

# CHIRPER



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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

Volume 56, No 9

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



**HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY,  
TILLIE!!**



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Yellow Rock, Yellow Rock  
The Katydids

## CLUB CALENDAR



[www.katydids.org](http://www.katydids.org)

**Fri., Sep. 6: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
*Chirper* distributed  
**THEME: Back to School Night**

**Fri., Sep. 13: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

**Fri., Sep. 20: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

**Fri., Sep. 27: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

**Sat., Sep. 28: Tillie's 100th Birthday Celebration Dance**  
Camden Community Ctr, 3369 Union Ave., San Jose  
7:00 – 7:30PM PreRounds with Ann Gracia  
7:30 – 10:00PM Callers: Tork Clark, Jim Osborne, Roger Smith

**Fri., Oct. 4 Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
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**Fri., Oct. 11: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

**Fri., Oct. 18: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

**Fri., Oct. 25: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
**THEME: Halloween Costume Party; Prizes!**

**Fri., Nov. 1: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
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## SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Sep. 06.....Wilhelmsen  
 Sep. 13.Bruns  
 Sep. 20.....Braaten / Clark  
 Sep. 27.....Schwartz / Willey

Oct. 04.....Franger / Moore  
 Oct. 11.....Wilser / Village  
 Oct. 18.....Grubb / Lehnhoff  
 Oct. 25.....Oros / McManus

Nov. 01.....Pitts / Matolyak  
 Nov.08.....Dixon / Standridge  
 Nov. 15.....Paterson / Tillman  
 Nov. 22.....Stevens  
 Nov. 29.....Darknell / Smith, D.

### Before the dance:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, (408-871-9525) of any needed changes to assigned dates.
- On scheduled night, the designated Square Heads should arrive by **6:15 PM** and stay until clean up is finished around 9:45 PM. A Katydid's member with a key will open the doors and will secure the hall at end of evening.
- Check the restrooms for supplies & tidiness.
- Make coffee (located on Katydid's shelf in the storage room) and ice water using provided plastic cubes stored in plastic ziplock bags in the freezer.
- Sweep the floor as necessary & set up the sign-in table.
- Set up at least 32 chairs. Bring out more chairs as needed.
- Set up drinks and supplies on counter.
- Place snacks, located on the Katydid's shelf in the kitchen, on the back table at back of the hall along with paper goods, hand sanitizer and flyers

### During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone as they enter.
- Collect a **\$5.00** 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 petty cash for making change.
- Offer 50/50 raffle tickets: 5 tickets for \$1.00.
- In the green box, there are envelopes for keeping track of money collected during the evening.
- Divide the raffle proceeds with 50% to the Club, 50% to the winner. (Note: odd dollar goes to the winner!)
- Check that coffee, water & cups do not run out during the evening.
- After announcements and raffle, feel free to dance EXCEPT for the last tip (unless you are needed to fill a square) when you will need to be putting things away and cleaning up

### After the dance:

- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.
- Pack up the sign-in table items
- Pack up leftover snacks (ziplock bags are available to keep items fresh) and flyers. Notify Stephanie and Naomi if we need more Club flyers or *Chirper's* printed.
- Empty coffee pot and dry the cooler and pack up other supplies and return them to the shelf in storage room.
- Wipe counter and tables where needed.
- Empty garbage can if more than half full. The dumpster is located in the side parking lot.
- Sweep up crumbs from the floor as needed.
- Return extra chairs to the storage room
- Notify the Quartermasters, Bea (408-224-8164) or Liv (408-997-2305) of any replacement supplies needed for the next week.

