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Katydid Square Dance Club Newsletter

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

I WISH I WERE AN OSCAR MEYER WIENER ...



CLUB CALENDAR

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| <p>Fri., July 02: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP</p> | <p>Fri., July 30: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP</p> |
| <p>Fri., July 09: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP</p> | <p>Sun., Aug. 01: Celebration of Don Powell's Life
2:00 – 4:00 PM; Cupertino Senior Ctr</p> |
| <p>Fri., July 16: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
PARTY NIGHT Wear GREEN</p> | <p>Fri., Aug. 06: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD <i>Easy</i> PLUS WORKSHOP
<i>Chirper</i> distributed
HOT AUGUST NIGHTS Dance & Used
square dance apparel sale</p> |
| <p>Fri., July 23: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP</p> | <p>Fri., Aug. 13: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP</p> |
| <p>Sat., July 24: 52nd Anniversary Dance, Lucky Steppers
The Slab, Ben Lomond; bring a chair
5:00 PM Meet for dinner at Don Quixote's
7:00 – 7:30 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris
7:30 – 10:00PM; Callers: Harold Fleeman
and Roger Smith</p> | <p>Fri., Aug. 20: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
PARTY NIGHT Wear GREEN</p> |

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Co-Super Square Heads

Lloyd (408-482-9320) & Carol (408-264-9606)

Jul 02 Gray / Pitts
Jul 09 Benevento
Jul 16 Angotti / Gaubatz
Jul 23 Oros / Scharfen
Jul 30 Caywood

Aug 06 Darknell
Aug 13 Clark
Aug 20 Franger / Moore
Aug 27 Ashmall / Tillman

Sep 03 Shaney
Sep 10 Grubb / Headman / Matolyak
Sep 17 Hosoda
Sep 24 Willey

Before the dance:

- Notify the Co-Super Square Head, Lloyd Darknell, 408-482-9320 of any needed change of duty assignment dates.
- Purchase and bring 6-8 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 arrive to open the doors.
- Sweep floor as necessary.
- Set up tables and chairs as needed. *Note: Chairs should be set up in a horseshoe shape with an opening at the back for access to refreshments.*
- Make ice water.
- Start hot water for tea and coffee.

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone at the sign-in table.
- Offer raffle tickets, 5 tickets for \$1.00.
- Have guests sign guest book and collect a \$4.00 donation per guest.
- Divide the raffle proceeds – 50% to the Club, 50% to **one single “prize” cup**.
- 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 –

- **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 closet FIRST (remember the Caller's table, too), then the chair “rack”.
- Notify co-Super Square Head, Carol Headman, 408-264-9606 of any supplies that are needed.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

— PLUS LEVEL —

July 24: 52nd Anniversary Dance, Lucky Steppers

The Slab, Mill St., Ben Lomond
7:00 – 7:30 PM: PreRounds: Sue Harris
7:30 – 10:00 PM: Callers: Harold Fleeman and Roger Smith

July 24 Starlight Hoedown, CPSD

Adira Dance Store parking lot
1202 Lincoln Ave., San Jose
7:00 – 7:30 PM PreRounds: John Flora
7:30 – 10:00 PM: Caller: Scot Byars

July 24: San Mateo Roadrunners

Beresford Recreation Ctr
2720 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo
8:00 – 8:30 PM: PreRounds: George Gardner
8:30 – 11:00 PM: Caller: Jerry Helt

July 31: Whing Ding, SCVSDA/SCVCA

The Slab; Mill St., Ben Lomond
7:00 – 7:30 PM: PreRounds
7:30 – 10:00 PM : Squares

Aug. 7: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers

The Slab, Mill St., Ben Lomond
7:00 – 7:30 PM PreRounds: Sue Harris
7:30 – 10:00 PM: Bill Silver

Aug. 14: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers

The Slab, Mill St., Ben Lomond
7:00 – 7:30 PM: PreRounds: John Flora
7:30 – 10:00 PM: Caller: Lawrence Johnstone

Aug. 20: Norcal Caller School

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
7:30 – 10:00 PM: Student Callers
FREE

Aug. 21: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers

The Slab, Mill St., Ben Lomond
7:00 – 7:30 PM: PreRounds: Sue Harris
7:30 – 10:00 PM: Caller: Mike Wright

Aug. 22: Norcal Caller School

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
7:30 – 10:00 PM: Student Callers
FREE

Aug. 28: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers

The Slab, Mill St., Ben Lomond
7:00 – 7:30 PM PreRounds: Sue Harris
7:30 – 10:00 PM: Caller: **Jim Osborne**

Aug. 29 - Sep. 1: Reno Romp

Sands Regency Resort & Casino, Reno
Cuer: Sue & Phil Harris

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER --

Wow! This has been quite a busy month. Starting with the surprise of **Morris** calling a tip with the Oscar Meyer Wienermobile running around the floor. If you weren't there that night, you missed a great show! Thank you, **Pat**, for the great laugh!!!

