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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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



CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Nov. 04: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing THEME: National Stress Awareness Day

Mon., Nov. 07: Executive Board Meeting 7:00 PM at the Darknell home

Fri., Nov. 11: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing THEME: Honor Veterans' Day



Fri., Nov. 18: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing THEME: Happy Birthday Mickey Mouse

Fri., Nov. 25: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing THEME: Black Friday Fri., Dec. .02: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing Chirper distributed THEME: National Fritters Day

Fri., Dec. 09: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing THEME: Weary Willie Day

Fri., Dec. 16: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing THEME: National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Fri., Dec. 23: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing **THEME**: National Pfeffernusse Day

Fri., Dec. 30: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing THEME: Free 5th Friday, Bicarbonate of Soda Day

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Nov. 04......Wilhelmsen

Nov. 11 Hosoda, M. / Stolpe

Nov. 18Stevens

Nov. 25De Lapp

Dec. 02Bruns

Dec. 09Tillman / Hastings Dec. 16Paterson / Clark

Dec. 23Franger / Moore

Dec. 30Smith, D. / Barker

Jan. 06Hosoda, M. / Abel & Langer

Jan. 13Hebson Jan. 20Steele

Jan. 27Lehnhoff / Grubb

Before the dance:

• Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, (408-871-9525 of any needed changes to assigned dates.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BRING ICE!

 On scheduled night, the designated Square Heads should arrive by 6:15 PM.and stay until clean up is finished around 9:45 PM. A Katydids member with a key will open the doors and will secure the hall at end of evening.

 Place "Caution" signs (located in the storage/supply room along with a map) in designated areas of the parking lot where there are tripping hazards.

 Make ice water using provided cubes in freezer and make coffee.

· Set up drinks and supplies on counter.

 Place leftover snacks, napkins and flyers on tables at back of the hall.

During Club dance:

- Set up the sign in table and welcome everyone as they enter.
- 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 with 50% to the Club, 50% to the winner. (Note: odd dollar goes to the winner!)

 Check that water and 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 items, leftover snacks and flyers.
 Empty and dry coffee pot and cooler and pack up other supplies and return them to the shelf in storage room.
 Wipe counter and tables where needed.

 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.

 Notify the Quartermasters, Maxine or Lloyd (408-241-7567) of any replacement supplies needed for the next week.

DANCE EVENTS PLUS LEVEL unless otherwise noted

Nov. 05: Cactus Jack Hoedown; Sunnyvale Squares
John Muir Middle School; 1260 Branham Ln, S J
7:30 – 8:00: Pre-Rounds: Barbara-Lynn Smith
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Jim Osborne

Nov 12: Anniversary Hoedown; Farmers & Farmerettes
Walters Jr. High School, 39600 Logan Dr., Fremont
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRound: Bob Ensten
8:00 – 10:15PM: Caller: Jet Roberts

Nov. 22: Salvation Army Benefit Thanksgiving Dance John Muir Middle School, 1260 Branham Ln., SJ

Dec. 10: Ranchero Squares Hoedown
Walters Jr. High School, 19600 Logan Dr., Fremont
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: Barbara-Lynn Smith
8:00 – 10:30 PM: Caller: Bob Baier

Dec. 31: Glass Slipper Ball; Rockin' Jokers
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Ave.
8:30 – 9:00 PM PreRounds: Sue Harris
9:00 – 12:15 AM; Caller: Lawrence Johnstone

Jan. 07: Running Bear Dance; Krazy Dazys

Jan. 14: Roger Smith's 80th Birthday Hoedown
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. 728 W. Fremont
Caller: Buddy Weaver
Cuer: Sue Harris

Jan. 20-22: Annual Winter Festival
Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, King City

SUPPORT OUR NEWEST DANCERS!

(September Level)

Dec. 03: Snow Flake Ball; CPSD

Camden Community Ctr, 3369 Union Ave., SJ
7:30 – 10:00PM; Bring snack to share

Caller: Roger Smith

Dec. 17: Newer Dancer Hoedown, Castaways Resurrection Lutheran Church 2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara

Jan. 28: Newer Dancer Hoedown



Ted & Kathy ShaneyNov. 11 Skip & Steph StevensNov. 11

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi Katydids,

We had a great Halloween Dance with a lot of guests attending. At times we had 6 squares dancing. **Pat** did a great job of planning and organizing the prizes and the party.

I am still looking for one or more volunteers to help with posting of photos, posters and comments on our Facebook page. The name of the group is the "Katydids Square Dance Club". I put the most current dance theme flyers on Facebook every Wednesday. If you have questions about our face book page, I will try to answer them.

