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Katyids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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

ONLY 55 DAYS UNTIL ...

HALLOWEEN!!

Time to get your costumes ready for the BIG party!!

CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Sep. 05: 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 **KATYDOER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Sat., Sep. 06: Redneck Hoedown; Castaways & Katyids
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara
7:30 – 10:00 PM, Caller: **Jim Osborne**
\$10 per person

Fri., Sep. 12: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
7:00 – 9:30 PM **KATYDOER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri., Sep. 19: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
** **PARTY NIGHT****, Theme: End of Summer
Wear green, and bring summertime snacks to share
7:00 – 9:30 PM **KATYDOER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri., Sep. 26: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
7:00 – 9:30 PM **KATYDOER'S CLASS**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara

Fri., Oct. 03: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
Chirper distributed
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
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
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
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club & **KATYDOER'S** Dancing
****PARTY NIGHT**** Wear green, and bring
food to share

Fri., Oct. 24: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club & **KATYDOER'S** Dancing

Fri., Oct. 31: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
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
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club & **KATYDOER'S** Dancing
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SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS
and DUTIES

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

- Sep. 05.....Steele / Gray
- Sep. 12.....Darknell / Tillman
- Sep. 19.....Wilhelmsen / Krulee
- Sep. 26.....Shaney / Matolyak

- Oct. 03.....Hebson / McManus
- Oct. 10.....DeLapp / Clark
- Oct. 17.....Grubb / Lehnhoff / Wies
- Oct. 24.....Bruns / Paterson
- Oct. 31.....Willey / Parsons

- Nov. 07.....Franger / Moore / Shaney
- Nov. 14.....Angotti / Smith / Gray
- Nov. 21.....Steele / Krulee
- Nov. 28.....DARK - Thanksgiving

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 Katydid's 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)

- Sep. 12-14: Jubilee; SCVSDA**
Burnett Middle School; 850 N. 2nd St., San José
Callers: Jet Roberts, Romney Tannehill
Cuers: Rey & Sherry Garza

- Sep. 20: Harvest Moon Hoedown; Elks N Does**
Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda
8:00 – 11:00 PM
Caller: Mike Wright
Cuer: George Gardner

- 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. 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
Caller: Dan Nordbye
Cuer: George Gardner

- Nov. 14: 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**
Caller: Scot Byars

- Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Dinner & Salvation Army Toy Dance**
Contact: Jane Bishop 408-356-7796
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Remembering Nancy Walb

We just learned that Dave Walkb's wife Nancy passed away last Sunday. While they were not Katydid's Club members, they did attend many of our Club events including Pat's bus trips, and the Plus Workshop we had a few years ago. We extend our condolences to Dave and his family.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hi Katydids,

Paraphrasing President John Kennedy, "Ask not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club" My question is, "What are you doing for your club?" Are you concerned that Square Dancing isn't as popular as it was 25 years ago? What do you do to support it? Years ago the club had on average 6 -7 squares each night so there was always enough people to help out. With a smaller club we all need to pitch in if possible, not rely on others to do it all.

Are you friendly and hospitable to visitors? Smiling is important. It makes people feel good to see smiles. Do you try to be positive instead of negative? Do you lend a hand whenever needed at the club? What do you contribute as a member? Lets be more of a team and do the best we can for Katydids and aim for success and growth. If you do nothing, don't expect much success or growth.

News around the South Bay

Roger Smith just started a new beginning square dance class every Tuesday evening from 7:00 til 9:30. He needs Angels to help with the new students. We could all use some extra square dance practice to make us better dancers at hoedowns. Those new dancers could eventually become new Katydid members, but if they don't know many Katydids people they'll not feel compelled to join this club. The Katydoers complete their class in October and most will probably come dance at Katydids since they've been here several times already and are familiar with us.

I would like to see more Katydids club members at the hoedowns. Supporting our Callers and showing support for your club is important. I realize there are times we cannot always attend every event going on, but those who never go to hoedowns are missing the best part of being a square dancer. It is so much fun to see people from other clubs who you don't see often, dance to a new Caller and search the buffet tables for special treats. If Square Dancing is to survive in the bay area, we need to support it whenever possible.

