

CHIRPER



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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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



CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Dec. 06: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM; Club Dancing
8:30 – 9:30 PM, **GENERAL MEETING**
Holiday charity donation drive begins

Fri., Dec. 13: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 8:30 PM; **NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL**
8:30 – 9:30 PM, Club Dancing

Sun., Dec. 15: Future of Square Dancing meeting
2:00PM at the Stevens' home
4862 Morden Dr., San Jose

Fri., Dec. 20: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
HOLIDAY PARTY & POTLUCK DINNER
Wear green and/or Red
Bring a potluck dish to share
Bring table service, beverage
6:30 – 7:15 PM Dinner
7:15 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
Holiday charity donation drive ends

Fri., Dec. 27: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
Say good-bye to 2013 & hello to 2014
All area clubs & classes are invited to join us
Used square dance clothing sale!

Fri., Jan. 03: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
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Fri., Jan. 10: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
9:35 PM Executive Board Meeting

Fri., Jan. 17: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Club Dancing
** **PARTY NIGHT** ** Wear Green and bring
food to share.

Sat., Feb. 08: SWEETHEART SPECIAL HOEDOWN
Mark your calendars!
Start collecting raffle items, baskets, bows
and ribbons NOW for Linda Caywood!

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS

and DUTIES

Super Square Head

Stephanie Stevens (408-871-9525)

Dec. 06Hastings / Stevens
 Dec, 13Gray / Cosentino
 Dec. 20Wilhelmsen
 Dec. 27Smart / Krulee

Jan. 03Angotti / Smith
 Jan. 10Willey, P / Wies
 Jan. 17Darknell
 Jan. 24Grubb / Lehnhoff
 Jan. 31Hebson

Feb. 07De Lapp
 Feb. 14Parson / Tillman
 Feb. 21Clark, T & D
 Feb 28Shaney

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 **6:30 PM**. A Katydid's member 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 Quarter Masters, **Gary or Sue De Lapp**, 408-446-1910 of any supplies needed.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

Plus Level Dances

Dec. 14: Ranchero Squares Plus Hoedown

Walters Jr. High, Fremont
 7:30 – 8:00 PM: PreRounds: George Gardner
 8:00 – 10:30 PM: Caller: Bob Baier

Dec. 31: Glass Slipper Ball; Rockin' Jokers

8:30 - 9:00 PM: Rounds: Sue Harris
 9:00 – Midnight: Caller Vic Ceder

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Dance; Pleasanton Singles & Pairs

Caller: Dan Nordbye

Jan. 4: Running Bear Hoedown; Krazy Dazys

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
 728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
 7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds: Sue Harris
 8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Eric Henerlau
 Running Bear Dance: Caller: **Jim Osborne**

Jan. 17-19: Winter Festival

Salinas Valley Fairgrounds
 625 division St., King City
 Callers: Jerry Story, bob Baier, Tony Oxendine,
 Jet Roberts
 Cuers: Sharon & Casey Parker, Bob & Eileen Silvia

Jan. 29 - Feb. 1: Aloha State Square & Round Dance Festival

Waikiki, Hawaii
 Callers: Buddy Weaver, Ken Bower
 Cuer: Chuck & Sandi Weiss
 Info: <http://www.buddyweaver.com/hawaii.htm>

Jan. 31 - Feb. 2: Boots in Squares Swing Thru the Palms

Palm Springs Pavilion, 401 S. Pavilion Way
 Callers: Cliff Simpson, Darren Gallina, Charlie Robertson

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'TIS THE SEASON TO BE AN ANGEL

TUESDAYS:

CPSD Class

Instructor: Tork Clark
 Camden Community Center
 3369 Union Ave., San Jose
 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Castaways Class

Instructor: Roger Smith & Rob Paull
 Resurrection Lutheran Church
 2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
 7:00 – 9:30 PM

Sunnyvale Singles Class

Instructor: Rich Reel
 Washington Park
 840 W. Washington Ave., Sunnyvale
 7:00 – 8:30 PM

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



We are dancing all four (4) Fridays this December! Because of the way Christmas and New Years Days occur mid-week, there are no conflicts with our host church's holiday functions.

