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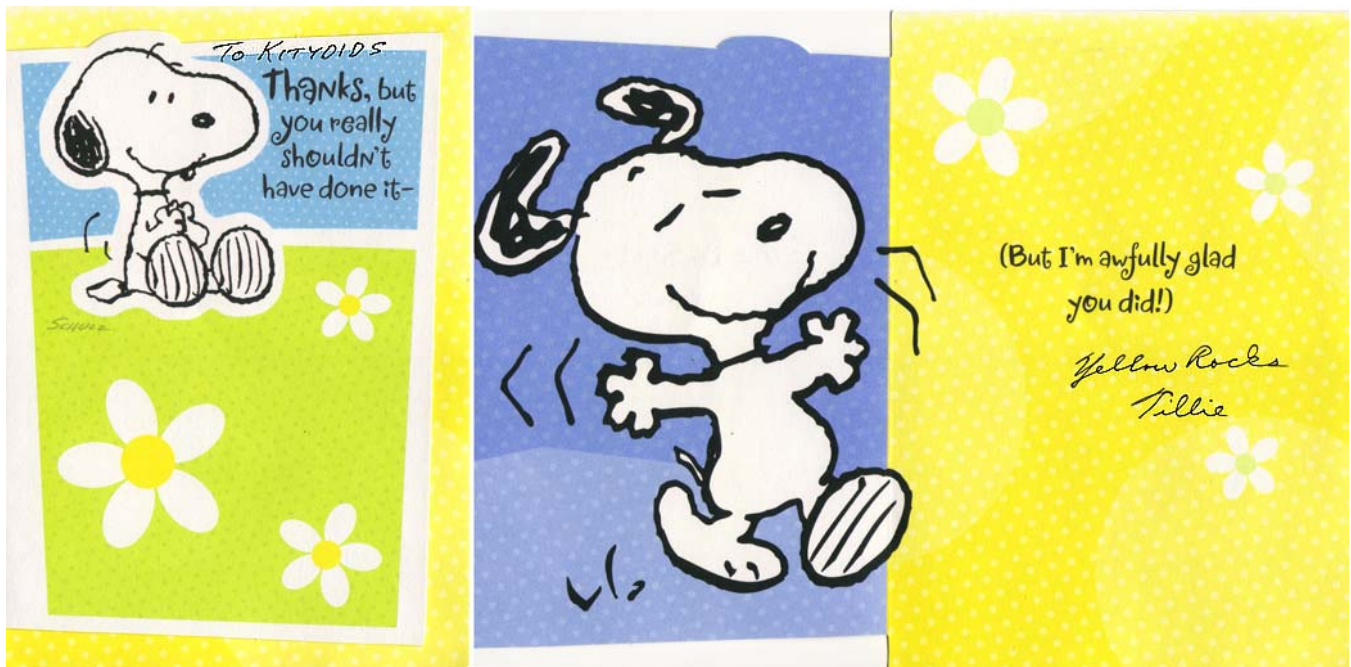


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Katydid Square Dance Club Newsletter

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



CLUB CALENDAR

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- Fri., Nov. 06:** Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
Holiday charitable donation drive begins
- Fri., Nov. 13:** Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
- Fri., Nov. 20:** Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
PARTY NIGHT Bring a pumpkin-
something to share, and wear **GREEN**.
- Fri., Nov. 27:** ****DARK**** Happy Thanksgiving!!

- Fri., Dec. 04:** Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
Chirper distributed
- Fri., Dec. 11:** Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
- Fri., Dec. 18:** Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
HOLIDAY PARTY Potluck
Bring side dish, salad, and/or dessert to share.
- Fri., Dec. 25:** ****DARK**** Merry Christmas!!

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Super Square Heads

Lloyd (408-482-9330) & Carol (408-264-9606)

Nov 06 Benevento
Nov 13 Clark
Nov 20 Caywood
Nov 27 DARK

Dec. 04 Headman / Cosentino
Dec. 11 Anderson
Dec. 18 Pitts/Powell
Dec. 25 DARK

Jan. 01 DARK
Jan. 08 Ashmall / McManus
Jan. 15 Franger / Moore
Jan. 22 Hea / Grubb
Jan. 29 Headman / Kernan

Before the dance:

- Notify the Acting Super Square Head, Lloyd Darknell, 408-482-9330 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.**
- 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 food & drinks.*
- Make ice water.
- Start hot water for tea and coffee.
- * Attach special signs to recycle containers.

