

CHIRPER



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Katydid's Square Dance Club Newsletter

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Club President,
Roger Hemsley,
with Graduates

L to R:
Ann Kernan
Annie Lindsay
Ed Winniford
Richard Teal
Jessica Fulk
Ted Mehalko
Marlene Thomas
Dory Clark
Michael Clark

Not pictured:
Carol Headman
Adelita Marshall
Bob Marshall
Felix Schuda
Kathy Schuda
Toni Gregorio-
Bunch

CLUB CALENDAR

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- Fri., June 6: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
Sign-ups begin for Annual Club Picnic
- Fri., June 13: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
- Fri., June 20: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
****PARTY NIGHT** Club Members
wear green & bring food to share.**
- Sun., Jun. 22: ****Annual Club Picnic & Reunion****
Central Park, Santa Clara
909 Kiely Blvd.
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Questions? Call Bob B. 408-778-2689
- Fri., June 27: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing

- Fri., July 4: ****DARK** Happy July 4th!**
- Fri., July 11: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
Chirper distributed
- Thu., July 17: **Executive Board Meeting**
7:30 PM At the Hemsley's home
- Fri., July 18: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
****PARTY NIGHT** Club Members
wear green & bring food to share.**
- Fri., July 25: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
- Fri., Aug. 01: **Campbell United Church of Christ**
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing
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**SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS
and DUTIES**

Super Square Head
Caroline Fifield (408) 377-3740

Jun. 06 Mensing
Jun. 13 Hosoda
Jun. 20 Shaney
Jun. 27 Pitts / Powell

Jul. 04 DARK
Jul. 11 Wies / Hea
Jul. 18 Andersen
Jul. 25 Darknell

Aug. 01 Gaubatz / Angotti
Aug. 08 Stevens
Aug. 15 Willey
Aug. 22 Hemsley
Aug. 29 Benevento

On Dance Night PRIOR to your duty night:

- Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into Club Cupboard. Notify the Super Square Head, Caroline Fifield, at 408-377-3740, of any needed supplies or change of duty assignment dates.

Before the dance:

- Contact Square Head for following week to be sure they will be there.
- On scheduled night, the designated Square Heads should arrive **by 6:30 PM.**
- Set up tables and chairs as needed.
- Bring 6-8 lbs ice for cooler and make ice water.
- Start hot water for tea and coffee.

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone at the door.
- Offer raffle tickets, 5 tickets for \$1.00.
- Have guests sign guest book and collect \$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 the “cups”.
- 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: Clean up!! Take the trash bags out to the dumpster (locked) located in the side parking lot. The key is hanging on the wall by the door to the kitchen. NOTE: tables must go into closet FIRST (remember the Caller’s table, too), then the chair “rack”.

**UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS
– PLUS LEVEL –**

June 7: Ice Cream Fling Thing; Bows & Beaus
Cubberley Community Center, Palo Alto
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris
8:00 – 11:00 PM; Caller: Tim Crawford

June 13-15: Fun Weekend
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, Yuba City
Callers: Mike DeSisto, Jet Roberts, Bill Silver, Jerry Yerby
Cuers: Erin & Scot Byars, Charlie & Joni Eskin
All levels of Square Dancing

June 14: Strawberry Festival; Sunnyvale Singles
Caller: Vic Ceder

Jun. 25-28: 57th National Square Dance Convention
Wichita, Kansas
All levels of Square Dancing

Jul. 11: Firecracker Hoedown; Farmers & Farmerettes
Newark Pavilion
8:00 – 8:20 PM PreRounds: George Gardner
8:20 – 11:00 PM Caller: Jet Roberts

Jul. 12: Clodhoppers Hoedown
Peninsula Covenant Community Center, Redwood City
8:00 – 8:30 PM PreRounds: John Flora
8:30 – 10:45 PM Caller: Hunter Keller

Jul. 19: 50th Anniversary Dance; Lucky Steppers
Ben Lomond Slab
7:00 – 7:30 PM PreRounds with Sue Harris
8:00 PM Caller: **Harold Fleeman**

Jul. 26: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers
Ben Lomond Slab
Cuer; Sue Harris
Caller: Bill Silver

Aug. 2: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers
Ben Lomond Slab
Cuer: Sue Harris
Caller: Eric Henerlau

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NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN
Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!

