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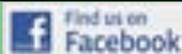
MARCH 2020

Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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## CLUB CALENDAR



[www.katydids.org](http://www.katydids.org)

**Thu., Mar. 05: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
*Chirper* distributed

**Thu., Mar. 12: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
THEME: Pre-St. Patrick's Day

**Thu., Mar. 19: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

**Thu., Mar. 26: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
THEME: Happy Polka Dot & Plaid Night

**Thu., Apr. 02: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
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**Thu., Apr. 09: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

**Thu., Apr. 16: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

**Thu., Apr. 23: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
8:30PM General Meeting: Agenda: Elections

**Thu., Apr. 30: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

**Thu., May 07: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
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**Thu., May 14: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

**Thu., May 21: Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS  
and DUTIES

Mar. 05 .....Wilhelmsen  
Mar. 12 .....Dixon / McManus  
Mar. 19 .....Village / Standridge  
Mar. 26 Bruns

Apr. 02.....Franger / Moore  
Apr.,09.....Nassau / Tillman  
Apr. 16.....Pitts / Willey  
Apr. 23.....Schwartz / Oros

**Before the dance:**

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, (408-871-9525) of any needed changes to assigned dates.
- The designated Square Heads should arrive by **6:15 PM**, and stay until clean up is finished around 9:45 PM. A Katyids member with a key will open the doors and will secure the hall at end of evening.
- Check the restrooms for supplies & tidiness.
- Make coffee (located on Katyids' shelf in the storage room) and ice water using provided plastic cubes stored in plastic ziplock bags in the freezer.
- Sweep the floor as necessary & set up the sign-in table.
- Set up at least 24 chairs. Bring out more chairs as needed.
- Set up drinks and supplies on counter.
- Place snacks, located on the Katyids' shelf in the kitchen, on the back table at back of the hall along with paper goods, hand sanitizer and flyers
- Set up Club banner located in white tube in closet; open legs and hang banner from top of tube.
- Set up the easel & board to receive the birthday/ anniversary dates provided by the Treasurer.
- Check the member sign-in list to see if we have any members on LOA. If they attend, they pay a \$6.00 donation..

**During Club dance:**

- Welcome everyone as they enter.
- Collect a **\$6.00** donation (except for Free 5th Thursdays) from each guest and have them sign in. "Regular" guests check the prepared guest sheet, new guests sign the guest book.
- In the green box, there is an envelope with \$70 petty cash for making change.
- Offer 50/50 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 with 50% to the Club, 50% to the winner. (Note: odd dollar goes to the winner!)
- Check that coffee, water & cups do not run out during the evening.
- After announcements and raffle, feel free to dance EXCEPT for the last tip (unless you are needed to fill a square) when you will need to be putting things away and cleaning up

**After the dance:**

- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.
- Pack up the sign-in table items
- Pack up leftover snacks (**ziplock bags are available to keep items fresh**) and flyers.
- Empty coffee pot and dry the cooler and pack up other supplies and return them to the shelf in storage room.
- Wipe counter and tables where needed.
- Put Club banner back in tube & return to closet (right side)
- Empty garbage can if more than half full. The dumpster is located in the side parking lot.
- Sweep up crumbs from the floor as needed.
- **Return extra chairs to the storage room**
- Notify Stephanie and Naomi if we need more Club flyers or *Chirpers* printed for the following week
- Notify the Quartermasters, Bea (408-224-8164) or Liv (408-997-2305) of any replacement supplies needed for the next week.

DANCE EVENTS

PLUS LEVEL unless otherwise noted

**Mar. 6-8: Wing Ding; CCSDA**

Merced County Fairgrounds, 900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Merced

**Mar. 18: Fun Night; El Camino Reelers**

St. Andrews United Methodist Church  
4111 Alma St, Palo Alto

7:15 – 9:30PM

Caller: Rich Reel

**Mar. 20-22: 54th Annual Bakersfield Fiesta; USDA**

Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield  
Callers: Vic Ceder, Hunter Keller, Michael Kellogg, Jet Roberts, Justin Russell

Cuers: John & Fran Downing, Zena & Ernie Beaulieu, Dawn & David Mee

**Apr. 3-4: Annual Jamboree; NSDA**

Butte County Veterans Memorial Hall  
2374 Montgomery St., Oroville

Callers: Ken Bower, Buddy Weaver

Cuer: David & Susan Cleek

**Apr. 4: Circus –Circus; Rockin' Jokers**

St. Archangel Michael Church  
18870 Allendale Ave., Saratoga

Caller: Tony Oxendine

Cuer: Sue Harris

**Apr. 17-19: California Square Dance Council State Convention**

Kings County Fairgrounds, 801 S. 10th St., Hanford  
Callers: Bob Baier, Jet Roberts, Joe Saltel, Mike Seastrom

