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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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

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DAILY NEWS

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CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Mar. 07: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
7:00 – 9:30 PM **BEGINNER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri., Mar. 14: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
7:00 – 9:30 PM **BEGINNER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri. Mar 21: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
****PARTY NIGHT**** Wear Green and bring
food to share.
9:35 PM Executive Board Meeting
7:00 – 9:30 PM **BEGINNER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri., Mar. 28: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
7:00 – 9:30 PM **BEGINNER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri., Apr. 04: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
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7:00 – 9:30 PM **BEGINNER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri., Apr. 11: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:00 PM; Club Dancing
9:00 PM **General Meeting; ELECTIONS**
7:00 – 9:30 PM **BEGINNER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri., Apr. 18: **DARK**

Fri., Apr. 25: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; **BEGINNER'S CLASS** Dancing
with the Katydids

Sun., Apr. 27: **SAVE THE DATE** Installation
Brunch at Michael's at Shoreline in
Mountain View.

Fri., May 30: FREE 5th Friday Hoedown for new dancers

Sun., Jun. 01: **SAVE THE DATE** Annual Club Picnic
and Reunion

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

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

Mar. 07Steele, J / Clark
Mar. 14Steele, B & L
Mar. 21Franger / Moore
Mar. 28Caywood

Apr. 04Matolyak / McManus
Apr. 11Hebson
Apr. 18DARK
Apr. 25Hastings / Wies

May 02Gray / Pitts
May 09Wilhelmsen
May 16Shaney / Stevens, Skip
May 23Smart / Krulee
May 30Willey

Before the dance:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, 408-871-9525 of any needed changes 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 member 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 Quarter Masters, Gary or Sue De Lapp, 408-446-1910 of any supplies needed.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS Plus Level Dances

Mar. 8: Ghost Riders Hoedown, Sunnyvale Squares
John Muir Middle School
7:00 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: George Gardner
8:00 – 10:30PM; Caller: Eric Henerlau

Mar. 14-16: Fiesta, USDA
Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield
Callers: David Heffron, Tony Oxendine, JetRoberts, Sylvia Roberts, Charlie Robertson
Cuers: Rey & Sherry Garza, Kristine & Bruce Nelson, Chuck & Doreene Ball

Mar. 22: Circus Circus; Rockin' Jokers
7:30 – 8:00 PM PreRounds: Sue Harris
8:00 – 11:00 PM

Mar. 29: Presidents' Ball; Whing Ding, SCVCA/SCVSDA
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
7:30 - 10:15 PM;
Jim Osborne, Joe Gonzalez, Vicki Woods, and Sue Harris

Apr. 5: General Dance; SCVSDA
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
7:30 – 10:00 PM; Callers: Bob Elling, Harlan Kerr

Apr. 11-13: California State Square Dance Convention
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock
Callers: Shane Greer, Jimmy Robertson, Joe Saltel, Tony Oxendine
Cuers: Sharon & Cassey Parker, Ron & Mary Nobel, Christine & Bruce Nelson

Apr. 12: Circle and Squares Hoedown
Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave, Santa Rosa
7:30 – 8:00 PM, PreRounds: Jeanne VanBlaracom
8:00 – 10:30 PM, Caller: Jim Ostone

Apr. 17: Gary Carnes' 70th Birthday Celebration
Washington Park
840 W. Washington Ave., Sunnyvale
7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds
8:00 – 10:00 PM; Squares
No gifts, please.

Apr. 19: Farmers & Farmerettes Hoedown
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: George Gardner
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Hunter Keller

May 3: Black & White Ball, Krazy Dazys
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Jim Osborne8

Jun 25-29: National Square Dance Convention
Little Rock, AR

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER
(or "As I See It!")



I won't repeat the fantastic report that Morris gives in this issue of the *Chirper*. Suffice it to say, we miss our members who are on leave of absence, I extend my personal kudos to all our members whose efforts made our 2014 Sweetheart Special memorable to all our guests (especially to **Parker Willey** as SHS Chairperson, to our caller, **Jim Osborne**, for serving as Master of Ceremonies, and to **Linda Caywood** whose hard work on the raffle made the difference between profit and loss on the event!) And **Bob Steele**: I would never have guessed you were such a romantic! Your surprise for **Lisa** with a Valentine's Day barbershop quartet was a hit for everyone in attendance at Club on the 14th. It will be hard for any of us gents to top that act!

