

# KATYDIDS



MAY 2007

Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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## INSTALLATION BRUNCH

April 22, 2007, at Michaels at Shoreline, Mountain View



### CLUB CALENDAR

[www.katydids.info](http://www.katydids.info)

- Fri., May 06: **Congregational Church of Campbell**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Plus Workshop
- Fri., May 13: **Congregational Church of Campbell**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Plus Workshop
- Fri., May 20: **Congregational Church of Campbell**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Plus Workshop  
**\*\*PARTY NIGHT\*\* Wear green & bring food to share**
- Fri., May 27: **Congregational Church of Campbell**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Plus Workshop

- Fri., Jun. 01: **Congregational Church of Campbell**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Plus Workshop  
*Chirper* distributed  
9:30 PM Executive Board Meeting
- Fri., Jun. 08: **Congregational Church of Campbell**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Plus Workshop
- Sat., Jun. 10: **\*\*Annual Club Picnic\*\***  
Central Park, Santa Clara  
909 Kiely Blvd., (across from Kaiser Hosp.)
- Fri., Jun. 15: **Congregational Church of Campbell**  
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell  
7:00 – 9:30 PM, Plus Workshop  
**\*\*PARTY NIGHT\*\* Wear green & bring food to share**

## SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

*Super Square Head*  
Sarah Grizard (408) 377-5740

May 05 ..... Andersen  
May 11 ..... Hughes  
May 18 ..... Darknell  
May 25 ..... Gaubatz

June 01 ..... Stevens  
June 08 ..... Wiley  
June 15 ..... Benevento  
June 22 ..... Bennett  
June 29 ..... Grizard / Fifield

July 06 ..... Franger / Moore, Denis  
July 13 ..... Hea / Pyle  
July 20 ..... Hebson  
July 27 ..... Helfrich, Amy & Mark

### On Dance Night PRIOR to your duty night:

- Help pack up supplies and jugs and put into Club Cupboard. Notify the Super Square Head, Sarah Grizard, at 408-377-5740, 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 **before** 7:00 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 \$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 to any Executive Board Member

**After the dance: Clean up!!** Take the trash bags out to the dumpster (locked) located in the side parking lot. The key is hanging on the wall by the door to the kitchen. NOTE: tables must go into closet FIRST, then the chair “rack”.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER – –

Hi Katydid,

Another year flew by for me as President. I would like to thank my board for all the support they gave me over the last year.

The Installation Brunch was great as it always is. Thanks to **Charlotte** for setting it up, **Louise S.** for doing the Installation, **Sal** for being the Master of Ceremony and **Morris** for doing some calling for us.

I would also like to thank **Caroline** and **Sarah** for taking on the Super Square Head duty for this year and **Bob** and **Annie** for taking care of the June Picnic and Sweetheart Special Dance. Thank you also to **Pat** for setting up the tables and chairs every Friday night before the dance and being willing to be the Social Coordinator for this year. Thanks to **Joyce** who is willing to continue as our Sheriff (be sure to wear your badge and be quiet during announcements or you might be fined!).

...Lloyd Darknell

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## FUTURE SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

**May 11–13: 50th Silver State Festival**  
Grand Sierra Resort, Sparks, NV  
Ghost Riders Band

**May 19: Black and White Ball; Crazy Dazys**  
John Muir Middle School, San José  
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris  
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: **Jim Osborne**

**May 25–27: Golden State Roundup**  
San Ramon Marriott  
Callers: Vic Ceder, Sandie Bryant, Michael Kellogg, Darryl Lipscomb  
Cuer: Debby & Tim Vogt

**June 2: Ice Cream Fling Thing; Bow & Beaus**  
John Muir Middle School, San José  
7:45 – 8:15 PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris  
8:15 – 11:00 PM; Caller: Jet Roberts

**June 9: Strawberry Festival; Sunnyvale Singles**  
John Muir Middle School, San José  
7:30 – 8:00 PM; PreRounds: George Gardner  
8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Doug Davis

**June 27–30: National Square Dance Convention**  
Charlotte, NC

**MINUTES**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**April 27, 2004**

President, Lloyd Darknell called the meeting to order at 9:30 p.m.

Roll Call: President, Lloyd Darknell; Secretary, Maxine Darknell; Treasurer, Don Powell; Outgoing Membership, Pat Angotti; Incoming Membership, Charlotte Pits; Publicity, Don Gaubatz.

