# CHIRPER



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**Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter** 

**Volume 51, No 10** 

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

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TILLIE!!

#### **CLUB CALENDAR**

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#### Fri., Oct. 03: Campbell United Church of Christ

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

6:30 - 7:00 PM; Cha Dance Class with John

7:00 - 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Theme: Hawaiian Nights in October

7:00 – 9:30 PM **KATYDOER'S CLASS** 

Resurrection Lutheran Church 2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

#### Fri., Oct. 10: Campbell United Church of Christ

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

6:30 - 7:00 PM; Cha Dance Class with Guest Cuer Barbara Lynn-Smith

7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Theme: Rock & Roll Music Night

7:00 – 9:30 PM **KATYDOER'S CLASS** 

Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

#### Fri., Oct. 17: Campbell United Church of Christ

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

6:30 - 7:00 PM; Cha Dance Class with John

7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club & **KATYDOER'S** Dancing

\*\*PARTY NIGHT\*\* Bring food to share

Theme: Hippie Night

Fri., Oct. 24: Campbell United Church of Christ

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

6:30 – 7:00 PM; Cha Dance Class with John

7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club & **KATYDOER'S** Dancing

Theme: Mainstream Special Night

#### Fri., Oct. 31: Campbell United Church of Christ

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

6:30 – 7:00 PM; Cha Dance Class with John

7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club & **KATYDOER'S** Dancing

\*\*HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY\*\*

#### Fri., Nov. 07: Campbell United Church of Christ

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

6:30 – 7:00 PM; Cha Dance Class with John

7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club & **KATYDOER'S** Dancing

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#### Fri., Nov. 14: Campbell United Church of Christ

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

6:30 – 7:00 PM; Cha Dance Class with John

7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club & **KATYDOER'S** Dancing

#### Fri., Nov. 21: Campbell United Church of Christ

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

6:30 – 7:00 PM; Cha Dance Class with John

7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club & **KATYDOER'S** Dancing

\*\*PARTY NIGHT\*\* Wear green, and bring food to share

Fri., Nov. 28: \*\*DARK\*\* Happy Thanksgiving!!

# SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Super Square Head Lloyd Darknell (408-871-9525)

Oct. 03......Hebson / McManus

Oct. 10......DeLapp / Clark

Oct. 17......Grubb / Lehnhoff / Wies

Oct. 24.....Bruns / Paterson

Oct. 31......Willey / Krulee

Nov. 07 ......Franger / Moore / Steele

Nov. 14......Hosoda / Gray

Nov. 21 ......Darknell / Tillman

Nov. 28......DARK - Thanksgiving

Dec. 05 ...... Angotti / Smith / Matolyak

Dec. 12 ......Wilhelmsen / Krulee

Dec. 19 ......Stevens / McManus

Dec. 26 ......DARK -- Christmas

#### Before the dance:

 Notify the Super Square Head, Lloyd Darknell, 408-482-9320 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 **6:15** PM.and stay until clean up is finished around 9:30 PM. A Katydids member with a key will open the doors.
- Sweep floor if needed and set up tables and chairs.
- Make ice water and start hot water for tea & coffee..
- Set up food & drink tables and put out flyers on table.

#### **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 during the evening.

#### After the dance:

- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.
- ALL MEMBERS can help the Square Heads clean up. Help put away tables and chairs and pack up the coffee pot, cooler and other supplies put back 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 Quartermasters, Steven Lehnhoff or Naomi Grubb (408-227-3631) of any supplies needed for the next week.

#### **UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS**

#### Plus Level Dances (except as noted)

#### Oct. 04: General Dance; SCVSDA

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church

728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale

7:30 - 10:00 PM

Callers: Harlan Kerr, Rich Reel

#### Oct. 11: Swinging 21ers Benefit Dance

Elks Lodge, 38991 Fremont Dr., Fremont

7:30 – 11:00 PM Caller: Jay Henderson

Cuer: Barbara-Lynn Smith

#### Oct. 24-26: Harvest Hoedown; ASDSC

Yuba-Suter Fairgrounds, Yuba City

Callers: Wade Driver, Bobby Poyner, Eric Henerlau

Cuer: Rey and Sherry Garza

#### Oct. 25: Halloween Dance; Castaways (Mainstream)

Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara

Callers: Jim Osborne, Tork Clark

Cuer: John Caywood

#### Nov. 01: Trade By Fall; El Camino Reelers

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

7:30 – 10:30 PM Caller: Eric Henerlau

#### Nov. 08: Anniversary Dance; Farmers & Farmerettes

Walters Jr. High School, 39600 Logan Dr., Fremont 7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds: George Gardner 8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Dan Nordbye

