CHIRPER

September 2006 Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter Volume 43, No 9

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2006 !

IT'S PARTY TIME ! !

CLUB CALENDAR

Fri., Sep. 1: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

Fri., Sep. 8: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

Fri., Sep. 15: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing
PARTY NIGHT -– Class Graduates!!
Wear Green!!

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Fri., Sep. 22: **Congregational Church of Campbell**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

Fri., Sep. 29 **5th Friday Hoedown**
Congregational Church of Campbell
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

Sat., Sep. 30: **DANCE-of-the-MONTH**
Whing Ding; John Muir Middle School

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

Fri., Oct. 13: **Club DARK; Dance at the Jubilee**

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS & Duties

Acting Super Square Head - Lloyd Darknell
(408) 286-7262

Sep. 1	Franger/Moore
Sep. 8	Willey
Sep. 15	Benevento
Sep. 22	Anderson
Sep. 29	Hea, Pyle
Oct. 6	Hebson
Oct. 13	Club DARK
Oct. 20	Bennett
Oct. 27	Lunsford
Nov. 3	Mensing
Nov. 10	Moore, R & G
Nov. 17	Pitts/Powell
Nov. 24	Club DARK

On dance night *PRIOR* to your duty night:

- Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into Club Cupboard. Notify Acting Super Square Head , Lloyd Darknell, at 408-286-7262 of any needed supplies or change of duty assignments dates.

Before the dance:

- Contact Square Head for following week to be sure they will be there .
- On scheduled nights, the designated Square Heads should arrive **before** 7:00 P.M.
- 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
- Have guests sign guest book and collect $4.00 donation per guest.
- 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 on to any Executive Board Member.**

After the dance: *Clean up*!! Take the trash bags out to the dumpster (locked) located in the side parking lot. The key is hanging on the wall by the door to the kitchen.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

Sep. 1-3: Mid-Cal Classic
Merced County Fairgrounds, Los Banos
Callers: Bob Baier, Jet Roberts

Sep. 2: Paul Bunyan Days; Redwood Coasters
Fort Bragg
7:30–10:30 PM;
Caller: Scot Byars – Cuer: Erin Byars

Sep. 9: Bachelors & Bachelorettes Annual Hoedown
Ralston Middle School, Belmont
7:45 – 8:15 PM, PreRounds: John Flora & Dolores Ferrero
8:15 – 10:45 PM, Caller: Jay Klassen

Sep. 23: Harvest Hoedown; Sage Stompers
Oldemeyer Center, Seaside
7:30 – 8:00 PM, PreRounds: Scot Byars
8:00 – 11:00 PM, Squares: Erin Byars

Sep. 23: Harvest Moon Hoedown, Elks 'n' Does
Alameda Elks Lodge, Alameda
8:00 – 11:00 PM: Cuer: George Gardner
Squares: Eric Henerlau

Oct. 13-15: SCVSDA 50th Annual Jubilee
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, San José
Cuers: Sharon & Casey Parker
Callers: Sandie Bryant, Dan Nordbye, Joe Saltel, SCVSDA Top Ten

Oct. 20-22: Fall Frolic; Solvang
Caller: Mike Sikorsky
Cuer: Chuck & Sandi Weiss

Oct. 27-29: Harvest Hoedown; Yuba City
Callers: Charlie Robertson, Romney Tannehill, Jay Henderson, **Jim Osborne**
Cuers: Al & Carole Lillefield

Nov. 18: Cactus Jack Hoedown; Sunnyvale Singles
John Muir Middle School, San José
7:30–8:00 PM; PreRounds: George Gardner
8:30–10:30 PM; Caller: Buddy Weaver

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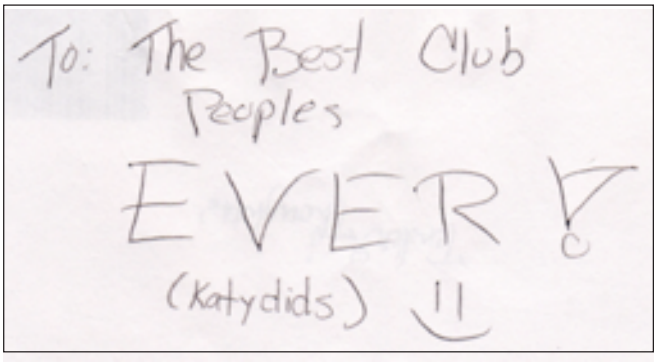
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!

