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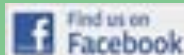
Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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



CLUB CALENDAR



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Fri., Nov 1: Resurrection Lutheran Church

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

Fri., Nov 8: Resurrection Lutheran Church

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

Fri., Nov 15: Resurrection Lutheran Church

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

Fri., Nov 22: Resurrection Lutheran Church

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

Fri., Nov 29: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
FREE 5th Friday Dance
Collection of donated canned food for the Food Pantry
at the Campbell United Church of Christ. See pg 3 for details

Fri., Dec.6 : Resurrection Lutheran Church

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

Fri., Dec. 13: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
6:30PM **Annual Christmas Potluck**
7:00 – 9:30 PM; 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

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS
and DUTIES

Nov. 01Standridge / Matolyak
 Nov. 08Dixon / Pitts
 Nov. 15Paterson / Tillman
 Nov. 22Stevens
 Nov. 29Darknell / Smith, D

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

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. A Katydid's member with a key will open the doors and will secure the hall at end of evening.
- 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 Chirper's 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

- Nov. 1-3: Fiesta de la Cuadrilla; SDSDA**
 Balboa Park, San Diego
 Cuers: Randy & Marie Preskitt, Rae & Sherry Garza, Bill & Beth Davenport
 Callers: Bob Baier, Mike Hogan, Michael Kellogg
- Nov.2: Anniversary Hoedown; Farmers & Farmerettes**
 Cuer: Bob Ensten
 Caller: Gary Kendall
- Nov. 9: Benefit Hoedown for Crippled Children; Swinging 21ers**
 Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont
 7:30 – 8:00; PreRounds with Sue Harris
 8:00 – 10:45PM Callers: Jay Henderson, Ghost Riders Band
- Nov26: Annual Thanksgiving Dinner & Salvation Army toy Donation Dance Party!**
 John Muir Middle School, 1260 Branham Lane, San Jose
 7:00PM Dinner
 Dancing until 10:00PM
 Lines by Mike & Joyce Shannon
 Squares by Tork Clark, Keith Ferguson, **Jim Osborne, & Roger Smith**
Bring a donation of one new, unwrapped toy or \$10 per person for the Salvation Army
 Provided: Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy
 Bring side dish, salad, or dessert to share
 Bring your own place setting & serving utensils
 To volunteer to help with cooking, decorating, set up, serving, clean up or to provide drawing prizes call Jane at 408-356-7796
RSVP to Jane: 408-356-7796
- Nov. 30: Whing Ding; SCVSDA/SCVCA**
 John Muir Middle School, 1260 Branham Lane, San Jose
 Cuer: Anne Gracia
 Callers: **Jim Osborne, KurtGolhardt, Aahz**
- Dec. 12: Salvation Army Toy Dance; Lucky Steppers**
 (Mainstream / Plus Level)
 La Selva Beach Club House, 314 Estrella Ave., La Selva Bch
 6:30 – 7:00PM; PreRounds: Sue Harris
 7:00 – 9:30PM; Callers: Mike Luna, Keith Brown, James Thompson, Regina Schulz
- Dec. 14 Mainstream Hoedown; Castaways**
 Resurrection Lutheran Church
 2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
- Dec. 31: Glass Slipper Ball; Rockin' Jokers**
 Caller: Lawrence Johnstone
 Cuer: Sue Harris

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Nov. 22: Amateur Caller Night (see Jim O. for details)
- Dec. 13: Annual Club Christmas Potluck
- Feb. 08: Annual Sweetheart Special

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Joann OsborneNov. 02
- Sandy Bruns.....Nov. 13
- Steven Lehnhoff.....Nov. 22
- Naomi GrubbNov. 23

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



How can it be that another month has gone by! Time flies when you're traveling!! See Part 1 of a write up of our recent cross-country van-camping trip on page 7.

We were so very sorry to have missed the Halloween Party last week. Judging by the photographs, it looks to have been a fun and entertaining evening! Many thanks to Pat Angotti for chairing the event and to others who helped with decorations and snacks.