Tonight, December 6th, we are having a General Meeting to discuss and hopefully approve a Newer Dancer Class to be run by Roger Smith and Val Paterson beginning in the latter part of January or February. We need the Club's approval for this function so be sure to make yourself available at our 8:30 PM break. You should have already seen informational emails regarding the meeting. I am hopeful that we can keep the discussion before the vote brief (so we can quickly get back to Club dancing).

Friday, December 13th, is the last of the scheduled public invited 'Barn Dances' or 'Neighborhood Socials'. I have been promoting non-dancer attendance through www.neighborhood.com in the area around Westgate Shopping Center and I hope you have been promoting them to your friends, family and associates using the available fliers or other means. Current beginner classes have certainly taken advantage of our FREE offering to dance with us during the previous 'Barn Dance' sessions and I have heard a lot of good comments coming from this group. I hope you have been having fun dancing with our guests during these sessions.

Friday, December 20th, we will be starting the evening with a holiday potluck with the doors opening at 6:30pm at Nelson Hall. The Club will be providing a ham and you need to provide a dish to share, serving utensils, and place settings for your own use. Normal Club dancing should start about 7:15 (see the announcement elsewhere in this Chirper).

If you can drag yourself out of your overstuffed chair on Friday, December 27th, after eating and imbibing too much, we would love to dance with you again that evening as we extend an open invitation to other clubs and classes in the area (all level dancing). Bring sweets or other offerings (finger food) to share with our guests and fellow Katydids and if you want to dress in holiday cheer and arrive in your new Tesla or

Maserati (remember Ertha Kitt singing "Santa, Baby"?), we won't discourage you!

So, until the next Chirper, let me be among the first to wish you good holiday cheer and high expectations for a happy new year!

Ho! Ho! Ho! (or Bah, Humbug! – Take your pick!)

Skip

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHARITY DRIVE

Each year during the holiday season the Katydids collect money to donate to a worthy charity. This year the Executive Board has approved a \$200 donation from the Club treasury to be given to the Church Food Pantry and will solicit donations from members who wish to also contribute for the next three weeks. This is an easy way to both say thank you to the church for allowing us to use Nelson Hall and to help those less fortunate in the community.

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From the SHS Raffle Chair, Linda Caywood

Our Annual Sweetheart Special Hoedown is coming up soon. Be sure to start saving baskets, ribbon and 'nice' items to fill the baskets! Bring me your items anytime!

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From the VP, Parker Willey
(That entity is a Vice President)

We are going to have a super Sweetheart Special hoedown on Saturday, February 8, 2014. Dance starts at 19:30 (or 7:30PM). We have a new venue this time at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church (728 W. Fremont Ave.). I believe it may be closer to where possibly most dancers live.

Again, in 2014, we have Randy Dibble calling and rounds by Sue Harris.

We need volunteers for various committee chairs. We already have a few: Door, Kitchen, Badges, Raffle (collection & display). What we need now are chairs for Decorations, Badges, Raffle ticket sales, and Drinks (water & coffee). We also need members to advertise our hoedown by taking flyers to other clubs and selling ribbons. I know we will have a great hoedown as we all work together.

Chirper Chatter...



This month's Lifetime Achievement Award goes to Sue DeLapp. The DeLapps have started golfing more frequently, like every Wednesday, the last two years. At Deep Cliff Golf Course (Cupertino) on Nov. 6 at hole #8, Sue made a HOLE-IN-ONE using a 7 iron. Even though it is a short hole of 106 yards, it is never an easy task. Congratulations!...

Barbara Johnson, a frequent visitor to us, reported that she had a hernia operation on Monday, Nov.18th and was back home on Tuesday looking for her "roller skates". She is doing great but it appears her square dancing will be curtailed until sometime after the first of the year...

Char Pitts continues to slowly recover from her fall. She is able to sit-up, stand up, remain vertical longer with each ensuing day. She even hosted our Board Meeting on Friday, Nov. 22nd, a long one, three Board meetings compressed into one...

