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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Caroline Fifield and Maxine Cintas

CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Mar. 3: **Congregational Church of Campbell**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class

8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

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Fri., Mar. 10: **Congregational Church of Campbell**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class

8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

Fri., Mar. 17: **St. Patrick's Day**

Congregational Church of Campbell

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class

8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

****PARTY NIGHT**** Wear Green

Fri., Mar. 24: **Congregational Church of Campbell**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class

8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

9:30 PM Executive Board Meeting

Sat., Mar. 25 **DANCE-OF-THE-MONTH**

Newer Dancer Hoedown; Star Eights

American Musical Theater

1717 Technology Drive

8:00 – 10:15 PM, Caller: Bob Elling

Fri., Mar. 31: **Congregational Church of Campbell**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class

8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

Fri., Apr. 7: **Congregational Church of Campbell**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class

8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

8:30 PM **General Meeting & Elections**

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Fri., Apr. 14: **Congregational Church of Campbell**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class

8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

Fri., Apr. 21: **Congregational Church of Campbell**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class

8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

Sun., Apr. 23: **New Board Installation Brunch**

Michael's at Shoreline in Mt. View

Fri., Apr. 28: **Congregational Church of Campbell**

400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

7:00 – 8:30 PM, Class

8:00 – 9:30 PM, Club dancing

9:30 PM In / Out Board Meeting

Sun., Jun. 11: ****SAVE the DATE****

Annual Club Picnic

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS & Duties

*Super Square Heads - Carol & Larry Griffith
(408) 252-2106*

Mar. 03	Franger/Moore
Mar. 10	Pitts/Powell
Mar. 17	Schaffer
Mar. 24	Shaney
Mar. 31	Shaver
Apr. 07	Stagnitto
Apr. 14	Stevens
Apr. 21	Willey
Apr. 28	Benevento
May 05	Anderson
May 12	Hebson
May 26	Helfrich

On dance night *PRIOR* to your duty night:

- Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into Club Closet. Notify Super Square Heads (Carol & Larry Griffith 408-252-2106) of any needed supplies or change of duty assignments dates.

Before the dance:

- Contact Square Head for following week to be sure they will be there .
- On scheduled nights, the designated Square Heads should arrive **before** 7:00 P.M.
- 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
- Have guests sign guest book and collect \$4.00 donation per guest.
- 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 on to any Executive Board Member.

After the dance: *Clean up!* Take the trash bags out to the dumpster located inside the fence enclosure in the side parking lot.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

Mar. 4: San Mateo Roadrunners

Beresford Recreation Center, San Mateo
8:00 – 8:30 PM, Pre-Rounds with Wendy Jean
8:30 – 10:45 PM, Caller: Mike Sikorsky

Mar. 3,4,5: Central Calif. Wing Ding

Merced County Fairgrounds, Merced
Callers: Dan Nordbye, Johnny Preston, and
Eric Henerlau
Cuers: The Garza's and the Carpenter's

Mar. 17, 18, 19: Bakersfield Fiesta

Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield
Callers: Steve Kopman, Darryl Lipscomb,
Mike Seastrom, John Marshall, Jerry Story
Cuers: The Booths, The Hurds, & Peter Gomez

Mar. 21: Mini Hoedown Dance; San José B'n' Bs

Westhope Presbyterian Church, Saratoga
8:00 – 10:00 PM; No charge
Caller: Diane Gaskill; Cuer: John Flora

Mar. 31, Apr. 1, 2: Spring Jamboree

Amador Co. Fairgrounds
Highway 49 in Plymouth, CA
Caller: Mike Sikorsky, Jim Rammel
Cuer: Casey & Sharon Parker

Apr. 8: Circus Circus; Rockin' Jokers

John Muir Middle School
7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds with the Hursts
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller Larry Ward

Apr. 21, 22, 23: Dance by the Sea

Calif. Square Dance Council State Convention
Ventura Co. Fairgrounds, Ventura

Apr. 29: SCVSDA & SCVCA Wing Ding

May 11, 12, 13, 14: Silver State

Reno Hilton/ Grand Sierra Resorts
Callers: Randy Dougherty, Gary Shoemake, Mike
Sikorsky
Cuers: The Vogts, The Storms

May 13: Black and White Ball; Krazy Dazys

John Muir Middle School
7:30 – 8:00 PM; Pre-Rounds with the Hursts
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: **Jim Osborne**

Jun. 21, 22, 23, 24: National Square Dance Convention

San Antonio, Texas

Dear Katydid,

As kitchen chairpersons, we thank you. You again have provided plenty of wonderful food and lots of help. A special thanks goes all of you that responded to the challenge of not having the kitchen available. As always, your food and all your efforts contributed to the success of the Sweetheart Special and were greatly appreciated by our guests. We also want you to know how very much we appreciated your help. Thanks again.

