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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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

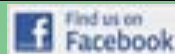
Annual General Meeting of the Club Membership

Friday, April 12th at 8:45 PM

AGENDA: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020

Club members are encouraged to attend.

CLUB CALENDAR



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Fri., Apr 05: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National "Go for Broke" Day

Fri., Apr 12: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
8:45 PM **GENERAL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS**
THEME: National Empanada Day
Bring donations for the Food Pantry.

Fri., Apr 19: **DARK Good Friday**

Fri., Apr 26: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National Pretzel Day

Fri., May 03: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
Chirper distributed
THEME: Cinco de Mayo Day

Mon., May 07: In/Out Executive Board Meeting
7:30 PM, Resurrection Lutheran Church

Fri., May 10: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National Mother's Day

Fri., May 17: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National Chocolate Chip Day

Fri., May 24: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National Strawberry Month

Fri., May 31: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
FREE 5th Friday
THEME: National Memorial Day

Sun., Jun. 2: **SAVE THE DATE**
Annual Club Picnic and Reunion

**SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS
and DUTIES**

- Apr. 05.....Paterson / Oros
- Apr. 12.....Stevens / McManus
- Apr. 19.....DARK
- Apr. 26.....Kay / Matolyak

- May 03Nassau / Robinson
- May 10Braaten / Clark
- May 17Smith, D / Standridge
- May 24Wilhelmsen
- May 31Franger / Moore

- Jun. 07.....Grubb / Lehnhoff
- Jun. 14.....Allen, T. / Hosoda
- Jun. 21Schwartz / Allen, L.
- Jun. 28.Brunas

Before the dance:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, (408-871-9525) of any needed changes to assigned dates.
- On scheduled night, 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 32 chairs. Bring out more chairs as needed.
- Set up drinks and supplies on counter.
- After the first tip, place snacks, located on the Katydid's shelf in the kitchen, on the back table at back of the hall along with paper goods, sanitizer and flyers

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone as they enter.
- 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 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, leftover snacks and flyers.
- 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.
- 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 Quartermaster, Lloyd (408-482-9320) of any replacement supplies needed for the next week.

DANCE EVENTS

PLUS LEVEL unless otherwise noted

- Apr. 13: Circus, Circus; Rockin' Jokers**
St. Archangel Michael Church,
18870 Adelaide Ave., Saratoga
7:30 – 8:00PM PreRounds: Anne Gracia
8:00 – 10:30PM Caller: Pat Carnathan

- May 4: Black and White Ball; Gadabouts**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo, Santa Clara
7:30 – 8:00PM Pre-Rounds: Sue & Phil Harris
8:00 – 10:30PM Caller: **Jim Osborne**
Bring refreshments to share.

- May 10-12: Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival**
Reno, Nevada
Callers: Tom Miller, Tony Oxendine, Charlie Robertson
Cuers: Milo & Cinda Molitoris, Debby & Tim Vogt
Mary Ann Callahan & Craig Cowan

- May 11: Butterfly Ball; CPSD (Easy Plus)**
Camden Community Center, 3369 Union Ave., San José
7:30 – 9:45PM
Caller: Tork Clark
Bring refreshments to share.
After party at Round Table Pizza

- May 18: Mainstream Hoedown; Castaways**
Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara

- May 24-26: Golden State RoundUp; NCSDA**
Grape Festival Fairgrounds, Lodi
Callers: Dee Dee Dougherty, Ray Brendzy, Jay
Henderson, Charlie Robertson
Cuers: Rey & Sherry Gracia

- June 1: Ice Cream Fling Thing; Bows & Beaus**
John Muir Middle School
1260 Branham Ln, San José
7:30 – 8:00PM PreRounds by Sue Harris
8:00 – 10:30PM Caller: Buddy Weaver

- June 8: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers (Plus & Mainstream)**
The Slab, 9525 Mill St., Ben Lomond
6:30 – 7:00PM PreRounds: Sue Harris, Janet Passarino
7:00 – 10:00PM Callers: Terry Passarino

- June 8: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers**
The Slab, 9525 Mill St., Ben Lomond
6:30 – 7:00PM PreRounds: Sue Harris
7:00 – 10:00PM Callers: Tork Clark, Mike Luna

- June 24-29: National Square Dance Convention**
Atlanta, Georgia

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SUPPORT OUR NEWEST DANCERS!

