

**SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS
and DUTIES**

Jan. 03:Wilser / Dixon
 Jan. 10:Patterson / Tillman
 Jan. 17:Pitts / Standridge
 Jan. 24_Village / Schwartz
 Jan. 31:Oros / Matolyak

Feb. 07.....Franger / Moore
 Feb. 14.....Grubb / Lehnhoff
 Feb. 21.....Darknell / Smith, D
 Feb. 28.....Braaten / Clark

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 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 Chirpers 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

Jan 4: Running Bear Dance; SCVSDA

St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 4111 Alma St., PA
 6:45 – 7:30PM, Pre-rounds: Sue Harris
 7:30 – 10:30PM; Callers: Eric Henerlau,
Jim Osborne calling Running Bear Tip

Jan. 8: Fun Night; El Camino Reelers

St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 4111 Alma St., PA
 7:15 – 9:30PM

Feb. 22: 3/4 Thru Winter; El Camino Reelers

Levels: Mainstream, Plus, A-2
 St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 4111 Alma St., PA
 7:15 – 10:30PM

Feb. 29: Presidents Ball, Whing /Ding; SCVSDA/SCVCA

Ohlone Middle School, 850 N. 2nd Street, Sa Jose

Feb. 29: Stampede; NCSDA

Mar. 6-8: Wing Ding; CCSDA

Merced County Fairgrounds, 999 Martin Luther King Jr.
 Way, Merced

Mar. 20-22: 54th Annual Bakersfield Fiesta; USDA

Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield
 Callers: Vic Ceder, Hunter Keller, Michael Kellogg, Jet
 Roberts, Justin Russell
 Cuers: John & Fran Downing, Zena & Ernie Beaulieu, Dawn
 & David Mee

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Skip StevensJan. 04
Roger Smith.....Jan. 14
Kathy ShaneyJan. 22
Pat AngottiJan. 28

SUPPORT OUR NEWEST DANCERS!

-- September Class Level --

Jan. 11: Snowflake Ball; CPSD

Camden Community Center
 3369 Union Ave., San Jose
 7:30 – 9:45 PM
 Caller: Roger Smith

Mar. 14: Newer Dancer Hoedown; CPSD

Camden Community Center
 3369 Union Ave., San Jose
 7:30 – 9:45 PM
 Caller: Rich Reel

WINTER BEGINNER CLASSES

MONDAYS:

Bows & Beaus

Loyola Elementary School, 770 Berry Ave., Los Altos

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Begins: January 20th

Classes on 1/20 and 1/27 are FREE

Caller/Instructor: Tork Clark

Caper Cutters

San Francisco

15 week class Starts: January 27th

See Jim Osborne for further details

TUESDAYS:

Swinging 21ers

Fremont Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont

7:00 – 8:30PM

Begins: January 14th

Caller/Instructor: Bob Elling

FRIDAYS:

Westminster Squares

900 Golden Wheel Park , 1450 Oakland Rd., San Jose

7:30 – 9:00PM

Begins: January

Caller/Instructor: Diana Hilliard



Steven Lehnhoff & Naomi Grubb.....Jan. 17

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; pasta sauce

Dry milk, hot chocolate, juice, tea, bottled water

Chips, cookies, treats, sugar packets

Paper towels

Sleeping bags, blankets, can openers, AAA batterie

Do NOT need:

Black tea

Plastic flatware

Canned green beans

Diapers

Cough drops

Dry Beans

Protein bars

Cider packets

Women’s personal hygiene items

PRESIDENT’S CORNER



Happy New Year!!

Our End-of-Year Dance Party last Friday was a fantastic success. Many thanks to all who attended, brought snacks and helped with clean-up, and especially to our wonderful callers, **Jim, Roger, and Tork** who entertained us so well.

Our Treasurer, **Skip Stevens**, says that we sent donations totaling \$215 to The Family Giving Tree. Thank you for your support in helping those less fortunate. And, speaking of charitable giving, we will again be collecting non-perishable food items for the Campbell United Church of Christ at our Fifth Friday Dance on January 31st.

Heard that Club Member, **Bill Matolyak** was in a car accident while on his way to Club (and Square Head duty) Friday, Dec. 20th. We trust that he is doing okay and that we will see him soon.

On Dec. 6 we had a General Meeting of the membership for the purpose of beginning a discussion on the future of our Club. We wanted to hear what the membership and guests had to say and both groups were well represented. Skip told us that for the past 6 months we have been digging into our reserves by about \$200 per month and that if this rate continues or worsens we would be insolvent in less than 2 years.. We discussed many ideas and will take them to the Executive Board for its meeting on Monday, January 6th.where we will probably make up a survey to “get the pulse” more clearly defined.

