

# CHIRPER



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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

Volume 52, No 4

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

## General Meeting

# ELECTIONS! Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

### CLUB CALENDAR

[www.katydids.info](http://www.katydids.info)

**Fri., Apr. 03: Campbell United Church of Christ**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
6:20 – 6:30 PM Katydids Hard Plus Tip  
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing  
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
THEME: Bunny Hop Dance Party

**Fri., Apr. 10: Campbell United Church of Christ**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
6:20 – 6:30 PM Katydids Hard Plus Tip  
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing  
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
THEME April Showers & Bring May Flowers

**Fri., Apr. 17: Campbell United Church of Christ**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
6:20 – 6:30 PM Katydids Hard Plus Tip  
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing  
8:30 PM; **GENERAL MEETING (Elections)**  
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
THEME Elvis Dance Party

**Fri., Apr. 24: Campbell United Church of Christ**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
6:20 – 6:30 PM Katydids Hard Plus Tip  
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing  
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
THEME Friday Night Fever

**Fri., May 01: Campbell United Church of Christ**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
6:20 – 6:30 PM Katydids Hard Plus Tip  
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing  
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
*Chirper* distributed

**Fri., May 08: Campbell United Church of Christ**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
6:20 – 6:30 PM Katydids Hard Plus Tip  
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing  
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
THEME Honor Your Mother Day

**Fri., May 15: Campbell United Church of Christ**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
6:20 – 6:30 PM Katydids Hard Plus Tip  
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing  
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

**Fri., May 22: Campbell United Church of Christ**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
6:20 – 6:30 PM Katydids Hard Plus Tip  
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing  
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

**Fri., May 29: Campbell United Church of Christ**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
6:20 – 6:30 PM Katydids Hard Plus Tip  
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing  
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
THEME FREE Fifth Friday

**Fri., Jun. 05: Campbell United Church of Christ**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing  
*Chirper* distributed

**Sun., Jun 14: Annual Club Reunion and Picnic**

Santa Clara Central Park

## SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS

## and DUTIES

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

Apr. 03 .....Stevens  
 Apr. 10 .....Clark / Steele  
 Apr. 17 .....Grubb / Lehnhoff  
 Apr. 24 .....Wilhelmsen

May 01 .....Steele  
 May 08 .....Hebson  
 May 15 .....De Lapp  
 May 22 .....Wies / McManus  
 May 29 .....Bruns

Jun 05 .....Willey  
 Jun 12 .....Franger / Moore  
 Jun 19 .....Angotti / Smith  
 Jun 26 .....Matolyak / Parsons

**Before the dance:**

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, 408-871-9525 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 **6:00 PM** and stay until clean up is finished around 9:45 P.M. 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.

## OTHER SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

**Plus Level Dances (except as noted)****Apr. 4: Anniversary Dance; El Camino Reelers**

St. Andrews Methodist Church  
 4111 Alma St., Palo Alto  
 7:30 – 10:30 PM; Callers: Rich Reel, Gary Monday

**Apr. 11: Circus Circus; Rockin' Jokers**

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church  
 728 W. Fremont, Sunnyvale  
 7:30 – 8:00 PM; ; Cuer: Sue Harris  
 8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Tony Oxendine

**Apr. 17-19: California State Square Dance Convention**

Mission Village Conference Center, San Diego  
 Callers: Deborah Carroll Jones, Bronc Wise, Michael Kellogg, Ken Ritucci  
 Cures: Rey & Sherry Garza, Sue & Phil Harris

**Apr. 18: Hoedown; Farmers & Farmerettes**

Walters Jr. High School, 39600 Logan Blvd., Fremont  
 7:30 – 8:00 PM; Cuer: George Gardner  
 8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Eric Henerlau

**Apr. 25: General Dance; SCVSDA**

St. Andrews Methodist Church  
 1111 Alma St., Palo Alto  
 7:30 – 10:00 PM; Callers: Bob Elling, Rich Reel

**Apr. 25: Hoedown; Keeway Swingers**

Walters Jr. High School, 39600 Logan Blvd., Fremont  
 7:30 – 8:00 PM; Cuer: Barbara Lynn Smith  
 8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Rick Hampton

**May 9: Black & White Ball; Crazy Dazys****May 8-10: Silver State Square and Round Dance Festival**

Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV  
 Callers: Dan Nordbye, Bronc Wise, Jet Roberts  
 Cuers: Chuck & Sandi Weiss

**May 16: General Dance; SCVSDA**

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church  
 728 W. Fremont, Sunnyvale  
 7:30 – 10:00PM Caller: Rick Hampton

