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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

Volume 49, No 4

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

ANNUAL MEETING of the CLUB MEMBERSHIP 8:30 PM Friday, April 27th

CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Apr. 13: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
9:35 PM Executive Board Meeting

Fri., Apr. 20: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:00 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
PARTY NIGHT **WEAR GREEN**. Bring
Food to share

Sat., Apr 21: Tour Larkspur, Stop at Barrango AND see
the Bay Model in Sausalito. Gary
Holloway is our docent.
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Bus pick-up at 8:45 AM
3111 Benton St., Santa Clara
Cost: \$55.00 per person
Reserve your seats **NOW** with Pat: 241-0888

Fri., Apr. 27: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM
**8:30 PM Annual Club Meeting; election of
officers**

Fri., May 04: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
Chirper distributed

Sun., May 06: Annual Club Picnic & Alumni Reunion
and New Officer Installation Ceremony
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
At Turk & Dory's home
4295 Hecker Pass Road, Gilroy

Fri., May 11: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP

Fri., May 18: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
PARTY NIGHT **WEAR GREEN**. Bring
Food to share

Fri., May 25: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP

Fri., Jun. 01: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
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Fri., Jun. 29: Free Fifth Friday Dance
Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; January Class level

Sat., Jul 14: Trip with Gary Holloway / SAVE THE DATE!

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Co-Super Square Heads
Stephanie Stevens (408-871-9525) &
Gary & Sue De Lapp (408-446-1910)

Apr. 13Malstrom / Scharfen / Hastings
Apr. 20Hebson
Apr. 27Matolyak / Howlett

May 04Darknell
May 11Caywood
May 18Franger / Moore
May 25Cosentino / Oros / Gray

Jun. 01Wies / Clark, B
Jun. 08Angotti / Smith
Jun. 15De Lapp
Jun. 22Grubb / Tillman
Jun. 29Hosoda

Before the dance:

- Notify the Co-Super Square Head, Steph Stevens, 408-871-9525 of any needed change to assigned dates.
- Purchase and bring 6 to 8 lbs ice for the water cooler.
- On scheduled night, the designated Square Heads should arrive by 6:30 PM. A Katydid with a key will open the doors.
- Sweep floor as necessary and set up tables and chairs.
- Make ice water.
- Start hot water for tea and coffee.

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone at the sign-in table.
- Collect a \$4.00 donation from each guest and have them sign in. "Regular" guests sign the prepared sheet, new guests sign the guest book.
- In the green box, there is an envelope with petty cash for making change.
- Offer 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 – 50% to the Club, 50% to the winner.
- Check that water and cups do not run out.

After the dance:

- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.
- ALL MEMBERS: *Clean up!* Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into the Club cupboard.
- **Remove non-recyclable trash accidentally tossed into the designated recycle bins.** Take the trash bags out to the dumpster located in the side parking lot.
- Sweep or wet mop the floor as necessary.
- Note: Tables must go into the closet FIRST (remember the Caller's table, too), then the chair rack.
- Notify Co-Super Square Head, Gary or Sue De Lapp 408-446-1910 of any supplies needed.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS — PLUS LEVEL —

April 14: Circus Circus; Rockin' Jokers

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Ave.
7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds: John Flora
8:00 – 10:45 PM: Caller: Jet Roberts

Apr. 20-22: California State Square Dance Convention Follow the Blossom Trail

Visalia Convention Center, Visalia
Callers: Dan Nordbye, Nasser Shukayr, Eric
Henerlau, Jay Henderson
Cuers: Doug & Leslie Dodge, MaryAnn Callahan
& Brian Wyatt

April 21: Walk & Dodge into Spring; El Camino Reelers

St. Andrews Methodist Church, Palo Alto
4111 Alma St., Palo Alto
7:30 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Scot Byars

May 5: Black and White Ball, Crazy Dazys

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Ave
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris
8:00 – 10:30 PM : Caller: **Jim Osborne**

May 11-13: Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival

Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV
Callers: Bob Baier, Gary Shoemake, Joe Saltel
Cuers: Susie & Gert-Jan Rotscheid