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.
- Give guest names to President or Membership Chair for introduction during announcements.
- 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.
NOTE: tables must go into closet FIRST (remember the Caller's table, too), then the chair “rack”.
- Remove signs from recycle containers and put into cupboard.
- Notify Super Square Head, Carol Headman, 408-264-9606 of any supplies that are needed.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS — PLUS LEVEL —

Nov. 7: Black & White Ball

Bancroft Middle School, San Leandro
8:00 – 8:30 PM; PreRounds: George Gardner
8:30 – 11:00 PM; Caller: Mike Sikorsky

Nov. 12-15: Riverside Co. Square & Round Dance Festival

National Date Festival Fairgrounds, Indio, CA
Callers: Ken Bower, Wade Driver, Marshall Flippo,
Johnny Preston, Tony Oxendine, Mike Sikorsky
Cuers: Sandi & Chuck Weiss, Eileen & Bob Silvia
Info: 865-453-9382

Nov. 14: John Sybalsky Memorial Dance, SCVCA

John Muir Middle School
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: Sue & Phil Harris and
Barbara-Lynn Smith
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Callers: Gary Carnes, Kenny Carroll,
Bob Elling, Harold Fleeman, Jerry Silverstein,
Vicki Woods

Nov. 21: Cactus Jack, Sunnyvale Single Squares

John Muir Middle School
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds Sharon & Casey Parker
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Hunter Keller

Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Potluck & Salvation Army Toy Dance

John Muir Middle School
7:00 PM Dinner
Dance until 10:00 PM
Bring: Salad, side dish or dessert; place settings; one
NEW unwrapped toy per person
Alternating Squares with local club callers and
Line Dancing with Mike & Joyce Shannon

Thu., Dec. 3: Annual Toy Dance to Benefit the Santa Cruz Salvation Army; Lucky Steppers

German American Hall, 230 Plymouth St., Santa Cruz
6:30 – 7:30 PM: Class level
7:30 – 10:00 PM: Pluss level
Callers: Don Benson, Roger Smith **Harold Fleeman,**
Walt Cooley
Cuer: John Flora
Cost: 1 unwrapped child's toy or \$6 donation /person

Jan. 9: Running Bear, Crazy Dazys

John Muir Middle School

NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN

Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!

-- September Class Level --

Sat., December 5, CPSD

John Muir Middle School
7:30 – 9:45 PM; Callers: Roger Smith
& Rich Reel



WELCOME
to our newest member !
Nanci Scharfen

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ! !

Ted & Kathy Shaney Nov. 12
Skip & Stephanie Stevens Nov. 12

From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti --
WEIGHT WATCHER'S CAKE
1 Betty Crocker Angel Food Cake Mix (1 step)
1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple in its own juice
Mix both ingredients
Put into 2x12x2" baking pan
Bake at 350° for 35 minutes

SUPPORT THE GREEN CALLER WORKSHOPS

Support Club Members **John Caywood, Tork Clark, & Teri Cosentino** as well as DBD Workshop attendee, Bob Steele as they practice their calling skills on the following Saturday mornings from 9:30 - 12:30PM at the Camden Community Center, Rm. 113: November 7 & 21 and December 5 & 19. FREE!!!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

Joann Osborne Nov. 02
Dave Anderson Nov. 06
June Helfrich Nov. 13
Bob Bennett Nov. 29

BE AN ANGEL!!
Support the CPSD CLASS
Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:45 PM
Camden Community Center
Caller: Roger Smith
Cost: Angels are FREE!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER --

Golly, October was certainly a BUSY month for us!! Whew!! It was lovely seeing **Harold & Lee Fleeman** not once, but twice, during the month. Many thanks to **Roger Smith** for stepping in so ably to call for our Birthday Party for **Tillie**. We had a wonderfully fun evening and were sorry that **Jim** was unable to make it.

Our Halloween Costume Party last week was a terrific success due in large part to the organization of the event by **Pat Angotti**. Thank you, **Pat!!** The hall was full of ghosts, goblins, and ghouls of all shapes and sizes as can be seen in the photos on pages 5 and 6. And, who could've guessed that Teri was hiding under the wiz costume!!

