

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!

Summertime fun!



- **Root Beer Floats (Aug. 10)**
- **Pizza Party (Aug. 25)**
- **Hot August Night (Aug. 31)**



CLUB CALENDAR



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Fri., Aug. 03: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National Watermelon Day

Fri., Aug. 10: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: Root Beer Float Night

Fri., Aug. 17: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National I Love My Feet Day

Fri., Aug. 24: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National Peach Pie Day

Sat., Aug. 25: PIZZA PARTY!!
Eric & Jacky Wilhelmsen's home
455 Falcato Dr., Milpitas
12 noon; Sign-up now!

Fri., Aug. 31: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: Hot August Night; FREE 5th Friday; and
Square Dance Clothes SALE

Fri., Sep. 07: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
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THEME: National Grandma Moses Day

Fri., Sep. 14: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National Cream Filled Donut Day

Fri., Sep 21: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National Pecan Cookie Day

Fri., Sep 28: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National Strawberry Cream Pie Day

**SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS
and DUTIES**

- Aug. 03.....De Lapp
- Aug. 10.....Schwartz / Oros
- Aug. 17.....Hosoda, M. / Standridge
- Aug. 24.....Steele
- Aug. 31.....Pitts / Wilser

- Sep. 07.....Abel / Langer
- Sep. 14.....Clark /
- Sep. 21.....Allen, L / Tillman
- Sep. 28.....Bruns

- Oct. 05.....De Lapp
- Oct. 12.....Matolyak / McManus
- Oct. 19.....Franger / Moore
- Oct. 26.....Braaten / Clark

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.
- Bring out additional chairs from storage room 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 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

- Aug. 04: Star Across Summer, El Camino Reelers**
St. Andrews Church, 4111 Alma St., Palo Alto
Mainstream - Plus - A2
Caller: Darren Gallina

- Aug. 04: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers**
The Slab, 9525 Mill St., Ben Lomond
7:00 – 7:30PM, PreRounds: Sue Harris
7:30 – 10:00PM: Callers: Mike Luna, Mike Wright

- Aug. 25: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers**
The Slab, 9525 Mill St., Ben Lomond
7:00 – 7:30PM, PreRounds: Sue Harris
7:30 – 10:00PM: Caller: Jet Roberts

- Aug. 31 - Sep 1: Plumas Americana Festival**
Plumas Co. Fairgrounds, Quincy
Callers: Scot Byars, Lawrence Johnstone
Cuer: Erin Byars

- Aug 31 - Sep 2: Pear Steppers Mid-Cal Classic** (Plus with A2 sessions)
Merced Co. Fairgrounds, F & 4th St., Los Banos
Callers: Bob Baier, Jet Roberts
Cuers: Sharon & Casey Parker

- Sep. 08: Slab Dance; Lucky Steppers** (Mainstream, Plus)
The Slab, 9525 Mill St., Ben Lomond
7:00 – 7:30PM, PreRounds: Sue Harris
7:30 – 10:00PM: Callers: Mike Luna, Rich Reel

- Sep. 22: Challenging Plus Hoedown; Stanford Quadds**
Caller: Rob French

- Sep. 29: Whing Ding; SCVSDA/SCVCA**
Callers: Tork Clark, Keith Ferguson, Robert Algea
Cuer: Anne Gracia

- Oct. 5-7: Annual Jubilee, SCVSDA**
Hoover Middle School, 16345 Park Ave., SJ
Callers: Andy Allemao, Vic Ceder, Charlie Robertson, SCVSDA Top Ten
Cuer: Dan & Allison Drumheller

- Oct. 13: Anniversary Dinner & Dance; Sage Stompers**
Oldemeyer Center, 986 Hilby Ave., Seaside
7:00 – 7:30PM: PreRounds: Sue & Phil Harris
7:30 – 10:00 PM: Caller: Tork Clark



Art & Sandy Bruns.....Aug. 23

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WANTED:

Chirper editor is looking for articles about your recent travel adventures.