- - January Class Level - -

Sat., July 12: Bows and Beaus Dance
7:30 – 10:00 PM, AMT-San José Studios
1717 Technology Dr., San José
Caller: Keith Ferguson

- - May Class Level - -

Fri., Aug. 22: Sunnyvale Singles Aloha Dance
7:30 – 10:00 PM, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
Caller: Kenny Carroll

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER --

Hi Katydids,

What a super start to my time as President! Thank you to all who have helped to make our evenings so much fun. That means all of you Club members who have supported our Katydoers that led to their graduation! Thanks to a few other "special people who made things run smoothly.

- First, **Jim**, of course, who has had a tough time of late but never failed to call with a smile and give friendly words of encouragement. Good to be working with you as our new class begins.
- Second, **Morris and Louise**, our Class Head Angels. Thank you for coordinating the class and the Graduation even with the late changes.
- Next, **Roger and Josie** who helped again, at short notice, and gave us fun times and food for thought; also **Harold and Lee** who stopped in to keep things flowing smoothly.
- Thanks to **Karl and Jackie** for their constant encouragement and links to CPSD. Many of our class members danced on Tuesdays at the Camden Community Center. I hope Katydids will support CPSD as class angels. **Roger** is going to call a Plus Workshop (APD), so this should prove challenging.

It was great to share an evening with members from the Square Hoppers. I hope we will make links with some of the other smaller clubs and help to promote Square Dancing as the Fun, Sociable, Health-giving activity we all know it to be.

Please note: Thank you to **Char**, our new Club Secretary, for fielding email messages. I do NOT use email! I prefer individual face-to-face conversation. Failing that, a telephone message will be answered usually within 8 hours. Please use email ONLY for blanket messages to Club members and do NOT swamp the Secretary with message for ME!

Thank you for your welcome. I have enjoyed so many years of Square Dancing and have met many friends so I am honored to be able to give something back.

Enjoy your dancing ... see ya in a square.

~ Roger

MINUTES**Executive In/Out Board Meeting**

May 1, 2008

President, Lloyd Darknell called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm at the home of Roger and Char Hemsley.

Roll Call:

Outgoing Officers: President, Lloyd Darknell; V.P, Bob Bennett; Secretary, Maxine Darknell; Treasurer, Don Powell; Publicity, Don Gaubatz, and Membership; Charlotte Pitts

Incoming Officers: President, Roger Hemsley; V.P. Stephanie Stevens; Secretary, Char Hemsley; Treasurer, Don Powell; Publicity, Don Gaubatz; Membership, Bob Bennett; and Chaplain, Charlotte Pitts

Absent: Outgoing Chaplain, June Helfrich

The minutes from the previous Board Meeting of March 7, 2008 were approved as published.

REPORTS:Officers:

1. President: No report
2. Vice-President: No report
3. Treasurer: Don P. distributed copies and explained the March report. He also explained the temporary report through the end of April.
4. Membership: Lloyd distributed a new Katydids Roster. Charlotte indicated there are 37 active members. (NOTE: This number includes John and Linda Caywood who were voted in at a "stand up" board meeting on April 18, and two inactive members, Sal and Louise Stagnitto.) Bob B., the incoming Membership Chairperson, will contact them with regard to their inactive status.
5. Chaplain: Absent.
6. Publicity: Don G. has updated an additional flyer for the upcoming class which starts May 30.

Committees:

1. Chirper: Stephanie said the Chirper deadline for the June issue is May 30.
2. Social: New member Linda Caywood has agreed to act as Social Chair for the upcoming year. It was suggested that she and Pat Angotti be Co-Social Chairs with Linda handling the local events and Pat the out-of-area events.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Katydids Annual Picnic on June 22, 2008: Bob provided a list of items required for the picnic, which was discussed and completed. There will be no charge for the Picnic but Katydids and Katydoers are expected to sign up on a list that Bob will make available to bring menu items required. Don G. will update the poster for the picnic. Stephanie suggested calling the Katydids Alumni to invite them to the picnic. She will contact Morris for names and addresses. It was also suggested that we invite Jackie Daemion and Karl Belser, Harold and Lee Fleeman, and Roger Smith and Josie Baumgartner as guests. Stephanie then excused herself from the meeting.
2. Installation Brunch Final Report: Charlotte said there were 30 members and two guests present. Everyone agreed that it was another successful brunch. Lloyd thanked Charlotte for organizing it.
3. Jim's Contract: A draft contract was presented by Lloyd for review. Members were asked to review and submit any minor changes to him. When completed, our new president, Roger, and our Caller, Jim, both will sign it.