-- January Class Level --

- Apr. 6: Newer Dancer Hoedown; Bows & Beaus**
Loyola School, 770 Berry Ave., Los Altos
7:30 – 9:30PM; Callers: Tork Clark, Roger Smith

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:
 The Nominating Committee appointed by President, Lloyd Darknell, consists of Val Paterson, Liv Braaten and Bea Clark. Their recommendations for candidates for Executive Board positions are as follows:

President: OPEN
 Vice President: Janna Standridge
 Secretary: Steven Lehnhoff
 Treasurer: Skip Stevens, Allen Nassau
 Publicity: Naomi Grubb

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Food Pantry In Need of Donations
 We have learned that the food pantry at the Campbell United Church of Christ where we used to dance is in need of non-perishable food items for their clients. Please bring donations on **Friday, April 12th** to Pat Angotti who will deliver them to the food pantry. Thank you, Pat, for offering to do this.

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Tillie ... and Lemons!
 It was wonderful to see **Tillie** Friday, March 29th. Many thanks to his daughter, **Laurie**, for brining him over for a visit ... AND, the lemons were a great treat!!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Acton Allen.....April 09

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Reminder from the Super Square Head:
 While we come on Friday nights to dance, when it is our night for square head duty, we are responsible for cleaning and setting up the hall, greeting our guests at the door, keeping the drinks flowing, and supplying napkins, plates & forks. Most of the time once announcements are made, we can dance a tip or two. However, during the last tip we are needing to begin to clean up and reset the hall, unless, of course, we are needed to fill a square.

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Note to Friends of Katydid's:
 To Katydid's friends who would like to receive our monthly newsletter via email, please contact the *Chirper* editor, Stephanie Stevens. Contact info is on the back page . . .

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hi Katydid's,
 The Annual Club Membership General Meeting will be coming up on April 12th and we will be voting for a slate of officers for the 2019-2020 year. We need more members to become involved in the day-to-day activities if the Club is going to be around in the future. The Board has not changed for 4 years. If you have any questions or suggestions about anything, please let myself or any member of the Executive Board know about it.

Morris has been doing weekly themes for about five years now. I would like to thank him again for all he does for the Club and I would like to know if our members and guests enjoy the themes that have been used so far and if there are any suggestions for themes we have not used. He has put together a binder of all these themes. If you would like to look at it, just ask him.

Get ready for our Annual Club Picnic and Reunion which is scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd, at Central Park in Santa Clara. I am looking for volunteers to set up, clean, and barbecue at the picnic this year. We are in the same location as last year and will be providing more information next month.

Also, we will be having our Hot August Night dance on August 30th with used square dance clothes for sale.

Lloyd

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- Morris & Louise Hosoda.....Apr. 05**
- Jim & Joann Osborne..... Apr. 07**
- Thomas & Lauren Allen.....Apr. 19**

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From your *Chirper* editor:
 We hope to distribute a new Club Roster with the May issue of the *Chirper*. If you have any changes to your contact information to report, now would be the time to do so.

Chirper Chatter...



Our Prez, **Lloyd Darknell**, had some 3 shots placed around his painful neck on Monday, March 25. This pain has been bothering him for some time and he decided to have something done. Good luck, boss!

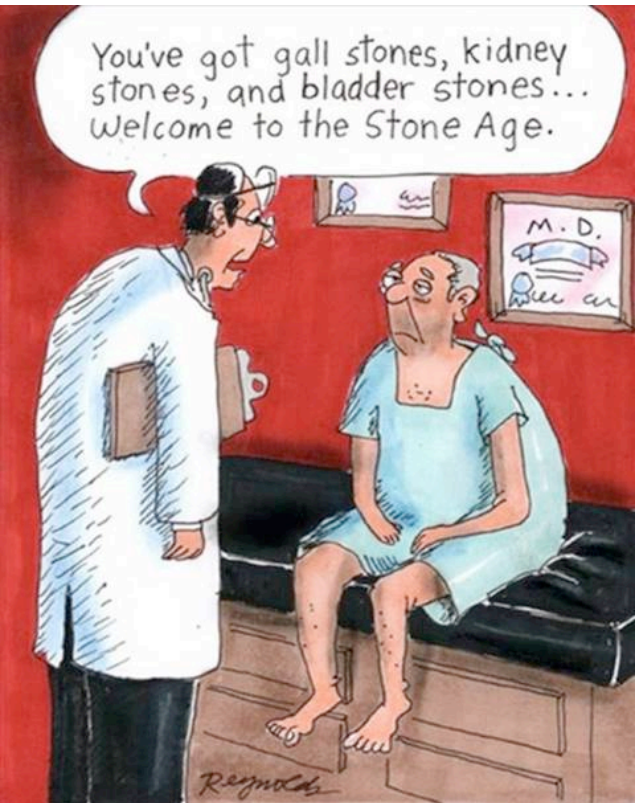
A little something about OUR THEMES:

National Empanada Day is April 8 but we are recognizing this food holiday on April 12. Empanadas are a stuffed bread or pastry that is baked or fried. The name empanada comes from the Galician, Portuguese and Spanish verb *em pandar*, meaning to wrap or coat in bread. Empanadas are made by folding the dough or bread around a seasoned stuffing. The filling usually is made from meat, cheese, vegetables or fruits but may be made with other ingredients.

National Pretzel Day is April 26. The Pennsylvania Dutch immigrants introduced pretzels to North America in the 19th century. At this time, many handmade pretzel bakeries populated central Pennsylvania, and their popularity quickly spread. It was in the 20th century that soft pretzels were very popular in areas such as Philadelphia, Chicago and New York. Today, the average Philadelphian consumes about twelve times as many pretzels as the national average. Pennsylvania is the center of American pretzel production for both hard and soft pretzels, producing 80% of the nation's pretzels. The annual United States pretzel industry is worth over \$550 million. The average American consumes about 1.5 pounds of pretzels per year. Philadelphia opened a privately run "Pretzel Museum" in 1993. Hard pretzels originated in the United States in 1850.

Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. A relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Mexican-American population.

I am thankful for all of those who said NO to me. It's because of them I'm doing it myself.



Morris Hosoda
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HEARTS AND FLOWERS



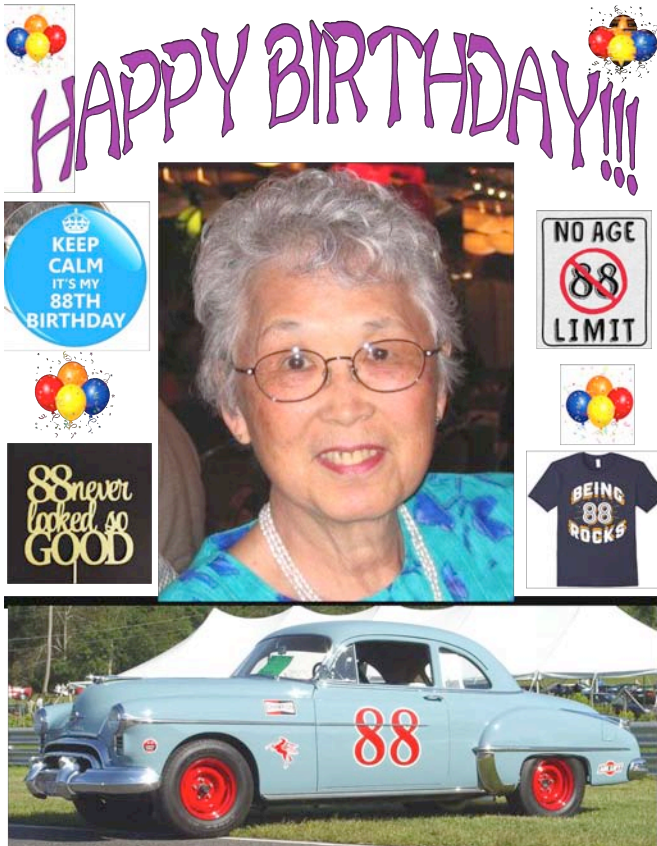
CONGRATULATIONS to the 2018-19 Executive Board!