There are a few things I would like to bring to your attention this month:

1. Due to the prevalence of the H1N1 Flu this year, we would like to encourage all dancers to use the hand sanitizers located on the food table or use soap & water available near the drinks or in the restrooms after EACH tip to help slow the spread of the virus.
2. A HUGE thanks to **Carol Headman** for offering to be a co-Super Square Head. **Carol** will keep the cup board supplied and **Lloyd Darknell** will be in charge of the duty assignment list. Thus, be sure to contact **Lloyd** if you need to change your assigned duty date, or **Carol** if we are getting low on supplies.
3. At the Executive Board Meeting last Sunday we discussed ways in which we might be a "greener" Club and it was suggested that we could cut down on our use of styrofoam cups (which, by the way, can be put into the recycle containers) if we brought our own water bottles or mugs. Be sure to put your name on them!
4. Can you believe that the Split the Pot reached an all time high last week? **Bob Bennett** was the lucky winner. Way to go Bob!!
5. There are only about 10 copies of our new recipe book left from the first printing. At \$5 each they make GREAT hostess gifts!!
6. This year we will again be collecting monetary donations to support the Church's food pantry program. A receipt for your donation will be mailed to those who donate by check, (made out to "Campbell UCC" and "Food Pantry" written in the memo area).
7. Our Party Night on November 20th will have a pumpkin theme in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday.
8. Please note: Square Host instructions are located in EVERY *Chirper* as well as in the sign-in book. We have quite a number of new members. Please help them learn the "ropes" of being a member of our club.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Stephanie

MEET OUR NEW KATYDIDS -**Naomi Grubb**

The stork managed to find the island of Puerto Rico, located between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean, east of the Dominican Republic and about a thousand miles southeast of Miami, Florida. This island is 110 miles from east to west and 40 miles from north to south. Because of the latitude of Puerto Rico, the sun is high overhead all year – there are no great variations from day to day between the times of sunrise and sunset. Thus, Naomi Grubb had her beginning in this tropical island setting.



When she was 6, Naomi's family moved to the Streets of New York City and settled in the Bronx. At the age of nine, her entire family (including aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.) made the trek west to California. They settled in East Los Angeles where she graduated from Pasadena High.

Naomi's father died during World War II. Her mother developed mental problems and Naomi and her brother had a difficult time growing up. Naomi, at age 12, and a brother were taken to be raised in foster care. Naomi's mother died in a house fire.

Legally blind since birth, Naomi has not let her handicap limit her activities. She married a marine, raised three children – two boys and a girl. Now she has six grandsons to be proud of.

She also ran a Foster Home and Day Care for many years.

Naomi bowled for a number of years. She could not see the pins or the aiming spot on the alley. She could make out the alley bordered by the two darker gutters. She bowled over 200 several times. With bowling becoming too expensive, about five years ago, she discovered square dancing. She loves square dancing and does not have much trouble unless everyone wears identically colored clothing – that gives her some problems. "Square dancing is more fun than bowling."

Another love is gardening – especially vegetables and flowers. She has a small plot at home and likes to raise tomatoes and broccoli. She also has a passion for walking and tries to get out every day for the fresh air and exercise.

Naomi works with the Silicon Valley Independent Living Center in Gilroy as an Office and Housing Administrator helping the disabled find housing and Personal Assistance in Santa Clara County, her fluency with Spanish is very welcomed. She is especially interested in languages and word origins.

Naomi is also active with the Silicon Valley Council for the blind.

We are pleased to welcome Naomi as a new member of the Katydids Square Dance Club.

**Bill Matolyak**

Bill was born and raised in Johnstown, PA., the flood town about fifty miles east of Pittsburgh. He graduated from high school in May, 1947. A year later he relocated to Cleveland, Ohio where he worked as a millwright for Ferro Machine Foundry.



Bill joined the U.S. Navy January 19, 1949 and was sent to the Aviation Electrician School in Memphis, TN. Upon graduation he was stationed aboard a small aircraft carrier – the U.S.S. Badoeng Straits CVE116.

With the Korean War in full swing, his ship was deployed to Korea. About a year later, the ship returned to dry dock in Bremerton, Washington. About four months later, Bill was transferred to N.A.S. Miramar in San Diego, CA. Bill was discharged from the navy in January 1953. A couple of months later he landed a job in an Industrial Electrical Apprenticeship with the Ford Motor Co., Cleveland, OH. After completion of the apprenticeship, he went back to school for Electronics and Communications.

Bill and his wife moved to San Jose, CA in March, 1960 where he got a job at San Jose State College doing radio and TV Engineering. About 1987 Bill was transferred to the School of Science. He retired in 1992 after 32 years of service to the University.

