

CHIRPER



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Katydid Square Dance Club Newsletter

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

59th ANNUAL SWEETHEART SPECIAL

Saturday, 11 February 2023

CLUB CALENDAR




www.katydid.org

Fri., Feb 03: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00-9:00pm

Fri., Feb 10: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00-9:00pm
Decorating for Sweetheart Special
between tips.

Sat., Feb 11: **Sweetheart Special**
6:00pm Arrive for final setup
Bring your food item(s)
Wear Red & White
7:00-7:30pm Rounds with Cuer Sue Harris
7:30-9:00pm Squares with Jim &
Rounds between tips.
9:00pm All Katydids help clean up



Fri., Feb 17: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00-9:00pm

Fri., Feb 24: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00-9:00pm
THEME / PARTY NIGHT: Mardi Gras

Fri., Mar 03" Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00-9:00pm

Fri., Mar 10: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00-9:00pm

Fri., Mar 17: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00-9:00pm
THEME / PARTY NIGHT: St. Patrick's Day

Fri., Mar 24: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00-9:00pm

Fri., Mar 31: Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall
7:00-9:00pm

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Feb. 03.....Lehnhoff / Grubb
Feb 10.....Wilhelmsen
Feb 17.....Willey / Oros
Feb 24.....Darknell

Mar 03.....Franger / Willey
Mar 10.....Lehnhoff / Grubb
Mar 17.....Stevens
Mar 24.....Bruns
Mar 31.....Village / Willey

Apr 07.....DARK
Apr 14.....McManus / Dixon
Apr 21.....Dixon / Standridge
Apr 28.....Wilhelmsen

BEFORE THE DANCE:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, (408-499-9182) of any needed changes to assigned dates.
- The designated Square Heads should arrive by **6:15pm**. A Board member with key access will open the gates and will secure the hall at the end of the evening.
- Check the restrooms for supplies and tidiness.
- Set up two rectangular tables, one for sign-in and one for snacks and water. Use a table covering.
- Another table goes in front of the piano. Use the orange strap to keep it in place
- Flyers go onto the freezer
- Fill the pitcher with water. Ice machine is in the kitchen.
- Place hand sanitizer on the sign-in table, snack table, pass-through to the kitchen and on each round table.
- If there are birthdays or anniversaries, set up the board.

DURING CLUB DANCE:

- Welcome everyone as they enter
- Collect an \$8.00 donation from each dancing guest and have them sign in. Non-dancing guests don't pay but do sign in. Those members who are of Leave of Absence pay \$8.00.
- Offer 50/50 raffle tickets. 5 tickets for \$1.00. Divide the raffle proceeds with 50% to the Club and 50% to the winner. (Note: odd dollar goes to the winner!)
- Note that there is another donation box. Collected money to be split 50% to Club and 50% to Jim.
- In the green box, there are square head envelopes for keeping track of money collected 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.
- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.

AFTER THE DANCE:

- Pack up the sign-in and snack table items into the bins. Remember the flyers.
- Reset the hall to the way we found it.
- Notify Stephanie and Naomi if we need more Club event flyers or *Chirpers* printed for the following week

DANCE EVENTS

PLUS LEVEL unless otherwise noted

COVID-19 rules can change on a moment's notice. Be sure to check with the sponsoring club for latest update on the rules they are currently following.

Sun., Mar. 5: Anniversary Dance; Swinging' 21ers

(MS & SSD)

Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont

2:00 - 5:00pm

Caller: Lawrence Johnstone

Sat., Mar. 18: Shamrock Shindig; CPSD, (Plus & Rounds)

Campbell Community Center, Rm M50

1 West Campbell Ave., Campbell

Caller: Lawrence Johnstone

Cuer: Arlene Scallon

Mar. 24-26: Fiesta de la Cuadrilla; San Diego

Sat., Mar. 25. : Walk & Dodge into Spring: El Camino Reelers

(SSD.; Plus, A-2)_

St. Andrews Church, 4111 AlmaSt., Palo Alto

7:00-10:00pm

Caller: Ken Ritucci

Sat., Apr. 15: Dance into Spring; Bows & Beaus (SSD)

Newer Dancer Hoedown

April 21-23: California Council of Square Dancers State Convention

Yuba City Fairgrounds

Sat., Apr. 29: Presidents' Ball; Whing Ding, SCVSDA/SCVCA

St. Andrews Church, 4111 AlmaSt., Palo Alto

Callers: Kurt Golhardt, Jim Osborne, and

Keith Ferguson

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

MONDAYS:

Bows & Beaus:

7:00-8:00pm

Loyola School, 770 Berry Ave., Los Altos

Instructor / Caller: Tork Clark

Class began Jan 19th; be an angel

Caper Cutters:

San Francisco

Level: SSD

Instructor / Caller: **Jim Osborne**

Class began Jan. 9th; be an angel

WEDNESDAYS

Rockin' Jokers

Level: SSD

7:30pm

Cambrian Park United Methodist Church

1919 Gunston Ave., SJ

Instructor / Caller: Mike Pogue

Class began Jan 18; be an angel

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Katyids and friends!

To say the least it has been an "interesting" month! First off, I know many of you were at Club on Friday the 27th and heard Jim talk about why I wasn't there. . . . Long story short, after arriving at the Salvation Army Friday, 27 January and as I was opening up I suddenly found my right hand and right side of my face numb. Oh, oh! I quickly found Skip and we headed off to the ER and three hours later the symptoms resolved. All the tests that were run showed no sign of a stroke. The final diagnose is that I had a TIA (Transient Ischemic Attack). I'm feeling pretty good but now have to deal with a lot of follow-up appointments and new medications to deal with. Many thanks to all who contacted me to wish me well. You're the best!



