

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!



Everyone is invited ... to explore the questions of "Is Square Dancing Dying?" and "What can the Katydids do to encourage the prosperity of the Club?" Moderated by Skip Stevens, Club President.

Thursday, July 11th
7:00 PM
4862 Morden Dr., San José

CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Jul. 05: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM; Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Thu, Jul. 11: Meeting to discuss the future of the Club
7:00 PM
Stevens' home: 4862 Morden Dr., San José

Fri., Jul. 12: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM; **DESSERT SOCIAL**
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
Bring desserts to share.
9:35 PM; Executive Board Meeting

Fri., Jul. 19: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM; Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
****PARTY NIGHT**** **BASEBALL THEME!**
Bring food to share

Fri., Jul. 26: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM; Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Fri., Aug. 02: ****DARK**** -- **DANCING AT THE FAIR**
344 Tully Rd., San José
6:00 pm – 8:30 PM Dancing
Come early to see the Fair.
Free admission with Square Dance attire & badge

Fri., Aug. 09: **HOT AUGUST NIGHTS HOEDOWN**
Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
Used square dance clothing sale!
Chirper distributed

Fri., Aug. 16: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM; Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
****PARTY NIGHT**** Wear **GREEN** and
bring food to share

Sat., Aug. 17: **EXPLORE SONOMA WITH GARY HOLLOWAY**
Pat Angotti's LAST bus trip
8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Mission San Francisco, Solano, General
Vallejo's Home & Soldiers' Barracks,
Sonoma Cheese Factory & Cline Cellars

Fri., Aug. 23: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM; Class
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Fri., Aug. 30: **FREE FIFTH FRIDAY - January Level**
Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Super Square Head
Stephanie Stevens (408-871-9525)

Jul. 05Parsons /
Jul. 12Angotti / Smith
Jul. 19Darknell
Jul. 26Matolyak / Tillman

Aug. 02.....DARK – Santa Clara Co. Fair
Aug. 09.....DeLapp
Aug. 16.....Shaney
Aug. 23.....Clark, T&D
Aug. 30.....Willey, P / Clark, B

Sep. 06Grubb / Lehnhoff
Sep. 13DARK – Jubilee
Sep. 20Wies /
Sep. 27Bruns

Before the dance:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie 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 **\$5.00** 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 the Quartermasters, **Gary or Sue De Lapp** 408-446-1910 of any supplies needed.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

Plus Level Dances

- Jul. 6: Farmers & Farmerettes Hoedown**
Walters Jr. High, Fremont
7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds: Bob Ensten
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Mike Wright
- Jul. 13: Starlight Plus Hoedown; CPSD**
Camden Community Ctr, 3369 Union Ave., SJ
7:00 – 7:30 PM Pre-Rounds: Barbara-Lynn Smith
7:30 – 10:00 PM; Caller: Rich Reel
Bring finger food to share
- Jul. 20: 2nd Annual Benefit Square Dancers Jamboree**
Cypress Community Center, San José
9:00 AM – 8:30 PM
Callers: Lawrence Johnson, Mike Luna, Vicki Woods,
Kurt Gollhardt, Terry Passarino, Rob Paul, Bob
Steele, Joe Gonzales, Diana Hilliard
Cuers: Barbara Lynn Smith, Janet Passarino, **John
Caywood**
- Jul. 27: Roadrunners Hoedown**
Beresford Recreation Center
2720 Avenue de las Pulgas, San Mateo
7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds: George Gardner
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Gary Carnes
- Jul. 27: Get to Know your Corner; Adira Dance & Costume**
Adira parking lot, 2038 Lincoln Ave., San José
5:00 PM Dinner
Caller: Scot Byars
Cuer: John Flora
- Aug. 3: Anniversary Dance; Lucky Steppers**
Ben Lomond Slab in Ben Lomond
7:00 – 7:30 PM; Pre-Rounds: Sue Harris
7:30 – 10:00 PM; Caller: Don Benson
- Aug. 10: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers**
Ben Lomond Slab in Ben Lomond
7:00 – 7:30 PM; Pre-Rounds: Sue Harris
7:30 – 10:00 PM; Caller: **Jim Osborne**
- Aug. 17: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers**
Ben Lomond Slab in Ben Lomond
7:00 – 7:30 PM; Pre-Rounds: Sue Harris
7:30 – 10:00 PM; Caller: Eric Henerlau
- Aug. 24: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers**
Ben Lomond Slab in Ben Lomond
7:00 – 7:30 PM; Pre-Rounds: Sue Harris
7:30 – 10:00 PM; Caller: Michael Kellogg
- Aug 31: SCVCA/SCVSDA - Whing Ding**
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 West Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
Callers: Keith Ferguson, Bob Elling, Al Knoppe, **Jim
Osborne**
Cuer: Barbara Lynn Smith
- Sep. 13–15: 57th Annual Jubilee; SCVSDA**
Gunderson High School, San Jose
Callers: Dan Nordbye, Charlie Robertson
Cuers: Mary Ann Callahan & Brian Wyatt

