

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. 6 : Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 8:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
8:30 PM General Meeting of the membership
Chirper distributed

Fri., Dec. 13: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
Annual Christmas Potluck
Club provides the ham
Remember to bring your potluck dish to share as well as plates and utensils
6:00PM set up for potluck
6:30PM Eat
7:00 – 9:30PM; Katydids Dancing

Fri., Dec. 20: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

Fri., Dec. 27 Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME : End-of-year Get Acquainted Party night
FREE
September Class through Plus levels
Bring snacks to share
Last night for Katydids' December Charitable Giving (donations to go to the Family Giving Tree)

Fri., Jan. 3 : Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
Chirper distributed
THEME: Pre-Running Bear practice

Mon., Jan. 6: Executive Board Meeting

7:30PM at the Stevens' home, 4862 Morden Dr., San José

Fri., Jan. 10 : Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

Fri., Jan. 17 : Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

Fri., Jan. 24 : Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing

Fri., Jan. 31 : Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: FREE 5th Friday dance
Collecting non-perishable food for Campbell UCC Food Pantry

Sat., Feb. 08: SAVE THE DATE!! Sweetheart Special Dance
All members are expected to participate.

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Dec. 06 Stevens
Dec. 13Braaten / Clark
Dec. 20Stevens / Matolyak
Dec. 27Willey / Pitts

Jan. 03:Wilser / Dixon
Jan. 10:Franger / Moore
Jan. 17:McManus / Standridge
Jan. 24_Village / Schwartz
Jan. 31:Oros / Matolyak

Before the dance:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, (408-871-9525) of any needed changes to assigned dates.
• The designated Square Heads should arrive by 6:15 PM.and stay until clean up is finished around 9:45 PM.
• Check the restrooms for supplies & tidiness.
• Make coffee (located on Katydid's shelf in the storage room) and ice water using provided plastic cubes stored in plastic ziplock bags in the freezer.
• Sweep the floor as necessary & set up the sign-in table.
• Set up at least 24 chairs. Bring out more chairs as needed.
• Set up drinks and supplies on counter.
• Place snacks, located on the Katydid's shelf in the kitchen, on the back table at back of the hall along with paper goods, hand sanitizer and flyers
• Set up Club banner located in white tube in closet; open legs and hang banner from top of tube.
• Set up the easel & board to receive the birthday/anniversary dates provided by the Treasurer.
• Check the member sign-in list to see if we have any members on LOA. If they attend, they pay a \$5.00 donation..

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone as they enter.
• Collect a \$5.00 donation (except for Free 5th Fridays) from each guest and have them sign in. "Regular" guests check the prepared guest sheet, new guests sign the guest book.
• In the green box, there is an envelope with petty cash for making change.
• Offer 50/50 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 with 50% to the Club, 50% to the winner. (Note: odd dollar goes to the winner!)
• Check that coffee, water & cups do not run out during the evening.
• After announcements and raffle, feel free to dance EXCEPT for the last tip (unless you are needed to fill a square) when you will need to be putting things away and cleaning up

After the dance:

- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.
• Pack up the sign-in table items
• Pack up leftover snacks (ziplock bags are available to keep items fresh) and flyers.
• Notify Stephanie and Naomi if we need more Club flyers or Chirpers printed for the following week.
• Empty coffee pot and dry the cooler and pack up other supplies and return them to the shelf in storage room.
• Wipe counter and tables where needed.
• Put Club banner back in tube & return to closet (right side)
• Empty garbage can if more than half full. The dumpster is located in the side parking lot.
• Sweep up crumbs from the floor as needed.
• Return extra chairs to the storage room
• Notify the Quartermasters, Bea (408-224-8164) or Liv (408-997-2305) of any replacement supplies needed for the next week.

DANCE EVENTS

PLUS LEVEL unless otherwise noted

Dec. 14: Family Giving Tree Benefit Dance & Toy Collection ; Castaways; Mainstream Level
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:30 - 10:00PM
Callers: Tork Clark, Jim Osborne, Thomas Allen, Bob Steele, Roger Smith
Minimum donation: \$10 cash or \$10 value toy
Bring snacks to share.