The picnic and reunion on June 13th was wonderful. The day couldn't have been better. Even the weather cooperated! Thank you to **Maxine** and **Lloyd** for the wonderful job you did in organizing this annual event for us this year. And our hats are off to the cooks who did a masterful job of preparing our food. See the photos elsewhere in this issue.

Friday, June 18th we had an invitational dance specifically geared for newer dancers. Not only did we have fun (have you tried musical "squares", yet!?!?!), we had five squares on the floor!

Then, this past Friday the Executive Board put on a surprise birthday party for **Jim** and again, we had five squares. Thanks to **Dory** for baking two delicious cakes, one of which was sugar free.

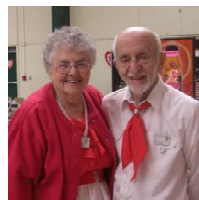
At the General Meeting we voted between **Teri Cosentino**, **Bob Hebson**, **Morris Hosoda**, and **Parker Willey** for Treasurer. We couldn't believe our luck in having not one, but FOUR, candidates. Many thanks to each of you for offering to serve and congratulations to **Bob** who won the vote by a squeaker after the first round of voting produced a tie with **Teri**!!

Have you seen the new Single Dancer Rotation Board that **Gary Hinze** has been bringing to our dance nights? Gary says that "it is quite useful for single dancers as well as those whose regular partner is absent or unable to dance and for those who are interested in dancing with different partners. It is easy to use and you can join or leave the board at any time.

To join the rotation, write your name as it appears on your badge on one of the magnetic strips and put it at the end of the Belle or Beau column. Before the tip, check the board to see whose name is next to yours. They will be your partner for that tip. They are likely to be nearby, also checking the board. Look for their name badge.

If you do not wish to dance a tip, immediately remove your name from the board since leaving your name on the board is a promise to dance with whoever is matched with your name. It is considered poor form to leave someone without a partner. When a name is removed from the board, the names below it are moved up to fill the gap."

Many of you have asked me about a memorial service for our beloved **Don Powell** who passed away last month. I now have an answer for you: There will be a Celebration of Don's Life on Sunday, August 1st from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Cupertino Senior Center located at Mary Ave. & Stevens Creek Blvd., across the street from DeAnza College.



This past week we learned that **Ray Mensing** who had been a member of the Katydid's for many years and who was diagnosed with ALS only just last March, died on June 22nd. He and his wife, **Virginia**, had been square dancing since 1963. If you should wish to honor Ray's memory, donations may be made to Silicon Valley Habitat for Humanity, 513 Valley Way, Milpitas, CA 95035-4105. To contact Virginia: 3160 Waverley St., Palo Alto, CA 94306; mensing2@juno.com [Picture taken 2/2008]

We are planning to go up to **THE SLAB** on Mill Street in Ben Lomond to help celebrate **Harold Fleeman's** birthday at the Lucky Steppers' 52nd Anniversary Dance on Saturday, July 24th. If you would like to arrive early (by 5 to 5:30) and have dinner at the Don Quixote restaurant, contact Jane Bishop at 408-356-7796 to make your reservation. And, we will again go to **THE SLAB** on August 28th to support **Jim Osborne** who will be calling that evening. Come and enjoy dancing under the stars and in the cool air with us.

Please remember that we have members and guests who are allergic and/or asthmatic to fragrances. However, as **John Caywood** pointed out so humorously one night, that doesn't mean we should not be using deodorant!!

Well, the month of May saw **Skip Stevens** winning three out of four raffle cups, and June saw **Jim Osborne** win three in a row (and on his birthday, no less!). Hey, guys! It's time to spread the wealth around!!

And, we have THREE new members who joined last month: **Randy Esperas & Val Guinan**, and **Annette Graff**. Please join me in extending them a hearty welcome and introduce yourselves to them!

Next month, on Friday, August 1st, we will be hosting a **HOR AUGUST NIGHTS** workshop (at the easy plus level so the recent graduates will feel comfortable) and we'll have used square dance clothing for sale, too. After our previous sale, I magnanimously offered to store the leftover items thinking that we'd have another sale in a few months time. It is now two YEARS later and it is PAST time to get these items out of my closets and into yours!!! Bring your clean used apparel marked with prices.

Beginner classes will be starting up in the fall. Keep your eyes open this summer for new recruits ...

See you in a square soon!

Stephanie



From Tork Clark after attending the National Square Dance Convention In Louisville, KY last week:

I attended the 59th Square Dance Nationals in Kentucky recently. My primary purpose in attending however was to go to the Caller School that was held 4 days prior to the Nationals. The teachers were Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Vern Jones, Ken Ritucci, and Tony Oxendine. All seasoned professionals. I enjoyed it so much I am signed up the Pride Caller school in October now.

There were a number of my classmates under the age of 20. It was a joy to see them involved.

We heard quite a bit of lore, including the origins of DoPaso. It turns out in the early days they were trying to get consensus on how a DoS(i/a)Do should be done at national level. Three folks were involved. An easterner, a westerner, and a Texas caller. No one could agree. So the westerner talked the Texan, from El Paso, into if he voted with him, they would invent a call after El Paso, called DoPaso. The result, two out of three is a majority, was we now have DoSiDo as we know it. And we still have the call DoPaso, (partner left, corner right, partner left ending in a courtesy turn if no other commands follow).

