# CHIRPER



**AUGUST 2008** 

**CLUB CALENDAR** 

7:00 - 9:30 PM, Club Dancing

**Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter** 

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Pollution Control Plant & Lunch following



| Fri., Aug. 1:  | Campbell United Church of Christ<br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing                            | Fri., Aug. 29: | Campbell United Church of Christ<br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing                        |
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| Fri., Aug. 8:  | Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing                                  | Fri., Sep. 5:  | Campbell United Church of Christ<br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing<br>Chirper distributed |
| Fri., Aug. 15: | Campbell United Church of Christ<br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing<br>**SPECIAL PARTY NIGHT** | Fri., Sep. 12: | Campbell United Church of Christ<br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing                        |
|                | Hot August Nights - 50s & 60s Music<br>Period 'costumes' - optional<br><b>Bring food to share.</b>                            | Fri., Sep. 19: | Campbell United Church of Christ<br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell<br>7:00 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing                        |
| Fri., Aug. 22: | Campbell United Church of Christ<br>400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  | Sat., Sep. 27: | **PARTY NIGHT** Bring food to shar<br>9:00 AM - Tour of the San José Water  |

Sat., Sep. 27:

# SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Super Square Head Caroline Fifield (408) 377-3740

Aug. 01 .... Hosoda

Aug. 08 .... Willey

Aug. 15 .... Stevens

Aug. 22 .... Hemsley

Aug. 29 .... Benevento

Sep. 05 ..... Bennett

Sep. 12 ..... Fifield

Sep. 19 ..... Franger / Moore

Sep. 26 ..... Hebson

Oct. 03 ..... Helfrich, A. & M.

Oct. 10 ..... DARK

Oct. 17 ..... Helfrich, R. & J.

Oct. 24 ..... Caywood

Oct. 31 ..... Shaney

### 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 a \$4.00 donation per guest and 'angels'.
- 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!!* Remove trash accidentally tossed into recycle bins. Take the trash bags out to the dumpster located in the side parking lot.

NOTE: tables must go into closet FIRST (remember the Caller's table, too), then the chair "rack".

# UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS — PLUS LEVEL —

### Aug. 2: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers

Ben Lomond Slab

7:00 - 7:30 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris 8:00 PM; Caller: Eric Henerlau

### Aug. 9: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers

Ben Lomond Slab

7:00 - 7:30 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris 8:00 PM; Caller: Lawrence Johnstone

### Aug. 16: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers

Ben Lomond Slab

7:00 - 7:30 PM; PreRounds: Erin Byars

8:00 PM; Caller: Scot Byars

### Aug. 23: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers

Ben Lomond Slab

7:00 - 7:30 PM: PreRounds: Sue Harris

8:00 PM; Caller: **Jim Osborne** 

SAVE gas - SHARE the ride - CARPOOL

Leave at 6:00 PM from Cambrian United Methodist Church (1919 Gunston Way, SJ) parking lot off

of Wyrick Rd.

### Aug. 29-31: A-Square-D Jamboree

Performing Arts Convention Center, Oxnard

### Aug. 30: Paul Bunyan Days, Redwood Coasters

Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Bragg

Caller: Scot Byars Cuer: Erin Byars

### Aug. 30-Sep. 1: Tapestry Arts Festival

Interactive Alley (behind the Tech Museum), San Jose

Sali Juse

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Sat.: Eric Henerlau & Sam Shilmover

Sun.: Keith Ferguson & **Jim Osborne** Mon.: Roger Smith & Kenny Carroll

### Oct. 10-12: Annual Jubilee, SCVSDA

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

Note: Special discount for Mainstream level dancers. \$20 if register by Sep. 30.