Bill & Betty Benevento. . . . . .Sept. 08
Ray & Virginia Mensing. . . . Sept. 26

Card received from Nicki & Mark – –



SQUARE DANCE LIVE

The Square Dance Live Show can be seen every week

Campbell	Cable 15	Fri., 7:30 PM
Cupertino	Cable 15	Wed., 7:30 PM
Los Altos	Cable 15	Wed., 7:30 PM
Mountain View	Cable 15	Wed., 7:30 PM
San Jose	Cable 15	Fri., 7:30 PM
Saratoga	Cable 15	Fri., 8:30 PM
Palo Alto, Atherton, Menlo Park, Stanford, East Palo Alto	Cable 27	Tue., 8:30 PM Wed., 12:30 PM Fri., 6:30 PM Sat., 1:30 AM Sat., 10;30 AM

It REALLY *is* a small world !

After travelling almost 9,000 miles on our cross-country driving trip in July, and while stopped at a Kentucky Fried Chicken place for dinner in (of all places!) Winnemucca, Nevada, who should we run into but **David and Julie Darknell** who were also on their way home from a week's camping at Yellowstone!

~~Stephanie

MINUTES
Katydids Executive Board Meeting
August 25, 2006

President, Lloyd Darknell called the meeting to order at 9:32 p.m.

Roll Call: President, Lloyd Darknell; V.P., Bob Bennett; Secretary, Maxine Darknell; Treasurer, Don Powell; Publicity, Don Gaubatz; Membership, Pat Angotti; Chaplain, June Helfrich.

The minutes from the previous meeting of July 14th were approved as printed.

The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Reports:

Officers:

1. President: None

2. Vice-President: None

3. Membership: Pat indicated we now have 45 active members and 6 on leave.

4. Chaplain: June mailed out 7 birthday cards and 1 anniversary card.

5. Publicity: Don G. plans to send an article to *Squares 'Round the Bay* regarding our successful Hot August Night Dance, our coming Class Graduation, and the starting of a Plus Workshop in January.

Committees:

1. Chirper: The articles for the September *Chirper* are due to Stephanie on Friday, August 25th and the September deadline is the 29th.

2. Class Angels: Morris was not present but there was discussion regarding the class. There were 5 class members in attendance tonight. Morris had indicated to Lloyd that he thought there would be about 11 students graduating.

Old Business:

1. September 29th, 5th Friday Dance: Lloyd suggested we offer to host it since the Yellow Rock & Rollers hosted last time and the Westminster Squares hall is to small. He will contact the clubs. It was also decided that those that still had square dance clothes to sell could bring them that night.

2. Hot August Night Dance, August 18th: The dance was considered a success! There were 25 paid guest present and everyone seemed to enjoy the dance and the snacks. It was decided that next year we will have the clothes sale in the hall since there seemed to be enough room.

New Business:

1. Workshops: Lloyd announced that Jim agreed to teach a plus workshop on regular club nights from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. starting Jan. 12, 2007. There will be a $4.00 charge for guests who attend.

2. Sweetheart Special Dance: The dance will be on February 10, 2007. Lloyd will start looking for members to form the committees at the next board meeting. Randy Dibble is already scheduled as our caller and Chuck and Shirley Hurst will be the cuers. Don G. was asked to place an ad in *Squares 'Round the Bay* and make up flyers to take to clubs when the dance gets closer.

3. Possible Socials: Christmas Party – perhaps with the Spinning Wheels? Jim indicated to Lloyd that the Spinning Wheels are still in the planning stage and that they may possibly have a problem getting the hall when needed for the party. A Halloween Party on October 27th was also suggested. Since Sue Willey and Sandy Franger are supposed to be in charge of our socials, Lloyd will check with them.

4. Class Graduation: It was decided to have Graduation on September 15th, our party night. Maxine will purchase a cake for the occasion. Pat will make up information folders for the Graduates with our Katydid By-laws, Goals, and Membership Applications. Morris will plan the program.

Agenda Items for next meeting:

1. Halloween Party
2. Christmas Party
3. Sweetheart Special Dance

Dance-of-the-Month: Sept. 30th, 5th Saturday Whing Ding at John Muir Middle School

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Party Night: September 15th ,WEAR GREEN!

Next Board Meeting: October 6th, after club dancing.

