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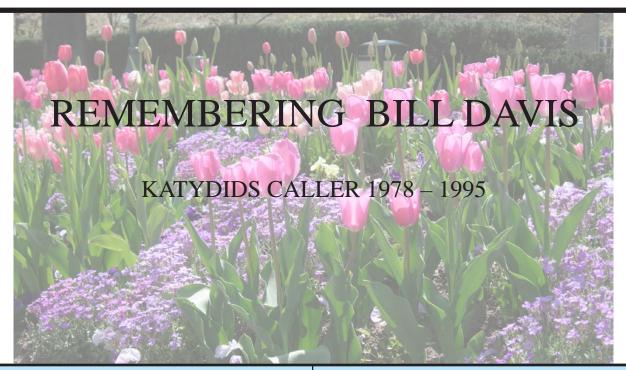


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START YOUR WEEKENDS RIGHT ... DANCE WITH THE KATYDIDS ON FRIDAY NIGHT!



	CLUB CALENDAR	www.katydids.info	
Fri., Mar 6:	Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 9:30 PM, PLUS WORKSHOP SIGN UP NOW: *Bus trip to San Francisco, April 25 <sup>th</sup> *Food choices for March 29 <sup>th</sup> Hoedown	Sun., Mar. 29:	Bill Davis Memorial Hoedown John Muir Middle School 1:00 – 4:00 PM Come celebrate Bill's life. Our Club is responsible for food; be there by 12:30 PM
Sun., Mar. 08:	Executive Board Meeting 6:30 PM at the Stevens' home	Fri., Apr. 03:	Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 9:30 PM, PLUS WORKSHOP Chirper distributed
Fri., Mar. 13:	Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 9:30 PM, PLUS WORKSHOP	Fri., Apr. 10:	Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 9:30 PM, PLUS WORKSHOP
Fri., Mar. 20:	Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 6:30 PM Light spaghetti supper; bring a salad to share. 7:15 – 9:30 PM, PLUS WORKSHOP	Fri., Apr. 17:	Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 9:30 PM, PLUS WORKSHOP
	**PARTY NIGHT** Wear GREEN .	Sun., Apr. 19:	**SAVE THE DATE** Installation Brunch 11:30 - 3:00 PM at Michael's at Shoreline
Fri., Mar. 27:	Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 9:30 PM, PLUS WORKSHOP	Sat., Apr. 25:	<b>Bus trip to Castro District</b> of SF led by Gary Holloway. <i>Next trip</i> : May 30 <sup>th</sup> .

## SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Acting Super Square Head Lloyd Darknell (408) 482-9320

Mar. 06...... Clark
Mar. 13...... Helfrich
Mar. 20...... Caywood
Mar. 27...... Kernan

Apr. 03 ...... Anderson Apr. 10 ...... Pitts / Powell Apr. 17 ...... Darknell

Apr. 24 ...... Angotti / Gaubatz

May. 01 ...... Willey
May. 08 ...... Shaney
May 15 ...... Wies / Hea
May 22 ...... Moore / Franger

May 29 ...... Bennett

#### On Dance Night PRIOR to your duty night:

 Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into Club Cupboard. Notify the Acting Super Square Head, Lloyd Darknell, at (408) 482-9320, 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. Note: Chairs should be set up in a horseshoe shape with an opening at the back for access to food & drinks.
- 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 sign-in table.
- Offer raffle tickets, 5 tickets for \$1.00.
- Have guests sign guest book and collect a \$4.00 donation per guest and 'angels'.
- 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: Clean up!! Remove non-recyclable trash accidentally tossed into 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".

## UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS — PLUS LEVEL —

#### Mar. 6-8: Central Calif. Square Dance Assn Wing Ding

Caller: Jet Roberts, Mike Kellogg, Bob Baier Cuer: Marlene & Leo Humphreys, Milo Molitoris, Cindra Firstenburg

#### Mar. 6-8: Solvang Spring Fling

Veterans Memorial Bldg

Callers: Ken Bower, Buddy Weaver

Cuer: Karen MacDonald

#### Mar. 14: Pot of Gold Hoedown; Clodhoppers

Peninsula Covenant Comm. Ctr 3623 Jefferson, Redwood City 7:30 – 8:00 PM, PreRounds: John Flora & Dolores Ferrero

8:00 – 10:30 PM, Caller: Lawrence Johnstone Hardwood Floor!!

