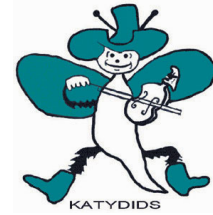


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Katydid Square Dance Club Newsletter

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GENERAL CLUB MEETING

Friday, April 18th

9:00 PM

Agenda: Election of Officers

All Club Members are encouraged to attend.

CLUB CALENDAR

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| Fri., Apr. 4: Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class 8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing | Fri., May 2: Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class 8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing <i>Chirper</i> distributed |
| Fri., Apr. 11: Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class 8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing | Fri., May 9: Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class 8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing |
| Fri., Apr. 18: Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class 8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing **PARTY NIGHT** Club Members wear green & bring food to share. General Club Meeting -- Election of officers | Fri., May 16: Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class 8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing **PARTY NIGHT** Club Members wear green & bring food to share. |
| Thu., Apr. 24: In/Out Executive Board Meeting 7:30 PM, | Fri., May 23: Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class 8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing |
| Fri., Apr. 25: Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Beginner Class 8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing Last day to sign up for Installation Brunch | Fri., May 30: Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 8:30 PM, NEW Beginner Class 8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing |
| Sun., Apr. 27: Katydid Installation Brunch Michael's at Shoreline in Mt. View 11:00 – 3:00 PM; \$20 per person | Sun., Jun. 22: Annual Club Picnic -- SAVE THE DATE! |

**SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS
and DUTIES**

Super Square Head
Caroline Fifield (408) 377-3740

Apr. 04 Willey
Apr. 11 Hemsley
Apr. 18 Benevento
Apr. 25 Bennett

May 02 Fifield
May 09 Franger / Moore
May 16 Hebson
May 23 Helfrich, A. & M.
May 30 Helfrich, J. & R

Jun. 06 Mensing
Jun. 13 Hosoda
Jun. 20 Shaney
Jun. 27 Pitts / Powell

On Dance Night PRIOR to your duty night:

- Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into Club Cupboard. Notify the Super Square Head, Caroline Fifield, at 408-377-3740, of any needed supplies or change of duty assignment dates.

Before the dance:

- Contact Square Head for following week to be sure they will be there.
- On scheduled night, the designated Square Heads should arrive **by 6:30 PM.**
- Set up tables and chairs as needed.
- Bring 6-8 lbs ice for cooler and make ice water.
- Start hot water for tea and coffee.

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone at the door.
- Offer raffle tickets, 5 tickets for \$1.00.
- Have guests sign guest book and collect \$4.00 donation per guest.
- Give guest names to President or Membership Chair for introduction during announcements.
- Divide the raffle proceeds – 50% to the Club, 50% to the “cups”.
- Check that water and cups do not run out.
- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.

After the dance: *Clean up!!* Take the trash bags out to the dumpster (locked) located in the side parking lot. The key is hanging on the wall by the door to the kitchen. NOTE: tables must go into closet FIRST (remember the Caller’s table, too), then the chair “rack”.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

Apr. 5: Circus Circus; Rockin’ Jokers
First Congregational Church
1980 Hamilton Ave., San Jose
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: John Flora & Dolores Ferrero
8:30 – 10:45 PM; Caller: Michael Kellogg

Apr. 5: Spring Jamboree
Hutchins Street Square, Lodi
9:00 – 11:00 PM
Caller: Buddy Weaver
Cuer: Sharon & Casey Parker

Apr 18-20: California Square Dance State Convention
Cal Expo, Sacramento

April 26: Keeway Swingers
Walters Jr. High, Fremont
8:00 – 8:30 PM; PreRounds: George Gardner & Priscilla Staver
8:30 – 11:00 PM; Caller: Jay Henderson

May 2-4: Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival
Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV
Callers: Ken Bower, Wade Driver, Jerry Haag
Cuers: The Lillefields, The Parkers

May 17: Black and White Ball; Krazy Dazys
John Muir Middle School
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: Sue & Phil Harris
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Jim Osborne

May 23-25: Golden State Round Up
Callers: Joe Saltel, Dan Nordbye, Ray Brendky, Bob Baier
Cuer: Radka & Steve Sandeman

May 31: SCVSDA & SCVCA Whing Ding
Caller Appreciation Dance

June 7: Ice Cream Fling Thing; Bows & Beaus
Cubberley Community Center, Palo Alto
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris
8:00 11:00 PM; Caller: Tim Crawford

June 14: Strawberry Festival; Sunnyvale Singles
Caller: Vic Ceder

Jun. 25-28: 57th National Square Dance Convention
Wichita, Kansas

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NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN

Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!