Recap of August

There were Slab dances in Ben Lomond, dancing at the Santa Clara Fair and the Katydids Root Beer Float Night. The Root Beer event featured the Katydoers and had many visitors. There was also a New Callers Graduation dance, and the Katydids Spaghetti & Salad dinner. I made so much spaghetti that half was delivered to the Katydoers class. Because the annual Hot August Nights / clothing sale was a free 5th Friday, we

had a great turnout of folks. Finally on the 30th was the Whing Ding SCVCA/SCVSDA hoedown.

Coming Soon

The annual Jubilee is September 12th-14th. It's my hope to see lots of Katydids present, dancing and socializing.

Linda

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CLASSES STARTING THIS FALL

SUNDAYS:

Stanford Quads

Instructor: Harlan Kerr, Bill van Melle
Fairmeadow School, 500 E Meadow Dr, Palo Alto
Starts: Oct. 5th; 1st 3 nights are free
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Cost: \$8/week/person
Contact: Joe: 408-774-1570

TUESDAYS:

Castaways

Instructor: Roger Smith
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 - 9:30 PM
Starts: August 26; 1st 2 nights Free; \$5/night thereafter
Contact: Roger: 408-821-1837

CPSD

Instructor: Tork Clark
Camden Community Center, 3369 N. Union Ave., San Jose
Starts: Sept. 2nd
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Cost: \$5/night/person
Contact: Jackie 408-663-1477

Sunnyvale Squares

Instructor: Rich Reel
Murphy Park, 260 N. Sunnyvale Ave., Sunnyvale
7:00 - 8:30 PM
Contact: Roger: 408-744-1021

WEDNESDAYS

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Instructor: Bob Steele
LGS Youth Recreation Center, 123 E. Main St., Los Gatos
Starts: September
7:30 - 9:30 PM
Contact: 408-248-5743

El Camino Reelers

Instructor: Rich Reel
St. Andrews Methodist Church, 4111 Alma St., Palo Alto
Starts: September

CALLER'S CORNER



From the olden days Square Dancing is kina a spin off of Folk & Barn Dancing. Reels, Quadrilles, Contra's... and what we now call Traditional Square Dancing. Participants can learn and dance with minimal instruction before or even during the dance. But very few if any of these dances occur(ed) EVERY week with mostly the same dancers for year after year.

1974 - CALLERLAB, The International Association of Square Dance Callers was not the original seed for MWSD (Modern Western Square Dancing) but it was a huge factor in what MWSD is today. Dance Programs/Lists, Call Definitions... all contribute to MWSD being able to attract and retain participants every week for many years. The drawback being the necessary instruction takes time. Additionally after instruction MOST dancers need considerable & frequent review of instructions AND exposure to use (dancing) of what was learned (MORE Time). Yea! There a few smarty pants that can read a book or attend a "Blast Class" and become Master Dancers overnight. But that is NOT most of us. You may be smart as all get out, but for your square to succeed the other 7 dancers along with you need to be up to speed on the material called.

The Internet possibly fueling some or much of our high speed life style has made us want what we want NOW. But people are still people in 2014. The 1980's were the boom time for MWSD and many dancers danced 2, 3, 4...7 nights a week. These folk acquired what I have called Super Powers based on being on the MWSD floor 200, 500, 1000... hours. Many of these folk are our CURRENT regular Hoedown/Festival attending Plus Dancers. Think about it... JUST 200 floor hours at 2.5 hr a night. To get to 200 hours a student needs to dance EVERY Tip, EVERY night of class, AND the Caller needs to gets down to instruction business EVERY Tip. AND that takes 80 dances. One night a week for 80 dances, that is kina a year and a half, Every Tip Every Night, no illness or doing other stuff by ANYONE in the class (it IS an 8 dancer team). What mental process does it take to REALLY believe, with older dancers, and less than perfect class attendance by ALL students, 80 dances can magically be compressed into less than 40 dances or about 9 months of one night a week? I cannot seem to find that mental process. If you can, please explain it to me

Few New Dancers in 2014 can allocate 2.5 hours and dance every tip, 1 night a week for even 9 months. Remember this as you befriend a Recent New

MWSDancer. Four year colleges with lots of YOUNG students have not found a way to magically provide the same instruction material in 2 years for the average Joe or Josephine. Lots of stuff to learn kina takes time for real folk to LEARN.

There is more than enough interesting Square Dancing at Basic & Mainstream AND New Dancers CAN attain that capability in a somewhat reasonable time frame.

