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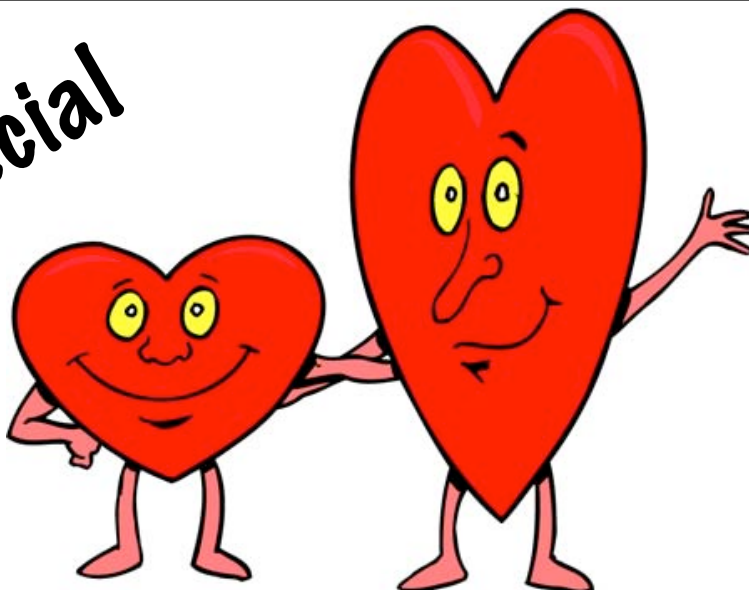
FEBRUARY 2015

Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

Volume 52, No 2

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

**52nd
Sweetheart Special**



CLUB CALENDAR

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Fri., Feb. 06: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: Good Vibrations; Music from the Beach
Boys Era

Fri., Feb. 13: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: Chinese New Year; Year of the Sheep

Sat., Feb. 14: **SWEETHEART SPECIAL**
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
2:00 PM EVERYONE who can, set up the hall
6:30 PM EVERYONE arrive at the hall
BRING: Food item(s) on serving plates
Camellias
Wear **RED**
Lots of smiles
7:30 PM Guest arrive
10:30 PM EVERYONE: Stay to clean up.

Fri., Feb. 20: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: Hit the Road Jack; Lose your Baggage

Fri., Feb. 27: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: Country Roads; Silicon Valley Redneck
Revival

Fri., Mar. 06: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
Chirper distributed
THEME: Twist 'n' Shout

Fri., Mar. 13: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: St. Patty's Day

Fri., Mar. 20: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: Spring Fever

Fri., Mar. 27: Campbell United Church of Christ
400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
6:30 – 8:30 PM; Katydoer Class Dancing
8:30 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: March Madness

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS

and DUTIES

*Super Square Head**Stephanie Stevens (408-871-9525)*

Feb. 06.....DeLapp
 Feb. 13.....Franger / Moore
 Feb. 20.....Steele
 Feb. 27.....Bruns

Mar. 06Grubb / Lehnhoff
 Mar. 13Angotti / Smith
 Mar. 20Matolyak / Parsons
 Mar. 27Krulce / Tillman

Apr. 03.....Stevens
 Apr. 10.....Clark / Pitts
 Apr. 17.....Grubb / Lehnhoff
 Apr. 24.....Wilhelmsen

Before the dance:

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, 408-871-9525 of any needed changes to assigned dates.
- Purchase and bring 6 to 8 lbs ice for the water cooler.
- 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 member with a key will open the doors.
- Sweep floor if needed and set up tables and chairs.
- Make ice water and start hot water for tea & coffee..
- Set up food & drink tables and put out flyers on table.

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone at the sign-in table.
- 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 – 50% to the Club, 50% to the winner.
- Check that water and cups do not run out during the evening.

After the dance:

- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.
- ALL MEMBERS can help the Square Heads clean up. Help put away tables and chairs and pack up the coffee pot, cooler and other supplies put back into the Club cupboard.
- **Remove non-recyclable trash accidentally tossed into the designated recycle bins.** Take the trash bags out to the dumpster located in the side parking lot.
- Sweep or wet mop the floor as necessary.
- Note: Tables must go into the closet FIRST (remember the Caller's table, too), then the chair rack.
- Notify the Quartermasters, **Steven Lehnhoff or Naomi Grubb** (408-227-3631) of any supplies needed for the next week.