**May 22-24: Golden State Round-up; NCSDA**

San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon, CA  
 Calles: DeeDee Dougherty, Jack Pladdys,  
 Mike Seastrom, Matt Worley  
 Cuer: TJ & Bruce Chadd

**May 30: Caller Appreciation Dance; SCVSDA/SCVCA**

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church  
 728 W. Fremont, Sunnyvale  
 Callers: Jim Osborne, Robert Algea, Tork Clark, Bob Elling, Keith Ferguson, Kurt Gollhardt, Harlan Kerr, Diana Hilliard, Wayne Janssen, Al Knoppe, Mike Luna, Roger Smith, Bob Steele, Vicki Woods  
 Cures: Sue Harris, Barbara-Lynn Smith

**June 7: Ice Cream Fling Thing; Bows & Beaus**

7:30 – 8:00 PM; Cuer: Sue Harris  
 8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Michael Kellogg

**Jun. 24-27: National Square Dance Convention**

Springfield, MA

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hi Katydids and Katydoers,

We will be having our General Meeting on Friday, April 17 after the class (8:30) to elect officers for the coming year. We need all of our members to come to the meeting for the election.

I am glad to see the class progressing so well with their dancing. I hope to see them graduating soon.

The Katydids have been doing weekly themes since Linda started them last summer. I would appreciate feedback as to your thoughts on weekly themes. Should we continue the themes, switch to doing just one or two a month, discontinue the themes all together or do something all together different? You can e-mail me at [Lloyd@Katydids.info](mailto:Lloyd@Katydids.info) or talk to me or another Executive Board member at Club.

The Club has done potluck dinners in the past on special occasions. Should we continue doing an occasional potluck before dancing?

I want to remind members that the Club doesn't run itself. The Club requires a fair amount of time from officers to keep everything running smoothly. The time is approaching for the election of officers again. After the election the new officers will be approaching members to do one of the many appointed jobs that are needed to be filled this year. By accepting one of these positions you help reduce the work load on the Board members.

We have our picnic site reserved for Sunday, June 14, and need some volunteers for the setup and the barbequing at the picnic. Any help would be appreciated.

Lloyd

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Jun., June 14: Annual Club Reunion & Picnic**  
 Santa Clara Central Park, Pavilion-A  
 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !

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

**NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN**  
*Be an angel – Support our newest dancers!!*

-- **SEPTEMBER (2014) CLASS LEVEL** --

**Sat., Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 Earthquake Hoedown; Castaways  
 Resurrection Lutheran Church  
 2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
 7:30 – 10:00 PM  
 Callers: Bob Steele, Mike Luna, Roger Smith

-- **JANUARY (2015) CLASS LEVEL** --

**Sat., May. 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Butterfly Ball; CPSD

**Sat., June 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 Resurrection Lutheran Church  
 2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara  
 7:30 – 10:00 PM  
 Callers: Tork Clark, Roger Smith

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**Katydids Square Dance Club**

**April showers  
bring May  
Flowers**



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 Caller: Jim Osborne



**Don't Step In Any Puddles**  
**April 10, 2015**  
 Campbell United Church of Christ - 400 W. Campbell Ave., - Campbell, CA

## CALLER'S CORNER

Have you EVER watched a professional ball team, band, circus act... and quietly said to yourself I could do that? For most dancers a MWSD night is a leisure recreation entertainment event. Go to a dance, pay a little, dance a bit, eat a bite, dance some more, and IF sufficiently entertained have a desire to do it again soon.



BUT what we do with MWSD takes a minimum dancer skill level that develops as class progresses & experience builds. What dance are ya going to tonight, Basic 1 (B30), Basic 2 (B51), Plus... ? Whatever you choose the odds are quite high the caller prepared for the night. Maybe not specifically in the 24 hours before the dance but probably over the last few days, months, years, decades.

For a few months Katydids Member & New Caller **Val Paterson** and a fellow New Caller **James Thompson** have been getting dancers together so they can practice and hone their New Calling skills. These sessions have been on Thursday afternoon at the home of Karl & Jackie (CPSD luminaries) in San Jose. However for the last 5 weeks **Karl & Jackie** have been traveling so frequently Katydids visitor **Barbara Johnson** has generously been hosting the sessions at her home in Sunnyvale.

These type sessions are a valuable element in the growth of any Caller, AND the dancers that attend the sessions. I helped with the sound system so I attended the last 5 sessions. From what I saw & heard talking to dancers, Val & James were NOT exploiting the generously offered time of the dancers. The attending dancers MAY have gotten as much or MORE out of the sessions than Val & James. Sometimes ya just gotta see the sausage being made to REALLY appreciate some of what it took to achieve the final tasty result. Calling is NOT instant, and occasionally has smelly and even yucky elements during preparation.