Speaking of health issues, I recently learned that **Jan** had a close call when she was in a car accident that completely totaled her car. She fared with not a scratch. A miracle since she hit a telephone pole and a ditch. Ask her to show you a photo of her car which was a total loss. Lots to be thankful for!! We can't lose any square dancers . . . period!

Except, we did lose a well known caller, **Scot Byars**. And to those who remember when we had **Pat Angotti's** excursions to San Francisco and the North Bay led by the tour guide, **Gary Holloway**. I just learned that Gary passed away on 8 August 2021. He was a walking encyclopedia of SF history. In a September 1, 2021 facebook posting by "John" who said: "...the death of our friend, Gary Holloway. Gary came to Daytripping as a guide over 25 years ago and immediately became one of the family. He was one of the best story tellers I've ever known. He loved to tell his stories and we never tired of hearing them. He would take his time, draw us in and before you knew it, you were right there, in the palm of his hand. His stories came from his vast knowledge, his heart and sometimes embellished from his imagination. I am not sure which were which and I don't believe Gary was either. He told his stories over and over and over and made us believers. Gary would have told this better; he would have found a way to summarize the depth and breadth of his life's adventures in a way that would grab you by the heart and bring you along for the story..." Story teller indeed!!! Those were really fun trips that Pat organized for us. Per Gary's instructions, there was no funeral and his ashes were scattered under the Golden Gate Bridge

On Friday, 13 January we had a brief General Meeting of the membership for the purpose of my letting you know

where the Club stands financially. For the last 4 months of 2022 we averaged a shortage of about \$375 per month. We have a bit less than \$1,000 in the bank. I foresee that we can continue to the end of February, possibly longer if we make a significant profit from our Sweetheart Special dance. I have been in conversations with Shoshanna and her husband Cel at the Salvation Army and Jim to see if there is something we can work out. I expect to call for another General Meeting soon, possibly the 17th of February. I'll let you know.

Also on Friday, 13 January besides having a brief General Meeting, we turned over a pile of non-perishable food and cash totaling about \$256. It was quite a lot of food that we were able to collect. **Shoshannah** and her husband, **Cel**, accepted the donation for their new food pantry. with much gratitude and thanks Also on the 13th we celebrated National Rubber Duckie Night. See photos on page 4.

Now to our special event of the year (even though we had the 2022 Sweetheart Special just 6 months ago). **Janna** is the Chair for the event and says that as we did in August, during next Friday's Club night, when we are sitting out we will begin decorating and will continue after we end at 9:00pm. Assuming that all goes well, we should just have a few final things to accomplish prior to the Dance on Saturday so arriving at 6:00pm on Saturday should be good. We will need to finalize the food and get the extra chairs and tables out into the breezeway.

Did you know that **Lloyd** and the South Bay Rail Road Museum were recently featured on a segment of NBC's *California Live* tour of the Santa Clara Train Depot, the oldest in the west.. Check out this link:

<https://www.nbcbayarea.com/entertainment/california-live/all-aboard-inside-the-wests-oldest-train-depot/3148172/> (<https://www.nbcbayarea.com/entertainment/california-live/all-aboard-inside-the-wests-oldest-train-depot/3148172/>)

We were sorry to hear that **Jim** is having some health issues and was unable to call for us 3 February. He goes in Monday the 6th for an Echocardiogram to find out if there's an issue or not. Thankfully **Bob & Lisa Steele** were available to stand in. Thank you Bob!! And best wishes for good results on Monday, Jim!

Happy Valentine's Day!!

Stephanie

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Doris DarknellFeb. 07

Alice McManusFeb. 08

Lloyd DarknellFeb. 20



Friday, 30 December 2023

THEME: Masked Affair



Friday, 13 January 2023

THEME: Rubber Duckie Night and Food & Cash donation to the Salvation Army Food Pantry



Cel and Shoshannah Ruwethin accepting donations of cash and food for their new food pantry.

-- **FOUND** --



Is this basket yours?



 Presents

SHAMROCK SHINDIG

PLUS HOEDOWN

Saturday, March 18, 2023

7:00 – 7:30PM Pre-Rounds
 7:30 – 9:45PM Plus with Rounds

Caller
 Lawrence Johnstone

Cuer
 Arlene Scallon

Join us for Food, Fellowship and Square Dancing!

Campbell Community Center
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 1 West Campbell Ave.
 Campbell, CA

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WALK & DODGE into SPRING

with KEN RITUCCI
 calling SSD-50, Plus & A2 tips

Saturday MARCH 25
 7:00-10:00 pm

St. Andrews United Methodist Church
 4111 Alma Street, Palo Alto

Admission: \$15 • ECR Members: \$12

Masks recommended.

Dust If You Must

by Rose Milligan

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
 To paint a picture, or write a letter,
 Bake a cake, or plant a seed;
 Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,
 With rivers to swim, and mountains to climb;
 Music to hear, and books to read;
 Friends to cherish, and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there
 With the sun in your eyes, and the wind in your hair;
 A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,
 This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
 Old age will come and it's not kind.
 And when you go (and go you must)
 You, yourself, will make more dust.

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Home City, Home State Home ZIP

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