Lloyd then turned the meeting over to the incoming Katydids President, Roger, so he could complete the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Class Graduation in May: A "completion of the Mainstream Class" party will be held on May 16, our regular party night, with Morris coordinating. Some Katydoers may not have learned all the calls yet, so it was suggested that Bob check with Morris to see what he and Jim think regarding the status of the class members. It was suggested that a special cake be provided for the event.
2. Hot August Nights: This newer dancer hoedown has been held for four years, but recently, other Clubs have scheduled events the same night or weekend. It was suggested that we check the dates of the Slab Dances before we set the date of our hoedown and perhaps check with Sunnyvale Singles. Roger said he would check the dates. Maxine said that we offer dancers the opportunity to bring their Square Dance Clothes to sell, and she volunteered to be in charge of the sale.

3. IRS Form 990L: Lloyd is following up on a new IRS Form which is required for non-profit corporations as of 2008 and will let the board know when he gets the information.
4. Appointed Positions: Roger needs to appoint a Super Square Head and speak to Pat Angotti and Linda Caywood about assuming the Co-Social Chairperson role. The appointed positions were discussed and will be revisited at a future time. Those who are continuing in appointed positions are: Chirper Editor, Stephanie Stevens; Class Head Angels, Morris and Louise Hosoda; and Web Master, Lloyd Darknell. Several Katydids serve as "Photographer" but other positions that need to be filled are: Historian (Louise Stagnitto?), Sweetheart Special 2009 Chair, and Picnic Chair 2009.
5. Prospective New Dancer: Roger said he had received a referral phone call from Jackie Daminano, President of Rockin' Jokers, who said a lady who had danced at a senior center was interested in joining a club. Roger phoned her and asked her to visit Katydids
6. Class Dance/Club Dance: Don G said that Bill Benevento had suggested that we start club nights with a Class dance, then a Club dance, then a Class dance, etc., which would enable us to keep all the people until 9:30 pm and allow the Class to learn by watching and keep them more interested. In order to let the Clubmembers know what dance group was participating, signs of "Class" or "Club" could be provided. As the current Class is almost completed, this proposal would have to be tabled for the next Class, if appropriate. Roger said he would discuss this with Jim.
7. Sweetheart Special Dance: This dance will be held on February 14, 2009. Bob will contact John Muir Middle School and contract for that date. Lloyd will contact Caller Randy Dibble to see if he is available for this event.

Agenda Items for the next Board Meeting are as follows:

1. Status of Appointed Positions
2. Hot August Nights, date?
3. Progress Report on Sweetheart Special Dance
4. IRS Form 990L

Next Party Night: May 16.

Next Board Meeting: After Club on June 6 at Char Pitt's home. [ed note: changed to June 5]

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Char Hensley

SPRING 2008 CLASS GRADUATION



Thank you Roger !!!



The Rope Dance



The No-hands dance



Jessica Fulke, Pat Angotti



Michael & Dory Clark



The Bag Dance

Photos courtesy of Don Gaubatz, John Caywood, Stephanie Stevens

CURLY'S DIARY



Hi friends,

Did you miss me ????

I hope so ... smile !

So, here I am, back again with new stories from good old Germany.

6 May 2008

Here I was, 9:00 A.M. with my stuff, waiting for my room in the hospital.

Okay, here is the story about the beginning —

Nine years ago I worked as an aquatic fitness instructor. One of my classes was for pregnant woman and their hubbies. Wow! So many men called and wanted to talk about problems.

Shortly before we moved to America, I invited every woman I ever trained to come for a big party ... of course with the baby. The newspaper came because there was a mother with twins. Believe it or not, I held babies over 4 hours in both arms.