OTHER SQUARE DANCE EVENTS

Plus Level Dances (except as noted)**Feb. 07: General Dance Program; SCVSDA**

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
 728 W. Fremont, Sunnyvale
 7:30 – 10:00 PM
 Callers: Keith Ferguson, Rich Reel

Feb. 13-15: Pearsteppers Sequoia Stampede

Tulare County Fairgrounds
 215 Martin Luther King Ave., Tulare
 Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, Pat Carnathan
 Cuers: Sharon & Casey Parker, Mary Ann Callahan

Feb. 28: Mardi Gras; El Camino Reelers

St. Andrews Methodist Church
 4111 Alma St., Palo Alto
 Caller: Jet Roberts

Feb. 28: Anniversary Dance; Clodhoppers**Mar. 6-8: Wing Ding; CCSDA**

Merced County Fairgrounds
 900 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Merced
 Callers: Jet Roberts, Bronc Wise, Dee Dee Dougherty
 Cuers: Sharon & Casey Parker, TJ & Bruce Chadd

Mar. 14: General Dance; SCVSDA

St. Andrews Methodist Church
 1111 Alma, Palo Alto
 Caller: Scot Byars

Mar. 20: GDP Level Dance; El Camino Reelers

St. Andrews Methodist Church
 1111 Alma St., Palo Alto

Mar. 20-22: Fiesta; USDA

Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield
 Callers: Bob Baier, Vic Ceder, Hunter Keller,
 Darryl Liscomb, Mike Seastrom
 Cuers: Zena & Ernie Beaulieu, Sue & Phil Harris,
 Milo & Cinda Molitoris

Apr. 11: Circus Circus; Rockin' Jokers

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
 728 W. Fremont, Sunnyvale
 7:30 – 8:00 PM; Caller: Tony Oxendine
 8:00 PM; Cuer: Sue Harris

Apr. 17-19: California State Square Dance Convention
San Diego**May 9: Black & White Ball; Crazy Dazys****May 8-10: Silver State Square and Round Dance Festival**
Reno, NV**May 22-24: Golden State Round-up**

San Ramon, CA
 Springfield, MA

Jun. 24-27: National Square Dance Convention
Springfield, M

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



How time flies by. It seems like I was just President and here I am President again for my 4th term. I was sure surprised on January 1 (Happy New Year) when I went to check my email and I had an email from Linda resigning her post and taking a 6 month leave of absence from the Katydids. The bylaws automatically made me President for the balance of her term and required us to elect a new Vice President within 30 days which we did. Gary De Lapp is our new Vice President. I am sure that he will do a great job. Please help him out as he learns the ropes.

We sure had a great Mardi Gras Dance on Friday night. It was great to see 8 squares dancing on the floor. The themes seem to be helping us put more fun into square dancing (thank you Linda). Jim Osborne and Barbara Lynn Smith did a great job calling and cueing for us. Thanks to everyone who brought the great snacks to share.

The new schedule for dancing seems to be working too. From 6:30 to 8:30 we dance at class level and from 8:30 to 9:30 we dance at Club/plus level. It's nice to see all the Katydoers there dancing and I can't wait until the class graduates and is able to join the Club.

Thank you to Stephanie Stevens who has volunteered to take over the Super Square Head duty again. If your scheduled square host day doesn't work for you, trade with someone and let Stephanie know who and when.

Now it's time to talk about our Sweetheart Dance that is coming up. We need to focus on making it the best dance of the year. I hope that everyone is ready to come and help us out. We need help with set up and tear down and in the food prep areas. If you can help in the kitchen let Maxine know. See Stephanie if you can help with set up and we need everyone to help with tear down and clean up after the dance.

Don't forget that you can check the WWW.Katydids.info web site for current information about dances, themes, Chirper Archives and other Club downloads.

Lloyd

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !

Eric & Jacky Wilhelmsen.....Mar. 02

NEWER DANCER HOEDOWN
Be an angel - Support our newest dancers!!

-- SEPTEMBER (2014) CLASS LEVEL --

Sat., Feb. 21st
Hearts & Flowers; CPSD
Camden Community Center
3069 Union Ave., San Jose
Caller: Tork Clark

Sat., Mar. 7th
Spring Fling; Sunnyvale Squares
Murphy Park
250 N. Sunnyvale Ave., Sunnyvale
Caller: Rich Reel

-- JANUARY (2015) CLASS LEVEL --

Sat., Mar. 21th
Newer Dancer Hoedown; Bows&Beaus
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 W. Fremont, Sunnyvale
7:30 - 9:45 PM

Sat., Mar. 28th
Newer Dancer Hoedown; Castaways

SWEETHEART SPECIAL HOEDOWN
COMING SOON . . .

Are you ready? Our Club's annual Sweetheart Special Hoedown is being held at the Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church Gym at 728 Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale just west of Hollenbeck Ave.