Hope 2 C Ya Next Friday

JIM (Katydid's Club Caller)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- Stephanie Stevens.....Sep. 05
- Parker Willey.....Sep. 07
- Jacky WilhelmsenSep. 27

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CHANGES TO APPOINTEE POSITIONS

President, **Linda Caywood**, and the Board of Directors have appointed **Steven Lehnhoff & Naomi Grubb** as Quartermasters, and **Lloyd Darknell** as Super Square Head. Please make note of these changes and thank you to **Sue and Gary DeLapp** and **Stephanie Stevens** for their service.

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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 Katydid's 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.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Bill & Betty BeneventoSep. 08**
- Bob & Lisa Steele.....Sep. 16**

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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.

Chirper Chatter...



Gee, folks, it is kind of depressing writing about our members when it is seriously on the side of illness, injuries, work related, etc. You know where I am so please send me some GOOD news...

Ingrid Krulee has mentioned that she injured her right knee again and this would probably curtail her dancing for a while. That email was dated Aug. 7. We saw her dancing a little at our Hot August Night Dance and that was a good sight for my sore eyes...

To recap a little, you are all aware that our Char Pitts fell (yes, again) and broke her elbow and was well on her way to healing until something went awry and another surgery was scheduled for Aug. 20 because her pin was backing out on her own accord. Well, the Aug. 20 surgery went as scheduled and she is recuperating at her daughter's home in Morgan Hill. She feels good and no pain and should know more for sure after her x-ray on Friday, Sept. 5. She will still spend a few more days in Morgan Hill to celebrate the grandchildren's birthdays on Sept. 6 and if everything goes right she will be home on Sept. 7...

Because of their unplanned new tasks, Sue & Gary DeLapp has been relieved of their Quartermaster duties for Katyids and Steven Lehnhoff & Naomi Grubb has stepped forward to take their place. I saw Gary on our Hot August night dance bringing some of the supplies that he kept at his home to turn it over to Steven & Naomi. They are still in the throes of prepping Sue's parents and Gary's parents to their new homes and selling their home. Word was just received that Sue's mother passed away on Sunday, Aug. 31. We are indeed very sorry. Please be assured that our thoughts are with you and Gary...

Morris & Louise Hosoda went to Burbank, Aug. 17 and met their daughter, Marcia, and grandson, Sean, within the hour at the airport as they arrived from Dulles, VA. They all stayed at Hampton Inn located across the street from Woodbury University where Sean will be attending. Many trips were made to the shopping center to purchase items needed to help Sean adjust to living away from home on campus. For diversion they toured Paramount Studios in Burbank. By the way Sean will be majoring in animation...

Morris Hosoda is saying he has played his last tournament senior softball (ha! ha!) at the Big League Dreams complex in Manteca, the annual Hall of Fame Tournament. He provided the sound system for the

ceremony held at 11 AM, Thursday, Aug. 14 at the Fenway Park. He arranged to play his last tournament with the Elk Grove Renegades but after playing the first game of the tournament, he decided to quit completely since the manager was using all 16 players on offense. Morris only batted twice and had 2 for 2, one was a double. His reason for quitting: it was fun playing but away from the game was not. He spent the time alone, travelling, eating and staying at the motels. However, (there is always a however) he got a call from another manager wanting to start an 85 years old team for the Las Vegas tournament coming up at the end of September. So his senior softball saga may still continue so stay tuned...

Skip & Steph Stevens are in the eastern USA and if you haven't travelled much in the east especially in the New England states area, it is very easy to travel to several states in one day. I will have a bound travel book on their trip when they return to be displayed in the back for everyone to read...

Morris Hosoda
moho77@gmail.com

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CUER'S CORNER



As of the date of writing this, the free half hour round dance Cha lesson has had 5 lessons with 22 figures. We are solidifying the basics, from which all other figures are defined. For example, Alemana = Forward Basic + Underarm Turn.