Yep, it was great but ...my arm on the left side hurt a lot. Moved to the USA, the doctor told me I had a frozen shoulder, the chiropractor told me it was my neck, the internist told me it was my back and so on and so on.

In Germany the doc told me it is the neck, more exercise.

Willi kissed me good-bye and I entered my room. First, I have to tell you ...I heard her voice. The lady in the bed beside me told me she is from < NAPOLI >. And she talked, talked, and talked about her life. And, believe me her life is very intensive. So, I politely listened and then jumped in my bed.

So I took my book, happy for the time to read, but ...the door opened and 14 people came to the lady. Lady Napoli had lots of relatives. Everybody spoke but not with each other. Oops! And all the food, flowers, pictures and I was in the middle with my blanket over me.

The doctor came. He told me....ahem, he tried very hard...but <Lady Napoli> talked and talked. He stopped her and told me OK, you have to have an operation on your shoulder (the bonesroof is broken). So, we will be seeing each other at 12:00 noon.

Doc out, relatives in ... more and more, and more ... Gosh, is there anybody left in Italy ?????????????????? HELP !!!

Willi came after work, enter the room and couldn't find me on the first sign.

I was bushed and tired. The night was ... She was snoring, loud and all different sounds. The night nurse and me (I sat outside the room) laughed because you heard every single sound outside.

OK, she is a very lovely, nice lady and ...her brothers, sisters, kids, aunt and ... and. Very nice people.

Lady Napoli was brought into the Operating Theater at 8:00 A.M. I had surgery there at noon which took the doctor two hours to accomplish. After leaving the Recovery Room I went back to my room at 7:00 P.M.

10 May



Back home, difficult to do anything with only one hand and ... yup, now I feel helpless with only one arm , but happy because it is ONLY the shoulder.

Yeah, I'm right handed. I hope to be back to normal in 6 months

Soon more. Then I will write about our trip to

Thailand in January and the story about moving to the west side of Stuttgart

Miss you all a lot !!!

Hugs and kisses,

Curly

FROM MARY & ROD ---

05/02/08

Hello Friends and Family,

We spent March wandering through Texas and visiting with lots of friends and family. It just won't warm up enough farther north for us to travel very far – and with the price of diesel, that's okay with us!

When we finally forced ourselves to leave Tropic Star and “the Valley”, we decided to head up along the gulf coast of Texas. One highly recommended stop was the King Ranch – one of the largest in the US at nearly a million acres! We had a very interesting tour at the ranch, saw a



movie about the ranch history and holdings around the world, and got to speak to one of the ranch hands who had been there over 75 years! In

town (Kingsville) there was a good museum covering ranch history and the various personalities that built and ran it. After a couple of hours during which we missed a tremendous thunderstorm and the temperature dropped 24 degrees, we continued to Corpus Christie.

Corpus was a busy time – and the only place (even through April) where we felt that gas prices might be impacting the number of cars on the road. We visited the Texas State Aquarium (not state owned, it turns out), with its beautiful collection of jellies and a decent porpoise show. We also



spent an in-teresting but blustery afternoon aboard the USS Lexington with its aircraft collection and WW II & Vietnam exhibits. A tip from the campground host sent us to the Fulton Oyster Fest (great food and

music). The return trip brought a surprise: the “bridge” to Port Aransas turned out to be a free ferry run by TX Highways, covering about 250 yards! Lots of great seafood restaurants in the area, too.

Heading north toward Houston, we managed to have another tire problem just 15 miles up the road. This time a tread separated on one of the trailer tires. We at first didn't realize the problem, since when we looked back the tire was still holding air and looked intact. Further inspection revealed the “alligator” and resulting damage to the wheel well – again. (Fortunately, at least this time Goodyear accepted responsibility. Also, we found Discount Tire to be extremely helpful.) Later than we had planned (and in the rain we had hoped to avoid) we arrived near Lake Jackson. ...

We headed back inland and to the famous Texas “hill country” west of Austin. We (Mary) found a great little park in the Escapees directory with wonderful owners and interesting campers. A very eclectic rec room was the gathering site for several evening get-togethers, often including dinner. And there were two – TWO – great western dance halls within 15 minutes! A busy week here – we picnicked and hiked at Inks Lake State Park (SP), visited square dancers Don & Monica (whom we had met in MN) at Enchanted Rock SP where they were hosting, friend Stacey joined us for a Longhorn Caverns SP tour ... sampled a Fall Creek Winery, and enjoyed a surprise afternoon at the Nightingale Archeological Center.