~ ~ Marilyn & Harry Shaver

All About Membership

Let us all extend our right hand of welcome and hugs to our newest member **Maxine Cintas**. Waiting in the wing is **Caroline Fifield** who has submitted her application for membership. Small numbers but certainly encouraging. My philosophy is "to get a friend is to be one." Expanding that a little more towards square dancing, if you want new members and new blood to enter the square dancing activity is to demonstrate how friendly and fun you and it can be. You do not have to apply pressure to your friends but just show them how consistently you are a friend and be fun and in time your friends will "give in". It won't be 100% but only a handful each from all of us can be surmountable.

Our class is really progressing at a faster pace than I have witnessed in a long time and I thank all of you who show up early to help fill the squares.

Morris Hosoda, Membership

2-6-06

Dear Stephanie & Skip –and Katydid

Thank you sooo much for the letter and the Chirper (January & Feb.). You all mean sooo much to me – and I miss you – I think of you all often – so often – but I know that Mac, my angel, is probably enjoying watching all other squares – who knows? – Maybe he's teaching square dancing in Heaven!...

Love & HUGS to all
Lee McMillan

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER - -

Hi Katydid

The Sweetheart Special 2006 is now history. Thanks to all of you for putting in 200%. It was a great success again this year. I want to thank all of you for helping with the setup, food, and tear down after the dance. I want to especially thank **Marilyn and Harry** for all their help with the food and table set up in the teachers lounge. Getting everything organized this year because of the loss of the kitchen, made the job more difficult. I also want to thank **Skip and Stephanie** for doing the photo booth, **Pat and Don** for handling the door and Jake for the use of his hay bales again this year. I want to thank everyone who helped with the Raffle and badges; especially **Parker, Sue, Jake, Sandy, and Dennis** for doing the raffle set up and **Nicki, Mark, Rodney, and June** for selling tickets. Everything ran very smoothly this year.

We now need to start thinking about new officers for the coming year. **Pat Angotti** is the nomination committee chairperson. Please see her if you are interested or know anyone who would like to run for office. The voting will be on Friday, April 7; the Installation Brunch will be on Sunday, April 23; and the In and Out Board meeting will be on Friday, April 28.

Thanks again for all your help.

~ ~ *Lloyd Darknell*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!

Larry & Carol Griffith. . . . Mar. 25
Morris & Louise Hosoda. . . Apr. 05
Jim & JoAnn Osborne. . . . Apr. 07
Sal & Louise Stagnitto. . . . Apr. 07

From Ginny,

I think of you all so often, and your joyful Friday nights, and wish I could join you!... Am still dancing – in Shingle Springs, with Bronc Wise – the boys part. Ah well, at least I'm dancing!

Love to all,

Ginny Cowie

GREETINGS FROM SANDY ~ ~

Hello, Katydiddles,

We are eager to hear details about your Sweetheart Special Event. We have been trying to be faithful brusher-uppers and attend the Tuesday night workshop/beginner classes, but we missed last week because of the Olympics, specifically the ice skating. But we reviewed some old, no longer used moves this month. Do any of you remember Daisy Chain, Motivate, Grand Spin, Curli-Q, or Curli-Cross? To be honest, I can see why some of these are no longer in use. Grand Spin was fun, but it took several repeats to get all the squares functioning.

If you live around here, the popular greeting is "How 'bout those Vols?" and instead of saying good-bye or see ya later, they say "Go, Vols!" Tomorrow we get to go to Thompson-Voling Arena to see Pat Summitt's Lady Vols play their last home game. They're hosting the Florida Lady Gators. I have UT orange duds and am really excited about cheering for our team in person. When I last mentioned them in a Chirper article, they were still #1 in the nation, but have descended to #3, and currently #5.

We had honest to goodness snow last week on and off for 5 days. It was like living in a calendar picture. Our dog is not enthusiastic about taking walks in the rain, but he doesn't mind the snow at all. I love that scrunchy, squeaky sound the snow makes under your feet.

It's hard to believe it's March already. That means March Madness and Easter. In between babysitting grandies, I've been training to babycare a little Down Syndrome baby. I haven't gotten to do my first solo sit, yet. She's had numerous medical problems and a recent surgery, so every couple weeks necessitate updating my Baby Clara skills. She was a premie, so now at 6 months, she weighs 10# and is working on holding her head up. Her parents and I are learning to sign, which is popular now with today's pediatricians and modern mommies. I have a 10 word vocabulary already.