However, time marches on and there are a number of topics for me to address. First of all, I am proud to announce that we have reserved the Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church again for the 2015 Valentine's Day Sweetheart Special hoedown. That's right, our hoedown will be on February 14th, Valentine's Day! Thank you **Char Pitts** for securing the reservation. As early as possible, we will want to focus our publicity activity to take advantage of the concurrent Valentine's Day Celebration.

Second, that leads me to my making an appeal for candidates for the next Executive Board. **Parker Willey** (Vice President) and **Char Pitts** (Publicity) have indicated that they will not run for a position on the Executive Board this year. At this point, I AM the Nominating Committee for candidates for our Club elections to be held Friday, April 11th. The Club needs Executive Board officers; the Club cannot function without good people providing sound decisions on the direction that the Club will take.

Remember my column last month? "Are You Getting What You Pay For?" The Club needs YOUR help to make sure we do! Please consider what special skills you can bring to our Executive Board, and approach ME with your candidacy for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or Publicity. "I am not good at twisting arms!" (I can get really ugly and confrontational if I have to 'twist arms'!) If you are not willing to serve as an officer of the Club, at least tell me when you will serve as an appointed Chairperson for one of the other multiple activities that occur over the course of the Club year. (Remember that the Vice President

of our club is designated as the Chairperson for the Sweetheart Special Hoedown preparations; however, he may delegate some of the responsibilities for that function).

Many older members of the Club (number of years with the Club and not necessarily age) have served in one or more positions on the Executive Board. Is it time for YOU to serve again, or serve anew?

Third, we will be having our Annual Club Picnic and Reunion at the City of Santa Clara's Central Park this year on Sunday, June 1st. **Lloyd Darknell** has agreed to Chair this event (as he has done many times previously). He deserves your personal thanks for stepping up to the task of making our picnic and reunion a very special day. But they (**Lloyd and Maxine**) will need help making sure that all Club members (particularly alumni) are contacted to make them aware of the event, to decide what sidedishes will be brought (the club provides the beverages and meat – we will need BBQ cooks), and to pickup of Club provided supplies. As I said, "Many hands make for an easier task."

Okay, I am emotionally 'twisting your arm' to do your part (again, if necessary)! None of the positions are especially taxing if EVERYONE chips in to do their part. I would rather extend my hand as a 'Thank You' gesture than grabbing for your elbow!

Finally, I cannot overstate the contributions that **Jane Bishop** has made to the well being of our Club. She has been a principal supporter of publicizing our activities to the rest of the Silicon Valley square dance community as well as bringing news of their events to our attention. She is also a welcome and accomplished dancer and contributes to fun in the squares she is in! For these reasons, particularly as an associate publicist and good friend, your Executive Board chose to surprise her at Club on February 21st with the honorary title of "Ambassador for Square Dancing" and with free guest dancer privileges in perpetuity with the Katydid.

Sincerely,

Skip

skip.stevens@comcast.net
408-761-6588

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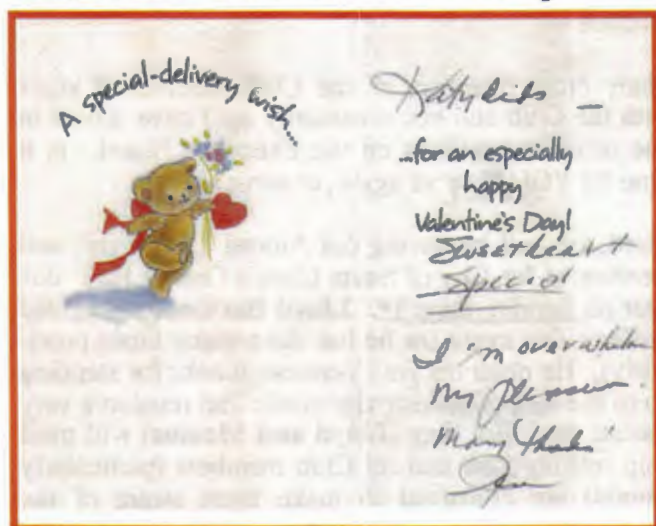
YouTube Video – – ENJOY!!