## DANCE EVENTS

### PLUS LEVEL unless otherwise noted

#### Sep. 7: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers

The Slab, 95 25 Mill St., Ben Lomond  
 6:30 – 7:00PM PreRounds: Sue Harris  
 7:00 – 10:00PM Caller: Jay Henderson  
 Bring your own lawn chair

#### Sep. 14: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers

The Slab, 95 25 Mill St., Ben Lomond  
 6:30 – 7:00PM PreRounds: Sue Harris  
 7:00 – 10:00PM Caller: Randy Dibble  
 Bring your own lawn chair

#### Sat., Sep. 28: Tillie's 100th Birthday Celebration Dance; FREE

Camden Community Ctr, 3369 Union Ave., San Jose  
 7:00 – 7:30PM PreRounds with Ann Gracia  
 7:30 – 10:00PM Callers: Tork Clark, Jim Osborne, Roger Smith

#### Sep. 29: Sunday Funday; NCSDA (MS & Plus)

Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont  
 2:00 – 5:00pm  
 Caller: Terry Passarino

#### Oct. 4-6: 63rd Annual Jubilee; SCVSDA

Hoover Middle School, 1635 Park Ave., San Jose  
 Callers: Vic Ceder, Doug Davis, Eric Henerlau  
 Cuers: Dan & Allison Drumheller

#### Oct. 12: Anniversary Hoedown; Sage Stompers

Seaside  
 6:00pm Dinner  
 7:00 – 10:00pm Dancing

#### Oct. 13: Anniversary Hoedown; Swinging 21ers

Fremont Elks Lodge #2121, 38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont  
 2:00 – 5:00PM  
 Caller: **Jim Osborne**

#### Oct 25-27: Harvest Hoedown; ASDSC

Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds  
 442 Franklin Ave., Yuba City  
 Callers: Eric Henerlau, Dan Nordbye, Jet Roberts, Justin Russell  
 Cuers: Sharon & Casey Parker

#### Oct. 26: Trade By Fall; El Camino Reelers

St. Andrews Church, 4111 Alma St., Palo Alto

#### Nov. 1-3: Fiesta de la Cuadrilla; SDSDA

Balboa Park, San Diego  
 Cuers: Randy & Marie Preskitt, Rae & Sherry Garza, Bill & Beth Davenport  
 Callers: Bob Baier, Mike Hogan, Michael Kellogg

#### Nov.2: Anniversary Hoedown; Farmers & Farmerettes

Cuer: Bob Ensten  
 Caller: Gary Kendall

#### Nov. 9: Benefit Hoedown for Crippled Children; Swinging 21ers

Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont  
 7:30 – 8:00; PreRounds with Sue Harris  
 8:00 – 10:45PM Callers: Jay Henderson, Ghost Riders Band



**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Hello Katydids and guests!



What a great Hawaiian Night we had last Friday. Thank you , **Janna**, for the great decorations and to all of those who contributed cash or food for the Katydids' ongoing (quarterly) collection of food for the Campbell UCC Food Pantry.

It has indeed been a busy month. On the 9th **Morris Hosoda** sponsored his annual Root Beer Float Night. Yum!! And, then to his surprise, we showered him and Louise (in absentia) with appreciation for all their support of the Club over the years. I want to especially thank **Bea, Janna, Eric and Skip** for their help in pulling off this delightful surprise. There is a picture of the photo board that was presented to him on page 4

It was hard to top that event but we did . . . the very next day with our Make-Your-Own-Pizza Party. Our hats off to **Papa Eric and Mama Jacky** for hosting this fun event.

While Jim attended the USA West Convention in Boise, ID and then stayed to do a bit of traveling we had the pleasure of dancing to Club member, **Thomas Allen**, and then the following week to **Rob Paull**. Many thanks to both. Welcome back, Jim! We missed you!!

Now we are beginning September with a Back 2 School Night. This should be fun! And then the end of the month we are all looking forward to joining in on the celebration of Tillie's 100th Birthday Party Hoedown on Saturday, Sept. 28th.. There are three groups sponsoring this hoedown, the Rockin' Jokers, CPSD, and the Katydids. **Janna**, our Vice President is our liaison to the Hoedown Committee. She may be asking for some assistance as the date comes closer. **Tork Clark, Jim Osborne, and Roger Smith** will be calling. Plan to join in on the fun!!

