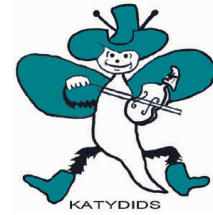


# CHIRPER



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Katydid Square Dance Club Newsletter

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## GENERAL MEETING

Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

### Agenda:

- Dues Increase
- Beginner class

| CLUB CALENDAR   | <a href="http://www.katydid.info">www.katydid.info</a>  |
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| Fri., Sep. 7: <b>Congregational Church of Campbell</b><br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing  | Fri., Oct. 5: <b>Congregational Church of Campbell</b><br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing<br><i>Chirper</i> Distributed                                |
| Fri., Sep. 14: <b>Congregational Church of Campbell</b><br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing   | Fri., Oct. 12: <b>**DARK**</b><br><b>Dancing at the Jubilee</b>   |
| Fri., Sep. 21: <b>Congregational Church of Campbell</b><br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing<br>PARTY NIGHT -- Wear <b>Green</b><br>Bring food to share            | Fri., Oct. 19: <b>Congregational Church of Campbell</b><br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing<br>PARTY NIGHT - - Wear <b>Green</b><br>Bring food to share |
| Fri., Sep. 28: <b>Congregational Church of Campbell</b><br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing<br><b>**GENERAL MEETING**</b><br>All Club members are asked to attend | Fri., Oct. 26: <b>Congregational Church of Campbell</b><br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing   |

**SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS  
and DUTIES**

*Super Square Head*  
*Caroline Fifield (408) 377-3740*

Sep. 07 ..... Fifield  
Sep. 14 ..... Pitts / Powell  
Sep. 21 ..... Hosoda  
Sep. 28 ..... Wies

Oct. 05 ..... Andersen  
Oct. 12 ..... DARK--Jubliee  
Oct. 19 ..... Hughes  
Oct. 26 ..... Darknell

Nov. 2 ..... Don Gaubatz  
Nov. 9 ..... Stevens  
Nov. 16 .... Hemsley  
Nov. 23 .... DARK-Thanksgiving  
Nov. 30 .... Willey

**On Dance Night PRIOR to your duty night:**

- Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into Club Cupboard. Notify the Super Square Head, Caroline Fifield, at 408-377-3740, 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 \$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 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. NOTE: tables must go into closet FIRST, then the chair “rack”.

**CHIRPS FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN**

In August, *Happy Birthday* greetings were sent to **Gensine Schaffer** (4<sup>th</sup>), **Carmen Hea** (9<sup>th</sup>), **Robb Moore** (22<sup>th</sup>), and **Caroline Fifield** (25<sup>th</sup>). **Caroline and David Fifield** also celebrated their *Anniversary* on the 7<sup>th</sup> and a card was sent to them to honor that occasion.

~ ~ *June Helfrich*



**FUTURE SQUARE DANCE EVENTS**

**Sep. 12: Mid-Week Hoedown**  
Hyde Middle School, Cupertino  
7:00 – 9:30 PM  
Caller: Nasser Shukayr  
Cuer: John Flora

**Sep. 29: SCVSDA & SCVCA Whing Ding**  
Caller Appreciation Dance  
Callers: Bob Agea, Keith Ferguson, **Harold Fleeman**, Al Knoppe, Jim Osborne, Jerry Silverstein, Roger Smith, Vicki Woods  
Cuer: Barbara-Lynne Smith

**Oct. 12-14: SCVSDA Annual Jubilee**  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
Detailed Program online:  
[www.scvsda.org/jubilee-program.html](http://www.scvsda.org/jubilee-program.html)

**Oct. 27: Halloween HOOODown, Rockin’ Jokers**  
Caller: Eric Henerlau  
Cuer: John Flora



**FALL 2007 BEGINNER’S CLASSES**

**SUNDAYS**

Stanford Quads  
7-9:00 PM, Fairmeadow School, Palo Alto  
Caller: John Sybalsky  
Begins: October  
Contact: 650-948-4935