We are certainly glad to see and have Skip & Steph Stevens back with us after almost 3 months of road travel and mind you, without any problems from their van putting in 16,000 + miles...

Joyce Wies is back with us. She has been removed from the "Leave Of Absence" status and was seen dancing so her plantar fasciitis is gone. On LOA is Sue Willey but she has been seen dancing but cannot endure. Good try, Sue...

Kathy Shaney recently learned that she has vertigo, losing her balance unexpectedly. She is on medication now and has it under control...

Morris Hosoda, moho77@gmail.com

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

- Tork ClarkDec. 24
Ingrid KruleeDec. 28

NEWER DANCER HOEDOWNS

Be an angel - Support our newest dancers!!

-- SEPTEMBER (2013) CLASS LEVEL --

Snow Flake Ball, CPSD
Sat., December 7th
Camden Community Center
3369 Union Ave., San Jose
7:30 - 9:45PM
Caller: Roger Smith

Hearts & Flowers, CPSD
Sat., Feb. 15th
Camden Community Center
3369 Union Ave., San Jose
7:30 - 9:45PM
Caller: Lawrence Johnstone

Castaways
Sat., Feb. 22nd
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
Caller: Roger Smith

Spring Fling; Sunnyvale Squares
Sat., March 1st
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
8:00 - 10:15PM
Caller: Rich Reel

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From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti - -

ROCKY ROAD CAKE

- 1 pkg chocolate flavor Betty Crocker Cake Mix
1 pkg Betty Crocker Chocolate Fudge Frosting Mix
1/2 . chopped toasted almonds
1 c. miniature marshmallows

Bake cake in 13 x 9 x 2 inch pan as directed on package.

Cool

Prepare frosting mix as directed on package.

Stir in almonds and marshmallows. If it is too stiff to spread, add a few drops of water. Spread on cake.

TRIP REPORT - Part 2

Morris asked Skip and me to write up a report of our recent cross-country van-camping trip. We sent newsletters of our trip to our family and we will try to condense them a bit for you. So, here goes. But, first, you might want to get a map of the USA out so you can follow our "trail." Note: Part 1 was printed in the November issue of the Chirper.

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On Thursday, October 3rd, after having entered the USA in Calais, Maine, we decided to head southwest along the coast to see the Acadia National Park . . . not such a great idea. The government shutdown shut us out. Drat! Instead we decided to drive north up to the town of Dover-Foxcroft and as it was getting late in the day, we traveled to the only campground we knew about in the area which was on Sebec Lake. By the time we got there we found the gates closed and it was already dark.. Apparently they had closed for the season. What to do? We meandered back down the road a bit and spotted a boat launch area and thought maybe that would work as a quiet place to sleep for the night. Perhaps not such a great idea as we found out at 3:00 in the morning by a loud rapping on our van door and bright lights shining about. It was the local police checking to make sure we weren't the ones responsible for banging of nearby residents' doors that night. Well, that was the story he gave us anyway. We told him why we were there and he apologized for disturbing us. Not a pleasant experience to be awakened in such a manner that's for sure!!

The fall colors really hit their peak for us as we traveled New Hampshire Rte 2 from Gorham to Lancaster. Even though it was gray and drizzly we could tell that the colors were in all their glory.

The next day we continued driving towards Syracuse, NY where we needed to be on the 6th for Skip's High School Class of 1960 reunion brunch at a local golf club. We had a nice time with the 20 or so folks who attended and Skip had a good time reminiscing about his very first date with one of the ladies (even if she didn't remember it)! From there we drove up to Camillus, NY to visit with another of Skip's cousins, We had a wonderful evening chatting after a marvelous home-cooked meal that included a FRESHLY baked apple pie. YUM! It was amazing the stories that the two guys could remember with the help of the other. By themselves they couldn't have recalled half the stuff talked about but together, it was magic!