It is good to see frequent guest **Mark Mason** back after having survived 2 weeks with his two sons on a motorcycle trip through the Western States. See his article on page 9. It is also good to see **Joan and Art** back after Art's surgery. And speaking of surgery, **Allen Nassau** will be on LOA due to having hip replacement surgery scheduled for Sept. 16th. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Also currently on LOA are **Thomas & Lauren Allen**. Lauren has taken on teaching 3 different classes this fall that are taking up a lot of her "spare" time. Not to mention, of course, that she home school's Acton & Gretta. We miss them and hope they will return to us soon!

As I write this on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, **Skip** and I are packing up our van for a cross-country van-camping trip leaving tomorrow and of unknown length. We will have many adventures to share in future *Chirper's* I am sure! Oh, and by the way, if you take any photographs while i'm gone, please forward them to me. I'll be doing the *Chirper* while on the road

**Stephanie**

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

- Sep. 28: Celebrating Tillie's 100th Birthday dance
- Oct. 25: Halloween Costume Party
- Nov. 22: Amateur Caller Night (see Jim O. for details)

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**Campbell UCC Food Pantry:**

At our FREE 5<sup>th</sup> Friday dance on **August 30<sup>th</sup>** we collected two boxes of food and donations of \$68 for the Campbell United Church of Christ Food Pantry. Many Thanks to all!!

Our next food collection will be November

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**HAPPY BIRTHDA !**

- Stephanie Stevens.....Sep. 05**
- Parker Willey .....Sep. 07**
- Armand Schwartz.....Sep 19**
- Vic Oros .....Sep 22**
- Jacky Wilhelmsen.....Sep. 27**

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**Eric & Jacky Wilhelmsen ..Sep. 02**

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**FALL BEGINNER CLASSES**

**TUESDAYS:**

CPSD  
Caller/Instructor: Tork Clark  
Camden Community Ctr, 3369 Union Ave., San Jose  
6:30 – 8:30 PM  
Begins: September 10  
\$7 / night

**SUNDAYS:**

Stanford Quads  
Begins: September 29th







## Thank You From The Hosoda's

That ROOT BEER FLOAT NIGHT (Aug. 9) was indeed a huge surprise for me. You should realize by now that I am truly in love with Katydids Square Dance Club, it's members and what it stands for and for that reason I have always tried to give back more than I received. I have learned a long time ago, I cannot make everyone happy but I do try for the majority. My thanks to those responsible for putting on this surprise package. I was also told that Jane Bishop, our Square Dance Ambassador, made a donation to help Katydids. I am well aware of the time and energy required to put that Photo Board together, making the CD and editing the Video. I (and Louise) do plan to visit Katydids from time-to-time to help Katydids and square dancing stay alive...thank you!



Katydids Square Dance Club



**Friday, September 6, 2019**



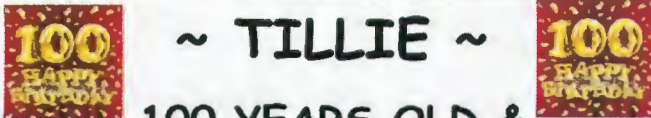
**Your Friday Night Fun Club  
Plus Dancing 7:00 – 9:30 pm  
Only \$5 per person**

**Principal: Jim Osborne**

**Remember "i" before "e"  
except after "c" (except for  
Budweiser and Heineken!)**



Resurrection Lutheran Church – 2495 Cabrillo Ave. – Santa Clara



**~ TILLIE ~**  
**100 YEARS OLD &  
STILL GOING STRONG!**



**100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

**CELEBRATION HOEDOWN**

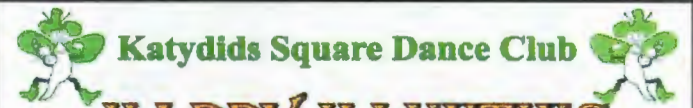
**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