#### Mar. 20-22: Bakersfield Fiesta

Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield Callers: Bob Baier, Ken Bower, Darryl Lipscomb,

Mike Seastrom

Cuers: Robert French & CJ Smith, Barbara & Wayne Blackford, Neil & Lee Booth, Oberdan & Vanessa Otto

#### Mar. 28: Sunnyvale Singles' Ghost Riders Hoedown

John Muir Middle School

7:00 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: George Gardner 8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Eric Henerlau and The Ghost Riders Live Band

#### Apr. 4: Circus Circus; Rockin' Jokers

John Muir Middle School

7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: John Flora 8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Charlie Robertson

#### May 8-10: Silver State Festival

Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV

Callers: Tim Mariner, John Marshall, Dan Nordbye Cuers: Joy & Kay Read, Curt & Tammy Worlock Contact: www.SquareDanceNevada.com

#### May 16: Black and White Ball; Krazy Dazys

John Muir Middle School

7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris 8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: **Jim Osborne** 

#### May 22–24: Golden State Round Up

Callers: Charlie Robertson, Randy Dougherty, Ron Libby, Phil Farmer

Cuer: TJ & Bruce Chadd

#### June 29: 58th National Square Dance Convention Long Beach Convention Center

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#### **NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN**

Be an angel - Support our newest dancers!!

- - September Class Level - -

Sat., Mar. 7: Spring Fling Hoedown; Sunnyvale Singles

> John Muir Middle School 8:00 – 10:15 PM Caller: Eric Henerlau

- - January Class Level - -

Sat., Apr. 18: Bows & Beaus John Muir Middle School 7:30 – 10:00 PM

From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti --

#### **Triple Chocolate Cake**

1 package devils food cake mix

1 package (4.5 oz) chocolate instant pudding & pie filling

1 package (6 oz) semi-sweet chocolate chips

1 1/4 cups water

1/4 cup vegetable oil

2 eggs

Heat oven to 350°.

Mix all ingredients in ungreased oblong pan,

13x9x2 inches, with fork, scraping corners

frequently, until moistened.

Stir batter vigorously with fork 1 minute, scrape sides with rubber spatula.

Spread batter evenly in pan.

Bake until top springs back when touched lightly in center, 40 to 45 minutes; cool.

Loosen cake from sides; cut and serve directly from pan.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Denis Moore	<b>Mar. 11</b>
Jenny Andersen	<b>Mar. 17</b>
Louise Hosoda	<b>Mar. 29</b>
Char Pitts	<b>Mar. 30</b>
John Caywood	Mar. 31

#### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER - -

Hi Katydids,

How can it be March all ready!?! Seems just like yesterday that we were congratulating ourselves on a job well done in putting on our very successful annual Sweetheart Special. Thank you again to all who participated with such enthusiasm. I particularly want to thank **Jim** for his great job as Master of Ceremonies and **Lloyd & Maxine Darknell** for hosting Randy Dibble over that weekend in their home.

Our new Dance-By-Definition Plus Workshop is going well under the artful guidance of our gem of a caller, **Jim**. It was also great to see **Opal Hebson** last Friday looking great and getting stronger every day.

Included in this issue of the *Chirper* is a flyer announcing the details of the next Katydids bus trip organized under the expert direction of **Pat Angotti**. The trip will take place on Saturday, April 25th when we will be visiting the Castro District of San Francisco as well as our tour guide's, Gary Holloway, 1875 Victorian home complete with a collection of 1500 tea and cocoa tins. Lunch will be at the Sausage Factory. Contact **Pat** immediately to secure your reservation. Seats are limited to 35 and are going fast!

We are planning to do something a bit different for the March Party Night. We will be having a simple spaghetti dinner prior to dancing beginning about 6:30PM. Please bring a salad to share. Thank you, **Linda Caywood**, for setting up this sure-to-be fun "twist" to our usual party nights.

Then, just to make the month more interesting, the Katydids Club is responsible for the refreshments for the Bill Davis Celebration of Life Hoedown on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. As with our Sweetheart Special, all members are being asked to provide either food items or cash to purchase same for this special event. **Maxine Darknell** and I are coordinating the refreshments and hope to have a sign-up sheet tonight. We need to arrive by 12:30 PM to help set up.

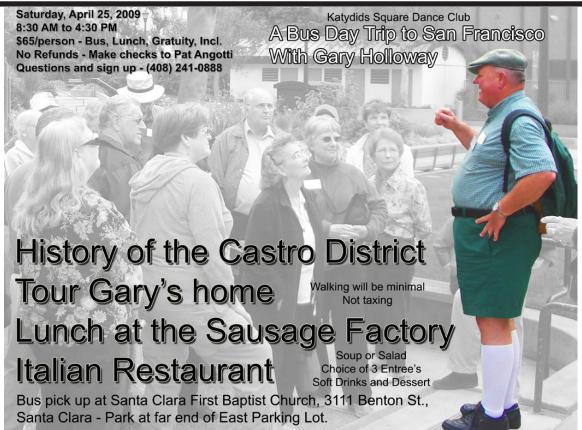
I want to especially thank all of you who have stayed after dancing on Friday nights to help clean up and put things away. Our evening square head hosts are most appreciative!!