May 19: Wild West Hoedown; Wildcards

Adira Dance & costume Shop parking Lot
1202 Lincoln Ave., San José
7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds: John Flora
8:00 – 10:00 PM; Caller: George Knox

May 25-27: Golden State Roundup; NCSDA

San Ramon Marriott
Callers: Michael Kellogg, Daryl Lipscomb, John
Marshall, Charlie Robertson
Cuer: TJ & Bruce Chadd

June 2: Ice Cream Fling Thing; Bows & Beaus

John Muir Middle School
7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds: Sue Harris
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Nasser Shukayr

June 9: Strawberry Festival; Sunnyvale Singles

John Muir Middle School
7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds: George Gardner
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Vic Cedar

June 27-30: National Square Dance Convention

Spokane, Washington

July 7: Caller Celebration Festival

Camden Community Center
3369 Union Ave., San José
10:00 AM – 9:30 PM

THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Salutations Katydid’s

Elections are coming up. It is that time of year. So we are calling an official "General Meeting", for Friday, April 27th. The Katydids Club bylaws, which can be found at, "<http://katydids.info>", near the bottom of the page, require three weeks notice. Good Friday snuck up on Tork, otherwise we might be doing this a week earlier.

We have made announcements during the past few Friday Club nights requesting folks who are interested in being on the board to step forward. I, and the present board, understand everyone's reluctance. I have received a few emails, expressing some interest.

All board positions are open for anyone seeking to run for office. So far here is the slate from folks who have stated an interest in helping to keep the club moving along.

- President: Tork Clark
- Vice President: Parker Wiley
- Treasurer: Morris Hosoda
- Secretary: Dory Clark
- Publicity: Char Pitts
- Membership: OPEN OPEN OPEN OPEN
- Chaplain/Sunshine: Naomi Grubb

If you would like to help out. Please nominate someone,, or jeepers,, even yourself!

Amendments to the ByLaws

According to Section XII, the president, or any active member, can submit amendments to the bylaws. I am thinking about putting forth the following change. Note that if things move forward and we get seven people running, I can withdraw. But, note, the Club is getting smaller. As I have worked with the present board a year now, it is some work, but it's really not a lot of work. We meet every two months or so after club, and are done by 1015 or so. But since it is getting harder to get folks to run, and all clubs seem to be having this issue, I believe this is one way to address the issue.

My recommended change to the bylaws, that I am now notifying everyone of, officially, is the following: (note red is deleted, green is new)

SECTION VII – OFFICERS

- a. There shall be ~~seven~~^{five} elected officers that make up the club’s Executive Board.

- b. The elected club officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, ~~Membership Chairperson, Chaplain~~, and Publicity Chairperson.

SECTION IX – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The Executive Board shall meet as necessary and the meeting time and place shall be designated by the President. At least ~~four~~^{three} officers must be present to make up a quorum.

This, of course, is all subject to a quorum, of active members, and a 2/3rd's vote, on the April 27th, 2012, at our General Meeting starting at 2030. I will speak to this on club nights.

Regarding the picnic, ah yes, ..., a much lighter discussion, we have set the date as Sunday, May 6th. Lloyd has agreed to be the picnic chair. He and Maxine plan on being in town in early May so it all works out. It will be at Tork and Dory's place, in Gilroy. Hopefully the weather will treat us kindly. If it doesn't we are in the basement, if it does, we can be in the basement and in the backyard. We are offering a hay-ride tour of the "grounds". We are combining it with the Installation Ceremony so we get a double bang for our buck. So mark your calendars. Lloyd should be discussing it more on clubs nights. He needs some help to make the event a success.

Remember starting June 1st, Club night guests will pay a \$5.00 charge, up from \$4.00. Also, on the June 29th, we have our 5th Friday free for guests. We will be inviting January level classes to our Club.

Happy dancing!

Tork

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NEWER DANCER HOEDOWNS
Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!

