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Katyids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the CLUB MEMBERSHIP 9:00 PM Friday, April 26th

CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Apr. 05 :Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
9:35 PM Executive Board Meeting

Fri., Apr. 12: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Fri., Apr. 19: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
****PARTY NIGHT**** Wear **GREEN** and
bring food to share

Fri., Apr. 26: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
**9:00 PM Annual Club Meeting; election of
officers; quorum of membership
needed to conduct business.**

Fri., May 03: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Fri., May 10: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Fri., May 17: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
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Fri., May 24: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:50 – 8:00 PM CLASS
8:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing

Fri., May 31: FREE 5th Friday Hoedown;
Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
-- Sept. Class Level --
6:50– 9:30 PM

Sun., Jun 9: **SAVE THE DATE!
ANNUAL CLUB REUNION & PICNIC**

Sat., Aug. 17: ** SAVE THE DATE!
Pat Angotti's trip with Docent, Gary
Holloway. Details TBD**

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS

and DUTIES

*Super Square Head**Stephanie Stevens (408-871-9525)*

Apr. 05Cosentino / Parsons / Stevens

Apr. 12Willey

Apr. 19Tillman / Stevens

Apr. 26Shaney

May 03Pitts / Scharfen

May 10 Bruns

May 17DeLapp

May 24Malstrom / Clark, B

May 31Benevento

Jun. 07Hebson

Jun. 14Caywood

Jun. 21Franger / Moore

Jun. 28Gray / Hastings

Before the dance:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, 408-871-9525 of any needed change 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 **6:30 PM**. A Katydid with a key will open the doors.
- Sweep floor as necessary and set up tables and chairs.
- Make ice water.
- Start hot water for tea and coffee.

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.

After the dance:

- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.
- ALL MEMBERS: **Clean up!** Help pack up supplies and jugs and put 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, **Gary or Sue De Lapp** 408-446-1910 of any supplies needed.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

Plus Level Dances**Apr. 13: Circus Circus; Rockin' Jokers**Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont, Sunnyvale

7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds, Sue Harris

8:00 – 10:45 PM; Caller: Ed Kremers

10:45 PM Star Tip

Apr. 20: Farmers & Farmerettes Hoedown

Walters Junior High School, Fremont

Caller: Rod Shuping

Cuer: Bob Ensten

Apr. 27: Walk & Dodge into Spring; El Camino Reelers

St. Andrews Methodist Church

4111 Alma St., Palo Alto

7:30 – 10:30 PM

Caller: Michael Kellogg

May 4: Black & White Ball; Crazy Dazys

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church

728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale

Caller: **Jim Osborne**

Cuer: Sue Harris

May 10-12: Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival

Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV

Callers: Randy Dougherty, Hunter Keller, Tom Miller

Cuer: Marie & Randy Preskitt

May 24-26: Golden State Roundup; NCSDA

San Ramon Marriott

2600 Bishop Dr., San Ramon

Callers: Bill Harrison, Tom Miller, Charlie

Robertson, Matt Worley

Cuer: Kristine & Bruce Nelson

Jun. 1: Ice Cream Fling Thing, Bows & Beaus

John Muir Middle School

7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris

8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Jet Roberts

Jun. 8: Strawberry Festival Hoedown; Sunnyvale Squares

John Muir Middle School

7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: George Gardner

8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Rick Hampton

Jun. 26-29: National Square Dance Convention

Cox Convention Center

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Jun. 29: Caller Appreciation Whing Ding; SCVCA/SCVSDA

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church

728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale

Callers: Jim Osborne, Keith Ferguson, Diana

Hilliard, Wayne Jannsen, Al Knoppe, Bob

Steele, Vicki Woods

Cuer: Barbara-Lynn Smith

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Salutations Katydid's,

Club members and interested Katydid attendees. So what's coming up?

First up, elections....

We have five board seats needing filling. It appears we have three folks willing to run for office next year. Who are they? Char Pitts is willing to put another year in publicity. Parker is okay with being VP for another year. And Morris, with the big job of treasurer.

Let's see, five minus three is two. What's open? Well President and Secretary.