Looking forward, elections are coming up. The Nominating Committee has been working on a slate of officers. Please help **Bob Bennett** or myself accomplish our quest to locate volunteers for working with our fine Club.

See you in a square soon!

### Stephanie

**Help New Dancers!** Attend CPSD's current class on Thursday nights at the Camden Community Center, 3369 Union Ave. from 6:30 to 8:45 PM each Thursday night. They are learning Plus now.





Dear Kalydids,

Thank you for all your kind

words and thoughts. I want you

all to know what a joy it was for

Bill to call for your group. He

truly loved square dancing— calling,

lancing, teaching dancers, teaching

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Interacting with your group

was one of the biggest pleasure he

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had amongst all that fur.

Thanks for caring and for

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Soffie Davis



**February 14, 2009** 

Katydids' 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweetheart Special

John Muir Middle School

Caller: Randy Dibble Cuer: Sue Harris MC: Jim Osborne





















Photographs courtesy of John Caywood, Pat Angotti & Don Powell

















## **Bill Davis** 1923 – 2009

Bill Davis loved square dancing. He loved dancing, calling, teaching dancers, teaching callers, and analyzing and writing choreography. For a basic nerd and introvert, Bill became an amazingly social creature when he entered the world of square dance.

Bill began square dancing around 1953. In 1955 he decided to try calling. He often said that the first time he heard himself on tape was very nearly the last time he called. However, he persevered; and by 1956 he was calling for two clubs – the Menlo Wrecks (1956-58) and the Hot Timers of Monterey (1956-60). A succession of mainstream then plus clubs followed including Nags & Stags (Palo Alto 1958-60), Sunnyvale Single Squares (1959-60), Pacifica Seasiders (1960-70), Belleswingers (Sunnyvale 1968-70), Road Runners (San Mateo 1970-78), and the Katydids (San Jose 1978-95).

Bill also called for a series of Advanced and Challenge workshops and clubs. These included Challenge Squares of Sunnyvale (1962-65), Tri-Star Swingers (Redwood City 1972), Jack of Clubs (Concord 1975-76), Square Chics (SSF 1974-78), and Top 8s (1972-95). Eventually, he was calling weekly programs of Mainstream through C-1 and teaching classes at all those levels.

Bill was co-founder in 1958 of the Santa Clara Valley Callers Association. He was also a long-time member of Square Dance Callers Association of Northern California. He served in various years as Program Chairman for the Santa Clara Valley Jubilee and as Coordinator of the Challenge Dance Program for the NorCal Golden State Round-up. He was regularly



voted a Top Ten caller in both the Santa Clara Valley and the NorCal region.

Bill was a featured caller at many festivals and often was asked to conduct caller seminars and caller training schools for other caller associations. Most of his travels were limited to the western U.S. and Canada until he retired from his full time job at Lockheed in 1989.

Bill was a pioneer in technical aspects of contemporary square dance calling, presenting papers on sight calling as early as 1964. He attended his first Callerlab convention in 1974. After that he worked tirelessly on its Board of Governors and on numerous committees including the Mainstream Basics, Quarterly Selections, Think Tank, and Ad Hoc. He also served as chairman of the Formations, Advanced Definitions, Challenge Definitions, and the Board of Governors Program Policy Committees. He was a Callerlab Caller Coach, and he received the Callerlab Milestone Award (for outstanding contributions to square dancing) in 1989. In 1995 he was honored with the Callerlab Lifetime Member Gold Card

Bill's heavy involvement in caller training dated from 1974 when he and Bill Peters joined forces for an annual caller school – first in Colorado and later in Las Vegas. Davis also taught several ten-week sight calling courses for callers in the San Francisco Bay Area. After Bill Peters retired, Davis taught a number of Bay Area caller schools with Kip Garvey.

In 1972 Bill published his first book: Symmetric Choreography and Sight Calling. He subsequently published editions called The Extemporaneous Caller and The Sight Caller's Textbook. It was while writing the first book that Bill began developing the idea of using Formation, Arrangement, Sequence, and Relationship for describing square dance set-ups and devised a complete symbol system for depicting choreo-states. These concepts were eventually adopted by Callerlab.