Meeting ended at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Darknell

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Fall 2006 Beginner Classes

Encourage your friends to attend a beginner class so that they can join in on the fun!

SUNDAYS:
Stanford Quads; Caller: John Sybalsky
Start: Oct. – Plus/APD
Fairmeadow School, Palo Alto
Contact: Bill & Pat: 650-948-4935

TUESDAYS:
Sunnyvale Singles: Caller: Eric Henerlau
Start: Sept. 5: 7:00-8:30 PM
Murphy Park, Sunnyvale
Contact: Joe: 408-996-0174

WEDNESDAYS:
Krazy Dazys; Caller: Jim Osborne
Start: Sept. 6: 7:30–9:00 PM
Hyde Middle School, Cupertino
Contact: Jerry: 408-224-8449

Farmers & Farmerettes; Caller: Mike Wright
Start: Sept. 6: 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Newark Pavilion, Newark
Contact: 408-946-0664

THURSDAYS:
Cactus Corners (youth); Caller: Ruth Riegelhaupt-Herzig
Start: September
Del Valle High School, Livermore
Contact: Margret: 925-447-6970

Lucky Steppers; Caller: Harold Fleeman
Start: September; 7:00 – 8:30 PM
German American Hall, Santa Cruz
Contact: 831-423-0645

Square Hoppers; Caller: Larry Davenport
Start: September; 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Nordahl Hall, Los Gatos
Contact: George: 408-375-2348

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER - -

Hi Katydids

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer this year. Summer is coming to an end and we had a successful 2nd Annual, Hot August Night Dance.

We will be having our class Graduation on September 15th this year and I would like to see all of our members there to support the class.

We also need to look forward to our Sweetheart Dance on February 10, 2007. I will need some Volunteers to act as Chairpersons for the different dance committees. If any one could help it would be appreciated. Please see me if you can help.

Thanks,

~ ~ Lloyd Darknell

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Those celebrating birthdays in August were **Gesine Schaffer**, **Carmen Hea**, **Robb Moore** and **Carolyn Fifield**. Birthdays cards were sent to them. **Caroline** and her husband also celebrated their Anniversary and a card was sent to them. The Katydids also would like to express their sympathy to **Jake** and **Elsie Ignacio** upon the death of their son. A card was sent to them.

~~*June Helfrich*, Chaplain

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Stephanie Stevens	Sept. 05
Parker Willey	Sept. 07
Virginia Mensing	Sept. 24
Gayle Moore	Sept. 28

GREETINGS FROM SANDY ~ ~

Happy Fall, y'all! Summertime in Tennessee brings new meaning to the idea of Hot August Nights. No one can sleep…so we count the days till "it's football time in Tennessee!" By the time you read this the season will be underway. The Cal Bears are comin' to Knoxville September 2nd to wump on the Volunteers.

Bill and I enjoyed a 24 day whirlwind drive across America. The primary purpose was to attend a wedding in Idaho. The young groom's family were our close friends when we lived in Juneau, Alaska. We had a splendid reunion with the groom and his family and feasted on smoked salmon the groom's Dad caught and brought from Alaska. This wedding was the highlight of the entire trip for me, and sightseeing across America was really the trip of a lifetime.

As a youngster Bill had visited Yellowstone National Park, seen Old Faithful spout it's fountain of steam, admired Mt. Rushmore, and had viewed Niagra Falls from the Canadian side. But it was all firsts for me. These are all incredible wonders that everyone should see! Did you know that Yellowstone was the first National Park?

When Bill was 10 years old Old Faithful was putting on its fountain show almost every 30 minutes. Fifty years later the interval has slowed to approximately 90 minutes. Geologists speculate this may be due to earth shifts and idiots throwing soda cans into the mouth of the geyser. No two eruptions are the same and our patience was richly rewarded by the second "show" almost 2 hours later. Not only did Old Faithful erupt, but about 10 other geysers in close proximity all went up at the same time.

At Mt. Rushmore we promenaded up the Avenue of Flags just two days after **Skip & Stephanie Stevens** had been there. We literally walked in their footsteps. At this point I was vacationed out and was homesick. I didn't know I was so established in Tennessee, but it's true that "absence makes the heart grow fonder." Condensing my entire life into two duffle bags was a huge challenge, although it's good practice to learn to simplify.