This month we will be having our Amateur Caller's Night on Friday, Nov. 22nd and then the following week which is our FREE 5th Friday dance we will be collecting donations of food and cash for families in need at the food pantry at the Campbell United Church of Christ.

And, planning ahead, we will have our annual Christmas Potluck on December 13th and Saturday, February 8th is the Katydids' annual Sweetheart Special Hoedown. All Katydids are expected to participate with set up, food, duties during the dance, and clean up.

And, with my Chirper editor's hat on, I want to thank Janna for getting flyers ready and distributed while we were out of town and to Morris who printed and distributed the Chirper.

We returned late last Sunday evening and are slowly getting things cleaned and put away.

Wishing each of you a lovely Thanksgiving with family and friends. See you in a square soon!

Stephanie

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It's THAT time of year ... Remember to use the provided hand sanitizer and/or the soap in the restrooms to help keep germs from spreading, particularly during the winter months. Of course, if you are ill, or symptomatic, it is best to stay home and we will all be most thankful and wish you a speedy recovery.

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Ted & Kathy Shaney.....Nov. 12
Skip & Steph Stevens.....Nov. 12

Katydids Square Dance Club
AMATEUR CALLER'S NIGHT
Friday, November 22, 2019
Club Caller: Jim Osborne
Your Friday Night Fun Club
Plus Dancing 7:00 - 9:30 pm
Only \$5 per person
Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara

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Campbell UCC Food Pantry
Needed:
Canned meat, tuna, chicken, chili, dried beef, ham
Jan, jelly, peanut butter, canned & dry soup
Canned vegetables or fruit
Pasta, rice
Dry milk, hot chocolate, juice, tea, bottled water
Chips, cookies, treats, sugar packets
Personal hygiene items
Sleeping bags, blankets, can openers, AAA batterie
Do NOT need:
Black tea
Canned green beans
Cough drops
Protein bars
Dry beans
Plastic flatware

CLUB NIGHTS

Friday, Oct. 4, 2019

TILLIE WEARING HIS NEW SHIRT



MORRIS & LOUISE HOSODA PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION



Friday, Oct. 11, 2019

CELEBRATING BEA CLARK'S BIRTHDAY



Photos courtesy of Pat Angotti

Friday, Oct. 25, 2019 HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY



PRIZES AWARDED

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Superman & Wonder Woman | Al & Rosemary Gaddy (Best Couple) |
| 1930s Flapper Floozy | Alice McManus |
| Ghost of Christmas Past | Mark Mason |
| Only positive fortunes gypsy | Janna Standridge |
| Nerd | Bea Clark |

Thank you, Pat, and your helpers for a very fun and enjoyable evening!!



Alice McManus



Denis Moore & Sandy Franger



Bea Clark

Photos courtesy of Pat Angotti



Janna Standridge



Tillie Tillman



Al & Rosemary Gaddy



Laurie Andrade



Evie



Mark Mason



Art Bruns

Road Gypsies are at it again! – Part 1

by Stephanie Stevens

As many of you know, Skip and I have been off the dance floor for the past few weeks. We have been on a cross-country van-camping road trip. We left San José on Tuesday, Sept. 3 and headed north up the coast. We spent the night camping at Salt Point State Park and in the morning headed on north to Gualala where we visited with a cousin of mine. Two things about this portion of our trip. 1. we enjoyed all the Naked Ladies (a.k.a. Belladonna Lilies) that were in full bloom, and 2. we stressed over not having connectivity with either the internet or cell phone coverage. We continued up Hwy 1 to Leggett and then on to Hwy 101. That drive was very windy but the redwoods made it all worth it. We stayed the night at Richardson Grove State Park on the Eel River. My boys and I spent several summer vacations there years ago. One memory in particular is that of the boys catching a newt and wanting to bring it home. We did bring it home, however a few days later we released it back into the wild where it belonged.