I believe they cannot accommodate much more than one square, but YOU may find an increase in YOUR personal dancing entertainment level by having some exposure to how that last Allemande Left & DoSaDo (NOT DoSiDo) came to fit into the dance. I believe the current SCVSDA President and some experienced dancers picked up a new insight over the last 5 weeks.

Give Val a call or e-mail to see if they need dolly's to push around. She is on the Katydid roster.

OH! New Callers NEED Experienced & New Dancers when doing what **Val & James** have been doing. There is only one way to experience the FEAR and TERROR of calling something and realizing the

e results are TOTALLY unexpected. AAaaa was it the dancers or ME the Caller? At second though that is kina cool, no fear or terror, Can I Cause That To Happen Intentionally?

**JIM** (Katydids Club Caller)

## DANCE OPPORTUNITY

Please come to DANCE for us part or all of the day! To help support a Caller Workshop with Coach Rich Reel.

Saturday, April 25th, 10AM Club house at 900 Golden Wheel Park Dr between Gish & Brokaw on Oakland Rd. San Jose

Suggested: Donation \$5 per Caller (DANCERS ARE FREE!)

Salad, Fruit, Decaf Coffee, tea & hot water will be provided. Finger food always welcome.

For more info call Diana or Albert at  
408-453-9450 or 408-315-1874

**Val**

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU ...

**Marian Honig**



I was born in New Jersey and lived there until adulthood. My husband, who came from NY, and I met the old fashioned way, long before online dating, by his sister introducing us. He moved to California first for his job and settled into a house. I came out shortly thereafter in 1983. Our two daughters were born and raised in San Jose. Tragically my husband lost his battle with cancer and passed away several years ago.

After more than 36 years of nursing, I decided to retire 2 months ago. It was a very good decision. I'm thoroughly enjoying myself. I get to travel around the country visiting my daughters, relatives and friends a few times a year. It's interesting to visit other parts of the U.S. and see what's happening outside of California, but it's always nice to come back home.

The activities that I enjoy include reading, going to movies and plays, dining out, and walking. Dancing wasn't on my list, but when **Val** asked me to give square dancing a try, I thought what the heck. Well, it's been fun with plenty of laughter, and there's lots of friendly people. So, I can now include square dancing

From the *Katydoer News*, Vol. 2, #9, July 18, 2014

### Chirper Chatter...



As most of you know by now we had a situation of a “dancer down” on Friday, March 13. It was **Alice McManus** who fell in the front square with no one able to describe how she fell, not even **Alice**, around 7:05 PM. Fortunately for us we had a Katydoer who is a retired nurse, Marian Honig, who was in the same square and responded quickly to help her. Also on hand was **Skip Stevens**, who has experience on what to do under these emergency situations and called the Campbell EMS rather than 911 which may delay a few seconds in response time since it may be relayed once or twice before it gets to the local EMS. Anyway they were here by 7:23 PM. In the meantime, **Alice** could not endure the weight or contact of an ice pack so she was made comfortable as possible until EMS arrived. She was taken to O’Connor Hospital and tests revealed that she had a hairline fracture of the hip, not severe enough to undergo surgery. Monday, she was sent to Stonebrook Health & Rehabilitation in Los Gatos. On my last visit, Saturday, March 28, I learned that she changed rooms and her rehab is doing great. She has been getting around with a walker and is gradually being upgraded to a cane. She can maneuver around real well and I say she is ready to go home. In case she hasn’t by the time you read this, her new direct line number is: 408-458-3423...

**Char Pitts** departed for Santiago, Chile on March 18 to attend to her granddaughter’s wedding and to enjoy visiting with new relations and their summer weather. I’m sure we will hear more about this trip on her return...

**Janis Parsons** is not over yet with her reaction to her medication and should be winding down to resolving this problem as she is booked to go on a week’s cruise on April 10...

**Kathy Shaney** had a bout with low sodium as told to me by **Ted** on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. I believe she is home now and the technical term may be hyponatremia...