I regret not having stopped nearby to see the Chief Crazy Horse Memorial. That was one of two important sites we should have taken the time to visit. The other was Hershey, PA. I almost cried as we sailed by early on a Sunday morning. No, I couldn't smell the chocolate, but I know it was there. They probably don't cook on Sundays anyhow, but I'm getting ahead of myself.

Yellowstone itself could easily be a one week visit. We were there a few hours. We were always pushing on to the next location heading eastward. Ultimately we arrived at our brother-in-law's lakeshore house in Maine, but not before spending one night in a parking lot. This was the low point of the vacation. I won't go into all the details, but I do want to mention that at 4:30 in the afternoon I had suggested, "Let's start looking for a motel." Mr. Superman, however, insisted, "I'm doing great; I still want to drive a couple more hours." Five hours later in the pitch dark we found a Super 8. Bill returned to the car and reported, "They only have one vacancy; it's a smoking room and it costs $169, so we're not staying here." I didn't sleep all night.

We loved getting together with our relatives and after I slept the entire first day, I'd like to say we sat around relaxing and eating ice cream. Well, we did some of both, but we also felt obligated to help them paint the house. One afternoon I helped our nephew's wife paint the entry way. We were rewarded with two days of local sightseeing trips and of course, the famous Maine lobster. Painting the interior with the roller was not too strenuous. I mean, I'd rather be reading a book, but it was satisfying to see the progress we had made.

A couple days later I volunteered to move large stones from the front yard to the back, where my nephew plans to eventually complete a stone retaining wall in the cascading garden. The first 5 trips with the stones I was skipping along thinking what a breeze this was. Did I mention that the backyard is a steep slope downhill? Then I started counting the trips. After 30 trips I sat down to take a little break; I was definitely running out of gas. It only took a couple hours to move the first pile of stones, but I was definitely ready for a change of pace.

I confidently volunteered to help paint the exterior with our nephew and his 70 year old Dad, so I selected a 2" brush. Many remodels in the area are now using vinyl siding I noticed, but our nephew wants to maintain the original rustic look, so he has used 6" grooved planks. He also insisted the 4" brush was perfect for the job

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and made me switch brushes…and it only took me one plank to decide I hated the grooves, I hated my 4" brush, and I hated the texture of the planks. Others had already gone before me on the ladder, so I was only doing the lower 3' along the downstairs back of the house.

The good news is that the weather was perfect, not too hot, cool and breezy. I was determined to do my part and everyone's goal seemed to be to each finish off a can of paint. My can was only half full when I started, so naturally I didn't think it would take long to get done.

When my paint can was empty I was still able to stand and walk, at least as far as the front door. Our nephew introduced me to GoJo, a wonderful invention that removes paint from skin without the turpentine smell. I went inside to sit down and suddenly I was sore all over and too tired to move. I wondered if I'd be able to lift a fork at dinner time as my wrist began to throb like a terrible toothache. It got worse during the night and my entire arm from my wrist to my shoulder felt like I'd sustained multiple fractures. I didn't sleep all night.

The next day I was fully recovered, although exhausted, and I was thrilled to realize that the night rain made it impossible to paint again. What a mercy! The rest of the trip was a blur. We made the trip home from Maine to Tennessee in two days. We heard interesting special interest programs on the radio all along the way. Lyme's Disease has become an epidemic in Maine. Western Nebraska's had 8 years of drought. New York' City's having epidemic bedbug problems both in the hospitality sector and private homes, as well. Almost every state we drove through had miles and miles of corn fields. Most of the New England states have never heard of kudzu and it was refreshing to look at miles and miles of forested scenery with no kudzu blanketed destruction. But as soon as we got near western Virginia, ah, there it was, acres of forests draped in suffocating ivy.

Home Sweet Home is my motto! It's so good to see our beautiful land, but it's also terrific returning home. GOD bless America! Have a wonderful, safe September. Bye for now.

~~ Sandy Ferrill

Katydoer's Corner ~~

It must be coming very close to the end as I cannot recall what new calls you have been taught. Last Friday I noticed that our fabulous caller and teacher, **Jim Osborne**, threw in "3/4 tag the line" which I did not have it crossed off on my sheet but you all did it! Talking about my list, I only have 3 easy calls remaining for you to learn…"Peel the Top", "Cut the Diamond" and " Dixie Grand".