For Dory and I, we have decided to step down from the board activities. Why? Well not for any general reason. But our issue is we plan to switch to coming every other week. We live in Gilroy and we need to get our house built. It has languished since we started square dancing. We both get every other Friday off, and it's an 80-mile roundtrip to make it to club on our off days. Tough to make it during the summer months when daylight is available late in the evening.

So given the above we will be gone half the time. Coupled with Tork's need to travel for work and I will probably be gone 1/3 of the time we are here. That brings us down to 1 out of three days we would be at club. Not a good attendance example for a president.

Today, elections are scheduled for April 26th. Given the print date of this newsletter, that is three weeks from now. Ideally we have a full slate two weeks prior to the election.

Are you ready to run? President or Secretary, or even a possible deal with a switch-a-roo among the the present three?

We may get into a situation where we need to consult the by-laws.

What else is on the agenda?

Well we need to start looking for a picnic chair, why? Because our picnic is currently scheduled for June 9, at the historical location, at least for Tork, park in Santa Clara. If you are interested please talk to any of the board members. We should have flyers out soon.

Long term we have the 51st Sweetheart Special coming up on February 8th. The caller's and cuer's contracts are in the mail. It should be a good event. More on this once things are locked down.

It looks like this years' Sweetheart Special event made us a bit of money. We finally received the bill for John Muir school and it appears to be smaller then the income after the other expenses. We will know soon how much.

Happy dancing!

Tork

<http://dorysvineyard.com/TorksSquareDancePage.html>

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Betty Benevento.....Apr. 25

NEWER DANCER HOEDOWNS
Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!

--SEPTEMBER & JANUARY CLASS LEVELS--

Sat., Apr. 6: Bows & Beaus
 John Muir Middle School, San Jose
 7:30 – 9:30 PM
 Callers: Keith Ferguson & **Roger Smith**

Sat., May 18: Butterfly Hoedown; CPSD
 Camden Community Center
 3369 Union Ave., San Jose
 7:30–9:45 PM
 Caller: Don Benson

--SEPTEMBER CLASS LEVEL--

Sat., April 20: April Showers; Castaways
 Resurrection Lutheran Church
 2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
 7:30–10:00 PM
 Callers: Tork Clark, Bob Steele, Roger Smith

Sat., May 11: Castaways
 Resurrection Lutheran Church
 2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
 7:30–10:00 PM

Sat., June 15: Castaways
 Resurrection Lutheran Church
 2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
 7:30–10:00 PM

Chirper Chatter...



Rudy Malstrom fell a few weeks ago missing a small drop on a level ground and fell, hurting himself enough to stay off of square dancing for a few nights. He is well enough now and should be rejoining us (if not already)...

We tried to make contact with **Janis Parsons** but she was really busy entertaining visitors from out-of-state for 3 weeks. She also had a minor surgical procedure done and we're really glad she is back dancing with us...

Welcome back **Sandy Hastings** from her approximate 3 months Leave Of Absence from our club. She is fine now and plans to be a regular...

Both **Art** and **Sandy Bruns** had a bad cold the night of our SweetHeart Special Dance and couldn't make it. But we are glad they are back with us now...

Morris Hosoda wasn't there Friday night of Feb. 22 because he was flying back at that time from Ontario after playing senior softball at Palm Springs. Their record at the tournament was 3 wins, 2 losses but not good enough. His Division was structured such that they had 3 Major teams and 3 AAA teams. His team, the Elk Grove Renegades 80's, is a Major team and the two losses were against the other Major teams (but not by much)...

We were certainly glad to see **Bill** and **Betty Benevento** after some several weeks of absence especially from **Betty**, both claiming to be recovering from various ailments. They did spend some time in Palm Desert at their time-share facility taking along long ago Katydid members, Tony & Dale Fadelli. They took a Hummer tour into Joshua Tree National Park and attended a tennis tournament held at Indian Wells. Tony is a senior tennis player. They did take in the Palm Springs Follies, a first for the Fadelli's...

Vic Oros plans to be back dancing in our class claiming he will need some refresher on many calls. He tells me that he has been going to the CPSD classes on Tuesday nights...

Morris Hosoda played in the Hayward Senior Softball Tournament the weekend of Mar. 23/24 and did fairly well with a 5 win, 1 loss record. The winning team had the same record but they beat us with a worse score than when we beat them. **Morris** had a .750 batting average (12 hits at 16 at-bats, 1 triple, 2 doubles and 9 RBI)...