From *The I Love Lucy Show* - Square Dancing in the Jailhouse:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fstk6DXwNQg>

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Received from Jane Bishop



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A BIT OF HUMOR ...

It's so good to finally get a health warning that is useful!

DON'T USE SHAMPOO IN THE SHOWER!

I don't know why I didn't figure this out sooner. I use shampoo in the shower! When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning:

"FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME."

No wonder I have been gaining weight! Well, I have gotten rid of that shampoo, and I am going to start showering with Dawn dish soap instead. Its label reads:

"DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE."

Problem solved! If I don't answer the phone, I'll be in the shower.

From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti - -

APPLE-CINNAMON CAKE

- 1 box Betty Crocker SuperMoist spice cake mix
- 1 can (21 oz) apple pie filling
- 3 eggs
- 3 T. sugar
- 1 t. ground cinnamon

- Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or nonstick pan). Grease bottom only of 13x9 inch pan with shortening or cooking spray
- In a large bowl, beat cake mix, pie filling and eggs with electric mixer on low speed 2 minutes (batter will be thick). Spread half of the batter in pan.
- In a small bowl, mix sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon, sprinkle half of the mixture over batter. Spread remaining batter in pan, sprinkle with remaining cinnamon sugar.
- Bake 32 to 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely in pan on cooling rack about 1 hour.

Optional:

- Garnish individual pieces with whipped topping and additional cinnamon. Store loosely covered. Or, top with a scoop of toasted butter pecan ice cream and drizzle with caramel topping.

From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti - -

LEMON POPPY SEED CAKE

- Preheat oven to 350°F
- Grease & flour a 13x9x2 inch pan

Cake:

- 1 pkg (18.25 oz) lemon cake mix
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/3 c. water
- 1/3 c. vegetable oil
- 1/4 c. poppy seeds

- In a large mixer bowl, combine cake mix, eggs, water and oil. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Stir in poppy seeds. Spread batter in prepared pan.
- Bake approximately 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool.

Chirper Chatter...



From her orthopedic surgeon's orders, **Janis Parsons** is taking the month of March off...no dancing. Evidently, her recovery from her bunion operation is not progressing to his liking. All is not so bad; she has his permission to return to driving...

Morris Hosoda played senior softball in Palm Springs Wednesday to Friday, Feb. 12-14, played 5 games and the Director awarded us co-champions. He



was able to go see the Last Hurrah performance of the Palm Spring Follies on Wednesday night. After the last performance in May, the cast is calling it quits, not because of lack of attendance or support but because the man behind all this, Riff Markowitz, is retiring.

Morris also attended the Andrew Brothers musical show at the Annenberg Theater on Thursday afternoon...

Lisa Steele was surprised with a Barbershop Quartet singing to her on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, arranged surreptitiously by her hubby, Bob...



I have to share this story of my friend, George Holser, who died Feb. 10. I met him while working at IBM and he retired from IBM in 1979 but he retired earlier from the Air Force. I would like to think that I had a hand in selecting his new passion...square dancing. He became a caller and enjoyed teaching square dancing in local schools. He was so passionate with square dancing that he developed into a true Ambassador for square dancing. He was very active during the period when many were involved in square dancing to get congress to recognize Square Dancing as our national Folk Dance. He went to Washington, DC many times to lobby for this cause. His home club was the Lucky Steppers.

Katydoer Square Dance Class

All of the responsible people waited anxiously for people to show up on Friday's opening night of our

new satellite class being held at the Resurrection Lutheran Church which started Feb. 21. The Katydids staff consisted of teacher/caller **Roger Smith**, assisted by **Val Patterson** and **Pat Angotti**. Head Angels **Morris** and **Louise Hosoda** was also present. It seems that **Roger, Val** and **Pat** have a strong base of supporters (or Angels) that show up to help fill in needed spots.