With 110+ callers in attendance it was high hog heaven for a wanna-be caller like me. I probably listened to at least 50 of them. Quite a bit of diversity in calling style and capability. I danced at least 35-40 tips over the 4 days. In addition I attended a number of the seminars. What does stick out is the following:

- 1) The Skaters promenade is used almost exclusively in the mid-west here. All the foreigners also danced this way. I saw nobody dancing with the hand behind the back. I am now a believer in this promenade position, it works....
- 2) Weaves have a hand pat as you dance on by. I met only 4-5 folks that kept their hands behind their back. The younger dancers also added some interesting flourishes.
- 3) The smoothness seminars and the callers teaching class stressed that ladies do not put their hands behind their back in a courtesy turn. Evidently this was removed from CallerLab write-ups 35 years ago. Instead the hand is held out, in a queen's wave style.
- 4) The DBD sessions at the Mainstream and Plus level could be complicated, especially when conducted at warp speed. I had trouble. But, Jim Osborne's workshops definitely helped me here.
- 5) In general the seminars discouraged some of the popular flourishes in Swings, Grand Squares, DoSiDo's, and Square Thru's. But the floors were full of people who enjoyed doing this. What will they do.....

Did I have fun? Yes! By the time this is printed, Dory and I will have sent off our application for Detroit 2011. I would love to see some familiar faces there!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

- Don Gaubatz July 07
- Randy Esperas July 15
- Rodney Helfrich July 15
- Maxine Darknell July 16
- Joyce Wies July 17
- Sue Parker July 18
- Sandy Franger July 22

NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN
Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!
 Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
 728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
 7:25 – 9:45 PM
 - - January Class Level - -
Sat., July 10: Bows & Beaus New Dancer Hoedown
 Caller: Keith Ferguson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!

- Bob & Opal Hebson..... July 12
- Randy Esperas & Val Guinan July 15

From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti – –
TROPICAL SUNSHINE CAKE

Serves 12

- 1 pkg. (18.25 oz) yellow cake mix
- 1 can (12 fluid oz) Carnation Evaporated Milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1 can (20 oz) crushed pineapple in juice, drained (juice reserved), divided
- 1/2 c. chopped almonds
- 3/4 c. sifted powdered sugar
- 1 c. flaked coconut, toasted
- Whipped cream

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease 13x9" baking pan
 Combine cake mix, evaporated milk and eggs in large mixer bowl. Beat on low speed for 2 minutes. Stir in 1 c. pineapple. Pour batter into prepared baking pan. Sprinkle with almonds.

Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack for 15 minutes.

Combine sugar and 2 T. reserved pineapple juice in small bowl; mix until smooth. Spread over warm cake; sprinkle with coconut and remaining pineapple. Cool completely before serving. Top with whipped cream.

MORRIS' SURPRISE ...

Friday, June 4, 2010



Photographs courtesy of Pat Angotti, John Caywood.

KATYDIDS BURNIN' THE DANCE FLOOR . . .

Black & White Ball, Krazy Dazys Saturday, May 15, 2010



Ice Cream Fling Thing, Bows and Beaus Saturday, June 5, 2010



Photographs courtesy of John Caywood

KATYDIDS' ANNUAL PICNIC & REUNION

Sunday, June 13, 2010
Central Park, Santa Clara



The answer my friend, is blowin' in the wind ...



Lee & Harold Fleeman



Opal Hebson



Dory Clark...our favorite bag lady



Josie Baumgartner



Ann Kernan, Carol Headman



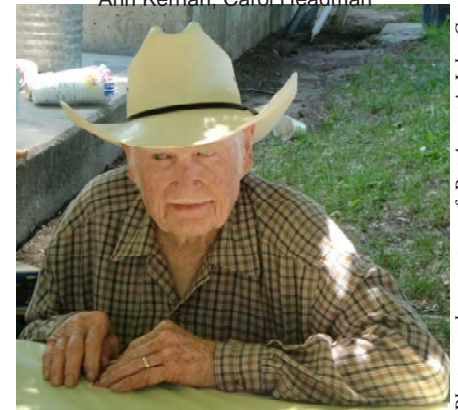
Sue, Bill & Kathy



Tork Clark, Lloyd Darknell, Dory Clark



Jim Osborne



Tillie Tillman

Photographs courtesy of Pat Angotti, John Caywood and Lloyd Darknell



Morris Hosoda



Bill Matolyak, Willie



Lloyd Darknell, Walt Fant



James



Carmen Hea, Joyce Wies



Patsy & Ken McKay, Gerry & Walt Fant



Maxine Darknell, Gerry Fant



Jeff Darknell & children



John Caywood, Val Paterson



Bill & Mercedes McCarty, Bobbie Davis



Dory Clark, Carmen Hea, Sandy Franger



Rhoda



A perfectly 'cool' way to end a lovely day!

JIM'S SURPRISE ...

Friday, June 25, 2010



Photos courtesy of Stephanie Stevens

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