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Welcome to the World of Square Dancing!...

That is the message that we should be sending to our friends and neighbors reflecting the enthusiasm that we personally express to each other during our club and hoedown social engagements.

Well, July is going to be a busy month for our Club and you will have ample opportunity to participate in getting that message out.

First, we will have been dancing on Friday, July 5th (which will be self evident if you received this Chirper during Club night!)

Second, I am promoting a free Square Dance Social Night on July 12th. In discussing the problem of bringing in new blood to square dancing with my new board and our Caller, Jim Osborne, we decided to try opening our doors to our friends and neighbors to try some basic (rudimentary) square dancing ['barn dancing'] during the first part of that evening. So from 7-to-8:30 PM on the 12th, I hope that Katydids Club members will turn out, put on their best smiles, bring fruits from their gardens or desserts and indulge our guests in 'angeling' them through basic square dance maneuvers and engage them in friendly conversation. In between sets, John Caywood can also introduce them to the concept of cued Round Dancing! We can then invite them to linger and watch us perform regular Club night square dancing (8:30-to-9:30 PM).

I will have been doing my part to promote the concept of community and sociability through square dancing to the Westgate Village Neighborhood which was recently formed about 1 mile west of our Campbell United Church of Christ club dance site. They have been very active already meeting, having driveway barbecues, planning for local park cleanup projects, etc. I have joined that organization and have access to their website

(https://westgatevillage.nextdoor.com/news_feed/) and can post blogs (including promotion of square dancing). If you participate in a similar community organization, please consider extending the invitation to your group (or neighbors) to join us on the 12th (please, no guests under the age of 10).

Let's see how this evening goes and we may do it again in August as a followup with our guests. But let's not be too eager to 'push' the concept of square dance classes until we first get their interest!

July 19th is 'party' night for the Club and the thought is that we should have a 'theme' for that gathering. So, if you have a favorite baseball team, bring or wear memorabilia representative of that team allegiance or, if you don't follow a particular team, bring something generically representative of the sport.

July 26th will be a 'normal' (who says that anything is 'normal' about the Katydids!) Club night.

Skip

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

- Janis ParsonsJuly 06
Joyce Wies.....July 07
Maxine DarknellJuly 16
Sue WilleyJuly 18
Teri Cosentino.....July 20
Sandy FrangerJuly 22
Dory Clark.....Aug 04

RECEIVED FROM THE IGNACIOS



June 15, 2013

Dear Katydids,
Thank you very much for inviting us to your annual picnic. We thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with all of you.
The food was delicious and plentiful. When has Katydids ever had a gathering without an abundance of food? Never!
We enjoyed renewing friendships and catching up on news. It was a most enjoyable day. Thank you.
John & Helen Ignacio

Chirper Chatter...

Morris Hosoda played senior softball June 15/16 in Yuba City and the results again are typically bad, 1 win, 4 losses. Here again his excuse is that we are playing younger teams although they give us 3 – 5 runs. He still enjoys playing and losing as opposed to not playing at all...



Bill Matolyak has been bothered by gout off and on but his doctor prescribed a medicine, *Colchicine*, and within two days his pain and agony was gone...

Usually the articles that appear in this column are incidents, actions that have already happened. Our **Ted Shaney** has a typical men's hernia problem and he is due to go under the knife at Kaiser, Wednesday, July 24th...