The next morning we looked at some old photos on my computer and of course, more stories. After a few moments, Patti jumped up and went into a back room and came back with a photograph that had obviously been hanging on the wall. We had just been talking about how in his early years Skip's dad had worked at the Chilled Plow Company and she remembered that her grandfather had worked there as well at about the same time. The photograph she had was of all the workers standing under a sign announcing that for two consecutive years, 1938-1940, there had been no accidents in the workplace. Both her grandfather and Skip's dad are in the photograph! How's that for coincidence!

It was a spectacularly beautiful day as we drove across the border into Canada. We spent a couple of days in the Prescott, Ontario area trying to find information on Skip's great-great grandparents. We did learn that of their eleven children, there were four unmarried adult girls still living with them when they died in 1901. According to a census they were "mentally impaired" and after their father's death they were sent to the poor house and lived and worked at the "House of Industry" in the town of Athens until they died. Most of their other children either had died, or had returned to New York where their grandfather had lived before moving to Canada. It's a sad story but, as Skip says, they probably would have not lived as long as they did had they not been taken in as a ward of the Province.

As we headed south back towards Syracuse, we stopped in Watertown, NY to do a bit of research at their library which has a nice genealogy section. We spent a couple of hours there before they closed the doors on us. Literally, 5 minutes after we should have been out, I noticed a book on the Brown family. I quickly looked inside to check to see if it had Skip's upstate New York Brown's listed . . . YES! We HAVE to come back tomorrow! So, the next morning we headed back to the Watertown Library and I spent 2 hours snapping more than 300 photos of the Brown book I had found . . . it was in two volumes and the person who compiled the information focused on the Brown line including the FEMALES!!! Wow! What a novel idea!! (Tongue firmly planted in cheek!) It was a great find.

The reason for the trip was to scatter Skip's father's ashes on the favorite fishing pond in Upstate NY on October 16th. I would love to say that the 16th dawned bright and sunny but that was not to be. It was overcast and threatening to rain as we drove over to the pond early to get things set up. Skip's three daughter's and my youngest son arrived at the appointed hour. It was reasonably dry until EXACTLY the point at which Skip and one of his daughters got into the inflatable boat to head out to the middle of the pond



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to scatter Skip's mom's & dad's ashes per their wishes. The rest of us huddled under several umbrellas and watched from the shore when it began to rain. It rained for the next hour (of course!). Then the rain let up.

We camped that night at Hamlin Beach State Park (NY) on the southern shore of Lake Ontario, a very pleasant park, even though it rained most of the night. It was still cloudy as we left in the morning to visit the U.S. side of the Niagara Falls. Beautiful . . . and, not rainy. Just misty from the spray the falls sent up.



We headed across the border and got in to our campground on the north side of Toronto near the city zoo around 8:00 PM. Found a McDonalds across the street and went over to send some messages out. We were to meet Carl for breakfast in the downtown area the next morning. We found a parking lot (garages rarely work with the height of Skip's 7'1" van) and the place we were to meet Carl for breakfast, the Petit Dejunier. We were a bit late because there had been so much construction going on that the GPS had a hard time keeping up with all our detour twists and turns. But, they had wonderful eggs benedict and belgian waffles. YUM!! After breakfast we walked to the Distillery District which is an area that had been just that years ago (before prohibition and then provincial liquor control stores) and has now been turned in to an area with many shops using the old buildings in a new way. Very nice. Especially since one of the places he took us was to SOMA, a chocolate factory. And, of course, they sold chocolates of all kinds, too.



Myrtle Beach prides themselves on their seafood and find ingenious ways of dealing with their 'big' catch . . .

Our next stop was Myrtle Beach, SC, (10/27) to visit Skip's 1st cousin on his mother's side. They had just moved into their newly built home in August and we were simply amazed that everything was in order and nary a box could be found. If that had been us . . . well, we still might not be completely unpacked in 12 months!

Tuesday we started the long trek towards Boca Raton, FL, where Skip's former mother-in-law lives with one of her daughters' family. We found Florida WARM and balmy. We had hoped to also visit with one of Skip's cousins in

Gainesville, FL but, unfortunately, they were under the weather health wise and were unable to see us this trip. We were sorely disappointed. As we headed north in to the panhandle, we stayed the night at a nice little campground at the Suwannee River State Park (FL). We were impressed by the quality of the facilities at the Florida State Parks.