Heading north we squeaked in a visit and dinner with Mary's cousin Chuck (father of ... Amber) in Blanket. Then we headed back to Fort Worth, taking advantage of the time required for damage estimates to visit with friends and former co-workers at Lockheed ... for great B-B-Q at Angelo's. Oh yeah, got to show off the camera feature of my new I-Phone, too. We dined and round danced with Leslie at Swingtime and had a reat lunch prepared by Carol and Walt Kraatz. We took care of doctor visits and routine truck maintenance so everything is ready for our summer trip to the northern plains.

Turns out it will take weeks for the trailer parts to arrive, so we took off to Lubbock where we stayed at a wonderful Elks Lodge facility – only the second time we've taken advantage of that benefit. Chuck's ... daughter Amber lives nearby with husband Alex and daughter Alysia (pictured @ 7 months) and we were able to enjoy a great dinner with



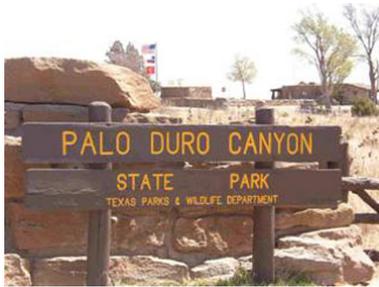
them. Alysia also took quite a liking to our Polka chicken-dancing chicken. As we find all too often, the two western dance locations we expected to find in Lubbock had closed, but we did track down the Chances 'R', which

has a great dance floor and not many dancers there on Thursday night – perfect for us!

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Heading north – but still in Texas! – we relocated to Palo Duro SP. This is one of our favorite places, having stopped



here before in the summer when it is much hotter but that’s also when they put on the great “Texas” outdoor stage play. Don’t miss either the park or the play if you get anywhere near Amarillo. We hiked

a couple of days and did a little biking. Weather in March was great – warm days and very cool evenings, and the Spring winds hadn’t started yet. I could go on and on about this park, but the pictures do an even better job. (See our trailer in the picture; we love those big back yards!)



During April we’ll stay in Texas mostly – have to get back through Ft. Worth to fix the tire damage. Then we’ll work our way toward southern Colorado where we have an RCI timeshare reserved for May 4-11 in Pagosa Springs. Then we’ll be heading through Nebraska for Memorial Day and into the Badlands of South Dakota for June. Let us know if you’re going to be in these areas – or if you’ve been there and have suggestions for us! Give us a call; we’d love to hear from y’all.

Since I’m a little behind in this newsletter, I’ll cheat and tell you we took a short-notice trip to Boston in April to see granddaughter Madison – here’s the reward!



Mary & Rod

817-308-5991 or marymonti@aol.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

- Ray Mensing June 06
- Annie Bennett June 09
- Sal Stagnitto June 09
- Morris Hosoda June 21
- Jim Osborne June 25

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REMEMBER: The Church has asked us to park in the lot at the END of our dance hall, not in the lot closest to the street!

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Get your mouths watering for a yummy BBQ especially prepared by our own Bob Bennett and his crew of helpers! Sign up TODAY!

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!

- Michael & Dory Clark June 28

ROCKIN' JOKERS

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KATYDIDS



Saturday, May 3rd

Dinner at Fresh Choice

Play at Golfland

Pig-out at Baker's Square or Cocos

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FUN! FUN! FUN!



Photos courtesy of John Caywood

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The Katydid's Square Dance Club is co-sponsored by the Cupertino Parks & Recreation Department.

Picnic

**Katydids Square Dance
Club**

**Sunday
June 22**

**Central Park
Santa Clara**

909 Kiely Blvd

**11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Eating at Noon**



I can't eat anything - I'm stuffed

Members bring:

Appetizers
Salad/side dishes
(with serving spoons/forks)
Chairs
Plates and utensils
Drinks (special if desired)

Club provides:

Hamburgers
Hotdogs
Polish sausage
Drinks
Condiments



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