Our special wonderful *Chirper* editor, **Stephanie Stevens**, is not prone to escape my column. She took a day off from her newsletter work and took her son and friend up to SFO to catch a plane to Frankfurt, then to Prague, and a train to Bratislava in Slovakia...

Elsewhere in this newsletter should appear a wonderful trip report from **Jim Gray** and **Arlene Scallon** on their recent week long trip to Belize, a small country in Central America east side of Guatemala, Mexico to the north and the Caribbean Ocean, facing Cuba...

Louise Hosoda

was honored on June 20th at the annual Board and Yu-Ai Kai staff meeting. Yu-Ai Kai is where Louise works as a Nutrition Site manager for seniors and is sort of involved with Santa Clara County, who was responsible for taking measures to be sure she was recognized. It was the 35th anniversary for the nutrition program and she is the only original employee and became its manager about 20 years ago. With the family showing up, she was really surprised ...



Family waiting in back of room.



San José Councilman, Sam Liccardo, presenter. Louise, in blue, still unaware of the family presence



When Louise saw her family, her jaw dropped.



Representative from Santa Clara County awarding.

Past members and kind landlords of Katydids Storage Shed, **Sal and Louise Stagnitto**, will be moving into a retirement community in Los Gatos in July. It will be a 3 month trial period to see if they will like it. Sal did have problems from a fall earlier but is doing just fine now.



Sal & Louise Stagnitto

Morris Hosoda, moho77@gmail.com

**2013 ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC & REUNION
A HUGE SUCCESS!**

Special thanks to **Lloyd & Maxine**, and **Tork & Dory** for co-chairing this fun annual event. The sangria and sausage appetizers were a nice touch as we awaited our hot dogs & hamburgers to finish cooking. Everyone pitched in to set up the area, brought PLENTY of food to share, ate LOTS, reminisced over our historical scrapbooks, and stayed around to clean -up. A wonderful time was had by all.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !

Bob & Opal HebsonJuly 12

Square Dancing Is Dying...

Katydids, Square Dancers, Callers and Key Personnel in the Square Dance world who are reading this, I hope I have your attention. However, I am primarily addressing this to my Katydids for it is their support I am seeking. Admittedly even with the support of Katydids, we would certainly need the support of square dancers primarily in the Santa Clara Valley area. The reason will show up as I go through my explanation.

Louise, my wife, and I have been Katydids for 39 years and have been class angels for many of those years. All of us have ideas and reasons why square dancing is dying and many organizations and clubs have tried different teaching orders with little improvement. The one I have not heard is to have a teaching order of Basic to Mainstream only with some modifications. We need one that is really short in the time period so that we can graduate them to join a club Basic or some other level name. That is where we need help from other clubs in the Valley to have same level clubs or junior clubs so that at least we may have hoedowns for the newcomers. We need a class that is short and a junior club that may dance less than once a week.

What this means to the current activity is that we will have dancers who will be calling themselves square dancers but not at the level we are expecting dancers to be...but we will have newer dancers never-the-less. Just give this method a try for several years and it will be smoothed out. We can still have plus and advance dancers but the help needed is in class angels with the dance classes most likely to be held on a non-club night.

I am looking at prospective dancers who are young and dedicated to keep square dancing alive and vibrant. Dancers who can give about 9 months of class dancing, join or form a club of similar backgrounds. Since these dancers are not able to afford weekly dancing perhaps a club can be formed that dances twice a month or just once a month. I was watching these exercise classes held at our YMCA and noticed that many are young and attend these sessions on a regular basis. These sessions are usually of one-hour duration. Perhaps that may be all that these young families are able to afford. These sessions are typically 8 weeks long and they do learn some movements to go with the music. Can we sell aerobic dancers on square dancing for a less strenuous exercise?

Perhaps maybe we should change our format to accommodate new dancers similar to the time allowed for aerobic dancing. Have one hour dance sessions and a class of 8 weeks. What I see in aerobic dancing is the smaller number of men compared to women. If we make a selling point, most men in square dancing will attest to the fact..."try it, you will like it." Another strong selling point will be in the socializing. Especially in Santa Clara County, we must start considering the changing demographics. How can we attract more Chinese, Korean, and Indians? We can tell them that square dancing is alive in China, Japan and Korea. Do we need callers who are Chinese, Korean and Indian? We do need to stress that square dance calls are in English only. If this is the way to go, we must hurry up and start a caller's class to recruit demographically acceptable students. They

must be taught how to dance and learn the calls before they can go solo to teach other classes.