**TUESDAYS**

Sunnyvale Singles  
7-8:30 PM, Murphy Park Community Center  
Caller: Eric Henerlau  
Begins: September 4<sup>th</sup>  
Contact: 408-996-0174

**FRIDAYS**

Yellow Rock and Rollers  
7-9:00 PM, Hyde Middle School, Cupertino  
Caller: Ruth  
Begins: September  
Contact: 408-730-4684

**CURLY'S DIARY**

August 1, 2007

Days before we got a phone call from good friends from Palo Alto and they told us , "Hey we are going to Kassel (documenta fair) and would love to see you."

On Wednesday after work, Willi looked at me and said "OK, let's drive (4 hours single way)." You have to know it is absolutely not easy to take the autobahn. So much traffic, many people on vacation, school is over ... yeah. Pure stress ... for some people it is a dream driving without a speed limit but for me ... puhh , it's like driving the wrong way.



But time went fast because we always have so much to talk about. I'm sorry I can't tell how Kassel is, because it was dark when we arrived.

Oh, the reunion was amazing. It was like we had seen each other just the day before.

So, we walked into a Schnitzelhaus. On the menu Schnitzel ... small, medium or XXL. the smartest in our group was Willi because he ordered small. My eyes were big like a big wheel ... medium--2 Schnitzel oversized ... way too much for me! And our friends' stomachs lie heavily like a stone.



Time went by too fast and then it was time to say GOOD BYE ... I hate this part.

So, four hours back home, two hours sleep and Willi had another hard working day.

*Curly*

**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER --**

Hi Katydids

Another summer has come and gone. Now is the time to decide if we are going to have a class in January. We will be having a General Meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> to make a decision on starting the class in January. The Club will also be asked to approve raising our dues to \$12.00 per month from the current \$9.00. We will need *all* of our members to attend this important meeting.

Recently the church had their sign vandalized so the board authorized a \$50.00 donation to help with the repair.

I want to thank all of the members who answered the questionnaire to help the board with our decisions.

It's time to start thinking about the Sweetheart Special Dance. We will need volunteers for all of the chair positions for the dance. See Bob Bennett if you can volunteer for one of the positions.

*~ Lloyd*



**From Bill & Gesine Schaffer:**

*Below is a letter our President, Lloyd Darknell, received recently from Gesine & Bill Schaffer:*

"This is to let you and the Katydids know that Bill and I will resign our membership in the club on August 31, 2007. Mostly our reason is that we don't like to dance on Friday nights, and would like to find a club that dances on a different night. We want to thank you and all the Katydids for welcoming us, teaching us how to dance, and showing considerable patience with us, as you do with all dancers. We will, so we hope, remain on the friendliest terms with you and will participate in the club dances as guests when we can.

Give my regards to all. I am sure that we will see you at various hoedowns and Jubilees."

## MINUTES

### Executive Board Meeting

#### August 23, 2007

President, Lloyd Darknell called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call: President, Lloyd Darknell; V.P., Bob Bennett; Secretary, Maxine Darknell; Treasurer, Don Powell; Membership, Charlotte Pitts; Publicity, Don Gaubatz;

Absent: Chaplain, June Helfrich

Visitors present: Chirper Editor, Stephanie Stevens and Annie Bennett.

The minutes from the previous Board Meeting of July 27<sup>th</sup> were approved as published.

#### Reports:

Officers:

1. President: No report.
2. Vice-President: No report.
3. Treasurer: Don P. distributed and explained his reports for July.
4. Membership: Charlotte passed out a report showing our Membership. We currently have 41 active members and 3 inactive members. Those who had to resign are: Bob Pyle who has moved and Bill and Gesine Schaffer, who submitted their resignation effective August 31. Those who are on the inactive list are: Sarah Grizard (who hopes to come when she can) and Sal and Louise Stagnitto.
5. Chaplain: Absent.
6. Publicity: Don G. made up more cards for our members to pass out to interested people to promote our club. He would like members to give him information that they would like to have printed in the "Squares 'Round the Bay, Club Chatter".