Camden Community Center, 3369 Union Avenue, San Jose

7:00 – 10:00PM Pre-Rounds & Plus w/Rounds

Roger Smith, Jim Osborne, Tork Clark, Ann Gracia

CPSD, Katydids, Rockin' Jokers



**HAPPY HAUNTING  
PRE-HALLOWEEN  
PARTY**

**PRIZES FOR COSTUMES TOO!!**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**



**SPELLMASTER:**

**JIM OSBORNE**

**HAUNTINGLY Friday Night Fun Club**

**Plus Dancing 7:00 – 9:30 pm**

**Only \$5 per person**



Resurrection Lutheran Church – 2495 Cabrillo Ave. – Santa Clara



# CLUB NIGHTS

**Friday, August 9, 2019**  
**ROOT BEER FLOAT THEME**



**Friday, August 16, 2019**  
**THANK YOU, THOMAS!**



**Friday, August 23, 2019**  
**THANK YOU, ROB!**



Photos courtesy of Allen Nassau

Photos courtesy of Skip Stevens



# Saturday, August 10, 2019

## MAKE-YOUR-OWN-PIZZA PARTY AT PAPA ERIC & MAMA JACKY'S



Photos courtesy of Allen Nassau





Photos courtesy of Allen Nassau



## A VACATION BY MOTORCYCLE WITH MY TWO SONS by Mark Mason



Fifteen days and 5760 miles exploring two lane roads. We (my oldest son, Trehern, and my youngest son, Lachlan) left July 15 heading to Medford Oregon taking I5. Freeways are efficient but not very enjoyable on a motorcycle, sitting in one position for hours with your right hand stuck to the throttle, but we wanted to get out of California fast. First night at Medford we found a Motel 6 but surprised to see a security guard in the parking lot. The next morning Trey found that someone tried to cut his saddle bags off of his bike. Fifteen minutes and we had jerry-rigged a repair.

The second day was all two lane roads heading north east. Heading to Mt Hood, pretty views and lots of trees with a good view of the mountain in late afternoon still 60 miles out. Since Mt Hood is a ski resort the hotel price and our supper were quite a bit more than Motel 6. Settled in for the night and made our next night's motel reservation committing us to our travel plans.

The third day it was foggy and Mt Hood had disappeared, but we wanted to see Timberline Lodge at Mt Hood, built during the depression and commemorated by President Roosevelt. Before we got to the lodge we hit rain, then

sleet, and finally snow as we neared the parking lot and of course we were cold. The weather was closing in and they had just stopped the young skiers practice races (still enough snow to keep their main ski runs open in mid-July). After we explored for an hour it was time to move on and luckily by the time we had dropped 2000 feet in elevation the rain stopped and we started drying out. Our remaining days on the trip were beautiful with only a couple of cold ones and then a couple of hot ones crossing Utah and Nevada on our return.

Lachlan is our navigator and he purposely picked our routes to find the curviest roads. We only ask that he make a best effort to keep us on paved roads as our bikes (and tires) don't do well in gravel and dirt, especially with the extra weight of our gear added. Every morning you tie everything on and every evening you untie and take your possessions into the motel. Every day we each lube our chain which lasts about 300 miles. Our range on gas is about 120 miles but in the country we gas up at 75 miles or before. Our fuel economy ranges from mid 40's at high speed or stop and go to the mid 60's at medium speed as in national parks where the speed limit is 45.

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Repairs: Lachlan got a flat on his rear tire, a cut by a piece of debris on the side of the road. So we get out tire plugs and put a plug in, then fill up the tire from a couple of CO2 cartridges up to about 25-30 psi and ride slow to the next gas station and fill the tire up the rest of the way. Plugs usually work quite well and do not easily fall out, but Lachlan wanted to be doubly safe so he bought some Fix-a-Flat and put it in. But the next day at highway speed, the Fix-a-Flat lubricated the plug enough to fall out and he had a scary time slowing down the bike with a flat rear tire making him scoot all around. Lesson learned, but now his tire is full of Fix-a-Flat. So we put two plugs in, filled it back up using our last CO2 cartridges and realized he would have to have the tire replaced in the next big town that carried motorcycle tires – and drive slow to get there.