Info: www.scvsda.org/jubilee.html

### **FAMILY SQUARE DANCING**

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### **FALL BEGINNING LEVEL CLASSES**

**TUESDAYS:** 

Single Squares of Sunnyvale Instructor/Caller: Rich Reel

Plus

Murphy Park Comm. Ctr, Sunnyvale

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Start Date: Sept. 2; \$25 per month per person Contact: Joy 650-968-1732 or Joe 408-996-0174

#### THURSDAYS:

Committee to Promote Square Dancing (CPSD)

Instructor/Caller: Roger Smith Plus; Couples & Singles Camden Community Center

6:30 - 9:00 PM

Start date: Sept. 4; \$5 per person per night

#### FRIDAYS:

Yellow Rock and Rollers

Instructor/Caller: Ruth Riegelhaupt-Herzig

Plus; youth, families

Cupertino Middle School, Sunnyvale

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Start date: Aug. 22 and 29 Contact: Ruth 408-730-4684

#### SUNDAYS:

Stanford Quads

Instructor/Caller: John Sybalsky

Plus APD

Fairmeadow School, Palo Alto

7:00 - 9:00 PMStart Date: Oct. 19

Contact: Bill or Pat 650-448-4935

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

| Dory Clark       | Aug. | 04 |
|------------------|------|----|
| Bob Marshall     | Aug. | 05 |
| Carmen Hea       | Aug. | 09 |
| Caroline Fifield | Aug. | 25 |

### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER --

Hi there, Katydids! Sets in Order...

Whoops, I'd better take off my Caller's hat!

It was fun to stand in for Jim these last three weeks, and I think with the help of Roger and Josie, Morris, and Joe Dehn, we all had a good time. However, I am sure we all look forward to Jim's return to good health and to us. (The exposure to different voices and calling styles is good for dancers who will go to future hoedowns with other callers.) Get well soon, Jim. We need your smiling face and BIG HAT!

Char and I, as well as a few other Katydids, enjoyed the first SLAB dance at Ben Lomond where Harold Fleeman called the event. He was Caller for Katydids for many years before Jim. It was great to hear him back in form after a short recuperation from an operation. Nice to see Lee looking happy there, too!

CPSD is changing their night to Thursdays starting with a new class on September 4<sup>th</sup> (pick up flyers from sign-in table Friday night). Katydids are asked to "angel" with the idea of making new friends and inviting them to dance with us on Fridays. Jim has agreed to continue the experiment with the alternating tips for a while longer until we see how the CPSD class is progressing. Please distribute the CPSD flyers and come when you can to angel, as this could be a source of new dancers.

I hope you are all asking your parents to search through their closets for 50's and 60's dress for our Hot August Nights party! Jim will have some great music for us.

Keep smiling – Keep moving – See you in a square.

### Roger Hemsley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

David & Caroline Fifield ...... Aug. 7

### **MINUTES**

# **Executive Board Meeting** July 17, 2008

President Roger Hemsley called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm in the home of Roger and Char Hemsley.

### **Roll Call:**

<u>Present:</u> President, Roger Hemsley; Vice President, Stephanie Stevens; Secretary, Char Hemsley; Treasurer, Don Powell; Publicity, Don Gaubatz; and Membership, Bob Bennett

Absent: Chaplain, Char Pitts

Committee Guests: John and Linda Caywood

The minutes from the previous Board Meeting of June 5, 2008 were approved as published.

### **REPORTS:**

### Officers:

### 1. President:

- Roger reported he has again contacted the class members regarding their attendance at the Club.
- Roger suggested that a telephone tree method of contacting people be utilized rather than all email. This item will be revisited at a later date.
- c. Roger will make a sign for the sign-in table at the dances to indicate to people that they are not to park in the front parking lot of the church.

### 2. Vice President:

- Stephanie will bring more copies of the Chirper for class members. She said the Chirper is posted regularly on-line. at www.katydids.info
- b. Stephanie reported that she sent an email to the church regarding emergency numbers in the event they needed to be contacted. She was contacted by John Rodgers, a facilities person, who said that Lloyd Darknell was the contact regarding the church contract, but he did not provide an "emergency" contact in the event of such a thing as a water leak. Stephanie will follow up and inform Mr. Rodgers that Roger Hemsley is now the contact person.
- Stephanie has reviewed the church first aid box and will try to obtain small aspirin packets for it.

### Treasurer:

 Don P. distributed copies and explained the June report. A motion was made, seconded, and approved that we accept the report.