Dec. 14: Rancho Squares Plus Hoedown
Walters Middle School, 39600 Logan Dr., Fremont
7:30 - 8:00PM: Pre-Rounds:Sue Harris
8:00 - 10:14PM Caller: Bob Baier

Dec. 31: Glass Slipper Ball; Rockin' Jokers
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont, SV
8:30 - 9:00PM, PreRounds: Sue Harris
9:00 - Midnight, Caller: Lawrence Johnstone
www.rockinjokers.com
\$20 advance purchase; \$25 at the door

Jan 4: Running Bear Dance; SCVSDA
St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 4111 Alma St., PA
6:45 - 7:30PM, Pre-rounds: Sue Hennis
7:30 - 10:30PM; Callers: Eric Henerlau, Jim Osborne calling Running Bear Tip

Jan. 8: Fun Night; El Camino Reelers
St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 4111 alma St., PA
7:15 - 9:30PM

Feb. 22: 3/4 Thru Winter; El Camino Reelers
Mainstream, Plus, A-2
St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 4111 alma St., PA
7:15 - 10:30PM

SUPPORT OUR NEWEST DANCERS!

-- September Class Level --

Jan. 11: Snowflake Ball; CPSD
Camden Community Center
3369 Union Ave., San Jose
7:30 - 9:45 PM
Caller: TBD

From frequent guest dancer, Ed Wayne, who has been working hard along with lots of local volunteers to bring this event to the community

For those who might be interested ...
The Annual Christmas Creche Exhibit will be open Dec. 7 - 11th from Noon to 9pm daily.
Free admission
3865 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto
The exhibit contains unique collections of over 250 nativities from over 50 countries from 100 exhibitors of many faiths. There will be artist demonstrations, live holiday music, concert, marionette shows, and children's crafts .
Go to http://www.christmascreche.org and click on "events" to see the schedule of daily events

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Janna Standridge.....Dec. 09

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DECEMBER CHARITABLE GIVING DRIVE

Who: **Family Giving Tree**

When: **December 2019**

Ends: **December 27th**

About: The Family Giving Tree organization is in the business of granting children wishes for joy and learning. They collect donations from local community partners and individuals. They hold two giving drives a year:

1) Holiday Wish Drive for children, seniors and the homeless where they put "tags" at select places around the area for individuals to take and fulfill the wish on the tag. If tags are not returned they have a warehouse where they also collect items and they use it as a "store" to fulfill wishes.

2) Back-to-School Backpack Drive is for children and is run much the same way as the Wish Drive



Parker & Sue Willey.....Dec. 10

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WINTER BEGINNER CLASSES

MONDAYS:

Bows & Beaus

Loyola Elementary School, 770 Berry Ave., Los Altos

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Begins: January 20th

Classes on 1/20 and 1/27 are FREE

Caper Cutters

San Francisco

15 week class Starts: January 27th

See Jim Osborne for further details

TUESDAYS:

Swinging 21ers

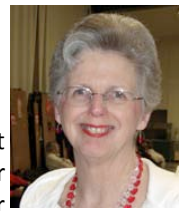
Fremont Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont

7:00 – 8:30PM

Begins: January 14th

Caller/Instructor: Bob Elling

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hello Katydids and Friends,

I'm not quite sure how we got to December but here we are . . . Busy month ahead. Get your running shoes on!! Next Friday, Dec. 13th is our **Annual Christmas Potluck** . . . YUM!! Then on Friday, Dec. 27th the Katydids are hosting an **End-of-Year Get Acquainted Party** for September Class through Plus Levels as a way to welcome newly graduated square dancers as well as those just beginning their classes. Then, to start the new year we hon Friday Jan. 3rd we will have a **Pre-Running Bear Practice** night.

Last Friday we were stunned to learn that the previous Tuesday found **Jim** at the ER getting his previously installed stents checked out and along the way found that he needed another one put in. Based upon Jim's comments at Club, it takes a techno-geek to appreciate the miracles of modern medical technology! We're glad it was a quick fix and that he is sounding as good as a finely tuned fiddle.