I know I haven't covered everything that needs to be discussed nor have I digressed on every detail but hopefully enough to kindle some fires to get people thinking.

Morris Hosoda, 39 years a Katydids square dancer, Plus & Advance dancer, occasional caller.

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Email received from Willi & Curly Frey, Club Members who returned to their homeland in Germany 8 years ago
Hi Steph and Skip,

Curly and I just wanted to touch base with you. We are so much enjoying to read the Katydids newsletter (thank you for sending it out to us !!!) , and for us it's like we never left the Bay Area. Although after moving back to Germany over 8 years ago, we don't know every member anymore, but still remember so many of the great people we had the opportunity to dance with, making friends with, and having a fantastic time together. From time to time we give it a try to visit Square Dance Clubs here in Germany. And although we are out of practice, it's like a miracle that we still can follow most of the main stream (and even some plus) steps. At least, if we don't try to remember steps but just do it! We couldn't decide to become members of a local club here, since we always compare to the friendliness, helpfulness and good spirits of all of our friends at the Katydids. And so we always say: "We want to experience something like that, let's check out more clubs.", but the same story continues on and on...Anyway, we are both doing great, I'm still working for Bosch, and Curly's instructing face jogging classes, and also gymnastics for best ager women. We still love to cruise, being in the Mediterranean, which is of course close to us, and from time to time in the Caribbean. And yes, we still have our Harley from California... J For today, big hugs to you, and please convey a yellow rock (yes, we still know what that is!) to all the friends who still remember us.

Talk to you later, your friends
Curly & Willi

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Morris' Summer Baseball Schedule
10 am Butcher Park, 3950 Camden Ave., SJ
Team color is blue and the Home dugout is on the 1st base side and the Visitor dugout will be on the 3rd base side.

SCHEDULE

July 09 – Visitor	Aug. 27 – Home
July 16 – Home	Sep. 10 – Visitor
July 30 – Visitor	Sep. 17 – Home
Aug. 06 – Home	Oct. 01 – Visitor
Aug. 20 – Visitor	Oct. 08 – Home

June 9, 2013
Annual Picnic & Reunion
Santa Clara Central Park



Bob Hebson, Sandy Franger



Kathy Shaney, Dory Clark, Ted Shaney



Lloyd Darknell, Dory Clark, Bill Matolyak



Roger & Pat, Maxine & Lloyd, Skip & Steph



Patsy McKay, Art Bruns



Jack Collistra, Dory Clark



Jake & Elsie Ignacio



Sue & Gary DeLapp



Nestor Delevaux, Morris Hosoda



Janis Parsons, Steph Stevens Bea Clark



Tillie Tillman, Tork Clark



Ken & Patsy McKay



Bill & Mercedes McCarty, Bobbie Davis, Roger Smith reminiscing over Katydid's past



Lloyd & Maxine Darknell



Ann Kernan, Maxine Darknell

Photographs courtesy of Pat Angotti, Morris Hosoda, and Stephanie Stevens

Jim & Arlene go to Belize~ PART 1

ed. note: *Many thanks to Jim Gray and Arlene Scallon for sending Morris and then me two(!) articles for the Chirper. Part 1 is by Arlene, and is a copy of emails & pictures they sent home to her family. Part 2 was written by Jim and will be printed next month. Welcome back, Jim & Arlene!!*

Hi Morris,

We returned from Belize, Central America last Monday night. I sent my kids a short email every day of our trip. I've included them here...I also sent a picture home every night...This trip was my retirement gift to myself, and since Jim had always wanted to go there, we scheduled it - rather last minute. I locked my classroom on Jun 7, and our plane left at 6 AM June 8th. We got right out of Dodge. It was a great get-away. I'd go again in a second.

Love,
Arlene

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Belize Report #Day 1)

Hi Greg, Mark and friends,
All is great.

I don't want to flower it up because Belize is a very poor country. There is poverty, joblessness, trash everywhere. And the ride from the airport to Belmopan (a two-horse little village yet the capital of the country) was not the lush, green, jungle experience I expected. But, like anything, we're getting the hang of it. If a few vital street signs are missing, so be it. People are clean and so so helpful and friendly.