- b. Don P. said that all records should be maintained for a certain number of years.
   After a brief discussion, it was determined that we should retain the financial records for seven years, but this issue will still be investigated.
- c. Don P. said Roger had asked him to come up with a form to be completed by class members. He presented a form that has been used by Bows and Beaus that has worked very well. It was suggested that we involve Morris and Louise in the completion process. It was suggested that hobbies and what employment area you worked before retirement be put on the application so that people with like interests could communicate with each other. It was also suggested that Roger mention people's birthdays at the first dance each month. It was suggested that we give guests a card to complete in order that we obtain information from them.

### 4. Membership:

a. Bob said he would provide the Monthly Attendance Sheets starting in July.

### 5. Chaplain:

- a. In the absence of Char P., Don reported that Blue Mountain Greeting Card Company will be used for sending email birthday and anniversary cards. A card will be sent to Jenny Anderson who recently underwent knee surgery.
- 6. Publicity: No report.

### Committees:

- 1. <u>Chirper:</u> Stephanie said the deadline for the August issue of the Chirper is July 27.
- 2. Social:
  - a. As the new Social Co-Chair, Linda suggested that we have themes on party nights, such as a Spaghetti Night or a Chinese Night. Stephanie would include this on the Club Calendar in the Chirper.
  - b. Social Co-Chair Pat is working on an Anheuser Busch/Jelly Belly Factory tour.
- 3. Class Angels: No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. <u>IRS Form 990L</u> Roger will contact Lloyd to ask the status.
- 2. <u>Jim's Contract</u> Jim will return the signed contract on July 17.

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- 3. Status of Appointed Positions Roger said that John Caywood has agreed to be a Club photographer. After taking photos at club events he will send out an email to Club Members with an URL link to the free "Kodak Gallery" website where they will be posted. Roger will inform the Club in his weekly announcements that people may visit this website.
- 4. <u>Final Report on Picnic of June 22</u> Stephanie said we had 28 Katydids, 12 alumni, and 14 guests, for a total of 54 people. It was a superb day!
- 5. Progress Report on Hot August Nights of Aug. 15

   Roger said that this will be a 50's theme where dancers may dress in 50's-60's attire. He said that Jim has agreed to provide 50s and 60s music. Roger will contact Don G. about providing a flyer.
- 6. Progress Report on Sweetheart Special Dance of February 14, 2009 Roger asked Stephanie to Chair this event. Caller Randy Dibble will fly into town and stay with Lloyd and Maxine. Bob said we also need to hire a Cuer. Roger will call John Flora to see if he is available.
- 7. <u>Insurance</u>: Don P. said that people are covered by insurance for 30 days after a class ends, but after class, they need to join a club to continue coverage. He said it costs \$4.85 per new member. We have paid our club insurance on a yearly basis in November. Don P. will phone the National Square Dance Insurance Program people and find out about when the dues should be paid for new members, i.e., yearly, and then proceed with what is required for the 8 new members.
- 8. Church Donation for Christmas October

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. <u>Bylaws.</u> Due to time constraints, this item will be tabled until the next meeting to determine if anything needs to be modified.
- 2. Policy Required for "Angels" Paying to Dance? Stephanie said that well-known class people have come to angel a friend but do not pay and continue to dance into the Club time. After a discussion, it was decided that visitors (except first-time guests or friends of members who do not dance), need to pay. Stephanie will place this information in the Chirper's list of instructions for Square Head Duties.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting are as follows:

1. IRS Form 990L

- 2. Jim's Contract
- 3. Final Report on Hot August Nights on August 154. Progress Report on Sweetheart Special on February 14, 2009 John Flora, Cuer?
- 5. Bylaws

Next Party Night: Friday, August 15th

Next Board Meeting: September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm and Roger and Char Hemsley's home.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

### Char Hemsley

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### FROM MARY & ROD ---

07/30/08

Dear Friends and family,

Finally – a rainy day! If the rain keeps up and I get this out today, I'll avoid being 3 months behind with this newsletter. – It has been a wonderful summer, full of variety. Let me tell you how it started —