We got onto I-10 and started heading west. We got as far as Lafayette, LA, that night and pulled in to an RV park just before dark. We soon found out that this place was not a good choice . . . lots of mosquitoes. Ugh! Skip was on swat-patrol!! We went to sleep early and when we woke up early the next morning we decided to get out of 'Mosquitoville' and pulled up stakes and were on the road by 6:00 am. – an unheard of early start for us!! Within 5 minutes of driving we figured out why there were so many mosquitoes at our campsite. It was located between the Henderson Swamp (that does tell you something, doesn't it?) and a sedentary river.

We continued heading west on I-10 for awhile and then turned north so we could visit with a cousin I hadn't seen since 1997 who is now living in a lovely home overlooking LBJ Lake in Horseshoe Bay, TX.

Next we had wanted to visit my son's mother-in-law who lives in Los Alamos, NM but the timing did not work out. She was scheduled for surgery the very day we were to be in NM.

On Tuesday, November 5th, we traveled from Lordsburg, NM and headed through the desert to Blythe, CA. There certainly was a lot of sage brush and sand . . . EVERYWHERE! However, there were also some strikingly beautiful mountain ranges to be seen as well and overall the panoramas were breath-taking. We were grateful that the wind wasn't blowing so strong as to blow the sand around. When we got to Blythe, CA and found nothing listed in the way of campgrounds for another 100+ miles we decided to call it a night a bit earlier than usual. And we were glad we pulled in when we did since it got dark by 4:45 PM. We were able to see the Milky Way that night (no moon) as we went for our short 'nature call' walk. Nice! The next morning, before we left to continue with our travels, we walked around the place a bit and found that the campground was right on a curve in the Colorado River which allowed a couple of nice beach areas on the property.

We went to West Los Angeles to see Skip's daughter and her family. We left after dinner and found a motel a bit further up the road in Woodland Hills for the night. It allowed us a little bit more leisurely start for the drive north on Hwy 101 to see one of Skip's former work colleagues & a fellow square dancer, who is now retired in Grover Beach. We took her to lunch at The Rooster's Creek Tavern just down the road from Grover Beach which had very good food and a very interesting setting. The commercial district adjoins a

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moderately deep ravine with a creek where there are quite a number of formerly domestic roosters living in the 'wild'. We understand that at one time the city wanted to get rid of the non-native roosters, but there was such a hue & cry from the local citizens, they decided against the idea. We personally saw and heard about 10 roosters of about three or four different species. I expect there were more hiding in the bushes. We also walked the downtown for a bit and were treated to the Doc Burnstein's Ice Cream Lab where you could concoct your own dessert. A fun shop . . . and, tasty, too! It was fun wandering around the town but, alas, we needed to get on the road towards home.



We finally made it home Thursday night, 11/7, at about 6:30 PM after having been gone for over 11 weeks. Skip had to leave for a meeting at 7:00 PM so he quickly took care of lighting the pilot lights for the furnace and the water heater and turning up the thermostat on the waterbed heater while I unloaded much of the contents of our van onto our living room floor. Then while he was at his meeting, I worked at putting some of the things away.

It's amazing, really; we drove into and through the fall color season in New England, lost the color as we drove south and it was totally green from Georgia through Florida and the southwest. However, guess what? There's color HERE! Our fall color (and, yes, we DO have color . . . just not as long a season) is showing up nicely in the trees here. What a pleasant surprise!