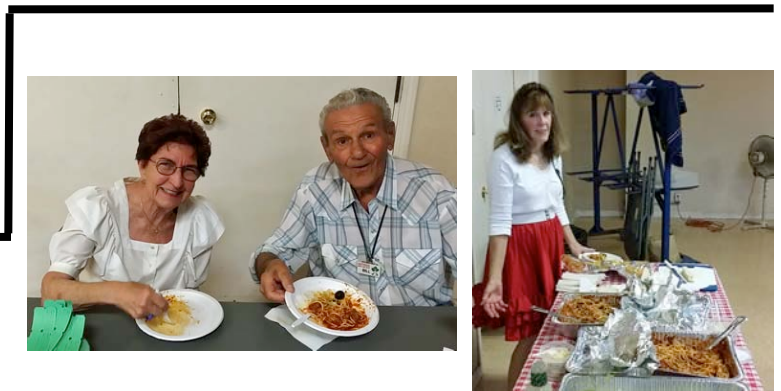
If you are interested in learning Two Step, Sue and Phil Harris will be starting a 2 hour class on Sunday evenings at 7PM on Sept 21. If you don't know Sue Harris, she cues round dance at most of the big south bay hoedowns.

One interesting technique I discovered while teaching Waltz is having students do slow motion dancing as if their feet are in molasses. We even tried the sobriety test of standing on one foot to see who is nimble and coordinated. Try it. If you can't stand on one foot you will have a difficult time dancing.

Another learning technique is stepping in time to the music at a store while pushing a shopping cart. This will help you be aware of the difference between 3/4 Waltz rhythm and 4/4 rhythm for everything else.

John Caywood
Katyids Round Dance Cuer

08/15/14
Root Beer Float Night with our Katydoer Class



08/22/14
Spaghetti Night



Photos courtesy of Linda Caywood



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END OF SUMMER... DANCE

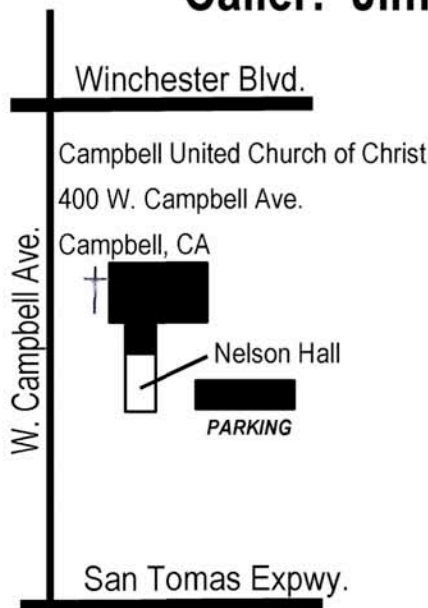


September 19, 2014

Nelson Hall, Campbell United Church of Christ

7:00 - 9:30 PM

Caller: Jim Osborne Cuer: John Caywood



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DAY...



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Presents...

Free Fifth Friday

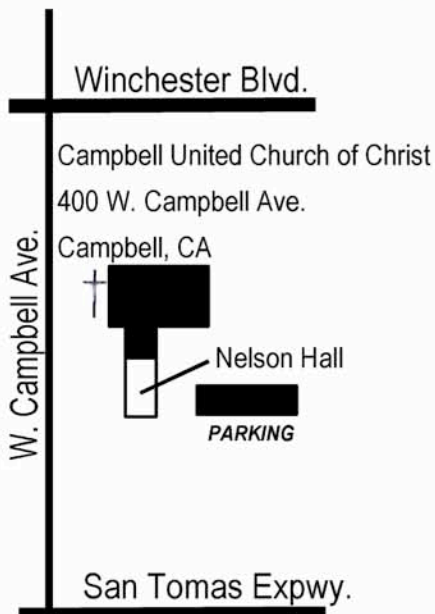


Modern Western Square Dance Night

October 31, 2014

Nelson Hall, Campbell United Church of Christ

Caller: Jim Osborne 7:00 - 9:30 PM **Cuer: John Caywood**



COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!



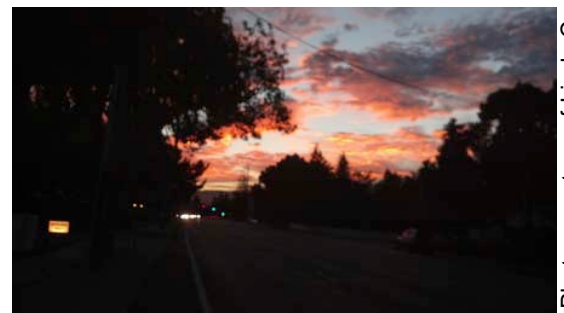
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- Best Couple
- Ugliest
- Sexiest
- Funniest

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08/29/14

Hot August Night with Clothing Sale



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