A member few years back, Roger Hemsley has been in ICU at a local hospital for the past 2 weeks. It is not known just what the problem is but it has something to do with his lungs. Please no phone calls for the time being but notes of care, concern, prayers and encouragement can be sent to their home: 1766 Dalton Place, San Jose, CA 95124...

Meet our Katydoers



Greg Smart & Ingrid Krulee

Greg Smart was digging a hole for a rose bush and twisted his right leg stepping on a shovel last year and as a result was out of commission for square dancing for several weeks. We are certainly glad to see them back dancing with us.

Ingrid Krulee came from Germany in 1972. Greg did environmental work with EarthTech but injured his back and had to retire. He is a native Californian born in Oakland. His interest and hobbies lie in bee keeping and wood lathe work. Welcome to the wonderful world of SQUARE DANCING...

Morris Hosoda, moho77@gmail.com

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IT'S SPRINGTIME ... TIME TO PLAY BALL!

Watch Morris play on Tuesday mornings!!

10:00 AM

- April 2 at DeAnza vs Gray - V
- April 9 at Butcher vs Maroon - H
- April 16 at DeAnza vs Red - H
- April 23 at DeAnza vs Gray - V
- April 30 at Butcher vs Maroon - H
- May 7 at Butcher vs Red - V
- May 14 at Butcher vs Gray - H
- May 21 at DeAnza vs Maroon - V
- May 28 at Butcher vs Red - H
- June 4 at Butcher vs Gray - V
- June 11 at DeAnza vs Maroon - H
- June 18 at Butcher vs Maroon - V
- June 25 at DeAnza vs Red - V

DeAnza is surrounded by Marquette, Princeton, Helmond and Meridian.

Butcher is located off of Camden between Lancaster and Oakwood with Ross parallel to Camden

FROM MARY & ROD - -

Below is a shortened version of a note recently received from Mary & Rod who used to be Katydid's Club members prior to their full time RVing.



Several years ago (2009) we spent a wonderful two months RVing in Mexico. As happens to me frequently, we had so much fun that there was never time to sit and prepare my travel newsletter. Recently, I had occasion to go through my pictures to prepare a travelogue presentation here at Tropic Star. Mind refreshed and newly motivated, here is the belated newsletter, Part 1.



We started February in Casa Grande (AZ) with friends Dutch & Di. Here we're touring the remains at Casa Grande National Monument. Pretty amazing what these Native Americans were able to do – and survive!



We next dropped down to Tucson, where we were able to dance with Marshall Flippo – a square dancing legend. Nice campground, good dancers and some fantastic strawberry shortcake!

We spent a day at the Desert Museum. Very interesting, even in mid-winter. Quite a display of trained raptors.



Yes, that is snow! In southern Arizona. We'd driven over to



Benson and the SKP campground. Woke up to snow and decided to head for the caverns where we could keep warm! Pretty impressive caverns, too.

Took another day and drove east to the Chiricahua National Monument. Lots of short hikes through very interesting terrain – and yes, that is still snow! You'll notice that Mary is pretty bundled up.



Okay – finally started the caravan to Mexico. We traveled with the Escapee Chapter 8, a group devoted to helping newbies learn how to RV into Mexico. We met in Douglas for a couple of days of training, including a

trip to the border to get all of our vehicle documentation prepared. Also found out the value of a group, when our electric wouldn't work and the "team" helped resolve the problem

Spent a day in Agua Prieta, the neighboring Mexican border town. Saw the first of many welcoming arches.



And the first of the central community churches – predominantly Catholic. All beautifully done, well maintained, and the dominant structure in the town.

And the kids love to entertain! Here the guys played for us. Getting out of a few school classes probably had nothing to do with their excitement.



And the gals love to dance. With these dresses, what's not to like?

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(Mary & Rod continued)

The outfits just kept getting more spectacular.



Then we made the journey into Mexico, The border crossing was pretty uneventful – all our paperwork efforts paid off. Our first stop was an overnight in Benjamin Hill. Here's the church.