As they say in Hollywood, **Gobble, Gobble, Gobble!! That's All Folks!!**



Some interesting numbers:

Nights on the road:	78
Average price of gas:	\$3.575
Lowest price of gas:	\$2.799 Slidell, LA
Highest price of gas:	\$4.653, St. John, NB; \$3.689 Batavia, NY
Number of visits to Canada:	3
First snow seen on what date:	None
Nights in a motel:	1
Miles traveled:	16,641

From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti - -

EGG NOG SPICE BUNDT CAKE

- Serves 16
- 1 (18 1/4 oz) box spice cake mix
- 1 (4-serving) box instant vanilla or cheesecake pudding & pie filling mix
- 1 . nonfat vanilla yogurt
- 1/4 c. vegetable oil
- 1 . light eggnog
- 1 egg
- 3 egg whites
- 1 1/8 c. pecans, chopped & toasted
- powdered sugar
- Preheat oven to 350°F. coat a nonstick Bundt pan with cooking spray
- Combine cake mix, pudding mix, yogurt, oil, eggnog, egg and egg whites in a large bowl. Mix until creamy.
- Stir in pecans. Pour into prepared pan.
- Bake 40 to 45 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.
- When cool dust with powdered sugar.

From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti - -

CHOCOLATE MYSTERY CAKE

- Serves 16
- Preheat oven to 350°F
- Grease 9 x 13" pan
- 1 pkg (about 18 oz) German chocolate cake mix
- 1 1/2 c. root beer (not diet soda)
- 1/4 . vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 container vanilla frosting
- 1 1/2 T. root beer (not died soda)
- Combine cake mix, 1 1/2 c. root beer, oil and eggs in large bowl. Beat with electric mixer at low speed 30 seconds. Beat at medium speed 2 minutes or until well blended. Pour into prepared pan.
- Bake 30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. cool completely in pan on wire rack.
- Beat frosting and 1 1/2 T. root beer in medium bowl with electric mixer at medium speed 2 minutes or until fluffy. Frost top of cake and cut into squares.

From: Arlene Scallon & Jim Gray
Sent: Sunday, November 03, 2013
Subject: from Argentina

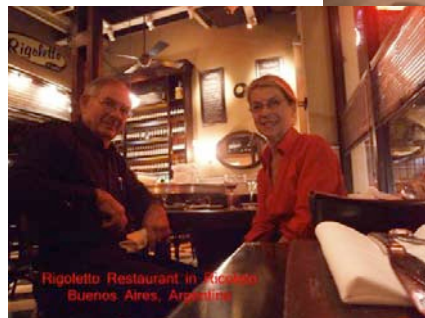
BOOM boom boom, BOOM boom boom - so went the drums and the great, catchy chanting all night at the El Monumental Soccer Stadium (holds 65,000). It was a happy, exciting event. Weather was perfect. Seats were perfect (played it safe and bought through a couple of guys who drove and sat with us and a dozen of our new friends.) Fans were clean, calm, well dressed in soccer-casual, but the riot police paraded around just in case. LED ads flashed around the field, but the scoreboard was basic with no instant replay, gimmicks, or cheerleaders. Behind the bright, beautiful lights, fyi the ladies' bathroom had no latch on the door, no tp, no t seat, but it was clean! It was a fun night....

River Plate vs Estudiantes
El Monumental Stadium
Buenos Aires
Argentina



Monument to the liberator,
San Martin

Museo de Arts
Latinamericano
Buenos Aires
(MALBA)



Rigoletto Restaurant
in Ricolelo Buenos
Aires, Argentina

WINTER BEGINNER CLASSES

MONDAYS

Bows & Beaus

Instructor: Keith Ferguson

Loyola Elementary School, Los Altos

7:30 – 9:30 PM

Starts: Jan. 20th; 1st two nights FREE; \$5/person/class thereafter

Contact: Nanci 650-390-9261

WEDNESDAYS:

Farmers & Farmerettes

Instructor: Mike Wright

Newark Pavilion

7:00 – 8:00 PM

Starts: Jan. 15th; 1st three nights FREE

Contact: Paul or Lynne 510-79603607

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !

Parker & Sue WilleyDec. 10

Have you looked at our website recently?

www.katydid.info

Lloyd has started digitizing our old *Chirpers* and is putting them up on our website for all to enjoy. Look at them for a great trip down memory lane! Thanks, Lloyd, for taking on this huge task for the Club!