Bill's wife, Rose Ann KuKoly, was a brittle diabetic and died November 10, 1987 of heart failure.

Bill started square dancing in the late 70s with Bill Peters, the caller for the Square Hoppers.

He enjoys dancing, travel, puttering in the yard garden – house and, especially his shop.

We are pleased to welcome Bill as a new member of the Katydids Square Dance Club.

~~Submitted by Don Gaubatz

HALLOWEEN PARTY Friday, October 30, 2009



Scariest Couple - Evon & Mark



Pat Angotti awarding Best Costume to the Wiz



The wiz revealed Teri Cosentino!!



Harold & Lee Fleeman



Scariest Costume - Vic Oros
Naomi Grubb
Funniest Costume - Nanci Schafred



Prettiest Costume - Sunny



Best Couple Costume - Bob & Lisa Steele



Most Original Costume -
H1N1 Exterminator a.k.a. Don Powell
Most Colorful Costume - Tillie Tillman

Photographs courtesy of John Caywood, Don Gatzblatt, and Skip Stevens



Best animated costume -
Hot Dog Vendor - a.k.a Mary Howlett
& friend



Linda Caywood, Harold Fleeman, Annie Bennett



Jack Colistra & Louise Hosoda



Bob & Annie Bennett



Ted Shahey



Lynn Ashmall



Sexiest Costume -
Caroline Fifield



Most Unlikely Costume -
John Caywood



Jim Osborne

Tillie Tillman's 90th Birthday Party Friday, October 2, 2009



President, Stephanie Stevens & Tillie

The Birthday Boy

Roger Smith and Harold Fleeman



Josie Baumgartner, Harold & Lee Fleeman



Roger Smith with callers-in-training Tork Clark, John Caywood, Bob Steele



Don Gaubatz & Pat Angotti

Photographs courtesy of John Caywood and Skip Stevens



FROM MARY & ROD ---

10/25/09

Hello, friends and family,

Hi, y'all. We arrived in Fort Worth two weeks ago, earlier than planned, so that I could get some chest pains checked out. That resulted in a cardiac catheterization and placement of a couple of stents. All seems to be going well now – even managed a square dance a tip or two last Thursday. A big Texas “THANKS” to all the visitors and e-mailers – your cheers, prayers and war stories made it a lot easier for both Mary and me. But now, on with the travelogue....

We started August in Lake Easton, pretty much mid-state Washington. My father flew into Seattle to spend the month traveling with us. Nice to have an experienced tour guide! We enjoyed some short hikes in the nearby state parks. And we got to square dance with Dan Preedy at the Circle 8 Ranch – an RV park with a beautiful dance hall that has square and round dancing all summer long. Next time through here, we'll stay at Circle 8 – very pretty, great hosts, convenient, and a lot quieter than the ROD park.

We took a day to drive to Leavenworth, a beautiful mountain village that has developed a Bavarian theme. Flowers everywhere and lots of good German food and beer. The city park has German music groups most summer afternoons and evenings. And there's a nice art show going on most weekends. The setting among the mountains and along the river is wonderful. We enjoyed dinner at King Ludwig's and especially enjoyed the house band – but missed Bob's Polka Band from our trip here 4 years ago.

On the way, we enjoyed strolling through Roslyn, the filming location for the TV show “Northern Lights”.

We drove south to the Columbia River Gorge to attend the Escapee Chapter #34 campout at the Hood River County Fairgrounds. We didn't quite have this view of Mt Hood



from our campsite, but it wasn't far away. These chapter campouts are always pretty casual and lots of fun – and this was one of the best! Lots of games, good food and camaraderie.

One outing took us into Odell for lunch at the Full Sail Brewing Company – from the deck we watched dozens of colorful sail boarders zooming around the river. Another day we took a ride on the Mount Hood Railroad along the Hood River to the village of Parkdale, OR for lunch and ice cream.

We drove back north and stayed in Silver Creek, WA, in order to spend a day at Mount St Helens. Unfortunately, the upper half of the mountains was completely socked in with clouds and fog, so we had absolutely no view of the caldera. Fortunately, there were several visitor centers along the road with excellent exhibits and videos about the eruption and the pace of recovery. And the National Park facility itself was quite elaborate. But we'll definitely keep this on our list to come back and try again.