Club Night Photos

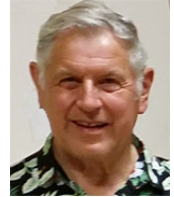
Friday, July 27, 2018



Thank you, Thomas, for entertaining us so well!!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hi Everyone

Here it's August already and we have some great activities coming up this month.

First we have the Santa Clara County Fair on August 3rd, and then on Friday August 10th we have Morris' famous Root Beer Float Night. It is always a fun night when we have the Root Beer Floats.

We will have a great do it yourself Pizza Party on Saturday August 25th at Eric and Jacky's house where we get to make our own pizza with all the things we love and watch Eric cook them on his wood fired pizza oven.

To finish off the month we will have our free fifth Friday Hot August Night Dance. All guests can dance for FREE. Dancers of all dance levels are welcome to come and we will be selling used square dance clothes.

Lloyd

 **Katydid's Square Dance Club** 

National Watermelon Day Friday Dance



national WATERMELON day





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



You are one in a MELON!

August 3, 2018

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

 **Katydid's Square Dance Club** 

Katydid's Root Beer Float Day Friday Dance

Celebrate National Root Beer Float Day!

FREE ROOT BEER FLOAT

National Day is Aug. 6 but Katydid's moved it to Friday, Aug. 10




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



Let me ROOT ROOT ROOT for the home team.

August 10, 2018

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

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National I LOVE My Feet Day Friday Dance



HEALTHY FEET ARE HAPPY FEET!

AUGUST 17 NATIONAL I LOVE MY FEET DAY

"The human foot is a masterpiece of engineering and a work of art."
Leonardo da Vinci



Capsulitis
← Pain
Feels like stepping on a stone

If you have stress, pain, low energy, look into REFLEXOLOGY as a last resort and it could become your first resort.

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



Love, thank and pamper your FEET day!
August 17, 2018
Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

Katydids Square Dance Club

National Peach Pie Day Friday Dance



NATIONAL PEACH PIE DAY AUGUST 24TH

CUT MY PIE INTO FOUR PIECES, I DON'T THINK I COULD EAT EIGHT. **yum!**

A friend is like a piece of pie: You can never have too many and they make you happy when you're sad. **yum!**

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



Keep your FORK. There's PIE!!!
August 24, 2018
Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

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HOT AUGUST NIGHT Free 5th Friday Dance









Your Friday Night FUN Club
Class & Plus Dancing from 7:00 - 9:30 PM
Caller: Jim Osborne

Square Dance Clothes Sale!


CLASS DANCERS WELCOME!





August 31, 2018
Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

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National Grandma Moses Day Friday Dance



National Grandma Moses Day September 7
www.NationalDayCalendar.com



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

I look back on my life like a good day's work, it was done and I am satisfied with it.

September 7, 2018
Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave. - Santa Clara, CA

Chirper Chatter...

Anne Langer must have done a similar thing as in past years when she spends a week on one of the many islands in the Seattle Bay. I was hoping for a short blurb from her on this trip since it sounded very news worthy...

Bea Clark is on the mend and hopes to join us in August. Back pain is always a sensitive subject and I would like to tread on it very lightly but get well, strong real soon...

Naomi Grubb missed our Friday Crème Brulee dance because she ended up at Urgent Care. She had a bad reaction to a spider bite...