Absent: V.P., Bob Bennett and Chaplain, June Helfrich.

Visitors present: None.

The minutes from the previous Executive Board Meeting of March 7<sup>th</sup> and the General Membership Meeting of April 20<sup>th</sup> were approved as published.

**Reports:**

Officers:

- 1. President: No report.
- 2. Vice-President: Absent.
- 3. Treasurer: Don Powell's computer is down. No report.
- 4. Membership: Sue Boyd asked to be removed and we just welcomed Roger and Char Hemsley (they will be married shortly) to give us 47 active members and 2 inactive. Lee and Mackey Lunsford who resigned as of January 31<sup>st</sup> have been placed back on the inactive roll because of renewed interest in returning soon.
- 5. Chaplain: Absent.
- 6. Publicity: No report.

Committees:

- 1. Chirper: Lloyd indicated the articles are due to Stephanie in the next few days because it will be published and handed out on May 4th .
- 2. Social: Incoming chairperson, Pat Angotti, shared some ideas that she and Charlie Class, who Pat asked to assist her, has come up with. They are planning a lot of fun trips and also, things to do locally. Pat will let us know when the first event is scheduled.

**Old Business:**

- 1. June 10<sup>th</sup> Picnic: Pat called Bob and Annie Bennett who said they will have signup sheets available as time gets nearer. They plan to ask Rodney Helfrich if he would be willing to do the BBQ again.
- 2. Installation Brunch: It was noted that it was again a fun event with good food, fellowship and square dancing (thanks Morris). There were 32 present.

Each person paid \$10.00 with the balance being paid out of the Katydid's bank account. Because the price has gone up quite a bit, it was decided that next year, we will have to charge more.

3. Caller's Contract: Annie noted by phone that she still needed to go over all the information that had to be resent to her.

4. Sweetheart Special Caller and Cuer for 2008: Bob Bennett asked Scot Byars to call and Erin Byars to be the Cuer.

**New Business:**

1. Information for New Board Members: Lloyd said he would send Charlotte, as Membership Chairman, the up-to-date roster on all active and inactive members. Pat had already given her the Membership Information that she had. Lloyd also will be sending the Super Square Head information to Caroline and Sarah.

2. Allergy Problems: It was noted that one of our regular guests has a severe allergy to perfumes/ colognes and after shave lotions. We decided to post a notice on the sign-in table to request that people please avoid wearing them to club dancing. Don G. will provide the sign.

**Agenda** Items for next meeting:

- 1. June Picnic.
- 2. Katydid's Caller Contract.
- 3. Membership Fee Evaluation.
- 4. Hot August Night.
- 5. New Class?

**Next Board Meeting:** June 1<sup>st</sup> after club dancing. Meeting ended at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Maxine Darknell**



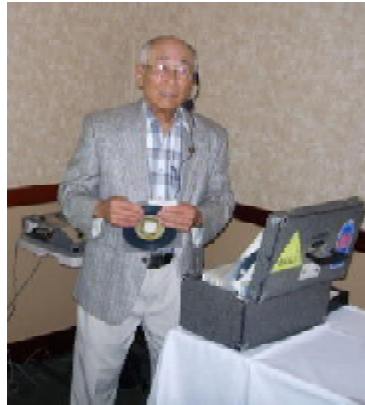
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!**

**Bill & Gesine Shaffer ..... May 13**  
**Rodney & June Helfrich ..... May 24**  
**Dave & Jenny Andersen ..... May 26**

**INSTALLATION BRUNCH**  
April 22, 2007



Maxine & Lloyd Darknell



Morris Hosoda



Annie & Bob Bennett



Char McAndrew & Roger Hemsley



Lisa & Mike Hughes



Denis Moore & Sandy Franger



Caroline & David Fifield



Bill & Betty Benevento



Jessica & Mark



Louise Stagnitto, Don Powell, Pat Angotti



Parker & Sue Willey



Skip & Stephanie Stevens



Sarah Grizard

Installation photography courtesy of Don Gaubatz, Lloyd Darknell, Don Powell, and Stephanie Stevens

## CURLY'S DIARY

Last week I met a very interesting woman from the GERMAN – AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB. We had a very nice talk and walk. The weather was sunny and warm and everybody looked so healthy ...brown...except me. I think I 'm working too much time inside, no time left for a bath in the sun.