Our first hotel (actually an 8 guests private villa) was hard to find, on a dark, rutted, gravel road. But once there, we couldn't be happier, and we'd recommend it to anyone. The hosts had internet, huge tiled rooms and huge American breakfasts, large clean pool, and other extras. They helped us return the bag that we mistakenly took from the airport thinking it was ours. Ours was still waiting at the airport the next day. On the way back to Belmopan, we stopped at the zoo to see the native, wild animals we probably won't see in the open as they stay out of sight (even though we drive through their corridor).

Food is good. Belikin brand beer is excellent. We scheduled a cave-tubing tour for tomorrow so stay tuned.
Love,
Mom
(aka Arlene Scallon and Jim Gray)



(Belize Report # Day 2)

Today we did cave-tubing at St. Herman's Cave. The cave was an important ritual and ceremonial site during the Mayan Period. Pottery vessels, spears, and torches have been recovered from the cave. Jim and I hired a private tour guide to take us through the cave completely, seeing beautiful formations and Mayan artifacts - some possibly 2000 years old or older. There is a river through the cave system. So we let the current float us most peacefully for 1 1/2 hours on our inner tubes. It was pitch black dark except for the light from our head flashlights. What a great day!

Then on to San Ignacio in the heart of the jungle.
Greg, I love my "monster powerstrip." Mark, I use the green wedges every day.
Diane, keep the baby in the oven.
Love,
Mom



Belize Report # Day 3)

Two things on the agenda today. First, we went to Xunantunich (shoe nan too nich - rhymes with tuna sandwich!), a 200-900 year old Mayan archeological site close to Guatemala. It had been uncovered from the jungle and excavated. Cooler than we expected. Second, we visited the Iguana Project, a sanctuary dedicated to preserving the well-being of iguanas. They breed and raise iguanas (a delicacy to eat in Belize!) and then release them into the wild. Jim had 11 iguanas on him at one time. Arlene - 0. Saw a toucan and spider monkey in the trees today. Very cool. Weather is perfect. Food is very good. And we're getting used to the mosquitoes.
Love,
Mom



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Belize Report # Day 4)

We took a 10-seater plane (15 minute ride) to the city of San Pedro, island of Ambergris.

Great hotel, steps to the water, nice sea breezes.

Love,
Mom



(Belize Report # Day 5)

We rented a golf cart (the regular transportation here) for 24 hours, and explored north and south of San Pedro.

Pretty laid-back island.

Love,
Mom

Belize Report # Day 6)

Snorkeled today in front of our hotel at the piers. Schools of fish. Small blue and yellow. Yellow and black striped. Very nice. Tonight was the town boxing match. A good day.

Diane, hang in there. Greg, Happy Father's Day tomorrow. Mark, thanks for your good advice.

Love,
Mom



((Belize Report # Day 7)

Today, we took an all-day 38' catamaran sailing trip. First, we went to Hol Chan Marine Reserve to snorkle. Beautiful fish, coral, and even a couple of turtles. Then we went to an area known as Shark Alley. The dive boat drivers bait the waters. Sharks (4-6 feet in length) and stingrays ("wing-span" of 2-4 feet) swam with us. Then on to Caye Caulker, a less commercially developed, which seems like an old fishing village. A guy was barbecuing fresh, whole buttered lobster in the park for \$10US a plate. Very tender and tasty.

Love,
Mom



Belize Report # Day 8)

The bike rental guy suspiciously closed shop right after he rented us two electric bikes. How did he know that a huge storm was coming in? A big, black pouring rain storm. We had a good ride but came home drenched. (It is the beginning of hurricane season.) Good thing we sailed yesterday because we never saw the sun today.

Should be home late tomorrow night.

Love,
Mom



FROM MARY & ROD - -

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



April 2013

Hello, friends and family!

April had us changing our travel methodology. We settled in Clermont, FL, for a week for the Carriage Florida National Rally. Then we left the 5'er while we visited with friends Renee & Dana Palmer and then with my father and brother in Ft Myers. This was followed by a week cruise from Tampa on the NCL "Dawn". Back in the 5'er for some window repairs, then on to Marietta, GA, to visit with more friends. Final stop - the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC. Here are the details



Carriage rallies are always fun with lots of food, activities and friends from previous rallies. Things get started with Presentation of Colors.