--January Class Level--

Sat., May 19: Butterfly Ball; CPSD
 Camden Community Center
 7:30 – 9:45 PM
 Caller: Harlan Kerr

Sat., July 2: Bows and Beaus
 Caller: Keith Ferguson

NEWS FROM VAL

March 23, 2012

It was great to see family and weather conditions for the greater part of my time in Michigan were quiet nice. Snow one day and gone the next until a storm hit leaving only 8 to 10 inches on my parents garage roof. The snow was very wet and the weight on the utility/power lines and trees were too heavy, utility poles and trees snapped and fell leaving debris 8,500 homes were without power for several days. It was enlightening seeing how my parents struggle with control issues and aging both want so badly to be right and I could see failures in both. It made the process of trying to help my parents start and run their generator a chore. I quickly learned it is very important to get them both out of the loop of control as quickly and inexpensively as possible. The generator was a blessing to provide electrical to the water pump (so toilets could be flushed), to provide electrical to refrigerator/freezer and run the furnace a few times daily (morning, mid-day and evening) prior to retiring under the blankets. My parents were without power for a total of 4 days. I have not heard when power was restored to the homes of my siblings.

The Southern Caribbean cruise was wonderful it gave me a chance to thaw out my bones. The first couple of days it was in the 70s, windy with lots of clouds, so the sun would come and go. When the sun was out it was pure paradise. The further south the warmer it got and I savored every day. I actually waded in the ocean to my waste in Aruba. The excursions were very nice and everyone in our group enjoyed meeting and making new friends especially with those at our dining table. This was my first 10-day cruise and I believe I will try to avoid all 7-day cruises in the future. The extra 3 days provide the needed down time to really relax and forget the world we leave behind except those we miss and love of course! I was able to learn a lot more about the jobs aboard ship and saw first hand exactly how hard the employees work, wow! I am not sure I will be able to keep up I may already be too old. I will still give an on board position more consideration but it will not be as soon as I hoped as my mother asked me to return to Michigan while at the airport ready to head south. I am not sure exactly what I will be doing to assist but I will be returning to give it my best.

I am now in Mobile Alabama visiting with good friends. I will be here until after Easter as they are both working and they have lots of projects that could use an extra set of hands. They don't have wireless connections but they have a computer which I am and can use it to communicate.

Keep on dancing as I miss each of you!

Val

PS I was online looking for Square Dance Clubs in the area and plan on contacting a local club to see if they will be dancing next Tuesday evening as indicated on their website.

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CRUZIN' KATYDIDS: Bob & Opal Hebson, Roger Smith & Pat Angotti, Lloyd & Maxine Darknell, Bob & Annie Bennett (Honorary Katydids)



"DIVIDED BY A COMMON LANGUAGE"

Portion of Nasser & Jeanna Shukyar's newsletter, received April 11, 2012

Nasser is from the USA. Jeanna is from England. The two countries are divided by a common language. It can be confusing.

In England, the "bonnet" is the hood of a car while the "hood" is the top of a convertible. The "boot" is the car's trunk. Cars use "petrol" for fuel and they drive on "motorways" (accessed by "slip roads" which are on-ramps and off-ramps). "Pavements" are sidewalks. Can you guess what a "sleeping policeman" is? It's a speed bump. How about a "zebra crossing"? It's a pedestrian crosswalk.

Sometimes the separate languages are a big benefit. Did you know that Eskimos have more than 100 different words for ice? They need so many ice-words because ice and snow play a huge role in Eskimo life. Well, Brits have over 100 different words for "idiot". Who would have ever thought that such a small island could be home to so many different kinds of dummies? By the way, a "dummy" in England is a baby's pacifier.

Whenever you hear a new British word, it probably means "idiot" but you might as well assume the unknown word is a compliment. This is the secret to a happy marriage. Ignorance is bliss. For example, Jeanna might call Nasser a "plonker". Nasser has never heard this word so he assumes it's a compliment. He's better off NOT knowing the true meaning. Can you imagine the dismay after you look up "plonker" and the definition reads "Just look in the MIRROR, plonker". :

Sometimes the language differences are amusing. If an American wants to wear "pants", a Brit understands this as underwear (NOT trousers). If a Brit wears "trainers", it's sneakers. "Let's have tea" means a meal (NOT a drink). "Chips" are fried chunks of potato while our potato chips are called "crisps". If your "bird" (girlfriend) asks for a "drop" of tea, you'd better bring back a full "cuppa". If you bring just one drop then you're a "pleb" or a "prat" (or any of 100 other British words for idiot).