When the class people started to come in, **Morris** was surprised to see that the first 6 class people were women. We had to use several women angels fill the man's part. We had 10 angels and 27 class members and had 4 squares all night long.

On Friday, Feb. 28, we had 5 squares counting the angels. I do not have the breakdown for this night but did notice that several new dancers from the previous Friday did not show up. **Roger** announced that we will have one more free night and the fee becomes \$5 per night or \$15 for 4 nights.

I would say that the first two nights show signs of encouragement but the real test will be when they have to pay. With the support **Roger** is getting from his followers, I would say Katydids are not needed to be angeling but you are certainly welcome to visit like **Art and Sandy Bruns** and **Jennifer Steele** did last Friday.

Our 51st Sweetheart Special

It was certainly an exciting time for us when we had to get ready for our 51st Annual Sweetheart Special Hoedown in a new venue, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church (corner of Fremont & Hollenbeck). The church was kind enough to allow us to prepare the rooms beginning at 1 PM. The committee chairpersons and volunteers all showed up and were able to decorate and prepare the rooms: stage set-up, valentine décor, raffle prize tables, registration table, future hoedowns flyers table, badge table, refreshment room tables and chairs, serving tables, they were all nicely laid out in a much more very conveniently arranged building.

Our featured caller, **Randy Dibble**, arrived at the San Jose Airport around noon and **Roger Smith** was kind enough to meet him and then took him to lunch. **Lloyd and Maxine Darknell** made arrangements for the Randy to stay at their beautiful home Saturday night and also took them to dinner, breakfast Sunday morning and to the airport for his return trip home to Portland, Oregon.

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The doors opened at 6:30 PM and dancers began to show up in their bright red & white attire. Our wonderful cuer, Sue Harris, was very prompt and always eager to participate in our raffle prizes. Roger Smith and Pat Angotti took their usual station at the sign-in table, greeting the dancers. Lloyd Darknell was at the Badge table and ably assisted by Tillie Tillman. Linda Caywood was eagerly working in and around the raffle prize tables to make them attractive to potential raffle ticket buyers. Maxine Darknell had plenty of help from other Katydids getting all the food and refreshments ready for the always hungry crowd. Parker Willey and Skip Stevens were carefully watching that all the pieces of the puzzle were fitting into the correct spaces. As the hall began to fill up, Sue Harris, started the night with her rendition of round dancing music and cuing at 7:30 PM until 8 PM and in between tips. Our sharp looking caller, Randy Dibble, took over at 8 PM doing his very fabulous calling to an enthusiastic crowd of about 12 squares. Everyone enjoyed his calling and expressed desire to see him again.

From the Treasurer's point of view, I was very concerned that the attendance was too small to put us in the black. After all the smoke cleared I am happy to report that we made money, but smaller than in the past. We have to thank Linda for her strong raffle ticket sales that really put us over the top.

The venue is superb and the cuing and calling were terrific. It was a wonderful evening and we should all be proud. Thank you one and all for being a part of this great affair.

Morris Hosoda
moho77@gmail.com

Housekeeping matters:

On Friday nights, please put your personal belongings either under a chair or hanging behind the chair. Leave the seats open for sitting.

Also, please leave your saved cups in the beverage area to prevent spills in the dance area..

NEWER DANCER HOEDOWNS

Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!

-- SEPTEMBER (2013) CLASS LEVEL --

Mad Hatters Ball; Castaways
Sat., March 15th

Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:30 – 10:00 PM

Callers: Jim Osborne, Mike Luna, Roger Smith
Wear a crazy hat! Bring food to share.

-- JANUARY (2014) CLASS LEVEL --

Sat., April 12th

Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
Caller: Roger Smith

Sat., May 10th

Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
Caller: Roger Smith

Sat., May 17th

Camden Community Center
3369 Union Ave., San Jose
Caller: Tork Clark

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ! !

- Denis Moore.....Mar. 11
- Jim GrayMar. 14
- Louise HosodaMar. 29
- Char PittsMar. 30
- Linda CaywoodMar. 31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !

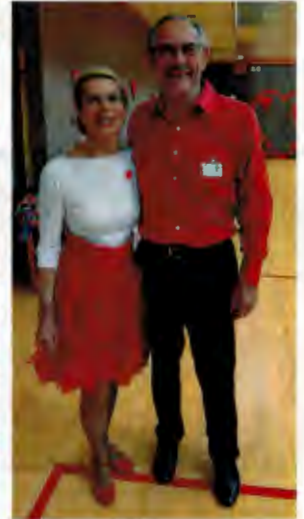
- Eric & Jacky Wilhelmsen..Mar. 02
- Lloyd & Maxine Darknell .Mar 21

REMINDER:

Tork's CPSD class on Tuesday nights at the Camden Community Center can always use angels!!

51st ANNUAL SWEETHEART SPECIAL

Saturday, February 8, 2014
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church



Photos courtesy of John Caywood, Morris Hosoda, Steph Stevens, and Parker Willey.

Set up for the Sweetheart Special Hoedown



Stage; eventually centered under banner.



Snack area tables



Coffee & dessert table in snack area



Lloyd getting the dangles ready.



Pass-through from kitchen to dance hall



Vestibule; flyer table, coat rack, sign-in table (not shown)



Food table in snack room



The groaning raffle table. Note the lovely quilt Bobbie Davis made for the raffle.

FROM MARY & ROD - -

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



16 February 2014

Rod & Mary Head "Down Under"!

We're getting ready to start our trip to Australia and New Zealand. I'm going to try using a blog to get our story back to friends and family faster and more consistently than my newsletters. If you'd like to follow along, here is the blog internet address: mytripjournal.com/garges

You'll have an option on the blog site to get notified by e-mail whenever there is an update or you can just go to the blog site whenever you wish to check for new entries. You'll also have an option to post your own comments or questions on the blog. Of course, you can also e-mail us directly, too.

Because many of our travel days will be without internet access for updates, you may see nothing new for a couple of days then a burst of several entries all at once.

I've put a few 'getting ready' post out there to see that everything is working before we get too far away. Give it a try and let me know if you have a problem.

Hope this works out.

**Rod & Mary – Fulltimers 2014**

Welcome to our trip journal!!! We have been fulltime RVing since 2005, traveling much of North America. Our 2014 travels begin with a trip to Australia and New Zealand – bucket list stuff. We hope you enjoy traveling along with us.

Trip itinerary

Australia, New Zealand and Fiji
 Feb. 25 Perth, Australia
 Mar. 03 Fremantle & RCL Cruise
 Mar. 19 Sydney, Australia
 Mar. 25 Hobart, Tasmania
 Apr. 01 Christchurch, NZ
 Apr. 22 Auckland, NZ

30 January 2014**Getting Ready to Get Ready**

A trip to Australia & New Zealand has been a dream for many years. Now we're going to make it happen! The count down has started but there is much to do.

16 February**The Longest Journey Starts with the First Step**

We've been getting ready to start for two weeks. Everything from talking to people who've been there, reading books and articles, and trying to anticipate all those pop-up bills have to be taken care of in the next four months. Tomorrow we leave Pharr (TX) and head to Fort Worth. Fortunately the weather looks good for the first leg of our trip.

18 February**Staging in Fort Worth**

Traveled 500 miles in good weather to get to Fort Worth, where we will be storing the truck and fifth wheel. We were fortunate to overnight in Marble Falls, where we had dinner with RV friends Pat and Les Fenter. Sure helped break up the trip.

We have a couple of days here to get ready for storage, do some final shopping, check out with doctors and generally wrap up our preparations. Fortunately, the weather looks good for the rest of the week.

Found out that SKP friends from the Benson, AZ park are spending 5 months in Australia! Unfortunately, looks like we'll just miss them by a week in Perth, but just maybe we can connect in one of our cruise ports in March. Or maybe with our caravan in May. Strange things have happened.