I must share my personal hurtful event. Early Thursday morning (July 26), **Louise** was doing her usual walk around the house when she can't sleep (which is often, she hasn't had a continuous 8 hour sleep in over a year). She never used a walker in the house; she fell in the kitchen. Fortunately our grandson, Sean, and daughter, Marcia, were staying with us (Wednesday night). What happened with Marcia was that a plumber put some chemicals in the kitchen sink to clear the drain but instead it produced a strange sickening smell all over the apartment. They came to our place since she couldn't find any rooms in the Dublin area. Louise's fall also woke Marcia who in turn woke me up. I tried to pick her up to sit on a chair but her dead weight of 125 pounds plus her pain in the leg was more than I could handle so 911 was called and the paramedics came in a matter of minutes. Their assessment was to take her to ER and have her gash wound in the left forearm patched up and x-rays taken on her leg. The 3 of us went to El Camino Hospital ER ahead of the paramedics. Using the paramedics made it much easier to be admitted to ER over those many waiting in the ER Triage Waiting Room. The ER doctor did a wonderful job of suturing her wound and the x-rays revealed she had broken her hip bone. Her fall happened around 1 AM and she was admitted to El Camino Hilton around 5 AM. Then we went home. She called later that day to tell us the surgery would be done around 5 PM and with that in mind we decided to see her POST-OP around 7:30 PM. The operation was performed at 6 PM and we saw her around 9 PM for a short visit and came home. She will most likely be going to a REHAB and PHYSICAL THERAPY facility after she is released from the hospital. More later...

A little something about OUR THEMES:**National Root Beer Float Day (Aug. 10)...**

August 6th is National Root Beer Float Day except Katydid's have it on a August Friday, the one day every year when we celebrate our signature treat. A&W Root Beer and rich, creamy vanilla soft serve—it doesn't get much better than that. So, stop in Aug. 10th where Katydid's are dancing to try and enjoy our brand of FREE ROOT BEER FLOAT.

National I Love My Feet Day (Aug 17)...

is observed annually on August 17th. This is a day to appreciate how valuable our feet are, to practice good foot care and pamper our feet. Our feet are our primary mode of transportation. They quietly and faithfully help us stand, swim, run, walk, play sports, jog, skip and square dance. They take us to school and work. Our feet withstand all the things we do in our everyday lives and accomplish things our hands cannot.

National Peach Pie Day (Aug 24)...

We celebrate this mouth-watering dessert during the heart of the Peach harvest season. Don't forget the à la mode! The state of Georgia has been known as the center of peach growers. Peach harvest occurs between June and August. Harvest from each peach tree lasts about one week. There are two main varieties of peaches: Clingstone and Freestone. A medium peach weighs 2.6 oz. A medium peach typically contains 30 calories, 7 g of carbohydrate, 1 g of protein, 140 mg of potassium, and 8% of the daily value for vitamin C.

Our Hot August Night Day (Aug 31)...

Hot August Night is a 1972 live double album by Neil Diamond. The album is a recording of a Diamond concert on August 24, 1972, one of ten sold-out concerts that Diamond performed that month at The Greek Theatre in Los Angeles. (NOTE: We intentionally did not select Aug. 24th because it was too close to our PIZZA PARTY.) Not content with all of the above, we also made this a SQUARE DANCE CLOTHING RECYCLE SALE DAY!

National Grandma Moses Day (Sept. 7)...

If you get a chance, pick up this FLYER and look at the backside for a whole page of interesting tidbits of Grandma Moses.

Morris Hosoda
moho77@gmail.com



Katydid's Square Dance Club



PIZZA PARTY

1. Roll out pizza dough which will be supplied, and place on pizza screen.



2. Add your favorite toppings.



3. Take pizza screen to Eric, Master Pizza Stoker.



4. ENJOY, YOUR CREATION!!!



*You will make your own pizza!
Please look at topping list and check off toppings you would like on your pizza. We will have a sign-up sheet with items that you can sign-up to bring.
Eric & Jacky Wilhelmsen
408-945-1428*

August 25, 2018
Time: 12:00 Noon, 1st Pizza Ready at 12:30 pm
455 Falcato Dr., Milpitas, CA 95035

CUBA, A GORGEOUS ISLAND IN THE STIFLING ECONOMIC GRIP OF COMMUNISM

by Char Pitts

On the 30th of April, our excited group of 23 travelers took off from SFO for a 10-day visit to the beautiful Caribbean island of Cuba. We were not to be disappointed in the beauty of the land, nor the kindness of the people we met there. But many of us were shocked to see the extent of economic chaos that has resulted from close to 70 years of economic suffocation because of the government’s policy of communism in its almost pure form. They are very, very poor, but do their best to live a good life with what they have. They are paid about 25 CUP a month (Cuban pesos, worth about 6 cents each). With this they are able to buy, at a government registered market, based on a ration book system, monthly purchases, beans, rice, cooking oil, a little milk



powder, few eggs, and condiments like garlic, salt and pepper, and cigarettes. Luxuries like onions and fruit they have to save up for.