After the meeting, I bought tanning lotion and put it into my pocket to take home. OK! Let's do it! Virtual sun in a tube! Apply a little bit here. Hmmm, a little bit there, too. I want to have a natural looking tan!

The very next day I was galled, because I looked like a Zebra.

My face was on a warpath.

OK, a nice try...but never again.

### Easter Time:

I was soooo happy, Willi, too, of course. The kids came to visit for a couple of days. We ate a lot, talked a lot, walked a lot with the two doggies and we enjoyed being together.

### Easter Sunday:

We looked for a hiding place for all the good stuff (chocolate, almonds, nougat, etc.) We had so much fun...smile



The whole family looked around like little children. Our time together was over so fast, and we had such a good time together.

*Peter (a.k.a.) le Easter Bunny*

Willi and I are members of a club called the German-American 48. A very nice group with many great activities.

### April 21:

We visited the Mercedes Benz Museum in Stuttgart.



Same day as a football game, Stuttgart vs. Bayern, and the beginning of the Fruehlingsfest (like the Oktoberfest in Munich). Oh boy, this caused very heavy traffic. So we arrived very late at the museum. But, we had a great time. The tour leader told us many fantastic stories about and around the cars.

YEAH, I 'm not into raving about cars, but I have to tell you, "This is history!" It takes key moments in history, like cars, to usher in the future.

The first Mercedes stepped into the limelight in the Nice Race Week in 1901. It was followed later by the legendary Silver Arrows, the formula one in DIM cars, and the race trucks. Success is one of the forces that drives Mercedes Benz. The journey through 120 years of automotive history at the museum finally takes visitors to the present and to the future.

We took unforgettable memories home with us that day. After the tour, we had dinner at the restaurant in the VFB Soccer Club room – just a few steps across the street from the museum .



Willi and I were dressed in red and white, like the colors of the Stuttgart Football team. They won 2 - 0 that day and everybody hugged us because the fans saw the colors in our dress.

After dinner, we rushed home and then back out to meet our friends in the Liederhalle. In Stuttgart, twice a year, we have a party for people over 30. Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, "What the heck happened?" I bought four tickets. There were five dance floors. So many people and the sound level so full and loud...No problem! After a very short time we were dancing like John Travolta, rocking like Elvis Presley and, and...smile !!!

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Singing like the Blues Brothers – we were 17 again! And we were having a party, yeahhhhhhhhhh ..... But, after being out to 2:00 am we felt like 70 the next day.

But who cares, we kissed our friends “bye, bye,” and talked for a while like LOUIS ARMSTRONG [gravely voices]. We slept a little bit longer than normal. Usually we are early birds...however, the early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap!

Curly

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**DID YOU SEE THIS!?!?**

From the Mountain View VOICE, Friday, March 30, 2007, Volume 15, No. 13, page 17



After Char and I were in Germany last year, Curly sent this picture to the Mountain View VOICE, since the paper wanted to see how far away their newspaper traveled. So when we went to the Oktoberfest, we brought the newspaper with us. Well, we did it...we got this in the paper even if it took nearly 6 months for it to appear in print.

Don Powell

**MINUTES  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
April 20, 2007**

Lloyd called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m. and stated a quorum of 28 members (the minimum is 24) were present. The first order of business was Election of Officers. Lloyd asked Parker Willey, who chaired the nominating committee, to present his slate of officers. He named the following:

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| <b>President</b>      | <b>Lloyd Darknell</b>  |
| <b>Vice President</b> | <b>Bob Bennett</b>     |
| <b>Treasurer</b>      | <b>Don Powell</b>      |
| <b>Secretary</b>      | <b>Maxine Darknell</b> |
| <b>Membership</b>     | <b>Char Pitts</b>      |
| <b>Publicity</b>      | <b>Don Gaubatz</b>     |
| <b>Chaplain</b>       | <b>June Helfrich</b>   |

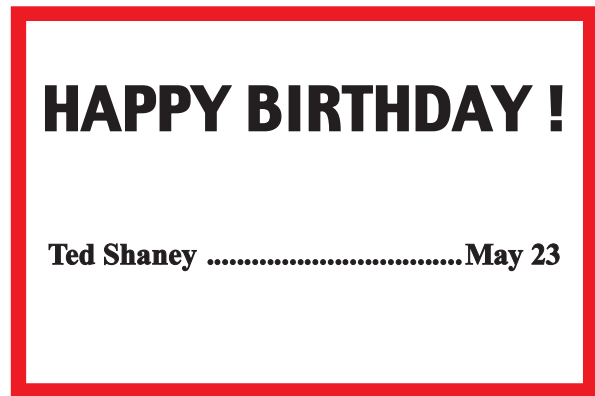
Parker asked if there were any new nominations from the floor. After hearing none, Char Pitts made a motion that we accept the slate of officers as stated. It was seconded by Annie Bennett. Parker asked all in favor to say “aye”, those opposed “nay”. It was unanimous in favor.

