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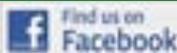
Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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



CLUB CALENDAR



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KATYDIDS' CLUB EVENTS

All Katydids in-person events have been postponed, cancelled or otherwise on hold until further notice. We are, however, meeting via ZOOM on Friday nights.

LOCAL SQUARE DANCING EVENTS

Most local square dancing events have also been postponed or cancelled until further notice.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hello Katydids & Friends,

Well, another month has gone by since the last Chirper and it seems there is no end in sight for lifting the Shelter-in-Place orders anytime soon. Sigh. My body needs movement and my brain is seemingly stuck in slow gear.

Morris!! There is no Root Beer Float Night to look forward to this month. Not good! Nor will there be a Make-Your-Own Pizza Party at the **Wilhelmsens**. Both postponed until a later date. Ouch! I personally *really* look forward to these events.

Being shut down means that there is not much going on. Our condolences go to **Ann Cavalli** on the unexpected and untimely passing of her husband **Tony**, who was a regular guest dancer with us. We will miss him. However, we do congratulate Katydone, **Sandy Hastings** on the birth of her great granddaughter, Ava.

One day last month, **Janna** came over and helped **Skip** and me load up our van and her car with Katydids stuff and hauled it down to our storage shed at **Naomi and Steve's**. It was WONDERFUL to see all the stuff leave our living room where it had been since February. There were about 5 bins that did not fit into the shed and we had to bring them back home. The shed is STUFFED!! Many thanks to Janna, Naomi and Steve for helping us.

And, since the five of us make up the Executive Board, we had a brief, on-the-spot meeting where we approved the expenditure of up to a maximum of \$3.75 per week prorated cost of hosting our videoconferencing Zoom meetings on Friday nights.

Recently we received notice from our United Square Dance Association (USDA) Insurance program informing us that:

- Our insurance does NOT cover dancers who have contracted COVID-19
- As long as clubs follow CDC guidelines then the club would be covered for non infectious occurrences..
- Visitors are covered if they belong to a club that is also a member of the USDA Insurance program. If not, they are not covered by our USDA Insurance Program .

Many thanks to **Mark Mason** who shared his brush with Covid-19. One wonders how anyone can be sure they don't have the virus if no test is involved As Mark says, we have to take care of ourselves and be socially responsible for others.

Wishing all a healthy and safe month ahead,

Stephanie



Art & Sandy Bruns.....August 23

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A CAUTIONARY TALE

Submitted by Mark Mason

I had signed up to attend Cole's rebel dance with Jim O. but when Jim bailed on it I changed my mind. While we currently know how to protect ourselves much better than we did back in March, the risk has increased so much due to so many people having it now, with many of the younger generation not showing symptoms. But maybe that means the older generation is safer since if we stay in our age group, we all seem to be masking and distancing.

The weakness in our Pandemic control systems struck home last week. Wednesday, 7/22, my kids and I got together for a family dinner at home with everyone being hale and hearty and no exposure that we knew of. The next day, my oldest sent out a text that he might have been exposed 6 days earlier, but only just found out about this risk that day. He works as an electrician on a job site where one of the guys in another trade had gone home Friday, 6 days earlier due to flu like symptoms. Because the companies want to continue working, they treat his illness as a common cold until they have proof that it is Covid, and the tests are backed up and slow, thus the 6 day delay in being notified of the possible exposure and/or the commencement of cleaning and disinfecting. Since my son was not showing any symptoms Kaiser would not authorize a Covid test. The free drive thru or clinics were all backed up by 6 to 7 days. So he waits to see if he has symptoms and if not then he must be Covid free. Also he can take a sick day without pay but everyone else is still working. So he shelters at home from his wife and daughter, and works every day. The good news is, today is the 14th day and still no symptoms, the end of his family quarantine and his certification of being Covid free, no test needed. So by default, the rest of my immediate family is also Covid free from his exposure. Of course if any of us are not showing symptoms then the spread of Covid continues. No wonder our numbers keep rising.

Take very good care of yourself because the government and health care are only handing out Band-Aids and hospital rooms, if available....

Congratulations, Sandy!!



Former Katydids member, Sandy Hastings with her new Great Grand-daughter, Ava.

REMEMBERING TONY CAVALLI



Thursday, July 23rd our dear friend, Tony, died of a sudden heart attack. He will be missed on the dance floors throughout the SF Bay area and especially by the Katydids who were fortunate to find him dancing with us most Friday evenings. Anthony Fredrick Cavalli was born on July 21, 1947. Messages of condolence can be sent to his wife, Ann, at 218 29th St., San Francisco, CA 94131.

Katydids and friends meeting on July 17th via Zoom.