#### Nov. 15: Cactus Jack Hoedown; Sunnyvale Squares

John Muir Middle School

1260 Branham Ln, San Jose

Caller: Hunter Keller

Cuer: Sharon & Casey Parker

#### Nov. 22: General Dance; SCVSDA

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

7:30 – 10:00 PM; Caller: Scot Byars

#### Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Dinner & Salvation Army Toy Dance

Contact: Jane Bishop 408-356-7796

#### Nov. 29: Whing Ding; SCVSCA/SCVSDA

Callers: Tork Clark, Wayne Janssen, Roger Smith

Cuer: Barbara-Lynn Smith

editor's note: A reminder that in my absence from weekly Club dancing, I will continue to compose and edit the Chirper which will then be printed and distributed by Morris. Please continue to submit your articles and photographs to me via email.

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, it's Fall now and the holidays are coming! Goodbye Summer.



My hope for Katydids is to see some growth in the coming months as the Katydoers join us to continue learning new calls and ultimately join Katydids. We ALL need to help as much as possible to support them. Everyone reacts differently to learning.

I remember when I learned to square dance. It disturbed me when experienced dancers would get visibly upset if I made an error. Also, I didn't appreciate it when someone would turn me, push, pull or shove me as if I'm a little child. Those were the biggest distractions for me when learning to square dance.

From my perspective, it's best to allow a new dancer some space, be patient, don't micro manage his/her every move, allow the new dancer to make a mistake even when you're tempted to say something, this is how we learn. Falling off the bicycle was how I learned to ride a bike.

The new dancer may become dependent on someone in the square for help and never become strong and confident if they aren't forced to think on their own. Encourage the dancer to focus on the Caller's calls, give him/her a chance to process or even make a mistake. Making a mistake isn't the worst thing in the world.

Keep in mind it's supposed to be fun, lets not make it feel like a job.

# Linda

#### REMEMBERING . . .

Rhoda Flor Gill, a one time Katydids Club member and, more recently, a member of our current Katydoers Class, was diagnosed a few short weeks ago with pancreatic cancer. She passed away September 20th.



She had a warm and friendly spirit and was a member of the West Valley Presbyterian Church where she served as a Deacon for the church.

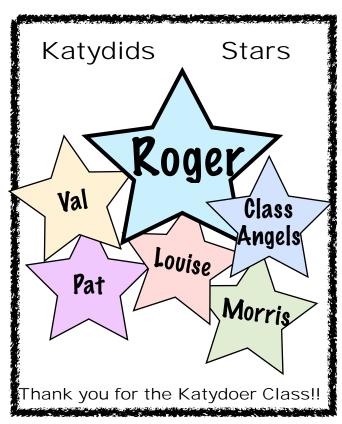
Rhoda emigrated with her family from the Philippines at the age of 1 and spent her youth in San Francisco. She loved to travel and Katydids will especially remember her stories of her trip to Africa a few years ago.

Memorial contributions in Rhoda Flor Gill's name may be made to West Valley Presbyterian Church. Please specify for the children's or music programs.

#### CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Club Member, Roger Smith, has started a new Castaways Class on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 9:30 PM at the Resurrection Lutheran Church. He needs Angels, especially men to help with the new dancers. It will really help and Katydids may even be able to get some new dancers.

Tork Clark's new class, also on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM, at the Camden Community. Center on Union Ave. can use Angels, as well.



#### CUER'S CORNER

Hi Katydids,

On Oct 10 for our Rock and Roll party night, Barbara Lynn Smith with be the cuer. I will be in Vegas doing my Elvis impersonation. Kidding...but please do attend that night to honor Barbara. She cues at major hoedowns in the bay area.

The Cha round dance class before Katydids starts has progressed to practicing Axel F. That dance is moderately difficult, but is a standard Cha dance and is cued at many hoedowns. The Cha lessons are about 2/3 of the way thru phase 3.

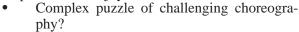
John Caywood

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#### CALLER'S CORNER

Hi Katydids

Since you are reading this you probably enjoy Modern Western Square Dancing (MWSD). BUT what part do You enjoy?



- Simple Choreography so you do not have to think after a hard day?
- Fellowship with other Dancers?
- Wide variety of historic, traditional & contemporary music?
- Smooth Dancing?
- Round Dancing?
- All the \$\$\$ in the 50/50? You are easy to please.
- OOOh! The refreshments?

For near every part of MWSD you cannot just walk into the hall and start dancing. In most other group dance forms you can nearly just walk in the door. You may NOT do whatever well, but you are not part of a team that is depending on YOU. Your partner may object to you stepping on their toes, but mostly there is NOT a team dependence as in MWSD.