If you're confused, don't bother writing to Dear Abby for help. Write to an "agony aunt" instead.

"Ta!" (thanks!)

Nasser and Jeanna Shukayr
San Antonio, Texas

ANNUAL PICNIC & INSTALLATION

Hi Katydids,
The Katydids picnic is just around the corner on Sunday, May 6th, at Tork and Dory's home in Gilroy. Since it is not at a regular park, we need everyone who can to bring tables and chairs. There will be sign up sheets at the dances on Fridays between now and the picnic. Our club will provide water, soda, wine and beer, (you may bring your own special drinks if you prefer), hamburgers and hot dogs and there will be a sign-up sheet to indicate what you want to eat and how many you want and also what you plan to bring to share.

The picnic will be from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. with setup starting at 10:00 a.m. and Lunch at 12 noon.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with the the setup at 10:00 a.m., the cooking and the tear down at 2:30 p.m. Ask Lloyd if you have any questions about the picnic or can help out with setup, tables or chairs.

(Submitted by Lloyd Darknell)

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CLUB OUTFIT AVAILABLE

There is a complete Katydids Club outfit available for some lucky person/couple for a donation to the Club.

It consists of a Katydids skirt (large, 22"), (the lady who used to own this is not a large, so it probably fits a medium person quite well), white blouse, and a green man's shirt, no size, mentioned but it is probably a medium.

Please call Char Pitts, 408-984-5888 for more information.

(Submitted by Char Pitts)

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ANGELS WANTED:

TORK'S CLASS:

Tuesdays
6:30 – 8:45 PM
Camden Community Center
3369 Union Ave., San Jose
Angels get in free

JOHN'S CLASS:

Sundays
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Mountain View Garden Recreation Hall
Lotus Lane
(meet between units #423-427, near the pool)
Angels get in free

**KATYDIDS CELEBRATE
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH**



Chief Leprechaun, Jim Osborne



Bob Bennett, Pat Angotti



Annie Bennett, John Caywood



Annie Bennett, Roger Smith



Tillie Tillman, Dory Clark



Bob Bennett, Roger Smith



Friends of Maxine and Lloyd Darknell, Kemi and her mother-in-law. They were visiting from Brazil.



Teri Cosentino's grandson, Micaela



Photographs courtesy of Pat Angotti

FROM MARY & ROD - -

Below is a shortened version of a note recently received from Mary & Rod who used to be Katydid's Club members prior to their full time RVing.



April 1, 2012

Hello, friends and family! Our "Winter Texan" time in Pharr is over and our travels have begun. Another great season at Tropic Star RV Resort with old friends and new, lots of activities and even more food! A couple of trips into Progresso, Mexico, some dancing, an introduction to pickleball and Rod's election to the Activity Advisory Board – this season was busier than ever. Even the weather cooperated – comfortable most of the time and very little rain.



The chili cook-off is always a great treat – 18 entries this year and all tasted wonderful.



A good turnout for the Sweetheart Ball Square Dance. Best dance floor in "the Valley" – best caller and callers, too!



And then of course there is the Polka Jam starting at 8:00 in the morning!!!! With a 20+ piece band!



Why be in the Rio Grande Valley if you're not going to Mexico? We go carefully to Nuevo Progresso – midday, in groups and sticking to the main street – but we go. Dentists, meds, liquor and a bit of partying.



Pickleball was a new addition at the park this year. Lots of interest and participation during the St. Patrick's Day games.