Bill was a prolific writer. He wrote regularly for American Square Dance and Sets In Order magazines as well as having a syndicated column in over 20 regional square dance magazines throughout the U.S., Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. In 1972 he began yearly publication of his Top Ten series on choreography. These morphed into The Big Five dictionaries of square dance definitions and usage. In 1972 he also began publishing a national caller's note service under the auspices of the Santa Clara Valley Callers Association. At its peak, this service had over 1,000 subscribers across the U.S. and in nine other countries.

All these activities came to an abrupt halt in May, 1995. Following surgery on a carotid artery Bill had a massive stroke that left him without the use of his right arm and hand, severely limited his speech, and destroyed his ability to spell so that he could no longer write.

Not all of Bill's time and talents were devoted to square dancing. After years as a fierce competitor on basketball and volleyball courts (particularly two-men beach volleyball), Bill discovered handball. He won nearly 50 trophies in handball tournaments. He originated and coordinated for 10 years the Labor Day Handball Tournament for the San Jose YMCA and guided it to national prominence. In 1992 he was inducted into the Northern California Handball Hall of Fame. He also made yearly backpacking excursions in the Sierras from his teens until 1990, when his knees said, "Enough!".

Square dancing was Bill's dearly loved avocation; handball was his favorite hobby; and engineering was his calling in life. He was born in L.A., grew up in Glendale and was graduated from CalTech with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He then went to Annapolis and served in the navy until the end of WWII. At that time he returned to CalTech and earned a Master's in Physics. While working at Lockheed designing missile guidance systems, he earned a PhD in Electrical Engineering at Stanford. He retired in 1989 after 42 years in the aerospace industry and after making numerous notable contributions to the U.S. space program.

In his private life, Bill was a devoted, gentle, and loving husband and father. He died of pneumonia on January 28, four months after having a second stroke. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, six daughters, four sons-in-law, eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

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# BILL DAVIS, NEW KATYDID CALLER, BRINGS IMPRESSIVE CREDENTIALS



Bill Davis (William R.), newly elected Katydid caller, is also an author, teacher, scientist, and sportsman. Of primary importance to club dancers, of course, is his scuare-dance background. His credentials are impressive

#### SQUARE DANCE AUTHOR

For openers, he is a square-dance author of wide recute. Since his first book, <u>Symmetric Choreography</u> and <u>Sight Calling</u> in 1972, he has written articles for the two rational square-dance magazines, published a yearly volume of his <u>Top Ten</u> series on choreography, and published a national caller's note service under the ausplished a national caller's note service under the ausplices of the Santa Clara Valley Caller's Association. He has authored three chapters for the <u>Sets in Order</u> caller's textbook.

#### CALLER SINCE 1956

Bill's calling experience dates from 1956 as caller for two clubs: Menlo Wrecks, Menlo Park (1956--1958); and Hot Timers, Monterey (1956--1960). A succession of mainstream clubs followed: Nags & Stags, Palo Alto (1958--1960); Sunnyvale Single Squares, SV (1959--1960); Seasiders, Pacifica (1960--1970); Belleswingers, SV (1968--1970); and the San Mateo Roadrunners (1970 to present).

#### WORKSHOP GROUPS

In addition to club calling, Bill has called for a series of workshop groups: Challenge Squares, SV (1962-965); Tri-Star Swingers, Redwood City (1972); Jack of Cubs, Concord (1975-1976); Top 8s, Los Altos (1972 present); and Square Chicks, South San Francisco 1974 to present).

#### SIGHT CALLING

During the last five years, he has conducted sight-calling clinics for caller's associations in California, Utah, Washington, and Nevada. And for the past two years, he has taught 10-week sight-calling courses for callers in the Bay Area. This year (1978) will be his fourth year on the staff of Bill Peter's Caller's School (Las Vegas), specializing in choreography and sight calling. He has served as featured caller at festivals, is an active participant in Callerlab (serving on the Mainstream Basics, Quarterly Experimentals, and Level-Identification committees), and is a member of the newly formed Callerlab "Think Tank."

#### HANDBALL EXPERT

Not all of Bill's time and talents are devoted to square dancing. He has won over 40 trophies in handball tournaments. He originated, and conducted for 10 years, the Labor Day Handball Tournament for the San Jose YMCA. Opposing players say he is also a formidable opponent on the basketball and volleyball courts. And several times a year, he takes off on back-packing excursions in the high Sierras.