A job well done! And for most of them for several years in a row. **Lloyd** has been President for the past 4 years, Pat served as Vice President for the past 2 years and Publicity for the 2 years before that, **Morris** as Treasurer for the past 6 years, **Steven** as Secretary and **Naomi** as Publicity for the past two years. Besides their Executive Board job descriptions, **Lloyd** also took on the tasks of Webmaster, Quartermaster, and Picnic Chair, while **Steven** and **Naomi** have "hosted" one of our storage sheds, and **Naomi** has been doing the task of **Sunshine**. Meanwhile, **Morris** has been actively supporting the Club with his *Chirper Chatter* column, Birthday/Anniversary Board, Attendance sheet supplier, weekly theme arranger. provider of extra split the pot prizes, , and as our Graphic Art Specialist he has made and printed all of our activity flyers (of all sizes!) These folks have worked hard for our Club and deserve a much needed break. As Lloyd said in his column, "we need more members to become involved in the day-to-day activities..." It's our turn to step up to the plate and take on some of the tasks for making the Club run smoothly...

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Happy Birthday, Louise!



Thank you for sharing your birthday cake with us ... we miss you!



Club Nights

Friday, March 8, 2019
NATIONAL OREO COOKIE DAY



Friday, March 29, 2019
BASEBALL OPENING DAY



Very clever, Janna!!



Photos courtesy of Naomi Grubb and , Steph Stevens

Southwest Florida at its best!

by Char Pitts

Have you ever visited the Everglades in Florida? Well I never had and it was on my bucket list as one of the most unusual places to visit in the US. When I checked the available trips through Road Scholar (RS), I found one in early February that a friend told me was the best time to visit that area because there were no mosquitos and not much rain. Sounded good to me, so I booked it, and headed out. This was my first Road Scholar trip and they are wonderful! If you have never traveled with them, find a place to go and sign up!

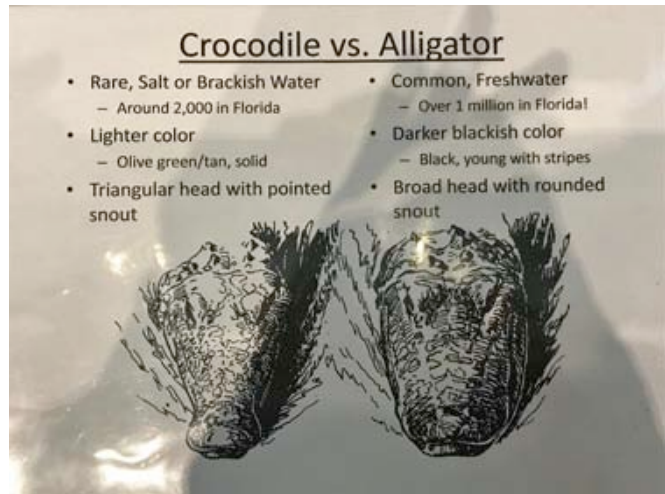
Before meeting up with the RS group I spent the weekend with friends in a small village southeast of Tampa, called Ave Maria. Ave Maria was a pet project of the Catholic philanthropist, Tom Monaghan, founder of Domino's Pizza, who wanted to have a Catholic university in south Florida as well as a town around it with a K-12 school and eventually a nursing school. You don't have to be Catholic to live or own property there either. My friends moved into the Del Webb development there about 4 years ago and they love it, in spite of the mosquitos and rainy, hot summers. With them we went on an airboat ride through the mangrove swamps, visited the local farmer's market which has gorgeous displays of the



local produce, including oranges and tomatoes, had lunch at an old-time ritzy restaurant where the rich and famous used to dine, and took a trolley ride through the very well-to-do town of Naples founded in the 1920s by poor Italian fisherman who are now VERY wealthy. A very desirable lot in the most elegant part of town recently sold for \$200,000,000!!! I saw a 1500 sq. ft. "starter" home built in the 60's that is on the market for \$7.1 million—probably sold originally for \$30,000 or less! And we think there is horrible inflation here!

Once the tour with Road Scholar got started we were treated to several lectures about the area and the problems that have been faced historically, and well as those they are facing now. The big problems there are how to contain the vast amounts of rain fall that threaten to flood areas that have been developed now from areas that were part of the natural water shed.