Have a wonderful March and the wearing of the green! You're the best. B good, B kind, and B there or B square!

~ ~ *Sandy Ferrill*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Elsie Ignacio	Mar. 04
Denis Moore	Mar. 11
Marilyn Shaver	Mar. 11
Paul Schneider	Mar. 11
Jenny Anderson	Mar. 17
Bob Pyle	Mar. 23
Char Pitts	Mar. 30

SUNSHINE REPORT

In February we have helped the following Katydids celebrate their birthdays with cards: **Mark Helfrich** Feb. 02, **Don Powell** Feb. 03, **Bob Hebson** Feb. 06, **Lloyd Darknell** Feb. 20, and **Larry Griffith** Feb. 21. We had no Anniversaries in the month of February.

Get well cards were sent this month to **Bill Schaffer, Jenny Anderson and Rodney Helfrich**. It was such a wonderful surprise to see **Bill and Gesine Schaffer** back dancing about 6 weeks after his knee surgery. Way to go **Bill!**

Our heartfelt condolences to **Rodney Helfrich** and his family on the recent death of his mother.

Welcome back to **Jake and Elsie**, it's great having you dancing with us again. We missed you both.

~ ~ *Marilyn Shaver*, Chaplain

NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN

Be an angel – support our newest dancers!!

September 2005 Class Level

Sat., Mar. 4: Sunnyvale Singles
John Muir Middle School
8:00 – 10:15 PM; Caller: Roger Smith

Sat., Mar. 25: Star Eights
American Musical Theater
1717 Technology Dr., San José
8:00 – 10:15 PM; Caller: Bob Elling

Sat., May 6: Lucky Steppers
John Muir Middle School
8:00 – 10:15 PM; Callers: Harold Fleeman and
Roger Smith

January 2006 Class Level

Sat., Apr. 1: Beaus & Bows
John Muir Middle School
8:00 – 10:15 PM; Caller Keith Ferguson

MINUTES**Katydids Executive Board Meeting
February 24, 2006**

President Lloyd Darknell called the meeting to order at 9:36 PM.

Roll call: Officers present were President, Lloyd Darknell; VP. Bob Bennett; Secretary, Bill Benevento; Publicity, Don Gaubatz. Officers absent were Treasurer, Bob Hebson; Membership, Morris Hosoda and Chaplain, Marilyn Shaver.

Visitors present were Chirper Editor, Stephanie Stevens, Sheriff, Don Powell and Anne Bennett.

The Minutes of the January 6, 2006 Meeting were approved.

Reports:

1. The President reported that the preliminary results from the Sweetheart Special were positive and that approximately 25 squares attended.

2. The Vice- President had nothing to report other than to express his thanks to all the Katydids who worked so hard to make the SHS the success.

3. The Treasurer was not present and no report was presented.

4. Membership reported that there were currently 49 active and 11 inactive members in the Club. Inactive members Jake and Elsie Ignacio are back to active membership. (With the additions of both Maxine Cintas and Caroline Fifield, one of whom is already included in the 49 noted above, our active count is now 50).

5. The Chaplain was not present and no report was presented.

6. The Publicity Chair had nothing to report.

Committees:

The Chirper editor reported that the Chirper deadline for submission of articles would be 2/24.

Old Business:

1. Lloyd Darknell reported that due to other Club priorities he had made no progress on the new Club banner.

2. Lloyd further reported that Pat Angotti had made good progress in obtaining members to fill the 2006-07 Slate of Officers for the upcoming election at the General Meeting to be held on April 7.

New Business:

1. Picnic: Louise Stagnitto during the first week of March would seek to reserve space for the Club picnic to be held 6/25 (ed. note: date changed to 6/11) this year

2. The Board voted into membership both Maxine Cintas and Caroline Fifield.

3. Don Powell, Sheriff reported that during the Class instruction tips, the noise level emanating from those on the sidelines had risen to the point of interfering with the dancers on the floor being able to hear and carry out the calls. Although the Club encourages socialization, the Board agreed that we must also be respectful to the needs of all dancers and especially the Katydoers who are being called upon to process many new and unfamiliar calls during their instruction. An announcement to this end would be made from the stage during the next dance.

4. A discussion was held regarding the "Fifth Friday Dances". Approximately, once a quarter there is a fifth Friday during a given month and our Club has been approached by other Clubs who have indicated a desire of having a combined dance on such night at a rotating venue. Since we have a Class in progress, it was decided to table any decision on the matter until much later in the year but to proceed and obtain more information as to the logistics should we eventually decide to go forward with the proposal.

Agenda items for the next Board meeting:

1. Finalization of the Sweetheart Special.
2. Installation brunch.
3. Club picnic.
4. "In and Out" Board meeting - 4/28.
5. General meeting for the purpose of elections- 4/7.