While Katydids Club members do not pay to dance, we do provide food for the event. Have you signed up with Maxine Darknell, yet? We also need to sign up for work assignments during the dance. Everyone who can, please come to the dance hall at 2:00 PM to decorate; return at 6:30 PM for final set up. After the dance we ALL need to help clean up. Oh! And remember to bring camellias if you have any.

Committees:

- Chair: Gary DeLapp
Treasurer: Morris Hosoda
Setup & Decorations: Stephanie Stevens
Door: Roger Smith & Lisa Steele
Dangles & Badges: Tillie Tillman
Food/Kitchen: Maxine Darknell
Beverage stations: OPEN
Raffle: Pat Angotti, Bea Clark, Dory Clark

CALLER'S CORNER



Some day when you become a caller, YOU will discover something interesting that is quite obvious but not Bright & Shiny Noticeable. Calling Challenge, Advanced, Plus can be quite an exhilarating deal, seeing dancers DO complex choreography you dreamed up, WOW! But calling Basic 30 is even more challenging. Think about it, the caller calls X, and the majority of dancers complete the call quite well. Time to have planned or extemporaneously (Sight Caller) come up with the NEXT Call. At C, A, or P there are quite a few possibilities that WILL work NEXT. But at Basic 30 or even Mainstream there are not so many selections for NEXT. AND at least some of the dancers on the floor may have been exposed to instruction for the NEXT Call BUT have minimal actual experience dancing IT. The caller NEEDS some help in each square.

Many C, A, or P dancers dance MORE than an average of 13 times a month and after a few years they often develop Super Powers. They leap tall buildings in a single bound with minimal need to save a life or two, when dancing with others that have Super Powers. But MOST New Dancers are mortals and need to be saved every now and again. 13 times a month dancing for 2 hours each dance is kina 312 hours. At 2 hours a night 4 times a month it takes OVER 3 Years to get beyond 312 hours. If the folk with Super Powers have just danced for just 4 years they could easily have stacked up well over 1000 Floor Hours. AND in many cases they had so much fun they lost sight of development of their Super Powers. Superman never had trouble, he just jumped into the air and kept on going, no problem for HIM.

I want to thank those of you with Super Powers for all your New Dancer support (REMEMBER you were once mortal). With Mainstream or even Plus, mortals often need Gentle life saving assistance from a Super Hero. With Club Workshop and New Dancer Hoedowns there has to be a much closer partnership between the caller and the Friendly Local Neighborhood Super Hero. So thanks again even if YOUR invisibility power prevents easy recognition.

I believe the SCVCA January 24th, Basic 30, Hoedown with Bob Elling & Myself was... SUPER. New Dancers, Experienced Dancers, Visiting Callers and some Super Hero's. I counted 12 Squares

dancing at the peak, with dancers from as far away as Oakdale. I also heard we may have had near 15 paid squares through the door (3 squares must have been eaters?). We were dancing Basic 30 and I had experienced mortal folk tell me it was the first dance in quite a while where THEY felt comfortable on the floor and enjoyed themselves.

Roger & Pat's persistence providing a reasonably priced hall and encouraging Basic & Mainstream Dancing, MAY be beginning to noticeably help our activity. There must be way more mortals than Super Hero's.

JIM (Katydids Club Caller)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Bob Hebson.....Feb. 06
Alice McManus.....Feb. 08
Lloyd DarknellFeb. 20

KATYDIDS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2015

President Lloyd Darknell called the meeting to order at 8:55 PM at the United Church of Christ. It was verified by Morris Hosoda that we had a quorum of members present.

The minutes from our last General Meeting of October 3, 2014 were reviewed. A motion was made by Skip Stevens and seconded by Stephanie Stevens to approve the minutes. It was voted on by voice and passed.

Lloyd noted that he had been elevated to the position of Katydids President per By Laws, leaving an opening in the Vice-President position.

Lloyd asked for nominations from the floor for a replacement Vice President. Gary De Lapp was nominated by Morris Hosoda and seconded by Roger Smith. No other Nominations were offered. Gary was elected as the new Vice President of the club by a unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. This was a voice vote and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Parsons, Secretary

Chirper Chatter...



Nice to see **Val Paterson** back on a more regular basis. Her back pain is still present but not as severe. For now she needs to refrain from dancing. She is working very hard to heal her body so she can visit her daughter and new grandbaby in June. Now, that's an incentive to work hard at one's exercises if I ever heard of one! Congratulations, Val!!

I have noticed by reading the obits, past member and past president, **Irv Kobsa**, has passed away. I recall a story he told me about how he injured his leg and back. He was trimming the parking strip tree but the ladder was in the street near the curb when a teen driver came around the corner and hit the ladder knocking Irv off the ladder. He never walked normal after that accident...