- - January Class Level - -

Sat., April 12: Bows & Beaus

7:30 – 10:00 PM, John Muir Middle School
Callers: Keith Ferguson & Roger Smith

THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER – –

Hi Katydids,

The last three years as President just went flying by.

We have a General membership meeting and elections coming up on April 18th after the class is finished. We have most of the slots filled on the board. If you can fill any of the remaining positions contact **Bob Bennett**.

We also have our installation brunch on April 27th and our picnic on June 22nd.

The next two months are going to be busy for the Katydids.

~ Lloyd



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!

- Morris & Louise Hosoda Apr. 5
- Jim & Joann Osborne Apr. 7
- Sal & Louise Stagnitto Apr. 7



‘08 SPRING BEGINNER’S CLASSES

TUESDAYS:

Single Squares of Sunnyvale

Caller: Eric Henerlau
Start: May 6; 7 – 8:30 PM
Murphy Park, Sunnyvale
Contact: 408-996-0174

FRIDAYS:

Katydids

Caller: **Jim Osborne**
Start: May 30; 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
Contact: 408-482-9320

SLATE OF OFFICERS

VOTE APRIL 18TH

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|----------------|------------------|
| President | Roger Hemsley |
| Vice President | Caroline Fifield |
| Treasurer | Don Powell |
| Secretary | |
| Membership | Bob Bennett |
| Publicity | Don Gaubatz |
| Chaplain | Char Pitts |



INSTALLATION BRUNCH

Please join us at Michael's on Sunday April 27th from 11:00 to 3:00 for a brunch to honor our outgoing board and to welcome the incoming board. It is a time for the Katydids to socialize, to enjoy the beautiful location and to honor our new president and his board. Cost this year is \$20 per person and the Katydids will pickup the remainder of the tab. See **Char Pitts** for signing up.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

- Louise Stagnitto Apr. 21
- Betty Benevento Apr. 25
- Louise Hosoda Apr. 29

MINUTES

Executive Board Meeting

March 7, 2008

President, Lloyd Darknell called the meeting to order at 9:44 p.m. at the home of Charlotte Pitts.

Roll Call: President, Lloyd Darknell; V.P., Bob Bennett; Secretary, Maxine Darknell; Treasurer, Don Powell; Publicity, Don Gaubatz; and Membership, Charlotte Pitts.

Absent: Chaplain, June Helfrich.

Visitors present: Chirper Editor, Stephanie Stevens; Social Chair, Pat Angotti; and Annie Bennett.

The minutes from the previous Board Meeting of January 11th were approved as published.

REPORTS:

Officers:

1. President: No report.
2. Vice-President: No report.
3. Treasurer: Don P. distributed and explained his report for January and February.
4. Membership: Charlotte agreed with Lloyd's count showing our Membership at 35 active members after we regrettably accepted the resignation of Harry and Marilyn Shaver. Our inactive membership stands at four but Charlotte plans to check with the Hughes' and Stagnitto's in hope that they might be ready to return.
5. Chaplain: Absent.
6. Publicity: No report.

Committees:

1. Chirper: Stephanie said the Chirper deadline for the April issue is March 28th.
2. Social: Pat Angotti reported that a great time was had by all who went on the "Fun Train" to Reno. The ride back was especially beautiful with lots of snow. Pat said the next social will probably be a bus tour of the Jelly Belly Factory and the Budweiser Brewery later this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. January Class: Lloyd indicated that the present class is doing well and that Jim thought that we will be ready to start a new Mainstream Class on May 30th. Lloyd asked Don if he could change the dates on our existing class flyers to show this new date. It is hoped that our present class dancers will invite all their friends and co-workers to come to the next class.