Committees:

1. Chirper: Stephanie said the articles for the September Chirper are due Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. She also indicated the club printer needs more toner. Charlotte made a motion to give Stephanie authorization to purchase supplies as needed without going through the board. Maxine seconded it and it was passed.

2. Social: Pat Angotti, the social chair, was absent but Don G. and Don P. reported that they had spent a pleasant day checking out Travis Air Force Base as a possible bus tour for the Katydids and friends next spring when the wild flowers are in bloom.

#### Old Business:

1. Hot August Nights: Though everyone had a good time, the attendance this year was disappointing. Besides the possibility of people being on vacation, it was also noted that there were several other hoedowns within a two week period. There was some discussion about having it at a different time next year but no decision was made.

#### New Business:

1. Church sign vandalized: Lloyd noted it would be a measure of "good will" if the Katydids were to donate funds to help replace it. The board decided to donate \$50.00.
2. Questionnaires: The Board discussed the results from the Katydids. Here are some responses from the "Questionnaires":
  - Dues increase: All **okay** with it.
  - Are we a friendly club? **Yes**
  - What can we do to improve the club and help it grow? **Give more hugs & greetings; Don't be so serious and be more eager to dance; Be more welcoming to guests and mix with them more during tips; Consider raising the level and speed of the tips or perhaps have a "Hot Hash" tip during the evening; Learn more All Position Dancing (APD); Have more workshops and advertise them to other clubs; Shorter tips; Consider merging with another club. Ask your friends who dance another night to come to our club for extra dancing; Ask Jim for his ideas.** (Note: Lloyd, Bob and Don P. will schedule a meeting with Jim.)
  - How can we improve Membership participation? **Encourage members to go to hoedowns by having a "Dance of the Month" with sign-in sheets there for our club and having a drawing the next week at club for "free dues" for a month or other gifts** (they would have to be present to win). Because most of our Board Members have served multiple terms

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and would like a break, would you consider taking a position next year? **Only two people said they would consider helping out.** (Note: the Board hopes by next year, more people will be willing.)

- New class, two options: **About 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of those that responded said SUPPORT BOTH; About 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s said SUPPORT the COMMITTEE to PROMOTE SQUARE DANCING (CPSD); Only one person said OURS only. Other comments were: The caller for the CPSD Class is not very well known here so the people who attend the class will most likely join the local clubs in the area. That is why we need as many Katydid's as possible to be willing to be angels (angels are free) and take a turn as square head in order to get to know the new dancers so hopefully they might join us when they graduate.** (Note: the Board discussed not having time to organize passing out flyers in our Club area inviting people to the CPSD class. Hopefully the next CPSD class, we can plan ahead and do that and we would have more potential candidates for our club. This will probably mean we will support the CPSD class and start our own class in January.)

3. General Meeting: The Board decided to have a "general meeting" for the members on September 28<sup>th</sup> to vote on the dues increase to \$12.00 starting January 1st and having a New Members Class in January. It also was discussed about advertising our new class in the Campbell Newspaper, Squares 'Round the Bay, and flyers to other clubs. We will have scheduled "pass-out-flyers-to-our-neighbor-hood" days to promote the new class.

**Agenda** Items for next meeting:

1. Decisions from General Meeting (January Class and dues increase).
2. Sweetheart Special.

**Next Party Night:** September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Next Board Meeting:** November 2<sup>nd</sup> after club dancing.

