## CHIRPER



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**Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter** 

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

# 59<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SWEETHEART SPECIAL

Saturday, 11 February 2023

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Fri., Feb 03:	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., Feb 10:	Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall 7:00-9:00pm Decorating for Sweetheart Special between tips.	Fri., Mar 03"	Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall 7:00-9:00pm
Sat., Feb 11:	Sweetheart Special 6:00pm Arrive for final setup	Fri., Mar 10:	Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall 7:00-9:00pm
	Bring your food item(s) Wear Red & White 7:00-7:30pm Rounds with Cuer Sue Harris 7:30-9:00pm Squares with Jim &	Fri., Mar 17:	Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall 7:00-9:00pm THEME / PARTY NIGHT: St. Patrick's Day
	Rounds between tips. 9:00pm All Katydids help clean up	Fri., Mar 24:	Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall 7:00-9:00pm
Fri., Feb 17:	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, passthrough 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

#### **CLASSES & WORKSHOPS**

#### **MONDAYS:**

#### **Bows & Beaus**;

7:00-8:00pm

Lovola 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

#### **W**EDNESDAYS

#### 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 Katydids 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 tories 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 forsee 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: <a href="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/salifornia-live/all-aboard-inside-the-wests-oldest-train-

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!

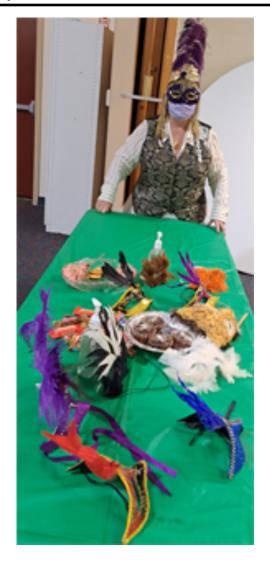
Happy Valentine's Day!!

#### Stephanie

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Doris Darknell	Feb. 07
Alice McManus	Feb. 08
Llovd Darknell	Feb. 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** 



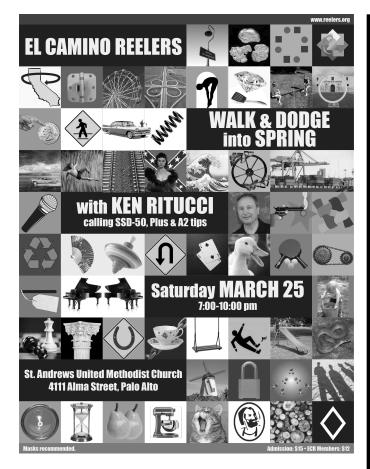
Cel and Shoshannah Ruwethin accepting donations of cash and food for their new food pantry.

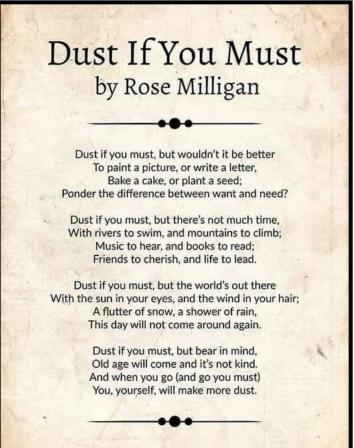
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