2. Sweetheart Special: All agreed that it was another successful hoedown with about 18 squares. The new way of doing the raffle worked well and twenty-seven Katydids came to help and brought lots of good food.

3. Guest Caller in the Area: The Katydids will not host Ken Bowers as a guest caller in April but he will be calling for the Rockin' Jokers on Wednesday, the week in April that he is in town.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Slate of New Officers: Bob B. is working on obtaining a new board to start May 1st. He will check with existing officers to see who is willing to return and will hopefully have a new slate of officers by March 28th in order to post the list in the April Chirper.
2. Election of New Officers: There will be a Katydids General Board Meeting to elect the new officers on Friday, April 18th, after dancing at 9:00 p.m. Any guests who come that night will dance free because we will stop dancing early.
3. Installation of New Officers: It was decided to go ahead and have the "Installation Brunch" at Michaels Restaurant, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, as in years past because the reservations had already been made since last year by Charlotte for April 27th. Lloyd will contact Sal and Louise Stagnitto to see if Sal can be Master of Ceremonies and see if Louise can do the Installation of New Officers. Each one that attends will be asked to pay \$20.00 per person with the balance paid out of the Katydids bank account.
4. Katydids Annual Picnic: The B.B.Q./Picnic area that we have used in the past at Central Park in Santa Clara has been reserved by Lloyd for Sunday, June 22nd. Bob and Annie volunteered to organize it, again.

Agenda Items for the "In and Out" board meeting of the Incoming and Outgoing Officers/Committees:

1. Jim Osborne's Contract
2. June Picnic

Next Party Night & General Board Meeting: April 18th

Next Board Meeting: April 24th.

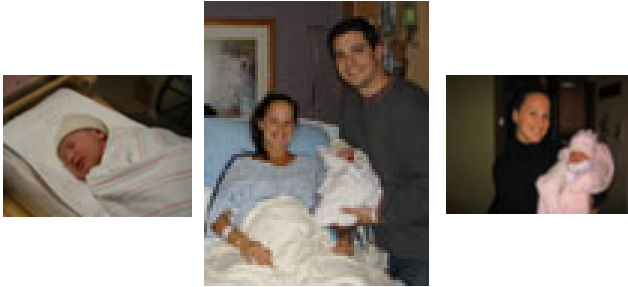
Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Darknell

FROM MARY & ROD ---

Hello, friends and family. Our BIG NEWS is that daughter Deborah in Boston had baby Madison Kay Dorman on February 17! All are doing well as “Maddy” teaches Deborah and Phil how to be great



It's been quite a while – Happy New Year! We spent three winter months in very southern Texas, known as “the valley”. It's the acknowledged square dancing capital of the world. Mostly warm weather, a few cold snaps, and fairly constant winds (reminded me of Aruba). It's a very active group that also makes time to get involved with the community, donating time and money to several worthy causes. We learned a lot more for retirement than round dancing during our stay here.



How about camping in a place where you can just reach out the kitchen window and pick some grapefruit! We stayed at Tropic Star in Pharr particularly

because we liked the teaching style of Adrienne and Larry Nelson, but we soon found out that the park and its people had a lot more to offer. Loads of activities – we particularly enjoyed tennis and the “bicycle to breakfast” crowd, along with the various types of dances. We were placed on Banana Street – home of the infamous “Banana Bunch”, which was a stroke of luck for us. This group had us at happy hour thirty minutes after we pulled into the park and kept us involved the whole time. They are great volunteers in the park and the community and stage several fund raisers to support local charities.

Tropic Star has its own bus for day trips and we were able to take advantage of several of them. We went to Rio Grande City and the Hidalgo Pump House and enjoyed both the trips and the destinations. We missed trips to the Brownsville Zoo, the King Ranch, local museums and cultural events because they filled up very quickly or we had other activities planned. We also found several Polka jams occurring and had fun dancing with Barefoot Becky when she made a trip to the area. The area also makes the “winter Texans” feel welcome, with many special events featuring parades, festivals, music, food, and craft sales.