Cuers: Mary Ann Callahan & Craig Cowen, TF & Bruce Chad, Sharon & Casey Parker, Leslie & Bill Rebol

**May 8-10: Annual Silver State Square Dance Convention**

Nuggett Casino Resort, Sparks, NV  
Callers: Joe Saltel, Jet Roberts, Bobby Poyner

Cuers: Doug & Leslie Dodge, Mary Ann Callahan & Craig Cowan, Erin & Scot Byars

**May 9: Butterfly Ball; CPSD Easy Plus Level**

Camden Community Center, 3369 Union Ave., San Jose  
7:30 – 9:45PM

Caller: Tork Clark

**May 16: Springtime Jamboree; Lucky Steppers**

Prunedale Grange, 17890 Moro Rd., Salinas  
10:00AM – 10:00PM

Callers: Mike Luna, Don Wood

Cuers: Sue Harris Marie Wood

**May 22-24: Annual Golden State Round Up; NCSDA**

Grape Festival Fairgrounds, Lodi  
Callers: Dee Dee Dougherty, Vic Ceder, Phil Farmer, Scott Bennett

Cuer: Debby & Tim Vogt

SUPPORT OUR NEWEST DANCERS!

-- September Class Level --

**Mar. 14: Eyes of March; Newer Dancer Hoedown; CPSD**

Camden Community Center  
3369 Union Ave., San Jose

7:30 – 9:45 PM

Caller: Rich Reel

It's THAT time of year ... Remember to use the soap in the restrooms or he provided hand sanitizer to help keep germs from spreading, particularly during the winter months and the current COVID-19 virus. Of course, if you are ill, or symptomatic, please stay home! We will all be most thankful and wish you a speedy recovery.

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FROM JANNA, OUR SWEETHEART SPECIAL CHAIR:  
Many thanks to all that helped design the flyers, sold ribbons and promoted the SHS in advance of the dance. This really helped get the word out to lots of other dancers. I'm grateful to all the Club members and visitors that worked together to turn Nordahl Hall into a joyful Valentines invitation to all our guests. The team worked after the dance to take down all those hearts & cupids (and the train) is equally appreciated. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who helped at the door, kitchen, decorating, advertising and everywhere else to make the hoedown a success. The Club working together on the hoedown made it run a lot smoother. Hope you got to sample the food and dance a couple of tips as well.

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**REGARDING ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATIONS:**

For Katydids:

If you would like to receive your *Chirper* via email instead of a hard copy, please sign up on sheet at the sign-in table

For our Guests:

At the sign-in table there is a sign-up sheet to receive our weekly reminders and / or our newsletter, the *Chirper*.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- Liv Braaten .....Mar. 07**
- Denis Moore .....Mar. 11**
- Louise Hosoda .....Mar. 29**
- Char Pitts .....Mar. 30**

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**



Hello Katydids & friends,'

Oh, my goodness! This has been quite a month! Our Sweetheart Special Hoedown was a great success thanks to all the support from each and everyone of you. From food supplied, ribbons sold, advertising the dance, setting up the hall, to taking down everything at the end of the dance, delightful calling and cueing by **Jim** and **Sue** and more . . . A Job Well Done!! I do want to give special thanks to **Liv Braaten** who helped us secure the dance hall and to **Janna Standridge** who chaired the event. Hooray!

The following Friday at our regular Club night, we celebrated Valentine's Day with special treats and decorations. (Did they look familiar?) We all enjoyed the full hall and dancing to Jim's calling as well as Rounds by visiting cuer **Sandi Kramer**. Thank you, Jim and Sandi! Two weeks later we had our Mardi Gras dance, again with many yummy treats and decorations.

On Friday, Feb. 21, we had a General Meeting to hear a report on the surveys we took in December & January and we heard the recommendations by the Executive Board on ideas to help the Club remain solvent for as long as possible. A vote was taken and it was approved that effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, monthly Club dues be raised to \$15 and guest donations be raised to \$6 per week. The Board and Jim are in discussion as to what kind of workshop to institute and when a good time might be to begin.

During the month we also learned that our dance facility would no longer allow us to dance there on Friday nights. So we all went looking for a new venue for Friday nights. In the meanwhile we learned that our current facility was willing to have us on Thursday nights which we accepted until we can find a place on Friday nights. As of this writing, we have a good lead on a place that might begin as early as April. We'll let you know as soon as we hear something. In the meanwhile, **all dates listed here for dance nights and square head duty are for THURSDAY nights until further notice.**

Looking ahead, we have our annual Club elections coming up in April. Please see myself or **Janna** if you would like to run for an office or would like to tell us who might be a good candidate.