We decided to start May off with a vacation! We left the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel at an Elks club in Lamar, CO, and drove west 300 miles to an RCI timeshare in Pagosa Springs. On the way we stopped at Great Sand Dunes National Park. Who expected this in Colorado? We'd climbed up a hill



some distance away and took this picture. The dunes stretch for several miles and reach 600 feet in height. A cycle of melting water in the spring carrying the sand away in the spring and then summer winds pick it back

up and deposit it just before the mountains. The kids bring the sleds, climb to the top and ride down! We also stopped nearby at Zapata Falls – quite a contrast in that it was still partially frozen over. Enough ice that I slid ten feet on my tail – almost bowled Mary over!

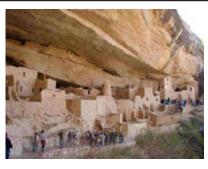
We got into the Rockies and found more what we were expecting. It's a lot more fun going over the passes without the 5'er! Still lots of snow patches around but



the ski resorts were all closed. We stayed at the Wyndham, which was quite nice. Many of the forest roads and hiking trails in the national forest were still closed, but a short hike near Wolf Creek

Ski Resort brought us to this falls. Pagosa Springs was an interesting town and we caught it between seasons. It has one of the nicest – hot springs – setups we've seen – about 15 small natural-looking baths all outside beside the river. Each had different temperatures, ranging from 94 to 110 – and you could – ice plunge – in the river at about 50 degrees. We found several nice restaurants – but no ice cream.

We took a day and drove over to Mesa Verde National Park. What a beautiful drive, especially in the park and up onto



the cliffs! We took a couple of guided tours which got us into some of the better-preserved cliff dwelling, like Cliff Palace shown here. These communities were quite large, with several hundred

family units in some. They were challenging to get into with ladders – and the natives didn't use any. And most were some distance from water and their cultivated fields. Certainly a difficult life and no one knows why the cliff dwellers abandoned the area over a period of 40-50 years. We also hiked the Petroglyph Trail – more beautiful views and lots of fun making up our own stories to go along with the picture drawings.

We spent another day on the Durango-Silverton Train. We boarded in Durango at 9 AM with the temperature already in the mid 60's. People had warned us to dress warmly. After passing through the stream valleys and beginning to climb the passes, it started to snow. Fun – and pretty – until the train started to slip on the rails because the "sander" wasn't working. Did I mention that this was only the 2<sup>nd</sup> day the train had been running this year? Well, an exciting 2 hours of engineer ingenuity and we arrived in Silverton, a charming town preserved from the early 1900's mining town. But after a quick lunch we boarded buses (planned) for the ride back across two passes (that already had 4-6 inches of snow) and back to Durango, where it was 78 degrees and sunny.

Yet another day took us to Chimney Rock, which wasn't opening for another week, but we were able to walk in from the county road. What's four miles uphill? So from this sign to the top peak in the distance. Even though this was only 75 miles from Mesa Verde, the Native American "housing" was quite different – stone houses sharing common walls in small clusters built in the open. There were similar ceremonial buildings and the area was abandoned around the same time.

After our week in Pagosa Springs, we headed north through Ouray on our way to the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. The drive was just gorgeous! Back through Durango, the passes to Silverton without snow, and then Ouray. What a place – we just had to stop. We spent several hours wandering the several blocks of this town surrounded by towering mountain peaks. There's a huge naturallyheated swimming pool that was crowded already, the beautiful Box Canyon Falls City Park - and ice cream! We tore ourselves away and stayed overnight at the very pleasant Country Lodge in Montrose, near the national park entrance. Well, it's a good thing we had planned to spend most of the day at the park - it took every minute we could spare. It's not as deep as Grand Canyon, but the sides are steeper and not nearly so far across - leading to a dark rive valley except for midday, hence the name. The drive along

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the south side had about 15 stopping areas, most at or a short walk from the edge. At the east end of the park a 5 mile, 13% grade road took us down to the river. Don't miss that experience!