The next **Party night** will be held on March 17. Wear GREEN

Dance of the Month will be the "Newer Dancer Hoedown, March 25th at the American Musical Theater.

The next Board meeting will be held Friday, March 24th following the Club dance that night.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Benevento, Secretary

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HELLAU ! This is the call all over because it is FASCHING (carnival) People love to disguise themselves at this time of the year. Willi and I went to two parties. WOW...dancing and fun! Everybody was in a good mood. You see many funny costumes. And when people are in a costume, they forget all their problems and they are free from cares...you see clowns (like me), cowboys (like Willi), animals and... and ...and all are smiling and celebrating FASCHING. So today we are pretty tired because we came home very late. It is not like we are 18 any more...well, only a few days older...<smile>



The countdown is running. We are so excited and can't wait and you know why? Some of our best friends are coming for a visit. It makes me feel great to think of the good time we will have! Yeahhhhhh. Char and Don! We are waiting and I'm so sure when you are here, the weather will show the best side, too.

Feb. 3

Willi and I visited a ballet. It was absolutely great!!! Stuttgart residents are quite rightly very proud of their Ballet Company which enjoys a worldwide reputation.

Once a month we love to do something in arts...if it is possible for Willi.

Feb. 4

We had company: our nephew, daughters and niece visited us. Willi and I think that particularly at this time in the world it is so important that the family be closer together. So we called and invited them for the weekend. From all over they came and I have to tell you this was so much fun.

Feb 5

We showed the family members part's of Stuttgart. Our home is in the BOHNENVIERTEL (Bean Quarter) district. City history of an entirely different kind was written in the BOHNENVIERTEL. Built in the 15th century as the first residential district outside the city walls, it became home to craftsmen; in particular tanners, dyers, butchers and winegrowers. The name is a reminder of the beans, lentils and peas which the thrifty winegrowers once planted in the gardens. After major urban redevelopment measures in the 1980s, the BOHNENVIERTEL is now regarded

throughout Germany as a model of typical district planning. A district in which age-old artisan houses and new city homes mingle people, a place where people enjoy living and, even more like to visit. Many of the wine taverns are reminiscent of the "Besenwirtschaft" of winegrowers in bygone times and they become extremely cozy when you sit close together over a glass of wine.

Feb. 16

The sun is shining and the day's are longer. In the morning when we get up it is not dark anymore. Not long ago Willi left the house in darkness and when he came home it was dark, too. It looks like spring is coming!

So, wish HELLAU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

22 Feb.

Now I know why the Germans stoop down all around...It is because it is so cold outside most of the time during the winter season.

Yesterday it was warm and sunny, today brrrrrrrr so cold! I think springtime is far away and we get snow again.

Today was my first day as a volunteer at the Robert Bosch Hospital I am with a few women from the American - German Woman's Club. We serve cake, coffee, and tea and we talk to and with the seniors. These people are so thankful for the interest and I'm thankful, too. The ladies I talk with are between 75 and 95, I am interested in their stories. After three hours with many of the patients having smiling faces ...mine, of course, too. The Women's Club is a very active social group. Next week we will give food to the homeless people in the Church and of course try to help.

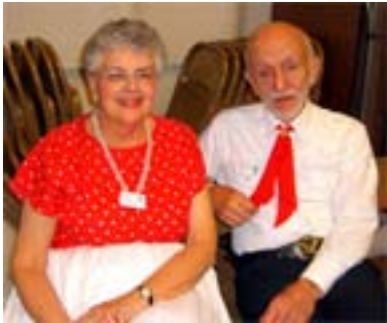
Saturday 25 Feb 2006

Today we had so much fun at the RITTER SPORT Chocolate Factory. It was soooo interesting! Willi and I took a behind the scenes look at the world of chocolate in the varied and interactive chocolate exhibition. We learned about the origin of cocoa and chocolate: The first people who prepared a drink from the roasted seeds of the cacao tree were the Olmecs. They lived over 3,500 years ago in Central America. From them, the Mayas and Aztecs took over the culture of chocolate. Both people considered the cacao tree as being sacred. When Christopher Columbus reached the Island of Guanaja (Honduras) in 1502, the Indians living there offered him cocoa beans as a hospitality gift. However, he was unable to enjoy drinking the bitter chocolate...the addition of sugar came later. Can you believe this????

In the Chocolate Factory, each month they use some 250 tons of whole hazelnuts in Walderbuch (this is the place we visited today), and the chocolate weighs about as much as 111 elephants. I feel like one of them, because we ate so much "yummy" chocolate!

Curly

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