One last note, please, PLEASE, if you are coughing, sneezing or feeling ill, do us all a HUGE favor and remain home until you are feeling better. And, at the same time, DO wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or with hand sanitizer!!

**Stephanie**



Saint Patrick depicted in a stained-glass window at Saint Benin's Church, Ireland

Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick (Irish: *Lá Fhéile Pádraig*, "the Day of the Festival of Patrick"), is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of [Saint Patrick](#) (c. AD 385–461), the foremost [patron saint](#) of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian [feast day](#) in the early 17th century and is observed by the [Catholic Church](#), the [Anglican Communion](#) (especially the [Church of Ireland](#)), the [Eastern Orthodox Church](#), and the [Lutheran Church](#). The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of [Christianity in Ireland](#), and celebrates the [heritage and culture of the Irish](#) in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, [céilís](#), and the wearing of green attire or [shamrocks](#). Christians who belong to liturgical denominations also attend [church services](#)<sup>1</sup> and historically the [Lenten](#) restrictions [on eating](#) and [drinking alcohol](#) were lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption.

Saint Patrick's Day is a [public holiday](#) in the [Republic of Ireland](#), [Northern Ireland](#), the Canadian province of [Newfoundland and Labrador](#) (for provincial government employees), and the British Overseas Territory of [Montserrat](#). It is also widely celebrated in the [United Kingdom](#), [Canada](#), [United States](#), [Brazil](#), [Argentina](#), [Australia](#) and [New Zealand](#), especially amongst [Irish diaspora](#). Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other [national festival](#). Modern celebrations have been greatly influenced by those of the Irish diaspora, particularly those that developed in North America. However, there has been criticism of Saint Patrick's Day celebrations for having become too commercialized and for fostering negative stereotypes of the Irish people.

*Information from Wikipedia.com accessed on 3 March 2020*

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# Happy pre-St. Patrick's Day Thursday Dance



Your Thursday Night **FUN** Club  
Plus Dancing from 7:00 - 9:30 PM  
**Only \$6/Person**  
Caller: **Jim Osborne**

**Never iron a four leaf clover, because you don't want to PRESS your luck.**

## March 12, 2020

Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

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# Happy Polka Dot & Plaid Day! Thursday Dance



Your Thursday Night **FUN** Club  
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**You can't have a bad day in POLKA DOTS.**

## March 26, 2020

Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

# CLUB NIGHT

Friday, Feb. 14, 2020  
THEME: HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



*Sandi Kramer, visiting cuer*



*Bea Clark & Skip Stevens at sign-in table*

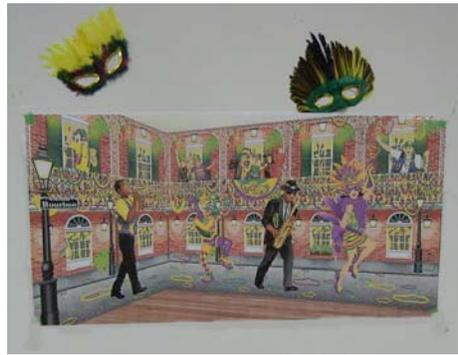
*Photos courtesy of Steph Stevens*

# CLUB NIGHT

Friday, Feb. 28, 2020  
THEME: MARDI GRAS NIGHT



Mark Mason



Evie Kaefer, Morris Hosoda, Janna Standridge



Evie Kaefer



Photos courtesy of Evie Kaefer, Naomi Grubb, and Steph Stevens

# 57<sup>th</sup> Annual SWEETHEART SPECIAL

Saturday, February 8, 2020  
NORDAHL HALL, LOS GATOS



Sue De Lapp & Sandy Bruns



Denis Moore, Skip Stevens, Art Bruns, Steve Lehnhoff



Ed Wayne and his fabulous lights!



Photos courtesy of Steph Stevens



*Phil Harris, Lloyd Darknell, Denis Moore, Alice McManus, Doris Smith, Naomi Grubb*

*Janna Standridge, Eric & Jacky Wilhelmsen, Char Pitts*



*Naomi Grubb*



*Al & Rosemary Gaddy*





Liv Braaten



Denis Moore & Lloyd Darknell



Doris Smith, Alice McManus, Naomi Grubb



Alice McManus, Sandy Franger, Naomi Grubb



Ed Wayne & Bob Steele



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Picnic Chair '20.....OPEN  
Sweetheart Special '21 .OPEN

Caller & Taw .....Jim & Joann Osborne .650-571-1970

### CHIRPER STAFF

The *Chirper* Newsletter is written by, and for, members of the Katydid's Square Dance Club.

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Copy **deadline** for the April 2020 issue is **March 27<sup>th</sup>**. You can submit articles and photographs to the *Chirper* Editor, Stephanie Stevens, at:

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