This team dependence caused the call & definition standardization offered by CALLERLAB, and permits you to experience MWSD for years all over the world in ENGLISH. The one rub being the team NEEDS to be very near the same page in capability. EVEN Dosado probably does not mean much to a first night dancer. SO on most nights some level of workshop is needed to educate a diversity of dancers (often the product of many teachers) to a similar capability. There is NO CALLERLAB, SCVCA, SDCANC or any MWSD association standard for graduation at any dance level. EVERY Caller finds out / tests what is within dancer capability EVERY tip. Can you believe dancers that Relay The Deucey EASILY but cannot Square Thru?

100% of the things we do in MWSD was probably well within our capability by the time we were 5 or 6 years old. The twist MWSD has added is, for those things (face right, left, in, out...) some nut (Caller) tells you to do it NOW. AND you NEED to do RIGHT NOW (speed of the music). AND the lazy caller does not want to say all that stuff. So you have to memorize a sequence of right, left, in, out, half turn... connected to one call. EASY PEASY!

Or is it? The Fellowship thing lets that genius over there put up with YOU and that ^%\$#@ call (you do bring a great \*\*\* to Pot Luck). The Music gives YOU and your corner a connection, TOGETHER you may sing along, easy choreo Not a Worry in the World. Heck the evening theme will let you ACTUALLY wear that %\$#@\*& before it goes to the thrift store. The Smooth Dancing is a nice personal thing. YOU can stagger from place to place, or twinkle toes. Just so you don't bump into stuff and get there in time to the music. And if you like Ball Room, Swing, Cha, Rumba... OFTEN it is there in the Same Hall . MWSD: One Stop for ALL your evening entertainment needs. BUT you did not just walk in off the street. It did take some time and patients from others for YOU to learn. Have patients and help a New Dancer enjoy MWSD. It may take a while.

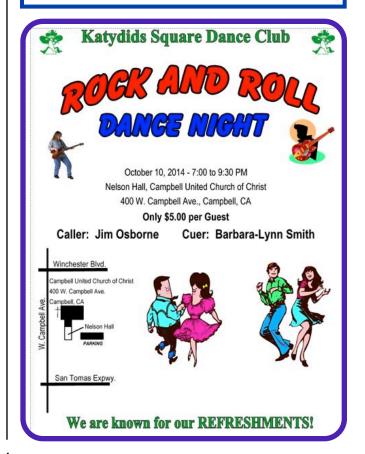
**JIM** (Katydids Club Caller)

#### NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN

Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!

-- SEPTEMBER (2014) CLASS LEVEL --

Sat., December 6<sup>h</sup> CPSD Caller: Roger Smith



# Chirper Chatter...

Bill Matolyak was in great pain with a pinched sciatic nerve. The excruciating pain he experienced he would not wish it upon his worst



enemy. What his doctor did was stretch his body and legs that relieved his pain. What amazes me about **Bill** is his great ability to copy, create, improve, duplicate the things they did to him and he improvised a similar set-up at home whenever he feels the onset of pain cropping up. Soon after he found that he had a sore throat and the doctor did mention it is in a contagious state so Bill stayed away from square dancing one Friday (good man). You can tell Bill is getting to the senior age. He was in putting away the shopping cart and going towards his car he saw from the corner of his eye that the cart was moving towards a car, he turned tried to stop it and TRIPPED on the cart wheel but fortunately for his good physical shape he was able to break his fall to minimize any damage to his already banged up body. Take care...

Her Honor, **Janis Parsons**, has been doing her call to duty as a juror these past few days. We were wondering why she wasn't responding to our mucho bunch of emails circulating among the Board members and now we know why. The only complaint she has is that the chairs were lousy and gave her a sore back. It seems that at least this court room was undergoing some remodeling and they had to make do with temporary chairs...

Morris Hosoda is not backing out on his word about quitting Senior Softball. Last month I stated that I have been asked by a manager who was forming an 85 team which got me excited so I said sure but that I would only play in major tournaments. Well, that major tournament is here and I have played in Las Vegas, Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1. As I write this article I am still home but will print the results if time and space will be available when I get back. Stay tuned...

Congratulations to **Lloyd Darknell** who has been named to be the next Webmaster for the Santa Clara Valley Caller's Association! Nice going...



Mo Hosoda has a new used red 2014 Mazda3 Hatchback that replaced his gas guzzling 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan. Notice that paper owners papers taped on the lower part of the windshield passenger side. Good luck...