Lloyd asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, there was a motion to adjourn. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Maxine Darknell*

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## From Rod & Mary --

Hello Friends,

We spent the first quarter of 2007 relaxing and enjoying great weather in Florida. From the reports of the winter weather in the other traditional "snowbird" areas of the country, it looks like we made the right choice at the right time! Being pretty stationary gave us a chance to get some small projects done that we had delayed all summer. It also meant getting to spend more time with new friends than usually available – and we made the most of that opportunity.



We spent January in North Fort Myers. I got to play some golf with Dad (he won) and we enjoyed a couple of plays with him and Barb. We also attended a pleasant dinner meeting of the local

Carriage Club (makers of our 5th wheel). We took a short trip to Orlando to visit friends, play some tennis, and visit with Mary's Aunt Steffie in Daytona Beach. Of course we worked in a little square dancing, too, including the Florida Winter Festival - a weekend dance that featured several national callers as well as providing an opportunity to visit with several couples from Orlando and other clubs we've danced with.

For February, we headed to the Keys "Sugarloaf" Key to be exact. Some serious relaxing here, broken by the occasional game of horseshoes, happy hour at the KOA and Sunday's ice cream socials. The park prepared two "shrimp boils", with fish right off the boats— certainly highlights of the months! We made it into Key West a couple of times, where we enjoyed sitting in the "live masterpieces" at the Custom House Museum. We also enjoyed the Conch Train, Mallory Square and a few pieces of fudge. Tried some Key Lime wine, too— very interesting. We met some bikers who hailed from my old home town of Ashland, KY, and joined them for great pizza at the No Name Pub – lots of reminiscing and some tips for our visit there later this summer.

March triggered the beginning of our trip north. First stop was dry camping a few days in Everglades National Park. Unusually warm but the mosquitoes don't arrive in force until April, so we had an enjoyable visit. We took the boat ride at Flamingo and joined a ranger-guided canoe trip at Nine Mile Pond. Quite an experience to cruise with the

'gators (especially for a Buckeye). A rarity was getting to watch the eclipse during moon rise from the Pa-hay-okee Tower. On the way out we stopped at the Shark Valley entrance and opted for the tour tram rather than our bikes. We had great guides who spotted the wildlife and provided a very interesting narrative about the geography and inhabitant during the trip to the 'gator tower.

Next stop, Saratoga – camp for adults. We enjoy the full activities schedule at Sun 'n Fun, starting with sand volleyball every morning. We also got in some biking, roller-blading and tennis. Then there is the huge hot tub – right next to their outdoor bar. Pretty popular during happy hour! We had a visit from Fort Worth square dancing friends Walt & Carl. We also got to see former Binghamtonians Rita & Tony and Mary's brother Joe & Carol while in the area. We managed to coordinate a trip for truck service in Fort Myers with a visit with Dad and Barb and a Walter Ostanek polka band appearance at the Cape Coral Octoberfest in March – our first polka of the year!

Further north to Orange Lake and the Florida National Carriage Rally – about 110 Carriage rigs from all over the east. We found people from Texas and Carolina chapters that we had camped with before – one of the real pleasures of this lifestyle. Our horseshoe experience came in handy, but we excelled at shuffleboard (Mary 1<sup>st</sup> and me 3<sup>rd</sup>). And I picked the right golf team, which came in first and provided new friends Dutch & Di. Great food and entertainment each evening. And LOTS of stories and advice to share. So much fun we're seriously thinking of going to the Michigan Rally in August. So much red and white you'd think we were at a polka dance.



Next stop, the Suwannee River area near the Gulf of Mexico. Found another of the rails-to-trails conversions for a nice bike ride that just happened to pass a great BBQ shack! We took a

drive through the town of Suwannee and the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge. Very ruggedly pretty with the Mangroves, but certainly not a beach area. Orlando friends Mel & Rosemary came for a most enjoyable picnic lunch one afternoon. And we made a day trip to Manatee Springs State Park, which is a beautiful park. We decided we were far enough north to give the wineries a chance and Dakota Winery was a pleasant choice. Their chocolate chardonnay raspberry fudge ice cream sauce alone was worth the trip!