*Morris Hosoda*  
moho77@gmail.com

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ! !**

**Bob Steele.....Apr. 27**

MEG FERGUSON, Wife of Caller, Keith Ferguson

*Below are two messages that Jim Osborne recently sent to Club members via email: We are re-printing them here for those who either do not have access to email or who do not regularly check their messages. Our thoughts and prayers and with Meg and Keith.*

March 25: message forwarded by Jim Osborne:

- \* Meg suffered the stroke Tuesday evening (3/24) just before midnight.
- \* She was operated on Wednesday afternoon, and the surgeon said the surgery went well, but she will have a long road to recovery. He cannot predict how complete a recovery she might make.
- \* Following the surgery, she was no longer being sedated, but was in a "coma", and she remains in that state now.
- \* Earlier this evening (Wednesday) they decided to use a special heated “air blanket” to raise her core temperature. Her brother and I (and the nurses) then noticed that she was moving both her legs, as if trying to adjust for more comfort.

\* Earlier this morning (around 1 a.m.) I returned to the hospital to sign a consent form to add a drain later this morning. On this visit, I noticed she was moving both her legs and her arms. In fact, when the nurse used a light shining in her eye (some kind of pressure measurement device), Meg raised her arm as if trying to fend off the nurse! We've also noticed that if I stroke her neck lightly, or if the nurse places a stethoscope on her neck, her heart rate increase by a couple of beats per minute. I tried holding her hand while talking to her, and her heart rate increased even more. I am trying to tell myself that these are all good signs, although I don't really know. Only time will tell. She is still on a ventilator which is doing the breathing for her. We are hopeful that once the rate at which the ventilator breathes is reduced, Meg might then try to take her own breaths.

Regards,  
Keith Ferguson

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March 31 message forwarded by Jim Osborne (he had received it from someone else):

Just received this info. on Meg sent at 4PM today (3/31).

“Ran into Keith as we were leaving Monday night class and he was coming in: Meg still has a road of challenges ahead but everything seems encouraging: she is responding to touch and voice commands and seems to be thinking on her own. The ventilator is still on, but working to more of "assist" mode rather than automatic. A brain scan was negative - a GOOD thing, so everything seems to be going in a positive direction - slow but steady wins the race. She did have a bit of a fever, but after the trauma of the injury and the surgery, it isn't unexpected.

Let's keep our prayers going!”

# KATYDIDS AND FRIENDS PHOTOS

ST. PATTY'S DAY CELEBRATION  
Friday, March 13, 2015



MARCH MADNESS  
Friday, March 27, 2015



Photos courtesy of Stephanie Stevens

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU ...

**Alan Fanning**

I was born in Placerville, CA, and am the third son of a pair of school teachers. I also have a much younger sister who, with my brothers, lives in Southern California, where we were raised. We are of English, Welsh, Scottish and German extraction.

In my youth I was active in school sports, playing track and football while in high school, and intercollegiate badminton (of all things!) while attending junior college. Upon entering UC Davis as a junior, I quickly became a serious cyclist, participating in daily training rides, club rides and a few attempts at racing. On two occasions I completed the annual Davis Double Century ride (200 miles in one day!).

Upon graduation from UC Davis, I took a training position in San Jose as a mechanical engineer in General Electric's Nuclear Energy Division. I was to spend my whole career (37 years) there. Job responsibilities over the years included the design, analysis, development and testing of nuclear power plant components. I am listed as the inventor, or co-inventor, on 14 related US patents and a few international patents.

Two years after joining GE I took an 8 week sabbatical to follow my dream of riding my bike across the country. This turned out to be a life-defining decision, as it resulted in permanent damage to both of my knees. No longer able to ride with my local club, and eager to make a new circle of friends, I began attending a Sunday morning Christian singles bible study group, where I soon met my future wife. It wasn't long before we were engaged and then married.

We have two children, Laura (33) and Zack (31). Zack has blessed us with two grandchildren. Laura married her longtime boyfriend last fall, in a small "destination wedding" held in Tuscany, Italy. Sadly, my wife was unable to attend, having lost her fight with metastatic breast cancer a year ago this month.

Current interests of mine, aside from my children and grandchildren, include produce gardening, woodworking, auto mechanics and restoration, hiking, cooking, dogs (I have 3), home restoration, and of course, square dancing. The latter has given me cause to buy and wear the western clothing I've always admired, with approximately 20 western shirts being added to my wardrobe over the past 6 months. And, yes, I am a little OCD!

From the *Katydoer News*, Vol. 2, #8, July 11, 2014

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# Elvis Dance Party




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**Wear Your BLUE Suede Shoes**  
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**Let's Dance the Night Away**  
**April 24, 2015**  
Campbell United Church of Christ - 400 W. Campbell Ave. - Campbell, CA

First Name Last Name  
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Home City, Home State Home ZIP

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**April 2015**

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Caller & Taw .....Jim & Joann Osborne.650-571-1970

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Copy **deadline** for the May 2015 issue is **May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. You can submit articles and photographs to the *Chirper* Editor, Stephanie Stevens, at:

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