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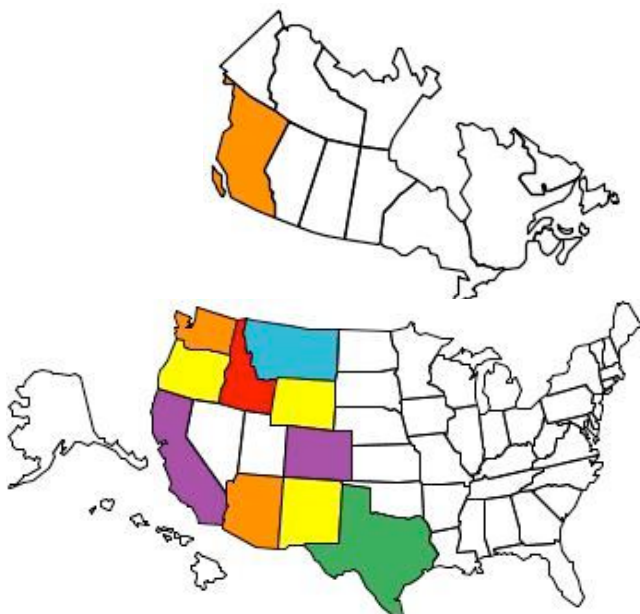


Crystal City - spinach capital of the world! Only spinach canning facility in the country. Popeye's winter home? Are you kidding me? Where does it come from? There sure is no sign of spinach fields around here! Oh, that's Rod on the left, Popeye on the right - in case you were confused.

What a couple of months! Busy - but we love it! We're just on the road a couple of days now, arriving at Terlingua (TX), near Big Bend National Park, where it was 100 degrees today. We'll spend a week here before heading to Amarillo and the Carriage Texas National Rally. Then heading toward Spokane, WA (thru Colorado) for the 61st National Square Dance Convention (June 27-30) and on into British Columbia for the summer. What are your plans for recreation in 2012? Any chance of seeing you in the northwest? We always enjoy hearing from you.

Mary & Rod

(817) 308-5991 (AT&T) marymonti@aol.com



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !

Morris & Louise HosodaApr 5

Jim & Joann Osborne Apr 7

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From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti - -

SUPER-MOIST CHOCOLATE MAYO CAKE

Serves 12

Preheat oven to 350°F

- 1 box (18 oz) chocolate cake mix
- 1 cup Best Foods Real mayonnaise
- 1 c. water
- 3 eggs
- 1t. ground cinnamon

Grease and lightly flour a 9x13" pan; set aside

Beat cake mix, Best Foods Real Mayonnaise, water, eggs and cinnamon 30 seconds in large bowl with electric mixer on low speed. Beat on medium speed, scraping sides occasionally, 2 minutes.

Pecan coconut Topping:

- 1 c. flaked coconut
- 2/3 c. firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 c. chopped pecan

Combine coconut, brown sugar and pecans and then sprinkle over cake batter

Bake 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Betty BeneventoApril 25

Free Fifth Friday Night Dancing with the Katydids

Yes! Really!
Free for everyone!

March 30
(September class level)

June 29

August 31

November 30

2012

7:00 - 9:30 pm

Caller - Jim Osborne

Campbell United
Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Avenue
Campbell



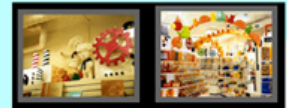
City of Larkspur tour with Gary Holloway

Saturday, April 21, 2012
9:00 am to 5 pm

\$55 per person
(lunch not included)
Checks payable to Pat Angotti.
Questions - 408.241.0888 or
408.338.8786

**Additional stop at the
Bay Model in Sausalito**

**Includes stop at Barrango!
www.barrango.com**



Bus pickup:
Santa Clara First Baptist Church
3111 Benton Street
Santa Clara
Park at the far end of the
east parking lot.

KATYDIDS



\$5 donation per guest -
effective June 1, 2012

Free on Fifth Fridays!
Yes, really -- free for everyone!

Campbell United
Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Avenue, Campbell
Fridays, 7 to 9:30 pm

Plus Level
Caller - Jim Osborne



KATYDIDS Annual Picnic, Reunion, & Officers Installation

Sunday, May 6, 2012
11 am to 2 pm
Eating at Noon



Clark Residence
4295 Hecker Pass Highway
Gilroy
(NE corner of Watsonville Road)
www.dorysvineyard.com - 408.847.3592

Members bring:
Appetizers
Salad/side dishes
(with serving spoons/forks)
Chairs
Plates and utensils
Drinks (special if desired)



Club provides:
Hamburgers
Hotdogs
Condiments
Drinks



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