My chain started to tighten up, meaning it was making noise and I could not trust it not to break. When I was 18 and in the Army I learned this lesson the hard way when my chain broke, wrapping around the rear axle locking up the rear wheel, dropping me on the pavement and letting me spend a sleepless night in a ditch in Tucson, Arizona. So I made my sons wait around for a couple of hours while I got a new chain installed and Lachlan got a new tire installed: his tire was almost new dag nab it. We continued on and within 3 days my rear tire was worn out. Now motorcycle tires are not much like car tires, they make them with soft rubber so they stick to the road really well, but you only get 3-12 thousand miles from a motorcycle tire and then you are done. I wore mine down (in the center only) to zero rubber so I would be walking in 100 miles, so new tire.

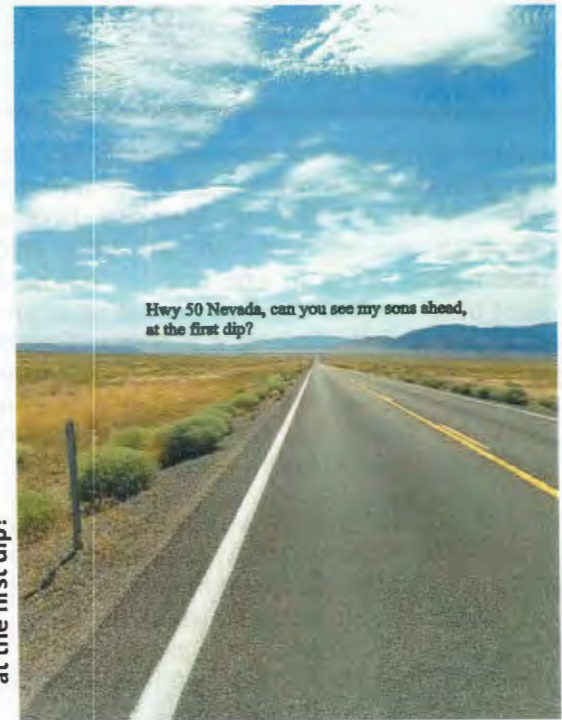
But my problems were easy compared to Lachlan's big problem. In Montana on a hundred mile run, I noticed that my face shield was getting very dirty. We soon stopped for gas and Lachlan pulled into the gas station, put his foot down, and promptly fell over. His right foot was covered in oil. Four or five miles back his engine side cover plate had fallen off and he was out of oil, some of which was on my face shield. The town had 2000 residents. The lost part could not be found and a new one would not be available for a week in the US (they don't usually unscrew and fall off). His trip was over – or was it? They had an Ace Hardware store so we looked at how to fabricate a stop gap side cover. Five hours, screws and taps, sheet metal, gasket material and a drill and a functional, but not pretty, cover was made. We refilled the oil and got on our way but we would be very late getting to our hotel. We had to cross through Yellowstone to reach our hotel that night and now we had 6 hours less to do it. This resulted in me getting a speeding ticket from the Ranger lady – but we got to our hotel at 11 p.m. just as they were locking up. A long day and very happy to have a bed for the night.



Probably the most fun we had was in zig-zagging across the Colorado Rockies. We started at the north end of the state and worked our way down to the south, hitting Pikes Peak and Mt Evans on the way. Four full days crossing the Rockies and they are much greener than the Sierras.

After riding for 13 days we were all getting sore and tired of restaurant food. So we headed home cutting through Bryce National Park on our way to old Hwy 50, Nevada's Loneliest Highway in the USA. Because the towns on Hwy 50 are up to 100 miles apart and hotels may be full during the summer, you get gas every chance you get, and you book ahead you hotel. Crossing Nevada was our longest day mileage wise, 528 miles just because we could not get a motel closer.

Hwy 50 to Nevada, can you see my two sons ahead, at the first dip?



All in all, a great adventure trip with no injuries and only my speeding ticket. In future trips I hope we get to Alaska and Baja, maybe next summer.

*Mark Mason.*



# Friday, August 30, 2019

## HAWAIIAN THEME



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