It's nearly time for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays again. We will be looking for volunteers to help with a Potluck between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Our next Executive Board Meeting will be on November 7th If you have any suggestions for us to discuss at our board meeting let me know.

Lloyd

It's that time of year ...

If you are ill, or symptomatic, please stay home. We will all be most thankful and wish you a speedy recovery.

10/31/2016 email message from Lloyd Darknell, President

Hi everyone,

The Castaways are looking for some class angels to help with their new class. Please contact **Roger Smith** (408-821-1837) if you can help out. The class is on Tuesday night at 7:00 at the Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Thanks, Lloyd

Campbell United Church of Christ Food Pantry still needs: Non-perishable food, personal grooming items, clothing & shoes for all sizes.

Bring anything you want to donate on Friday Night and I will deliver the items on Tuesday. The Food Pantry director is so thankful for everything that I have delivered from our Club.

Pat Augotti Vice President



Sweetheart Special 2017:

Hi everyone, it is time to be thinking about our annual hoedown. While you are out shopping for Christmas Presents, pick up something that is nice for our Raffle. We bring in a lot of money for the club with our Raffle. Also we seem to be the only club that does a Raffle anymore. Please don't give us your White Elephants or anything else that should be given to Goodwill. Thanks Again for your past donations.

Pat Augotti Sweetheart Special 2017 Chair

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Joann Osborne	Nov. 02
Sue De Lapp	
Sandy Bruns	Nov. 13
Steven Lehnhoff	
Naomi Grubb	

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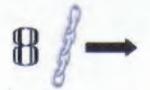
Chirper Chatter...

Square Dance Calls Picture Puzzle Time...

Last month's answers: #35 – All 8 Spin the Top #36 – Grand Sauare



#37



#38





Photo Puzzle Time...

Where is the the <u>least</u> expensive place to live in?



Life Puzzles of Members & Friends...

Here I go again on the report of my Louise Hosoda. There is a small change in the type of her illness. We decided that she should go to the ER again at El Camino Hospital late Friday afternoon because of a sharp pain in her back, a little soreness in her chest and a low 100 degree fever. All three of these symptoms are on the side effects list for having Remicade infusion. The ER did a wonderful job of testing for everything: EKG, X-Ray, C-Scan, took about 4 blood samples. 1 stayed with her all this time hoping that she will not be admitted but as the hours got late, they decided to keep her overnight so I went home at around 11 PM. The next day I heard that they did an MRI. All of these tests proved negative so on Sunday another MRI was done but on her brain area. They think that the spinal column, 4th disc area is slightly inflamed so she was kept overnight again. She is okay so I brought her home on Tuesday and continues her exercise plan...

We are sorry to announce that **Janis Parsons** has asked to be removed from membership since she has been on the Inactive status too long and have not done any real dancing for 1-1/2 years. She will come as a visitor soon she hopes. She had an arthroscopic knee surgery about two months ago is doing very well. She sends her love and Yellow Rocks to all the Katydids and friends. We wish her well in whatever she endeavors to do...

Well, I noticed the absence of **Sandy Hastings** so I emailed her and she replied. On the weekend of Oct. 8th, she was in Dallas, TX, attending her 59th Crosier Technical School reunion. She was presented with a large size photo of her commemorating her selection as the Most Popular of her class. On Friday, Oct. 14th, she did not want to dance because of her issues with her leg. On Oct. 21st she had an invite to attend a Rodeo (yeehaw!) probably at Cow Palace...

Char Pitts has departed for Phoenix, AZ to be present to help her sister celebrate her 70th BD and will also miss our Friday, Nov. 4th dance. Have a howling good time!...

Sue and **Parker Willey** are back after some absence of 3 to 4 Fridays. **Sue** did mention that they motored to New Orleans. Glad to see you back...

Steph and Skip Stevens are back from their long trip around the USA but primarily to attend her Int'l. Voluntary Services (IVS) organization Reunion held at Knoxville, TN. They were home on Oct. 21st but had to leave to attend a Memorial Service for a fellow IVS member and his wife in the LA area who died on the way home in an auto accident...



Morris Hosoda moho77@gmail.com

THANK YOU, MORRIS!!

For handling so ably the *Chirper* printing and distribution while I was out of town for two months Hearts & flowers and a BIG pat on the back for a job well done!!