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Then we started around the panhandle of Florida along the coast. What beautiful white sandy beaches – and no people. Our first stop was Carrabelle Beach and we were right on the beach. Great beach weather continued and we took day trips to Bald Point and St. George's Island State Parks. An unusual sight was the mating ritual of horseshoe crabs – about 4 pm they just started coming up on the beach for as far as we could see. Chased each other around with gusto until a wave would hit, flipping and scattering them, then the chasing started over. Drove in to Apalachicola for a sidewalk art festival and a great lunch at Boss Oyster House – even got Mary to try one, then a second!

Further west we lucked into a couple of days at Topsail Hill State Park, a newly acquired park right on the beach near Fort Walton Beach. Unusual for a Florida State Park, we had full hook-ups plus cable. A short bike trip to a wonderful beach with miles of walking available. Water temperature wasn't too bad, either. And there was access to a good roller-blading path that we could take for miles. We got in lots of beach time here since it could be a long time before we get back to an ocean beach. And I enjoyed watching the OSU basketball victories, too. I can see why these parks are booked up a year in advance for the winter months.

We end March in DeFuniak Springs, off the coast 30 miles. Time to get some chores done and taxes prepared – nope, we couldn't find a way to escape them. We did enjoy a square dance in Crestview where we saved the evening by being the 4th couple to arrive. I think this is our record for smallest dance in the 38 states and 3 countries where we've danced – a sad statement about the future of this wonderful pastime. We got the salt and sand washed off the vehicles, serviced the truck (50,000 miles, half of them pulling the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel), and about ready to start up through the Midwest – slowly, there's still a cold front coming.

This summer we'll be through Tennessee and Kentucky, visit relatives in Columbus, OH and the Carriage factory in Indiana, then Michigan, the UP and lower Canada around Lake Superior. Keep those e-mails coming. We love hearing what you've been up to – and the wonderful suggestions on things we should see and do in our upcoming travels. Let us know if our paths can cross this summer, we'd love to see you.

Mary Monticello & Rod Garges  
817-308-5991

From the Kitchen of Marilyn Shaver ...

## LEMON PINEAPPLE COCONUT POUND CAKE

1 box Krusteaz Lemon Pound Cake Mix  
1 8 oz. can crushed pineapple (undrained)  
1/2 cup coconut  
2 eggs  
8 Tbsp. (1 stick) butter (melted)

Preheat standard oven to 325 degrees F.  
Lightly grease a 9 x 5 x 2 1/2 inch loaf pan

1. Place cake mix, pineapple, eggs and melted butter in a large bowl. Using an electric mixer, mix on low for 10-15 seconds or until moistened.
2. Mix on high speed for 1 minute. scrape sides and bottom of bowl. Add coconut and beat for another 30 seconds on high. (Batter will be thick.)
3. Spoon batter into pan.
4. Bake 55-65 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. While still warm, pock holes all over top of cake with wooden skewer and then pour lemon Glaze over top and let it seep in cake. Remove from pan and cool on wire rack. Cake should be completely cool before cutting, (better yet refrigerate until very cold) or it may be very crumbly.

### LEMON GLAZE:

Mix 2 cups powdered sugar and 3-4 Tbsp. Lemon juice until smooth. Pour over warm cake. (you can add the zest of 1 lemon to glaze if you like).





# Picnic

**Katydid's Square Dance Club**

**Sunday  
June 10**

**Central Park  
Santa Clara**

**909 Kiely Blvd**

**11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Eating at Noon**

I can't eat anything - I'm stuffed

**Members bring:**

- Appetizers**
- Salad/side dishes (with serving spoons/forks)**
- Chairs**
- Plates and utensils**
- Drinks (special if desired)**

**Club provides:**

- Hamburgers**
- Hotdogs**
- Polish sausage**
- Drinks**
- Condiments**



**Questions?  
Bob Bennett 408-778-2689**

# FIRST CLASS MAIL

**Chirper**  
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**Chirper**

**May 2007**

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## CHIRPER STAFF

The *Chirper* Newsletter is written by, and for, members of the Katydid's Square Dance Club.

Copy deadline for the June issue is **May 27th**.  
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