A late night drive got us back to home where we rested for a day and then headed off to Kansas. We stayed a few relaxing days in a PA park in Deerfield Beach (the "beach" not to be taken too seriously). One day trip took us to Liberal and the official site of Dorothy's House – yes, that Dorothy. A nice set up with its own yellow brick road – you can buy a brick, have it inscribed and get it laid along side of former presidents, movie stars, and tourists. They had an extensive set of dioramas depicting the Wizard of Oz story and a collection of items from the book, stage show and movie. Another day was spent at the Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City – a surprisingly large collection of animals in spacious settings, and free.

We headed north and stopped at Swanson Reservoir State Recreation Area near Trenton, NE, and just veg'ed for 5 days. It was a pretty park with very few people there – still before Memorial Day gets the camping season started. On the way, we passed through Colby, KS, where we found [a] huge bronze figure honoring Buffalo Bill. There was also a new museum being built nearby that had its initial phase open.

On Thursday, we drove into Gothenburg, NE, where we had made arrangements to pick up mail and to spend Memorial Weekend with the local Camping Square Dancers chapter –a nice way to make arrangements for a busy campground weekend. We got in just ahead of the daily thunderstorm and tornado warning and, since we were early arrivals, we were given the choice larger lot beside the canal and lake. We got set up and then it started to rain, so we headed inside for dinner. We've gotten pretty good at listening to the weather radio and tracking warnings across the map, and were engaged in doing that as it grew darker when there was a knock on the door. Since there wasn't an active warning in our county, we were surprised.



Upon opening the door, there was our 70+ hostess standing up to her knees in water yelling "We've got to get you out of here!" We reflected about 10 seconds, did our fastest pack job ever and got out successfully. Our

site was in the middle of this lake. It had gone down a lot by picture time – earlier the water was at the top of the tables!

As the weather cleared, we had a great time dancing with Chapter 073. We also enjoyed the Pony Express Museum, the Sod House Museum and we got to try Runzas – a meat pie similar to Michigan's "pasties". Our drive to Kearny was rewarded with the Great Platte River Road Arch

spanning I-80, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

We moved west to North Platte – home of the busiest railroad switching yard in the country. The new visitor center and viewing tower for the Bailey Rail Yard won't open until later in the summer, but that will make this a great visitor attraction. We enjoyed Cody park with its trains and animals – who expected peacocks to live here! The Lincoln County Historical Museum and Village took half a day and we enjoyed the Buffalo Bill Ranch State Recreation Area with its Wild West Show memorabilia. But our highlight of this stop was [a] young engineer, about 11, who was hanging around one of the train exhibits and enthralled us for half an hour explaining how the locomotive works and telling stories of life and adventure in the early railroad period.

We continued northwest in Nebraska and finally began to see more than open plains! Yes, real signs of elevation. We stopped at Chimney Rock National Historic Site – a way mark for early western pioneers that the plains were ending (1/3 of the trip west) and they were approaching the foothills. It was disappointing in that we couldn't really get near



Chimney Rock, much less get on it. So we moved on to Scotts Bluff. Another nice state park campground mostly to ourselves. It held the only lighthouse in Nebraska, a beautiful CCC project - but then who expected even one? A nice hike

up the bluff – that's the trail in the picture – goes through a people tunnel to the other side and then up to the (windy) top.

We continued to Fort Robinson State Recreation Area in the NE corner of Nebraska and the geography was really getting interesting! We began passing through rolling hills and pine forests – a pleasant change from six months of mostly plains. A short drive away was the Toadstool Geologic Site – our first taste of "the badlands". Pretty impenetrable miles of nearly-eroded mountains, masses of rock and clay with large channels cut by wind and rain and not a plant in sight. We also visited the Husdon-Meng Bison Kill – an in-process geology dig with the remains of hundreds of bison bones, cause unknown. A water hole trap? An Indian killing area? A natural epidemic or event? For now, a mystery. We also got to see our first free-roaming bison.

So ended May. We'll spend another four weeks in the Canadian Rockies, then head to Glacier NP and Yellowstone. Then down the east side of the Rockies toward the Albuquerque Balloon Festival in October. Keep sending your suggestions and let us know how you spent your summer. No phone service for another month but you can reach us by e-mail marymonti@aol.com

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

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