Our **Ted Shaney** had a prostate operation around Jan. 2 and is ready to be back dancing again. Looking good, **Ted**...

I attended the SCVCA Jan. 24th Basic 30 GOLD DISCOVERED Hoedown held at Resurrection Lutheran Church and I can tell you by just looking for parking space that this was going to be a very successful hoedown. Once in the Hall, I counted 12 squares and it was obvious to me that most of the dancers were experienced dancers. Just the same I was pleased to see our Katydoers represented: **Alan Fanning, Marian Honig, Barbara Morgan, Nancy Schatz** and **Marie Travelstead**...

Rick Shuart has been hospitalized for a heart problem. Now this is strictly hearsay and not confirmed. Rick has been a frequent visitor and a regular angel...

Art and **Sandy Bruns** are in Hawaii and must be having a wonderful time since no one has heard from them. He did mention that they would be absent from our *Mardi Gras* night. Aloha and mahalo...

Morris Hosoda
moho77@gmail.com

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It's THAT time of year ...
Remember to use the hand sanitizer located on the snack table in the back of the hall and/or the soap at the kitchen sink 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.

Let's Show Some Respect!
On Club nights, are you remembering to keep the chairs seats clear of your personal belongings? And, how about no talking when the group is being addressed or subdued talking when dancers are on the floor?

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU ...

Darlene Volkey



She was born in Wisconsin. One of the things she treasures is that wonderful trip the High School class took to Washington, DC and other history filled cities in the east in her Junior year on a 12 day trip. To help pay for this trip, she worked, scrimped and saved for 3 summers (as a 14, 15 & 16 year old). They went to Washington D.C., visited some 15 sites. Then traveled to Boston and onto N.Y. At that time they went up into the Statue of Liberty's torch which today is no longer allowed access. On their last night they went to the theater and saw the Rockerfeller Dancers. She lost her camera at the United Nations building, wrote a letter to them and some three weeks later, she received it in the mail. What luck!

She married and went to Chicago for three years. There she worked at DeVry School as bookkeeper. Later in Saratoga she worked at West Valley Mission College School District, West Valley College and Mission College. They adopted two children and then later had two children of their own. She has 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. All four children live in other states so she has lots of fun travelling to see them. She retired in 2002. She took her mom back to WI, MN, & IL, where they visited some 30 relatives on a three week driving trip. She has been doing some traveling, cruising and European bus tours.

One recent trip was to Germany, Austria and Slovenia. In Slovenia she visited her grandfathers, great uncle and great-grandfather's village. What a wonderful time. She has been doing genealogy for about 7 years.

She is also active in her church participating in many of their humanitarian work, the homeless and homeless vets.

From the *Katydoer News*, Vol. 2, #10, July 25, 2014

Katydid's



Caller
Randy Dibble
Rounds by
Sue Harris

SweetHeart Special Square Dance



**52nd Annual
Plus Dance**

Large number of Raffle
Prizes and Baskets.
Large Food buffet.
We are Dancing at the
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church

728 W. Fremont Ave.

Sunnyvale, CA

For more Info see
our Web Site

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



February 14, 2015
Pre-rounds 7:30
Squares 8:00 to 10:30

Badge Dance

Purchase ribbons ahead of
time for the discounted
price of \$12.00

Price at door will be
\$15.00



KATYDIDS AND FRIENDS PHOTOS

January 9, 2015

THEME: CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'



Photos courtesy of Marie Travelstead and Stephanie Stevens

January 30, 2015
THEME: MARDI GRAS



Photos courtesy of Stephanie Stevens

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Happy Chinese New Year





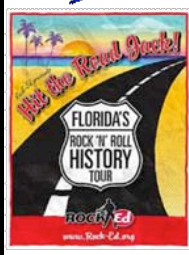

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A Theme Every Friday Night
 Our Class in early Plus Level, 6:30-8:20 PM
 Plus Dancing from 8:30 - 9:30 PM
 Only \$5/Person: 6:30-9:30

Feb. 13, 2015
Year of the Sheep


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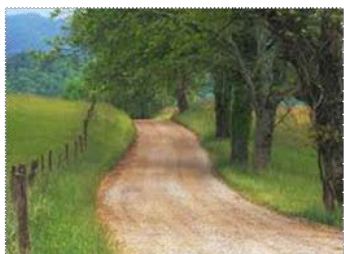




Lose Your Baggage
Feb. 20, 2015

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COUNTRY ROADS

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Silicon Valley Redneck Revival
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Twist the Night Away!
March 6, 2015

Campbell United Church of Christ - 400 W. Campbell Ave., - Campbell, CA

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