#### HOLDS DEGREES

To complete the picture, Bill was born in Los Angeles, grew up in Glendale, served in the Navy, graduated from Cal Tech with a Bachelor's degree in Electronic Engineering (EE), a master's degree in Physics, and a PhD (EE) from Stanford. He works for Lockheed, Sunnyvale, as a Program Engineer.

#### FAMILY

He married the former Bobbie Berry in May, 1972. He has six daughters (aged 31 to 1), two sons-in-law and two grandsons.

He presently lives with his wife, Bobbie, and children, Kimberly, 3, and one-year-old Tracey, at 180 N. Castanya Way, Menlo Park, but is planning to move to a new home at 1359 Belleville Way, Sunnyvale.

#### REPLACES KENNY STEEN

Bill was elected Katydid caller from among several candidates evaluated by the club membership. He replaces Kenny Steen who resigned last August. **MARCH 1978** 

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**BOBBIE DAVIS** 

## MS. BOBBIE DAVIS ADDS CHARM, GRACE, TO KATYDID CLUB

Bobbie Davis (née Berry) learned to square dance in a Palo Alto apartment building carport with a group that eventually formed the Bows and Beaus square-dance club. She married Bill in 1972 after work careers in teaching, editing, and administration.

#### HOLDS BS FROM TEXAS A&I

Born in Arkansas, Bobbie spent much of her early life in Corpus Christi, Texas. Her Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas A&I is in English and Education, with minors in Sociology and History.

#### TAUGHT SCHOOL

She taught school in Watsonville, California in 1962 before moving to Palo Alto, where she taught three grade levels of English, History, Journalism, and Drama at Wilbur Junior High School.

#### WENT TO VIETNAM

Bobbie resigned her teaching position in 1968 to serve as Service Club Director for the Army in Vietnam. She returned in 1969 to work as an Administrative Assistant for a financial counseling firm.

#### EDITOR FOR TIME-LIFE

A timely offer then sent her off to New York as a copy editor for the Book Division of Time-Life. She returned to California to seek employment as a technical editor, but after renewing her acquaintance with Bill, they decided to marry.

#### NOW BUSY AT HOME

Now Bobbie's editing proclivities are centered around the square dance caller's note service and books on choreography and sight calling. Between times, she says, she tries to keep up with the house, one-year-old Tracey, three-year-old Kimberly, and her husband, Bill.

## CALLER SELECTION RESULT OF MEMBER, COMMITTEE EFFORT

by Dave Paul

With Kenny Steen's resignation last August, Pres. Janet Wessels established a Caller's Committee consisting of Kraig Benson, Snooks Engelhaupt and Dave Paul to focus the club's efforts in selecting a new caller.

#### AVOIDED MISTAKES

The group quickly sought whatever guidance was available. The "Silver Dollars," recently faced with a similar problem, were an especially good source of "dos" and "don'ts." Since they had to repeat their search after a short trial, we were anxious to avoid some of their mistakes. Local callers and experienced club members suggested qualified prospects and pointed out selection pitfalls.

#### SCHEDULED GUESTS

With the "word on the street" about our problem and some candidates in mind, "all" we had to do was schedule guest appearances and auditions. Kraig singlehandedly made all arrangements for callers during the entire selection period.

#### CLUB MEMBERS FILL FORMS

It soon became apparent that some form of "scoring" would be a helpful means of formulating club member's opinions about the prospective callers. The committee's "opinion poll" (over 90% responded) reflected an honest attempt to rate each prospective caller on the basis of his performance and of his longer range potential as a caller for the Katydids. The committee felt this "bit of form filling" helped members to focus on the critical issues and to consolidate their opinions.

#### BILL ACCEPTS OFFER

Bill's substantial backing in the final tally and his acceptance of the club's offer were most gratifying—this was one committee happy to be disbanded.

#### DAVE RECAPS

Ed note: Dave's accurate oral recap of the group's effort (with the help of colored "flip charts") showed club members how the selection was made.

# A Dance Celebrating the Life of...

## **Guest Callers:**

Gary Carnes
Harold Fleeman, MC
Eric Henerlau
Jim Osborne
Roger Smith
Vicki Woods
Jim Wylie



Square Dance
Caller & Teacher:
Katydids
Top 8's Advanced
Top 8's Challenge

**Plus Dance** 

## **Guest Cuer:**

John Flora



John Muir Middle School 1260 Branham Lane, San Jose Sunday, March 29, 2009 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

(See Map on reverse side)

Questions: Bobbie Davis - 408-736-5624

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Copy **deadline** for the April issue is **March 27**<sup>th</sup> You can submit articles to the *Chirper* 

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