Morris represented two teams in Las Vages's World Championship Senior Softball Tournament. The team he really went with is the Western Chiefs 85 which

consisted of a newly formed team with players from Northern California, Hawaii, Oregon, Colorado and Minnesota and played against veteran strong teams from Florida Center for Sights, and Texas Stars playing one game each on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and lost all 3. One consolation, we got the BRONZE medal for coming in third. The other team, Elk Grove Renegades 80's, is the team I played regularly but early this year decided not to play with them on distant tournaments but since I was going to Las Vegas anyway I joined them. This team was promoted to Major from AAA rating as a result of winning the Reno Tournament in May/June. This team also came in third out of six 80's Major teams and got another BRONZE medal. Now he is seriously considering retiring from all tournament play and just play in the local league. He sends a thank you to all who have been supporting him...

> Morris Hosoda moho77@gmail.com

Prizes for the Best Dressed Hippie

October 17, 2014—7:00 to 9:30
Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell, CA
Only \$ 5.00 per Guest
Caller: Jim Osborne
Cuer: John Caywood

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Tillie Tillman	Oct. 04
Val Paterson	Oct. 07
Opal Hebson	Oct. 09
Bea Clark	
<b>Bobbie Davis</b>	
Eric Wilhelmsen	Oct. 29
Bill Benevento	Oct. 30
Gary DeLapp	Oct. 31

Sept. 7, 2014 Email Sent to all Club Members by President, Linda Caywood

Dear Katydids members,

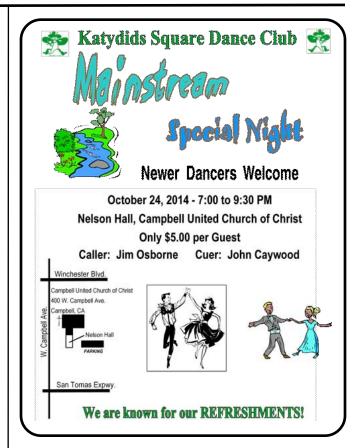
Lloyd and I discussed the amount of work setting up the hall before the dancers arrive, and many coming at 6:30 nowadays for the Round Dancing, most come at 7:00. I reviewed the current Square Head Assignment schedule which Lloyd took a lot of time and consideration preparing and matching up the people as best as he could considering their strengths and abilities. We've decided to have 3 people scheduledeach week. Some clubs have 4 people per week, with less settingup work than Katydids has. Currently the time for the folks scheduled for Square Head Duty is to arrive at Katydids is 6:15. Please, try to be on time, no later than 6:20, especially important on party nights. In the Chirper are more details of the Square Head duties. Having 3 Square Heads from now on should help evervone, and it should run smoother, even if duty is every 3 months. Once dancing starts the people on duty can take turns dancing and socializing. It's up to them to decide who stays at the table while the other dances. We don't want one person to do all the work or have to sit out most of the night without having much enjoyment. So this way it's "sharing the load". With a small club now, square head duty may come around more often. Once the people who are on cruises and long vacations are back it'll be easier forLloyd when making the schedule and should be better for all.

If there's a date that you cannot be at Katydids let Lloyd know so he can accommodate you. Reviewing the schedule that Lloyd put thought and effort into, he explained why he teamed up certain people with some folks. Several club members help a little toward the end of the night also. Lloyd's putting people together as best as he can, and I appreciate that. Everyone has abilities they're best at and some abilities they aren't well suited for. I hope this lengthy explanation helps you understand why it is the way it is.

Change is hard for some people to accept, but change can be good. With a new Board comes new ideas and as the club is shrinking in membership the board needs to evaluate what's best for the club to function well. If you have a problem with the scheduling please refer to Lloyd, the Super Square Head.

Thank you,

Linda Caywood Katydids President





# KATYDIDS AND FRIENDS PHOTOS

September 6, 2014 REDNECK HOEDOWN Resurrection Lutheran Church Santa Clara











September 6, 2014 MEMORIAL SERVICE for Nancy Walb





# September 12, 2014 PIZZA NIGHT









September 13, 2014 SCVSDA/SCVSCA JUBILEE









# September 26, 2014 CHEAP 'N' TACKY HOEDOWN











### From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti - -

#### CHOCOLATE BANANA COFFEE CAKE

Preheat oven to 350°F

Cake:

1 (18.25 oz) white cake mix

 $1~\mathrm{pkg}$  (4-serving size) vanilla instant pudding mix

4 eggs

1 1/2 c. mashed ripe bananas (3-4 large bananas)

1/3 c. vegetable oil

In a large mixer bowl, combine cake mix, pudding mix, eggs, mashed bananas and oil. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Spread half of batter in prepared pan.

Topping:

1/2 c. packed brown sugar

1 t. ground cinnamon

1 1/2 c. semi-sweet chocolate chips

Combine brown sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle half over batter in pan. Top with half of the chocolate chips. Repeat layers with remaining cake batter, sugar mixture and chips. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Serve warm or cool.

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