The town used to have three major industries, including a repair facility for the Mexican railroad. All have closed in the past couple of years and the town is 80% abandoned! No local jobs and only a few businesses still open to provide necessities. The library was closed and the schools are now serviced by a traveling bookmobile once a week.



But the people were fantastic! Full of excitement and energy. Had next to nothing, but will to share it all with others. Threw one heck of a fiesta for us. Here some kids are acting (dancing) as old folks, imitating us RV'ers by exhibiting

bursts of energy to the music, followed by periods of rest and recuperation. They were wonderful!

This gal practiced for weeks for a special dance, then sprained her ankle just before we arrived. No way was she not going to perform this dance for us! Notice the ankle wrap.



Look at these smiles! And these kids had nothing!!! But what a love of life and joy in sharing.



Next day we pulled into Guaymas. This hotel also had an RV area and lots of facilities for our use. Fortunately, the arches were tall enough for all of us

This was the courtyard and entrance to the hotel.



Did I mention that it was located right on the Gulf of California?

Took a walk and found this human sun dial. Stand in the right spot – determined by month – and you can tell time!



It's not all gentle beaches. Not far away, the coast is more rugged.

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Sunsets were spectacular



Guess what? They had margaritas aboard!



Especially with a beautiful woman on the beach!

And provide another beautiful sunset. No. I'm not in the ocean – that's another boat.



Took a trip to Sunset Beach. Beautiful! Looks like a few other people have walked here, too.



Flowers helped, too.

It wasn't all sand.



Took a sunset cruise aboard this, uh – ship.



Hole in the road looked a bit like Cabo San Lucas



But it was all beautiful! And this guy gets to enjoy it every day of his life

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Well, that was the start. And a good one, it was. We enjoyed the group – there were 50 rigs in our caravan. Nice people from all over the country. Some had been to Mexico before; others were making their first entry. They even got Mary to try calamari – but that’s a campfire story

More to come – after all, we spent almost three months there.

OK – here’s the route summary



Hope you found it worth the wait. I’ve certainly enjoyed the opportunity to relive the trip – which is why I do these.

I’ll get out a current update soon. Until then, enjoy the arrival of Spring!

Mary & Rod Garges

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2013 Travel Plans



ed. note: Have learned that Rod & Mary have already left Texas and have started their spring & summer travel plans and are now heading towards Florida.

Our Favorite Leprechaun Appeared
Friday, March 16th



Photo courtesy of Parker Willey

a.k.a. Jim Osborne, our esteemed caller!

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MORE Sweetheart Special Photos



Photos courtesy of Jill Cameron

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !

Morris & Louise HosodaApr. 05
Jim & Joann Osborne.....Apr. 07

DID YOU KNOW ... ?

If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on the right side of your mouth

If you are left handed, you will tend to chew your food on the left side of your mouth

To make half a kilo of honey, bees must collect nectar from over 2 million individual flowers.

Heroin is the brand name of morphine once marketed by 'Bayer'.

Tourists visiting Iceland should know that tipping at a restaurant is considered an insult!

People in nudist colonies play volleyball more than any other sport.

Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.

Astronauts can't belch - there is no gravity to separate liquid from gas in their stomachs.

Ancient Roman, Chinese and German societies often used urine as mouthwash.

The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. In the Renaissance era, it was fashion to shave them off!

Because of the speed at which Earth moves around the Sun, it is impossible for a solar eclipse to last more than 7 minutes and 58 seconds.

The night of January 20 is "Saint Agnes's Eve", which is regarded as a time when a young woman dreams of her future husband.

Google is actually the common name for a number with a million zeros.

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Each year 2,000,000 smokers either quit smoking or die of tobacco-related diseases.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song, Auld Lang Syne, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450°F.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

Warner Communications paid \$28 million for the copyright to the song 'Happy Birthday'

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent.

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

When a person dies, hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.

In ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.

Strawberries are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.

Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per 100 grams.

The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

The Earth gets 100 tons heavier each day due to falling space dust.

Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.

Mickey Mouse is known as "Topolino" in Italy.

Soldiers do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down.

Everything weighs one percent less at the equator.

For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel are needed at lift-off.

The letter J does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.

And, last but not least:

In 2012, December has 5 Mondays, 5 Saturdays, and 5 Sundays. This apparently happens once every 823 years!

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