Floridians are learning the hard way that you shouldn't fool with Mother Nature. However they have many projects driven by conservationists that are gradually solving the majority of these problems. To introduce us to these efforts, Road Scholar had us visit the Corkscrew Swamp nature trail where we had a guided tour on a raised boardwalk area. We saw areas that must be exposed to fire on a regular basis—as Mother Nature used to do, we saw park lands that differed only one foot in elevation from cypress swamps, and we saw "airplants" that grow huge long root systems



Over the next few days we visited various State and National Parks to see and hear more about the beauties of the land and the safety of the animals. And Yes! We did see lots of alligators in the wild. However they are decreasing in numbers more rapidly than nature would have imagined due to the introduction of the Burmese Python, which came to this area within the last 10-15 years originally as pets, that people bought when they were less than 4 feet long. But when they grew to more than 12 feet long, people just released them into the wild, not realizing that they lay clutches of more than 80 eggs at a time. They have no known predators, except the bigger alligators who do eat the eggs and immature snakes. But a full-grown Burmese Python can take on a full-grown alligator and kill it. Attempts to control their population have been somewhat successful by capturing, tagging and re-releasing adult male pythons that lead scientists to the "nurseries" where the eggs are systematically destroyed.

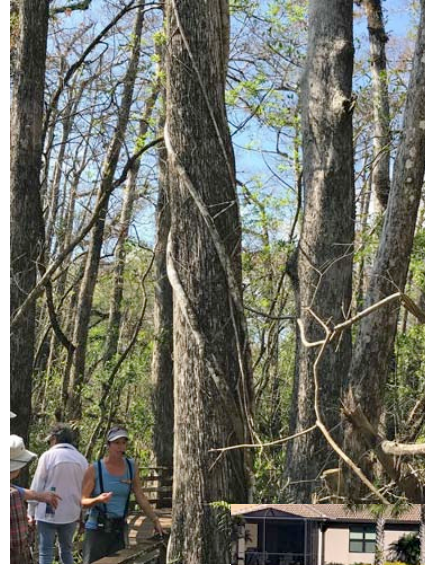
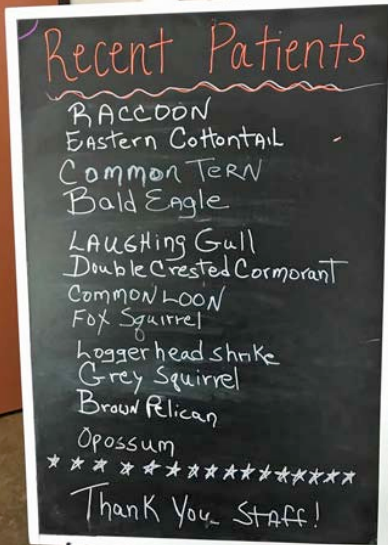
The most worthwhile project that we got to visit was the Nature Conservancy of South Florida, located in Naples, and originally completely funded by the people of Naples. Here they have a very large teaching center for students of all ages to learn about and research the whole environment of the Everglades. They have classrooms for elementary age students with state of the art classrooms, software, hands-on displays, college level research staff and forward looking projects. They have a fully functioning animal hospital that treats any animal that people bring in—

including Burmese Pythons. They have huge flight cages for larger birds that are recovering from injuries, and a theatre/ auditorium where they have

various presentations for not only scientists who come here from all over the world, but for the local citizens of that area. All this is run through a foundation that gets operating funds from grants, local contributions, and state and national funding for their projects.

There are hundreds of hours of volunteer labor that is supplied by the local towns people, many of whom are retired scientists.

Road Scholar's excellent reputation in finding exciting places and creating well-run trips with excellent, knowledgeable guides; good food; and comfortable, close-by lodging was definitely upheld by this trip. Other members of the group were friendly and fun to be with—and I came home with several new friends.




Thank you. Char Pitts, for sharing your wonderful adventure with us!

Katydids Square Dance Club

National "Go For Broke" Day

Friday Dance

"GO FOR BROKE" - MOTTO FOR THE 442nd REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM





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

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team, consisting of Japanese Americans, became the most decorated unit of its size in US military history.

April 5, 2019
Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

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National Empanada Day

Friday Dance

8 April is...





National Empanada Day




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I wish there were more hours in the day and everyone was nice and bread didn't make you fat.

April 12, 2019
Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

Katydids Square Dance Club

National Pretzel Day

Friday Dance



NATIONAL PRETZEL DAY
One FREE pretzel on April 26th

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

You can have one, only one.

A monk created the pretzel with baked strips of dough folded in shape of a child's crossed arms in prayer.

April 26, 2019
Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

Katydids Square Dance Club

Our Cinco de Mayo Day

Friday Dance



CINCO DE MAYO

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

Cinco de Mayo is Nacho Average Party!

May 3, 2019
Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

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