22 February**The Adventure begins!**

We've now checked in at the Courtyard Hotel at Dallas airport. No truck, no trailer – just two suitcases and two backpacks. It's the first time in over eight years that we've left the trailer and "shutdown" was required. Empty the fridge, drain the water systems, disconnect batteries, remove perishables, etc. A lot of work, when you're not used to it. And then trying to figure out everything in your life that is going to require attending in the next four months – bills to be paid, credit cards and licenses expiring, taxes to pay, pills to order, services to cancel or put on hold, will our cellphones work, what plan to put them on. Then there's deciding what to pack: cruising to RVing, subtropical-

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to near sub Antarctic, late summer to early winter – and just sixty pounds each! The list seemed endless, but hard (and expensive) to fix an oversight from 10,000 miles away! Fortunately, RVing is pretty minimalistic and we learned a lot from our short-notice assignment to England ten years ago, so we've done what we can and we'll deal with what happens.

All life is an adventure, but this will definitely be a high point on the journey! Stay tuned.

23 February Up, Up and Away!

We awoke at 2:30 in the morning to catch our 6 AM Sunday flight to San Francisco. Fortunately our bags were checked all the way through to Perth. So, with a 12 hour layover, we decided to rent a car and drive to Lodi to have lunch with Velma Ferrero and her family. It helped break up the trip and we had a great lunch.



Our chariot

At 7 PM, we boarded our Air New Zealand 747, won a 2014 hospitality travel award and it was well-deserved. We had a nice dinner including wine after takeoff. And hot breakfast two hours before landing in Auckland, New Zealand. The airline provided headphones, blankets

and pillows. There was a choice of over 25 movies, plus music, and audiobooks. But 13 hours is still a very long time in seats not made for sleeping.

We landed in Auckland at 5 AM local time. Here we had another nine hour layover. We wandered, window shopped, ate, used the airport Wi-Fi, and tested our charging cords and plug adaptor for the iPhone.

Then we boarded another Air New Zealand flight, this one seven hours to Perth, Australia. Another smooth flight, another nice hot dinner with wine, and arrival on time in Perth. Our good luck continued as our baggage also arrived and our Avis rental car was ready.



Our first view of Australia –
The wheat fields

After 48 hours of travel, we opted to settle in for the night at the Rothwood B&B only 10 minutes from the airport.



Our 1st night in Australia

Oh, yeah, they drive on the left in Australia – make that a 20 minute drive. A pleasant host, a warm pool with water jets, a hot shower, and a comfortable bed – life is good! By the way, it's now 6 PM Tuesday evening in Perth. Good night!

26 February Margaret River – Wine & Brewery Country

We left Perth heading south along the Old Coast Hwy., Highway 1. Actually, we couldn't see much of the Indian Ocean from the road. It was a 1-2 km drive from the highway to the many beaches along the road. It was a good chance to practice driving on the left side of the road and getting through roundabouts. You can't believe how many times when reaching for the turn signals we managed to turn on the windshield wipers! Fortunately, the gas and brake pedals were where they belong.

The beaches were gorgeous – lots of white sand, bright blue ocean and not a loud in the sky. Very few people at the beach but then it was midweek. Temperatures around 90 degrees and a light breeze. We drove through varied terrain, some hilly areas, some tree-lined areas, and a lot of arid land.



Our 1st beach – Busselton



Australian Beer #1

Four hours later as we neared Margaret River, we arrived at Riverview, our B&B for two nights. It was a wonderful rural setting, with bird sanctuary, orchard, and vegetable gardens. Mary fell in love with the passion fruit. We had a large three-room suite all to ourselves.

We drove into Margaret River to visit the "I", the tourist information center. We picked up some information and suggestions from very helpful workers. As it was getting late, and we're still adjusting to a 12 hour time difference, we decided to head to the local brewery for dinner. Good choice – the first Australian beer was Colonial Brewing company's Project 7.

On the way home we saw our first wild Kangaroos – proof that we were driving in Australia!



Our 1st 'Roo?

VALENTINE'S DAY AT KATYDIDS



Jane Bishop
presented with a plaque and badge
honoring her as an
Ambassador of Square Dancing.
21 February 2014



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