We made several trips into Mexico – the towns of Reynosa and Progreso. They differed from each other greatly, with Progreso much more tourist oriented and Reynosa a large city of 500,000 people. Both had many pharmacies, dentists and eye doctors and we joined the ever-increasing number of Americans taking advantage of greatly reduced prices for services from US-educated professionals. Increased border security was evident on both sides of the Rio Grande, with Mexico using its army to try to stem the flow of drugs and weapons across the border. We never felt threatened, but we did pay more attention to our surroundings than in previous visits or than we did in the interior areas.



We both played tennis 3-4 times each week – very nice people and we had a great time, once we got used to being on the court by

8:00 am! That's not a time that we're used to seeing. Our major activity was round dancing, primarily because we were taking lots of lessons. Square dancing also got a lot of time, both because of the number of great callers in “the valley” and because we were looking up several dancers and callers that we have met in our travels. Seeing people we've met before and catching up on our respective travels is always a high point, since we don't have a normal neighborhood for get-togethers. Thank goodness for the internet – keeping in touch really provides us with a sense of community.



The Banana Bunch, callers and cuers kept us so busy that after 10 weeks we had to take a vacation from retirement! We took off to

our timeshare in Cancun, where we met-up with friends Dana & Renee Palmer from Binghamton (NY) and Ron & Linda Halder from Ft Worth. We did nothing! Toughest thing we did was deciding whether eat or drink – and maybe deciding what time to meet at the juice bar and Jacuzzi. It was great, although leaving Pharr TX in February for Cancun just doesn't have the same impact as leaving upstate NY! Unfortunately, Mary slowed down enough to let some germs catch up with her and she spent the next week fighting them off.

We'd planned to get back on the road March 1, but there were just too many activities that we didn't want to miss, such as the park tennis tournament (Rod's doubles team came in 3rd). And the Banana Street auction – a charity fundraiser – was held the first March weekend. We had lots to donate and found a number of items on "the block" that we just couldn't do without. But the wind died enough to let us get the 5'er washed and everything packed up and ready for the road, so we headed north on March 6. Another year of adventure ahead – through the western plains, into the Canadian Rockies, and back to NM and AZ for next winter.

Here's a map of our 2007 travels – 10,000 miles in the trailer and a couple of loops. Great times, great people and great memories.



We'll stay in Texas during March – it's just not warming up fast enough up north. Along the Gulf Coast, then a few days in Ft Worth around Easter and on to Amarillo for the Carriage National Rally April 1.

How was your winter? We'd love to hear, so drop us a line, or give us a call.

Mary & Rod

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WE MADE LEMONADE LAST WEEK!

If you weren't at Club Friday night, March 28th, then you missed a treat.

Many thanks to **Bob & Annie Bennett** for bringing in the 'truck load' of fresh lemons!

E-WASTE COLLECTION DROP OFF

Campbell United Church of Christ
(Congregational)

Saturday, April 19th

9:00 – 2:00 PM

Katydids

INSTALLATION BRUNCH

Sunday, April 27th

11:00 – 3:00 PM

Michael's at Shoreline
2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mt. View

\$20 per person. Paid in advance

Last day to sign up: Friday, April 25th

DIRECTIONS:

- From Hwy 85 North towards Hwy 101 North
- After crossing over Hwy 101, it puts you onto a temporary road that paralels Hwy 101. The exit for Shoreline is just prior to entry to Hwy 101 No.
- Turn left onto No. Shoreline Blvd. and follow it to the end (road curves to the left).

Note to Katydids from Roger & Char Hemsley prior to their leaving for vacation in Cornwall, England.



Good Luck
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 Good Friends
 *
 Good Times

Katydids
 Have a Great
 St. Patrick's Day! Dance.
 We will be dancing in
 Cornwall - staying with
 our friends Sheena
 and Davy.
 Roger & Char!

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