We continued northward to Gig Harbor, WA, where we once again met up with our friends Bill & JoDee Meyers (from Bozeman, MT) for a weekend. This quaint town across the southern Puget Sound from Tacoma has a beautiful waterway, awesome houses on the water, and gorgeous flowers growing everywhere. Quite a nice place to stroll. The weekend we were there the Olalla Bluegrass Festival was being held nearby and we enjoyed the music for a Saturday afternoon. The berry pie was mighty good, too. We had wonderful picnic dinners together and moved forward our discussions about RVing to Alaska next summer.

We drove over to the western coast of Washington, first staying at WHR Ocean Shores Resort. The park was large but not much

going on – far different than the southwestern parks. We enjoyed driving along and walking along the beaches, somewhat breezy and definitely



cool water. We had a nice dinner at one of the nearby casinos. The Indian reservation itself, however, was pretty run down. One bonus was the ripening blackberries all around us – resulting in this cobbler reminiscent of those my Mother used to make for us back in Kentucky. Sure goes good with ice cream.



We drove farther north up the coast to the town of Forks, where we had a nice campsite at the Elks Lodge. From here we could drive to the Hoh Rain Forest in Olympia

National Park. Not what I would expect to find this far north. Nice ranger program and pleasant trails through some very large and moss-covered trees, it looked more like the southeast. (Mary & Rod continued on page 10)

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From here we were also able to drive along the Juan de Fuca Strait to the Makah Indian Reservation. Located on the reservation is Flattery Point,

the northwestern most point of the continental US. It requires a 1-mile walk along a well-maintained trail from the parking lot to reach the overlook, but well worth the effort. The whole drive is quite striking. We have now reached several of these geographic extremes of the lower 48 states – the most southwest at San Diego, the most southern at Key West, the most eastern at Campobello, ME. We still have to get to the most northern, the notch in Minnesota.

We moved around the coast to stay in Sequim, WA for a week. Quaint town with wonderful scenery and great restaurants. Nearby was Port Angeles



where there were several of these murals. (Also a pretty complete cardiac care facility for getting a treadmill stress test.)



One day we drove over to Port Townsend, another wonderful waterfront town – lots of old character intermixed

with urban galleries and watering holes. From here we were able to catch the pedestrian ferry to Whidbey Island – one of the more extreme efforts I've made to get a new county for those of you who know about that particular goal of mine. As the ferry approaches to dock, this RV park is visible right at water level and just below the WW II coastal defense fort. On our way home we drove by the Escapee's Evergreen Park' – a very nice facility where the residents were, as usual, very gracious and welcoming.

Another day we took the Victoria Ferry from Port Angeles to Victoria, BC, Canada. An hour catamaran ride and a 30 minute taxi got us to world famous Butchart Gardens. There are millions of reasons this is world



famous – all of them quite colorful. We had been here once before – in November – and enjoyed

it a lot. But summertime was a whole different universe. It was worth the trip just for this. I'll let several



pictures try to tell the story for me

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But Butchart isn't the only reason to visit Victoria. We spent the afternoon wandering around the port area. We got to

see "High Tea" in the magnificence of the Empress Hotel and contrast it to the artists and mimes that surrounded the concourse of the waterway. We got to see the colorful water taxis scooting across the port from landing to landing, the red double-decker buses, and horse-drawn carriages. We enjoyed the best sandwiches on the island at Sam's and had fun strolling along the eclectic collection of stores surrounding the port. It was a wonderful day – and could easily be a wonderful weekend. And that's just the city – there's a whole island to explore!

Our last day trip took us back into the Olympia National Forest' – but what a different world! We drove for 45 minutes and up

over 5000 feet from sea level (literally) to reach Hurricane Ridge, from which it was easy to see the glaciers around



Mount Olympus. A very interesting visitor center portrayed the tremendous diversity of geography that makes up this National Park. Fantastically, this park goes from the beaches at sea level to the glaciers in the mountains – the Hoh Rain Forest was another part of this park, remember? Much of this park has only been traversed by a few men— and only seen by those willing to fly over it.

Well, that was August. The first half of September we flew back to New England for a visit. Upon returning to Seattle we began a quick trek to Fort Worth - more on that later. We'll be heading to Phoenix soon for another flight back east. We plan to stay at Casa Grande through Thanksgiving, and then back to Fort Worth for the first two weeks of December before heading to south Texas for the winter. What are your holiday plans?

Mary & Rod

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