Last month we had Amateur Caller Night on the 15th with **Art Bruns, Morris Hosoda, Ted Schmalz, and Bob Steele** calling. Thank you all!! I was especially impressed with the unique tip that Morris did with two couple "squares". Very interesting indeed!

At our Free 5th Friday dance on the 29th we also collected donations of non-perishable food for the Food Pantry run by the Campbell United Church of Christ. Collectively we had two cars full of food plus checks totaling \$120. Faith King who runs the Pantry was very grateful. THANK YOU ALLI and to **Pat Angotti** and **Alice McManus** for taking our donations to the Pantry. The next collection date will be the 5th Friday in January.

Our December charitable giving drive will be to support the Family Giving Tree (see article to the left).

At the Executive Board's last meeting on November 11th **Skip** gave the Treasurer's Report in which he stated that in the last 6 months the Club has averaged a shortfall of about \$200 each month. At this rate we will be insolvent in less than 2 years and that is assuming that we keep the same number of Club members and guests. Not a good assumption I'm afraid. Therefore, the Executive Board has requested a General Meeting on Friday, December 6th (**TONIGHT!**) to discuss some of our options. Constructive comments from our guests are welcomed. We may or may not come to any conclusive decisions, however, we will start the conversation.

And, **Naomi**, our Sunshine gal, who sends out cards, has asked me to remind you that you need to tell her of anyone who is in the hospital, ill, or in need of a sympathy card to let her know.

Janna who is our Sweetheart Special Hoedown Chair says that she will be asking folks this month to head up committees. Actual sign ups for work duty and food will begin in January.

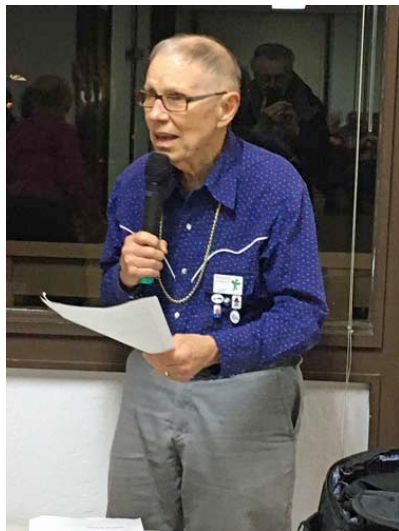
Wishing all a very happy holiday season!

Stephanie

CLUB NIGHTS

Friday, Nov. 15, 2019

JANNA & HER TURKEYS



Friday, Nov. 22, 2019

AMATEUR CALLER NIGHT

Art Bruns
Morris Hosoda
Ted Schmalz
Bob Steele



Photos courtesy of Skip and Steph Stevens

Road Gypsies are at it again! – Part 2

by Stephanie Stevens

We continued south to Madison where we spent the night and then the next morning we had arranged to visit with my 4th cousin, Scott Bovee, who lives on the Bovee Homestead in the village of Eagle. It was a rainy, dreary day, remnants of Tropical Storm Imelda that had earlier dumped 3 to 4 feet of rain in the Houston, TX area. In hopes that the rain would let up we chatted for awhile and when the rain finally let up a bit we headed out to see

the gravestone of our mutual 4th great grandmother, Jane/Jannatje (Dodds/Dodge) Bovee. She and her 9 children moved out to Wisconsin in the mid-1830s. Her son, Mathias, purchased 160 acres to homestead. Jane's husband had died in New York prior to their venturing west and she died not too long after



Scott and Stephanie at grave of their mutual 3rd Great Grandmother Jane Dods Bovee 1770-1844, on the original Bovee Homestead in Eagle, Wisconsin

they arrived in Wisconsin and is said to have been the first white woman buried in Eagle. By the way, the original 160 acres has been subdivided and Scott's land is now just 47 acres and he hires out the farming of the property.

The next day we left Madison and traveled south a bit to visit with relatives in Belvidere, IL. It being apple season we drove out to Edward's Orchards to get some of their delightfully yummy apple pie and apple cider donuts. We left Belvidere on 9/24 and headed towards Ellettsville, Indiana. We had



arranged to meet my (newly discovered) half-niece Holly Nethery and her family at a restaurant in nearby Bloomington. We were a bit late since we had forgotten to allow for a time change. It was a nice evening and eating outside was lovely in the outdoor dining area which allowed Jackie, our dog, to join us.