Call us RV'ers, call us full timers, call us snow birds or Winter Texans -- but you'll never call us late for a meal!



An added bonus - this 1000 Trails park had Pickleball courts and lots of good players.

After the rally, we visited with friends Renee & Dana (our Alaska travel companions) and then headed to Ft Myers to visit with my Father and Brother. Dad can still point out places that he's seen and we haven't - yet.



We took advantage of being in Florida to cruise out of Tampa. A mid-size ship - "only" 2500 passengers. We had a good time, but NCL will *not* go down as our favorite cruise line

First stop was Roatan, Honduras - a new country for us.



We spent the day at Tabyana Beach - good guided snorkeling with lots of colorful fish. The coral colors were mediocre. Nice buffet lunch was served

Second stop was Belize City - another new country for us. Obviously very colorful. We spent the day kayaking through the mangroves - some animals, but it was mid-day. Another good buffet and large pool with a rock water slide!



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Next stop – Costa Maya. Basically a port created by the cruise ship companies, so we didn't do much more than walk around here.

But there was a Carlos & Charlie's! Also a large pool that was free to use. Free – on a cruise!!!!



Back in Florida, we had some fogged windows repaired – nice job was done. Mary suffered through the hardship with dinner at Carabba's!

Texas doesn't have a monopoly on wildflowers. We found lots of roadside color as we drove to Valdosta, GA.



On to Kennesaw, GA, where we visited with Gary Fairs (our other Alaska traveler) and with Bob & Emily Gilbert, a LM co-worker (retired). Bob cooks a mean steak, serves great Trappist beers – Em handles the tough job... keeping him in line!

Back to sightseeing with a trip to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC. A very impressive home – a bit more living space than an RV! Quite a collection from around the world that allowed unique themes for most of the public rooms



The gardens were equally impressive – lots of tulips and azaleas during the Spring. Not the Bucht Gardens, but very pleasant for an extended walk.

The hot house had many beautiful orchids.



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And thus ended April. The weather has been pretty good – especially compared to the pictures of snow we continue to get from Tropic Star friends who have traveled north to Wisconsin and Illinois. Travelling slowly north has lots of advantages and we've enjoyed the mix of sightseeing and visiting friends.

Which will soon continue in New York – hope you folks have it warmed up for us by now

Mary & Rod Garges

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2013 Travel Plans



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NEWER DANCER HOEDOWNS

Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!

--SEPTEMBER & JANUARY CLASS LEVELS--

**Sun., July 7: Pastor Bill's Birthday Bash;
 Castaways**

Resurrection Lutheran Church
 2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
 11:30 am: Potluck

1-3 pm January Class Level
 Plus introductory session

Callers: Roger Smith, Jim Osborne, Rob Paull
 -- FREE --

Sat., July 27: Lucky Steppers
 Ben Lomond Slab in Ben Lomond
 7:30 9:45 PM; Callers: Don Benson,
 Roger Smith, Guest Callers



AUGUST NIGHT



**JOIN THE KATYDIDS
 FOR A SIZZLING
 DANCE NIGHT!**

**Friday, August 9, 2013
 7:00 - 9:30 pm**

**Plus Level
 Caller - Jim Osborne**

**Campbell United Church of Christ
 400 W. Campbell Avenue, Campbell**

\$5 donation

*Square Dance Clothes Sale!
 Bring clothes to sell.
 Label with your name, club name, and price.
 Please arrive with items on hangers.
 Open to all!*



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Last Bus Trip

**Explore Sonoma
 with
 Gary Holloway**

**Saturday, August 17, 2013
 8 am to 5 pm**



Visit:

**Mission San Francisco Solano
 Gen. M.G. Vallejo's Home & Soldiers' Barracks**
Enjoy samples at:
**Sonoma Cheese Factory
 Cline Cellars**



\$60 per person
(lunch not included)

Checks payable to Pat Angotti.
 Questions - 408.241.0888 or 408.338.8786

Bus pickup at 7:45 am:
 Santa Clara First Baptist Church, 3111 Benton Street, Santa Clara
 Park at the far end of the east parking lot.

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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