Stephanie Stevens
Chirper editor

Halloween Party

Friday, October 28, 2016



Maxine & Lloyd Darknell



I to r: Bill Bartleson, Roger Smith, Silvia Kay, Caroline Fifield, Lisa Steele



Don Village, Dee Stolpe in foreground



Dee Stolpe



Joan



Janna



Naomi Grubb & Steven Lehnhoff

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Sue & Parker Willey



Keith & Leah, Jacki





Bill Battleson



Beth & Cole Barber



Pastor Steven Roma



Tom & Masami

Skip & Steph's Adventures - Part 2

To continue: Sept. 18th we headed towards the town of Romulus on Seneca Lake, one of the Finger Lakes in Upstate NY. We wanted to pick up some wine at the Swedish Hill Winery. While Skip walked Jackie and met

Doobie, I did some tasting and purchased some wine. After getting the wine into the car they took me to meet Doobie, a donkey on the farm there. Doobie & Jackie didn't seem to mind each other being there. (Doobie has his own wine label and variety— Jackass Wine—at Swedish Hill!)



We were very fortunate to find a campground on the south shore of Oncida Lake north of Syracuse and with the sky turning blacker by the minute, were able to check in, get the van set up for the night, walk Jackie (and ourselves) and had just returned to the van when the sky opened up and dumped on us. Whew! A wet dog in the van might not have been welcome relief from the muggy weather!!

Today being Monday, September 19, has already been quite a day for Skip. As he was walking Jackie first thing this morning, he fell on some slippery grass by the lake's edge. Didn't hurt himself, thankfully. But he came up muddied! He swore that Jackie stood there laughing at him! Must have been quite a picture! Do that again, dad!

As we left the Syracuse area we drove south on I-81 passing the Binghamton area and had hoped to see ex-Katydids, Rod & Mary Garges. Unfortunately we were a couple of hours off sync and did not get to see them after all.

We continued south on I-81 heading towards the Philadelphia area. The scenery was beautiful through the Poconos Mountains even though the trees didn't have much "fall color" in them, yet. We met my son, who lives in Sunnyvale, there for lunch. He just happened to be in Valley Forge (G. Washington's winter encampment) on business at the same time we were in the area.

We spent a night at PirateLand, a campground on the ocean in Myrtle Beach, SC. It is large and quite the resort, catering to campers of all types, large fancy RVs, more permanent rental cottages, and permanent mobile homes, as well as tents. We were fortunate to get a spot very near the beach.



As many of you know, we often do genealogy research, however, this trip we didn't do too much. Though we did stop in Charlotte, NC to visit with my mothers' 1st cousin. About 10 years ago, we visited her when she and her husband were living in Connecticut and noticed a large photograph of the four Fifield brothers hanging on her wall. (Elbridge. is my gr-gr grandfather) We took a picture of it.

Unfortunately, when we got home we found that it was not very clear. We visited her again this trip and we were able to get a much better copy of the photograph. Persistence pays off!

Friday, September 30th we headed towards Sevierville, TN. Wow! Did we ever get off onto an interesting road today! We exited I-40 at exit #451 and got onto SR32 which quickly turned into a hair raising one lane dirt/gravel road with constant hairpin turns for several miles before the hamlet of Cosby. Looking at the route later on Skip's computer indicated that we had taken a road which was the northern boundary of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park as well as the boundary between NC & TN as it made its twists and turns heading west towards Gaitlinburg.

We arrived at the Hilton Hotel in Knoxville where the Reunion of International Voluntary Services (IVS) Alumni was to be held. The Reunion began with some challenging moments for us when we quickly discovered that the complimentary garage parking could not include a space for our full-size van (6'8" clearance - our van is 7'1")! We were forced to use outside Valet Parking, which was not free (though the hotel did give us a discounted rate). We were not prepared to sort out what we wanted to take to our room on such short notice. Mayhem! Oh, and the hotel did not provide complementary luggage carts. We had to use a bellman to get our stuff to our room. Sigh. As if that wasn't enough aggravation, I discovered that my water bottle leaked in my duffle ... which left a red colored stain ... on the hotel's WHITE duvet cover and WHITE down quilt when I set the duffle on the bed. YIKES!!! We got the water-based stain out, thank goodness, but what a 'dance' we did!! Once we navigated these challenges, the rest of the Reunion went smoothly.

Skip videotaped most of the sessions of the Reunion in high definition ... I was pressed into service with my compact digital camera when we had concurrent sessions. Now comes the hard part ... Skip editing the hours of video from two different camera formats into video DVDs.