We should all plan on attending Santa Clara Valley Square Dancer's Association's Annual Jubilee. This year it will again be held at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds for three days, Friday, Oct. 13 to Sunday, Oct. 15. There will be Top Ten Santa Clara Valley callers and featured callers Sandie Bryant, Dan Nordbye and Joe Saltel and round dance cuers Sharon & Casey Parker. Dancing will start at 7:00 PM on Friday through Sunday evening. The cost will be $32 per person for the whole weekend ($36 after Sep. 30th), single day ribbons $10 Friday, $22 Saturday and $16 Sunday. Let us show a strong presence in the Grand March on Saturday evening.

There is no position that I can pinpoint to for setting up and putting away things for our square dance activity use at the church but there is certainly one person we should all thank. She is **Pat Angotti** who for the most days has chairs and tables all set up for use in the hall before Louise and I get there. Thank you very much, Pat.

Morris & Louise Hosoda, Head Angels

HOT AUGUST NIGHT NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN and Square Dance Apparel Sale

Friday, Aug. 18, 2006

PhotoS courtesy of Stephanie Stevens

CURLY'S DIARY – –

August 6
Everything is well. We just got back from Romania. Everyone was sad to go. As people kept leaving, all you could hear, was "I don't want to go".

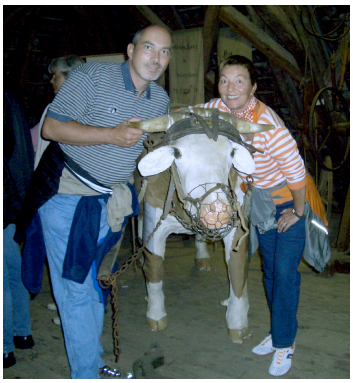
We saw all the familiar faces and it touched our heart to see all the wonderful, friendly students…some we recognized from two years ago. Let me tell you about the project. The program takes place on a island in the Danube River near the Romanian village and ancient Roman ruins of Capidava. It typically involves 300 or more youth from across the region, providing a very rare and special opportunity for them to learn and participate in many different aspects of sports, science and culture that would typically never be available to them.

Willi taught Physics. Me? I taught FACE JOGGING and together, we taught line dancing.

We had so much fun and the kids had so much fun dancing. They learn so fast. Daytime – one hour teaching and in the evening, we had a show with the kids. On the Island there are so many idealistic teachers, so nice and unselfish. It was again a memorable experience
See: http://worldgenesis.org

August 12
Willi and I are in a wonderful German – American Club which was organized in 1947. We meet so many wonderful people and it is wonderful to talk in English. Now we are in two clubs…German – American Women's Club and the Men's club (now women can be a member too). Once a month we have great activities.

Today we had a guided tour of the Viticulture Museum where you can see how wine was made more than 100 years ago and also obtain a great deal of interesting and valuable information about wine growing on the often delightfully designed trails. More than 250 different types of wine are available during the Stuttgart Wine Village which is held every summer. Stuttgart specialities such as kasspatzle (cheese noodles), maultashen (pasta pockets) or schupfnudeln (noodles with kraut) are served up as an accompaniment to the wine.



August 20 9:00 PM
Willi surprised me with tickets...can you believe this?...Tickets for the Bregenz Festspiele (Festival) on Lake Constance in Bodensee, Austria to see Giueseppe Verdi's *Il Trovatore* on the outdoor Seebühne Floating Stage (an old oil refinery drilling rig)…GREAT!!!
(See: http://www.bregenzerfestspiele.at/)

It is the biggest Floating Stage in the world. Every year, between July and August there are over 200,000 visitors. Ships sail near the Seebühne Stage at sunset. Wonderful music and so romantic…smile !!!

Wherever you look, feelings became inflamed as the drama starts and the music in triumph.

I hope everybody is fine?

Hugs,

Curly

(ed. note: In Curly's Diary she mentions that she and Willi had recently returned from World Genesis Foundation's Atlantykron Project's 17th Annual Summer Academy of Learning in Romania. The Foundation's mission is to "leave no child without hope for the future." One of the permanent sponsers of the Academy is the company Willi works for; Bosch. Willi and Curly were on the faculty for this camp for young people ages 15-29. Willi taught a course on nanotechnology where the students learned the methods and theory of how to build miniaturized pressure sensors made of silicon. Curly taught sessions on face jogging and aqua aerobics. They both taught the course on line dancing as she notes in her "Diary.")

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