At Crescent City we headed NE towards Grants Pass, OR. We wanted to spend some time at one of our favorite camping spots, the Valley of the Rogue State Park. Our next stop was to be Portland but instead of heading straight north we went east to see Diamond Lake which several people had suggested we check out. Unfortunately the campground was pretty full and the level spots were all taken. (it was later that we learned that there was more to the park than we realized.) Besides, the sky was turning very grey and we decided to move on to Portland where we had friends to visit with. One of the friends were the Howarths. I met them when I was in Laos in the 60s. We have remained friends ever since. Nancy prepared a delicious meal for us which included a different kind of potato salad than we had had before. It contained potatoes (of course!) chopped butterhead lettuce, and all kinds of chopped vegies. Many of them were from their garden or the Farmer's Market. She dressed it with a bit of mayonnaise and Spike seasoning. Delicious!!

We then drove north to Seattle to visit a niece of mine and were most interested in seeing how Whiskey Cat and our Parson jack Russell Terrier, Jackie, would get along. Result? Amazingly well!!

After leaving Seattle we drove north to cross the Cascades to head east. We traveled all the way to North Dakota on Hwy2. This route in Idaho was beautiful. with wide lanes, gentle sloping curves and beautiful scenery with lots of rivers, streams and creeks. Driving was easy and we could actually enjoy a bit of the scenery compared to earlier parts where the road was narrow and very windy.

North Dakota was memorable for several reasons:

1. There were long stretches of highway where the road bed had been taken up and there was just dirt and gravel,
2. As we got closer to Williston, there were MANY oil fracking wells with adjacent burn off of waste natural gas. The landscape was dotted with these flares each of which had a

yellow flame and perceptible smoke plume of incompletely burned hydrocarbons. The general air quality was noticeably hazy as a result. I don't know where the workers lived but most of what we saw were these fracking facilities and gigantic trucks and other heavy machinery. One of the reasons we saw so many of these facilities is because we turned off going the wrong direction to our camping site (west versus east) and drove 25 miles before realizing our error. The good news is that we saw the Fort Union Trading Post which was a very interesting reconstructed historical structure.

3. As we started to head for our camping spot I heard a loud squealing noise and asked Skip "Is that us?", as we turned the corner, I said "It's us!" We got 25 miles down this road without any further weird noises and did our best to find our camping spot in the dark. We crashed into the darkness with sleep. Or, at least I did. Skip said he didn't sleep much for trying to think what the problem might be. In the morning we got up and headed out. No further noises. Decided to head south on Hwy 85 along the eastern edge of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park instead of the sparsely settled region of northeast North Dakota. We have been to TRNP several times and enjoy seeing the various wildlife, prairie dogs, rabbits, bison, wild horses, etc. We thought we might vamp there for the night. About 5 miles from the south entrance, Skip suddenly exclaimed "all my dashboard gauges are non-functional!" He pulls over and shuts off the engine. Then he tried to restart the gauges. The starter relay would chatter but the engine would not crank. Oh, Oh! Well, let's just say those weren't our exact words. Skip had bought a comparable car battery some time ago to support his emergency communication ham radio activities which we often use to power our electric cooler for the car overnight. So it turned out to be a fortuitous 'just in case'! He swapped the car battery and this spare 'auxiliary battery' in the car and engaged the start engine ignition switch. It started up!! We turned off all unnecessary car electrical functions (air conditioning, driving lights, etc.) to minimize the battery load. We managed to get the 5 miles south to I-94 and headed east to the town of Dickinson so that Skip could get a replacement for the malfunctioned car battery at an auto parts store. But more testing at the store revealed that it was the alternator that had failed and that the car battery had not been the cause of the failure.. We found that there was a Ford dealership in town so we headed off to their service center for anticipated repairs. They located the necessary replacement alternator but we had a 5-hour wait in their new car showroom (with Jackie) while they acquired the alternator and put it in. Thank goodness this happened on a Monday when they were open!! It was now 6:00PM and we decided not to head back to TRNP and wandered down the road to find some food and a place to camp

By this time we had had enough of North Dakota and headed towards Minneapolis and then Wisconsin. We drove south along the shore of the Mississippi through the town of Alma where my boys' grandmother grew up and also we were in luck to see the locks working. Nice.

(To be continued ...)

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Home City, Home State Home ZIP

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