Meeting ended at 9:30p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

**Maxine Darknell**

**WHAT IS CPSD???**

*Below is a letter (printed with permission) received by Maxine Darknell from former Katydid Member, Gary Hinze, explaining about the Committee to Promote Square Dancing (CPSD):*

"... The concept of a joint class came to me when I noticed that club classes were getting smaller, to the point that they were not paying their expenses, the club members were giving up club level dancing and very few new dancers were being brought in. As clubs get smaller it gets harder to recruit enough students to justify holding a class. The CPSD idea is that if all the local clubs cosponsored one class, the number of class members would reach that critical mass that is economically self sustaining. Each club would claim those students it recruited to the class and sponsored as angels. During the class, each club would invite class members for class level dances at their club at milestones, such as when the class completes the Mainstream calls, to get acquainted. I would like each club to hand out thousands of flyers in the area around their dance location. I precinct-walked for an hour and handed out 90 flyers. I could have gone over 100 if I hadn't stopped to talk I analyzed club rosters and found that the average distance traveled is 7.38 miles. It also happens that 80% of the club members fall within that distance, the average is pulled out by a few outliers. We have four clubs within that distance of Camden Community Center; Rockin' Jokers, Katydid's, Square Hoppers and Westminster Squares right on the border. Crazy Dazys is just outside that radius, but still close enough that it might be worthwhile for them to participate. Class members will drive a bit more than 10 miles on average. We are close to two major freeways. ... The effort required by club members is slight, especially if it is spread around among several clubs. I did it all by myself last week; set out tables and chairs, coffee and water, cookies, [took] money, [tallied]it and [delivered] it to the office... The main thing is to bring students and have angels there to form a connection with your club. Some of the students may dance with other clubs, but many will dance with more than one club. Rockin' Jokers was the main club sponsor of the last class that graduated 20 students. Most of the students have been dancing with Rockin' Jokers, but we know that some of them have been dancing with Square Hoppers and Westminster Squares also. The arrangement we have with the Camden Community Center makes the class a City sponsored drop-in program. The City hires the caller. The student fee goes to the City. But the agreement includes angels dancing free as co-teachers. The class was scheduled for Tuesday night so all the local clubs could participate on a non-club night." For further information look them up on the internet: [www.c-p-s-d.org](http://www.c-p-s-d.org)

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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ! !**

**Bill & Betty Benevento** ..... Sep. 08  
**Ray & Virginia Mensing** ..... Sep. 26

## FROM MARY & ROD:

Hello, friends and family.

June found us moving farther north, into Ohio for fun, family and friends. Then on to Indiana to the RV capitol of the world – business (as close as we get to it) and pleasure. Finally, we ended the month in Michigan, which provided many a pleasant surprise to this prejudiced ol' Buckeye!



After stopping in Minford, OH, to visit with new friends Larry & Carolyn, we made our way to the Dayton area. Our objectives there were a square dance

and to visit the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson AFB. Earlier this spring we'd been to the Pensacola Naval Air Museum and Huntsville's Rocket & Space Museum – and that was the right sequence. The [Air Force] Museum was by far the largest, most complete, and most interesting – especially for a [Lockheed Martin] guy! The experimental aircraft building and collection of “Air Force One's” were fabulous. Easily could have spent another day here. We finally slowed down enough to let the strawberry season catch up with us, so we had a great outing at the Troy Strawberry Festival – lots of sampling that we gave high marks.

Next stop – Columbus. Rod finished high school here and attended Ohio State. We were able to meet up with several fraternity brothers and it was great to see Tom, Paul, John, Monty, Cary, Nick and Fitz looking so good after all these (37!) years. First time Mary met any of these guys and we also got a tour of the fraternity house. Mary had so much fun that she's



insisted we return in the fall for an OSU football game – twist my arm! No, this isn't a fraternity picture. Rod's three nieces also live near Columbus and we

were able to get together with two of the families for a picnic. We had a good time with Bonnie, Jenny and the kids – including Paul. Rod was only sore for two days after all the horseplay.