The next day, Holly, who had graciously arranged to take the day off work showed me around the area a bit. We visited a local university and a

winery, where, besides having a large koi pond that we walked around, had Ice Wine that is somewhat hard to come by.

The next morning we said good-bye to the lovely McCormick's Creek State Park. It was a very quiet and peaceful park. We were sorry to leave. We needed to be on our way towards Upstate New York so we headed off towards Ohio. We got as far as Springfield just east of Dayton where we happened upon the Buck Creek State Park Campground on the C.J. Brown Reservoir. It was a lovely set up and the "caretaker" of the park did a splendid job of setting up Halloween decorations.

As we were heading north the next morning I realized that we were going to be traveling close to Mt. Vernon, Ohio. This is where my great grandfather was born ... or was it in Pennsylvania? That's what I wanted to find out. We visited the local historical society and after spending about an hour and finding nothing helpful, we continued on our way and headed back to the Interstate. About half way to the Interstate Skip said he was cold and as I looked over at him I saw that his hands were shaking so badly he couldn't keep his hands on the steering wheel. He was slow to respond to my "pull over!" I finally had to be very insistent. Of course, there was no one around to help us. I finally called 9-1-1 and explained my problem to the dispatcher who was very helpful. We finally decided to have an ambulance sent as well as an additional driver who could drive our van to the hospital (I don't see well enough to drive in unfamiliar places) and, once we got to the hospital, while Skip was being examined, my driver helped me find a place to board Jackie. By 8:00pm Skip was admitted to the hospital with an urinary tract infection (UTI). I spent the days with Skip and the nights "camping" in our van in the hospital guest parking lot. Three days later he was discharged and we (including Jackie) recuperated at a local hotel for a couple of days before heading north to New York. The folks in Mt. Vernon were most helpful in our out-of-the-ordinary situation we had found ourselves in. Would you believe that the boarding place for Jackie would not accept payment for her food and board?!



We headed on to Rochester, NY to visit with Carolyn, one of Skip's 3rd cousins on his mother's side, who has been doing quite a bit of research on their mutual Schoeberlein surname. Last Year Skip had both his Y-DNA and Autosomal DNA tested. Turns out one of the matches on Skip's list was a fellow by the name of Raymond Koagel. Carolyn said, "I know him!" and promptly picked up the phone and called him. However, here's the problem we are

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trying to figure out: Skip, Raymond, and Carolyn share a mutual great-great-grandmother. However, they descend from different children and there were a couple of illegitimate births and then all the rest of the children were "Schoeberlein". The first 2 children were given the name of Schoeberlein but we're not sure of the paternity.

We then drove up to Mexico, NY to the Appledale Farm for some of their famous apple cider donuts and a half gallon of fresh apple cider.. We then drove over to Pulaski to the Colosse Cheese Store to pick up some of their famous Rat Trap (extra-extra sharp) Cheddar Cheese. Yum! Being well fortified and upon hearing that there had been quite a bit of damage along the shore of Lake Ontario resulting from new Great Lakes navigation water regulations, we went north to Sandy Creek to see how the

home that Skip and his parents built on the shore of Lake Ontario fared. While driving through the area we



This used to be a nice sandy beach. Not any more!

came across a neighbor who was more than happy to fill us in on the details of his neighbors over the years. We coincidentally happened upon their having a neighborhood BBQ and Skip got a chance to reacquaint with some of his childhood friends! Nice!!

On Sunday, October 6th, Skip and his high school class of 1960 held a reunion at a restaurant near Syracuse, NY. However, before heading over to the restaurant, Skip called his cousin Ken who lives in Camillus to see if they might be around for a visit later that afternoon. Unfortunately not. They caught up on a bit of family news and just before hanging up Ken dropped the shocking news that his middle brother had died of deep vein thrombosis the week before. This is the fellow who started the famous Doug's Fish Fry in Skaneateles, NY. With heavy hearts we went on to the high school reunion but decided that for dinner we would drive out to the Fry. Great food! But a bittersweet encore.

