island, we drove on east and then turned north towards Omaha and on into Iowa, Ida Grove County to be more precise. My great grandfather moved there in the 1880s before moving the family to central Oregon where he died at age 44 and left two sons aged 11 and 7 with the elder boy being my grandfather. I was hoping to find the earlier land records where they lived in Galva, a small rural farming community. The Librarian at the Ida Grove Community Library was very helpful and found that J.N. Dennis owned 160 acres of land at T89N R39, West of 5th Principal Meridian, Section 34 NE Corner. Now I have to find an 1885 Plat book to figure out exactly where the property was located.

Noted for Iowa: saw more acres of corn in Iowa and, surprise, lots of flies!

Over the next couple of days we continued east on I-80 and then went north into Wisconsin. I wanted to check out the Mukwanago area where my Bovee family arrived from New York in the mid-1830s. The family soon moved on to Eagle in Waukesha County. Unfortunately there wasn't much information to find.



Saturday, 9/17 after leaving Illinois, we traveled southeast into Indiana and south to Winchester, Kentucky, to see the summer home that Skip's daughter, Tiff, and her husband recently acquired. It is in a lovely area and we can easily visualize their horses on their rural property.

This is a much different trip than those we have done in past years. Instead of camping in our van, we are, for the most part, hoteling it and traveling on the Interstate highway system. In some ways it is a much more boring trip but having AC, both in the car and in the rooms, heat and electricity is a huge plus at our almost 80 years of age.

We left Winchester, KY and reached Sevierville, TN to visit with a square dance friend of ours who had moved there many years ago. We arranged to meet her for lunch the next day. Unfortunately she was feeling unwell that day and we had to change our plans. We had also wanted to visit with a cousin who is now living west of Sevierville but she was unable to meet with us either. We decided to move on.



We headed southwest and ended up at another KOA Campground in Sweetwater, TN. We stayed in one of their "rustic" cabins. We were surprised when we entered the cabin, which was the "Dolly" Cabin, and found that it had a small refrigerator, a cable TV, heater and AC!! This is "rustic?" It is a lovely campground and we liked it so much that we stayed an extra day to "catch up with ourselves."

We left the KOA and headed to Atlanta where we wanted to see if we could find more information about Skip's gr-gr grandfather, James Denning, who was killed during the Civil War in June 1864 on (alleged) Pine Mountain near Atlanta, GA. When we arrived in town that afternoon we happened upon the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Visitor's Center where we talked at some length with Jake who is an historian there. He showed us some maps of the battles in the area around the time of Skip's ancestor's death. Very interesting. Eight years ago, we discovered Pine Mountain and when we parked the car at the peak to get out and read the historical sign, we found that it was marking the place where General Leonidas Polk was killed by a Union shell. A bit into the woods on private property is a stone monument to remember General Polk and how he was killed by a cannonball that essentially cut him in half. While we were reading the marker beside the roadway, a gentleman came out of the house across from the sign and path and walked towards us. He was Melvin Dishong and he asked what we were looking for and told us he knew a fair bit about Civil War events in the area. We struck up a conversation and discovered that he is a ham radio operator like Skip and invited us to see the "antenna farm" he has erected in his backyard. Unfortunately, this time through, Melvin was not home when we drove by but we did call and later that day he returned our phone call.

In this further conversation, we found that Mel knew little about the Battle at Gilgal Church, which we now believe is where James Denning actually died under the command of Union General Hooker. We also found out that Mel is a member of a much larger Civil War history group which meets monthly and to which he extended an invitation for us to attend. (we will try to make this part of our early October schedule.)

The next morning we too awhile to decide just what we wanted to do next and finally decided that we would try to see a couple of Skip's cousins who live in the Myrtle Beach, SC area. We did not leave the Atlanta area until almost noon and figured it would be an 8-hour drive so we thought we would drive to Columbia or Florence, SC, stay the night and then finish the drive the next morning. Well, plans have a way of changing. We finally got off the highway at Florence and checked out the hotel there. Way too expensive so we decided to drive on and check out the next hotel we came across. By now it is just beginning to sprinkle and it was almost dark. Would you believe that we found no hotels until arriving in North Myrtle Beach?!

That drive from Florence to North Myrtle Beach was very difficult and at times more than a bit scary. Skip handled it all beautifully navigating through heavy rain and a moonless night! We got to our hotel at 9:00pm a bit worse for ear but safely!

The next day we visited with Skip's 5th cousin once removed. They had met for the first time when they were at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, NY. They had no idea they were actually related until some genealogy work confirmed the connection, We reminisced for quite awhile and then decided that "Lunner" was in order so we ordered the Tour of Italy selection take-out from Olive Garden, added a bottle of nice wine and had a lovely afternoon together.

--- to be continued next month ---

SAVE THE DATES

- Fri. 14 Oct: Crazy Hat Night**
- Fri., 28 Oct: Annual Halloween Costume Party**
- Fri., 11 Nov: Thankful for Veterans Night**
- Fri., 09 Dec: Snowflake Party / Christmas Party**
- Fri., 30 Dec: Masked Ball (tentative)**
- Sat., 11 Feb: 2023 Sweetheart Special**

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