Oldest grand-niece Britney came traveling with us for 10 days – a new experience for us that we enjoyed very much. We spent a few days in Loudonville

(Wally World, can you believe?), where we canoed while Britney tubed. Several older school groups were also on the river that day and Britney got quite an education! I think she was the only dry teenager in the county. We took advantage of being “only” ten hours away from Binghamton, NY and drove over for the weekend. Rod's Dad was there visiting with his brother Neil (and Barbara) that Britney had never met. And our friend Dana was celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> with a big bash that gave us a chance to see many of our ski club friends after several years. We also introduced Britney to the area church picnics – but no Polkas.



Back to Ohio and on to Port Clinton – home of Cedar Point Amusement Park. This is our picture after we had just taken the water ride in the background. The

log flume spray on the exit bridge got us wetter than the ride itself! Fortunately, it was a warm day. We took another day to ferry over to Put In Bay, site of the Admiral Perry International Peace Memorial, the Heineman Winery and Crystal Cave, and a rock beach on Lake Erie with some very cold water. Found a pretty good pizza place too, but no minors, so we took it to the city park for a picnic. Time for Britney to return home – she has a very busy summer planned and we were just the appetizer. During our return drive we stumbled across the Warren Harding Memorial and Museum. The museum shares a facility with the

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American Popcorn Museum (go figure?) so as you can imagine, Mary had a “popping” good time.



Time to leave Ohio and head for Elkhart County, Indiana – RV capital of the world. We were scheduled for some work at the Carriage factory,

where we had to be out of the trailer by 7:00 each morning. We filled those long days with a trip to Shippshewana – the country’s largest flea market, tours of a couple RV manufacturers – but not Carriage, as it was closed that week, and a visit to the new facility of the RV & Motor Home Museum. Pictured here is an early top-of-the-line “tear drop” model – a bit smaller than ours. We also had some suspension work done at MorRyde – the jury is still out on that decision. Didn’t help any that we had to be out of the trailer by 6:00 AM for that work. At least we discovered Grandma’s for breakfast.



And then on into Michigan – Hartford, to be exact. This was to be an R&R stop – get a few trailer chores done and hang around, relaxing. Well, we got the chores

done and then found that there were several wineries in the area. We enjoyed a scenic drive over to Paw Paw and then enjoyed the St Julian Winery. A lot of fruit wine – not our favorite – and some pleasant table wine. Heading west, we found the shore of Lake Michigan – and thought we’d reached the west coast! I mean, look at this picture. Doesn’t it look like an ocean beach? Water temperature was more like Maine or Oregon than Florida, but the water colors were beautiful and the sand soft and warm. We got our introduction to Michigan State Parks at Van Buren SP – they’re very well laid out and kept up. We’ll be seeing more of them, especially in the UP (Upper Peninsula).



We moved a little farther up the Lake Michigan coast to a campground in Custer to settle in for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Nice park with great people running it,

but an experience to get there! Twenty-five miles of sandy dusty road. (Of course, one of the previous week’s chores had been to wash the truck & trailer!) We didn’t venture out much, but we did spend a day in Ludington and their state park – again very nice. We got to do a little roller blading in the park and we look forward to spending more time in the area in August when we return for a square dancing weekend. We also were invited to dinner with friends we’d met in Ft Myers, Florida, during January. Elvin & Elda Ann gave us a tour of the sand dunes at Silver Lake and then we got to see the community fireworks on the shore. Both were stunning! The dunes were the real thing – miles and miles along the coast, over a hundred feet high and covered with dune buggies, Rivald the dunes we’d seen in Oregon. Lots of surprises in fun Michigan.

It was a(nother) wonderful month and July promises still more as we get back to our dancing ways in Michigan and Iowa. August will find us in Minnesota and back in Michigan, traveling across the UP and then down through the lower section. For those of you who’ve traveled in these areas, we’d appreciate hearing your suggestions for places to visit, and let us know if your travels will be in this area so our paths can cross.

We hope you, too, are having a great summer. How about sending us your 2007 favorite vacation or travel picture? We always enjoy hearing from you.

**Mary & Rod**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !**

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

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