The next morning we drove in to Syracuse to see if we could find some residences of long ago ancestors of Skip's. Didn't find too many. Most of the addresses are now either parking lots or part of the low income 'Projects' in downtown Syracuse.

Tuesday October 8th was decision day ... were we going to head south or were we going to head into New England? We finally decided to head south since there was a pending early big snow storm headed east. We could easily have gotten to Maine but the bigger question was could we get back out before the storm

hit that area? After much deliberation we finally decided to head to South Syracuse to seek out the Onondaga Valley Cemetery where Skip's cousin, Doug, had just been buried and then continued on south ..

Regarding "color" that we did or did not see: Well, while we were going over the Cascades in Washington several weeks ago we saw just the beginning of yellowing of leaves. We *finally* saw some *REAL* color just as we were leaving New York at a rest area. This rest area was of interest not just for the color but also for the treatment of

human waste! At what we believe now to have been the Whitney Point Rest Area, we needed the use of restrooms. But there, in the midst of very modern facilities were PIT



TOILETS! But not ordinary pit toilets. Here were modern plastic toilet bowls but without liquid in the base of the bowls but instead a long vertical shaft with an elbow at the bottom! So you go to use the toilet and most of the debris falls down the shaft, but not all. When you are done, you get up and push a little black button. That's when things really start getting interesting! In a few moments, the toilet starts exuding frothy bubbles from under the inside lip of the toilet. This process continues as the froth crawls uniformly down the inside of the basin, picking up toilet paper, liquid waste and other residual debris as it slowly flows towards the pit! Sanitizing and cleaning in an ecologically sound water conservation single step. All done right there! And with no foul smells!! Most interesting!

We continued south to Virginia to visit with one of Skip's cousins and then continued to Myrtle Beach to visit with another of Skip's cousins. Then . . . WESTWARD HO! or CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME!! We made the turn and headed in a generally westerly direction. We left Myrtle Beach and all its glitz and chaos to travel the backroads to Georgia. We noted that the topography changed as we headed west. It became much hillier and the soil became red with iron rich clay. We overnighed at the Hickory Knob State Park and Resort. We did not partake in any of the "resort" offerings but the secluded campground was nicely quiet. It began to rain overnight and as we left the park in the morning it was still drizzling. In fact it was wet the rest of the day! We took a really interesting route as we headed west, again on backroads. We could easily imagine someone's 'still' (moonshine, that is!) back in the woods, and the road itself was an up hill and down dale road. Very interesting.

(To be continued ...)

Katydids Square Dance Club

Christmas Potluck

Friday Dance



Set-Up at 6:00
Grace at 6:30
HAM will be provided by the Club.
Bring own settings
And sign-up for what to bring.




Your Friday Night **FUN** Club
Plus Dancing from 7:00 - 9:30 PM
Only \$5/Person
Caller: Jim Osborne



Join us for a **FREE** download potluck!
December 13, 2019
Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

Katydids Square Dance Club

End-of-Year Get Acquainted

FREE Friday Dance



September Class up to Plus are all Invited!

For **FUN**
Friendship
& **Fitness**

Your Friday Night **FUN** Club
Floor Level Dancing
from 7:00 - 9:30 PM
Callers: Jim Osborne, Roger Smith
Tork Clark and Thomas Allen

It's a Season for Giving.
We have selected
FAMILY GIVING TREE

Bring **REFRESHMENTS** to **SHARE!**
December 27, 2019
Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

BADGE DANCE **Katydids Square Dance Club**

Our 57th Annual Sweetheart Special



HOEDOWN

CALLER



JIM OSBORNE

CUER



SUE & PHIL HARRIS

Feb. 8th 2020
Pre-Rounds: 7:30
Plus Squares:
8:00 - 10:30

Pre-sale: \$12
\$15 at Door/\$5 Teens

New Location: NORDAHL HALL
560 West Parr Ave, Los Gatos, CA

First Name Last Name
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