Visit Bethlehem

A great way to get in the “Christmas Spirit” is to visit the town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born. Since the actual Bethlehem is very, very far away, the First Baptist Church of Santa Clara (3111 Benton Street, between Lawrence Exp. and San Tomas Exp.) has done their best to recreate the town and the story of Christ’s birth. You will find about 100 people in costume in and around our city; see Mary & Joseph enter the town looking for an inn, see the Wisemen at their camp prior to following the star into Bethlehem (one even rides a camel), and a shepherds field where the angel appears to announce the birth of Christ. Watch out for the big Roman Guards who think you have come to visit the town market place or pay your taxes.

This is our 16th year and it started on Thursday, Dec. 5th and ends on Monday, Dec. 9th (five nights) and is **free**. There are five performances a night, starting at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. (every half hour). I suggest you try to come on Thursday or Friday because each night gets more crowded.

Club Member, **Maxine Darknell**, is one of the costumed players and she and **Lloyd** will be there each night.)

Flyers are available on our information table in the back of the hall.

Do We Get Letters! ... (email, too)

From Bob & Annie Bennett:

Katydids, 10-18-13

We have not been anywhere since I went to bowling camp in Las Vegas in August. Bob went with me but he wasn't able to bowl (see the picture). He went hiking in the Tetons in early August and tore his Achilles tendon. He wore the boot for 11 weeks on the theory that the Achilles tendon would heal itself, but it wasn't healing. So he had surgery Oct. 7 and had to use a walker until this Wednesday. Now he is back in the boot to the extent that pain will allow. He is holding up well but, needless to say, he won't be hiking any-time soon.



I bowl four or so times a week and go to oil painting class and that's about it. I am in two bowling leagues and I entered the Huntsman senior games bowling competition. I made it through the qualifying round this past Monday and into the finals along with 7 others in my age category -- I'm 75 in the 75-79 age category along with 36 other oldies. I bowled in the finals Thursday but the winners have not been announced yet. The top 3 in each age category get a gold, silver, or bronze medal.

We're going to Palm Springs Thanksgiving week. It's getting colder here and we're hoping for warm weather so Bob can lie by the pool.

From the Chirper, it seems that square dancing in Silicon Valley is alive and thriving and that Katydids have a lot of activities. Makes me homesick.

Miss you all.

Annie and Bob Bennett

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Campbell United Church of Christ

Dear Katydids, 11-12-2013
You are invited to a Food Pantry open house on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 11:30 AM at the Campbell United Church of Christ. We are expanding from a cramped room to part of one of our Church School classrooms. This will allow us to serve more than one client at a time and facilitate the display of our available items.

Your presence would make this celebration all the more memorable. I have included the most recent "wish list" for pantry items in case you care to contribute, but please come!

A light snack will be served.

God Bless you,

/s/ Faith King



Our Ted Shaney ringing Church Bell



Faith King (Notice Food Pantry back)



They even have clothes recycle racks.

(While the Open House was several weeks ago, we wanted to share this note with you. Morris Hosoda attended this Open House representing Katydids to learn more about this in preparing for our Annual Food Pantry Drive in December.)

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From Elsie Ignacio - -

11/30/13

I received a phone call from June McCabe telling me that Glen died at 1:30 a.m. today - Saturday. Evidently, he was on his way home after joining family for a get together/dinner on Thanksgiving evening. On his way home he was involved in a single car accident. He was found on Friday morning and taken to the hospital. He died this morning (Saturday). Funeral/Memorial services have not been scheduled as yet. I am awaiting further information from June.

Please pass the information on to members of Katy-Dids Club as I'm sure older members will remember Glen.

Thank you.



End-of-the-Year
with the

Katydids



Join us in saying good-bye to 2013!
Dance the night away!

September Class through Plus Level

Friday, December 27, 2013
7 pm

Guests: \$5 donation

Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Avenue
Campbell

Square Dance Clothes Sale!

Bring clothes to sell.

Label with your name, club name, & price

Please arrive with items on hangers.

Open to all!



Caller - Jim Osborne

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

with the

Katydid



Please bring a dish to share
& your table service!
Ham provided by club.

Guests dancing: \$5 donation



Eat, dance, and be merry!

Friday, December 20, 2013

Eating: 6:30 pm

Dancing: 7:15 - 9:30 pm

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