One of the days most of the attendees subscribed to a field trip to the Museum of Appalachia. This was a living history museum established in the 1960s and located about 20 miles north of Knoxville that interprets the pioneer and early 20th century period of the Southern Appalachian region. It is a collection of more than 30 historic buildings rescued from neglect and decay. The Museum also collects, preserves and displays thousands of authentic relics of Appalachia life. Personally I especially enjoyed the collection of baskets. Skip enjoyed the many handcrafted farming tools and origins of Appalachian music.

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After the Reunion we drove back to Sevierville to our campsite oat the TVA Douglas Dam, re-arranged the van back to "camping" status and soon headed in to town to meet ex-Katydids friends, Bill & Sandy Ferrill (they send big HELLO'S to all!). It was delightful seeing them again. It was a warm-ish evening so the outside dining was perfect,

and Jackie could be with us, too. They just got a 1-year old rescue-dog and we had great fun sharing 'war' stories about raising dogs ... Jackie were you listening?

The next morning we left town heading west and stopped at the Cumberland Caverns Skip had heard so much about. The Caverns host the PBS program "Bluegrass Underground" in one of their cha mbers called "The Volcano Room". The Caverns are actually a connection of two separate geologic formations which comprise the second longest cavern in the US at 16 miles long!

Saturday, Oct. 8th, we drove from mid-Tennessee to just across the Mississippi River to West Memphis, Arkansas to camp for the night. We really lucked out. Being a holiday weekend, I had the foresight to call ahead and was initially told that the campground was full ... "But, wait! There was just a cancellation." We grabbed it quick! So glad we did. Our campsite was right on the bank of the River. In the first hour we saw three rafts of barges going up and down the river. Nice! And look at this! The bathhouse has a marker noting the high water mark in May 2011. The river today is at the far right of that photograph and the RV parking area is only a couple of feet above river level.



Some quickie observations:

In VA, NC, SC, TN we did not see any pro-Hillary Clinton signs, but we did see quite a few pro-Trump signs and even saw several jeeps that had two flags flying on the back. One was the confederate flag and the other was a Trump flag.

Price of gas: \$1.899 in Sallisaw; few miles down the road it was \$1.829. Actually saw it as low as \$1.799 but to our chagrin discovered that was a membership price station and at another station that price was only good with cash (no credit cards).

Saw cotton growing in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and north Texas.

Saw no tobacco growing in NC, VA, & SC. Did see some old dilapidated tobacco drying sheds though and it seemed like lots of folks are still smoking the further east we went but not as numerous as in years past.

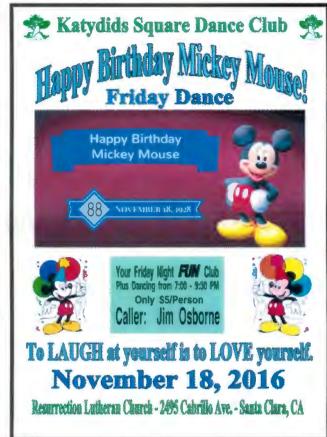
And, would you believe it? We saw an armadillo trying to cross the Interstate in western Arkansas! We thinks he had a death wish!!

On the morning of Wednesday, October 12th, there was not a cloud in the sky at Conchas Lake in New Mexico. Beautiful! By the time we left two hours later though, the sky was clouding up and we could see rain in the hills to the southwest. We drove NW to the town of Las Vegas and left the clouds behind and the scenery was again magnificent! Sometimes the road was a bit of a challenge but not wildly so. From Las Vegas we headed NW over to Rte 68 and south to Los Alamos. On the way we decided that rather than go into town to run some errands, we should try to find our camping spot first. We thought we would be camping at the White Rock Campground. Turns out that it is for "dry" camping only, meaning there are no bathroom or other minimum facilities. The 'ground' was a paved parking lot with very few electric hookups. The lack of bathrooms would not work for us. The second choice was to go back down the hill to a campground in Pojoaque. Again, only for "dry" camping. Back up the hill again. This time we went into Bandelier National Park (NP) and found a spot. Rte 4 in Bandelier NP cannot be driven by private cars (park shuttles ply the road) between 9:00AM and 3:00PM. We started down the road at 4:00 so we were okay going to our campsite. There were no hookups but they did have restrooms ... and bear boxes. So we ended up putting our electric cooler and spare car (camping) battery into the bear box to keep the cooler going all night and away from natural marauders. We used the spare battery with the 12 VDC cooler and we recharge the battery with jumper cables to the car battery with the motor running before starting off on the following day's adventure -- see picture..



Of course, what you don't see is the photo from the next morning with ALL of the foodstuff from the cooler on TOP of the bear box ... We had gotten the cooler plug in the wrong direction (warming) and it heated everything. We were fortunate that the soda cans didn't explode!









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