But we were there to see the land, enjoy the customs, to eat the typical food, and partake of the culture, music, and art. Our first day there was May Day, with huge displays of flags, military equipment, and patriotic pride. Most of us watched it on television, but a few braved the crowds and stepped right into the parade mentality. Very exciting! That night we witnessed the 200 year old cannon fire ceremony at the famous Morro Castle, situated at the harbor entrance, which signified the closing of the city gates at the end of the day. We had time to explore old Havana with our guide the next day before we got on the bus to head west to the area of Piñar del Rio where the fertile soil there grows the tobacco for the famous Cuban cigars. The highlight that day was the visit to a tobacco farm where we not only viewed the growing crops, the drying sheds, but then got to watch them roll some cigars. Some brave souls—including Char—were given a cigar to smoke. Amazingly enough, they are very mild, and tasty—just don’t inhale!



Over the next several days we visited beautiful and interesting places: Viñales Valley, a World Heritage Site, prehistoric paintings, a mock-up of an indigenous Indian village and took a boat ride through an underground cave—very dark!!! We were treated to the Cuban view of the Bay of Pigs Invasion at their museum at Playa Giron. The sad thing is that they have no knowledge of the point of view from the USA.



In the colonial city of Cienfuegos, we explored the old French buildings, danced in a historic bar called La Canchanchara, home of a powerful drink with rum and honey,

and one of our group got up to dance with the band! Awesome, Marleen! In Trinidad some of us climbed the 500 or more steps to the top of a look out tower, which was built in the early 1900s by two brothers who were vying for the hand of the most beautiful woman in the area-- the mill owner’s daughter. We also found the best local market there: lots of beautiful textiles.



On our way to a beach resort area east of Havana, called Varadero, we passed through Santa Clara, home of Che Guevara where we visited a beautiful memorial dedicated to his memory and containing his ashes. He is revered so much as a national hero—and rightly so, in my humble opinion. The two days we spent at the beach in Varadero were gorgeous, and they went all out to show how great it is for tourists in Cuba. It was just so sad that they missed the mark with so-so food served cafeteria style, watered down, but delicious and beautiful drinks, and rooms that had things broken—like curtains that wouldn’t open, shower heads that leaked, and AC that didn’t always work. No maps of the property, and no bellboys to take you to your cabaña. But it was heavenly to swim in the ocean, and to walk in the evening in the balmy air.

We finished off our tour with a stop at the home of Ernest Hemingway, a visit to his favorite bar where we



were treated to daiquiris of various colors and then a stop at Cojimar, the village where he did his fishing, and where he wrote “Old Man and the Sea”. Upon our return to our hotel, we enjoyed a final dinner at another of his pet restaurants in old Havana—and that meal was fabulous: food and service both. Our final bus trip was along the Malecón, the road along the Havana Harbor designed for pedestrians to view the setting sun. Gorgeous.



It was hard to reconcile all the luxury, food, and highway travel that we enjoyed with the life of the ordinary people there who have no cars (except for the old US cars from the 50s that are for driving tourists only), very little food, and poor homes. They do have universal health care, and free education for all. There is little incentive to build and create things because there is no reward for improving anything and there is no money to do it, anyway. Maybe there is hope now that Raul Castro has stepped down.



Transportation for tourists



Locals having fun



A classroom

Thank you Char Pitts for sharing your recent adventures in Cuba with us!

First Name Last Name
Home Street
Home City, Home State Home ZIP

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