On Friday, December 13th we had our annual holiday potluck. Thank you to **Eric and Jacky** for chairing the event. There was a good turnout and plenty of food. See photos elsewhere in this *Chirper*.

Our annual Club fundraiser, the Sweetheart Special, is coming up quickly. Janna Standridge who is the Chair of this event is looking for committee heads who will soon be asking for food and duty signups. All Katydids are expected to participate in this annual event.

Wishing all a happy and healthy year ahead.

Stephanie

CLUB NIGHTS

Friday, Dec. 20, 2019



Janna brought the cutest reindeer made out of peanut butter filled celery with pretzels for antlers and a big red raspberry for the noses. They were gone in a flash!!



Katydid's Square Dance Club



Welcome 2020!

FREE 5th Friday Party Dance



We are embarking on a "DO GOOD" policy of every 5th Friday to be Campbell United Church of Christ Food Pantry Refill Day with non-perishable items. Help us support this PROJECT.

Bring REFRESHMENTS to SHARE!

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

We are reminded that regardless of title, we can make a difference and improve the lives of others through celebration and perseverance. For example, this year we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women's Voting in Presidential Elections. Let us persist in supporting the passage of the Equal Rights Act HR5 of the 116th Congress.

January 31, 2020

Resurrection Lutheran Church - 2495 Cabrillo Ave - Santa Clara

BADGE DANCE

Katydid's Square Dance Club

Our 57th Annual

Sweetheart Special

CALLER

HOEDOWN

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Feb. 8th 2020

Pre-Rounds: 7:30

Plus Squares:

8:00 - 10:30



JIM OSBORNE

Pre-sale: \$12
\$15 at Door/\$5 Teens



SUE & PHIL HARRIS

New Location: NORDAHL HALL

580 West Parr Ave, Los Gatos, CA

CLUB NIGHTS

Friday, Dec. 13, 2019
ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK



Many thanks to Jim for a great year of entertainment, And to Eric & Jack6 Wilhelmsen for chairing this event!



Photos courtesy of Skip and Steph Stevens





CLUB NIGHTS

Friday, Dec. 27, 2019
GET-ACQUAINTED; END-OF-YEAR DANCE

Many thanks to our callers, Tork Clark, Roger Smith, and Jim Osborne! It was a most entertaining and fun evening!!



Photos courtesy of Skip and Steph Stevens

Road Gypsies are at it again! – Part 3

by Stephanie Stevens

It is now Tuesday October 15th and it is raining again. By noontime we had reached Selma, Mississippi and were recalling the importance of that town in the 60s. When we stopped to eat lunch we parked near a grassy area so that Jackie would have an area to walk in . . . in the rain, mind you. Out we went . . . oh, for about 10 feet, when I felt something crawling/biting my right foot. You never saw me hop around so quick! (sorry, no photo!!) Got Jackie to the car and for Skip to deal with while I tried to get the @###%# ants off of my feet. Finally managed to get them off, well...except for one that found its way up my pant leg ... it is no more!

From Selma, MS we continued west through Shreveport, LA to Bastrop, TX. On the 19th we drove north to Weatherford



which is located west of Ft. Worth and is where Skip's youngest daughter and her husband live. They live on a small ranch with their horses and a variety of dogs.

Thankfully I was able to do a couple of loads of laundry the next day and for dinner we went to a local family owned Italian place not far from where they live. As we were driving there we noticed some big puffy clouds in the distance. Just after we were seated at the restaurant, not

20 minutes later, it got very dark and it started to rain, actually poured buckets and then dropped nickel-sized hail. Then it was quickly all over. We continued with our meal after which we headed back to their home where it was not very wet at all but James did find evidence that it had hailed there too. Later that night after we had all retired another storm cell came through and treated us to a spectacular cloud-to-cloud lightning display and occasional thunder and to-the-ground lightning. Quite a show!! The next morning we learned that it was probably this same cell that caused so much destruction in Dallas. Thankfully there was no loss of life. We were just a bit tired at not having a good full night's sleep.

Monday we got up and packed up the van and made a last trip down to the barn to see the horses and then were off to Amarillo where we stayed the night and then drove to Santa Fe, NM enjoying parts of the old Route 66 along the way. We had hoped to spend a couple of days in Santa Fe but the threat of snow sent us heading south to Albuquerque and then west.

We did not get snow that night, but it WAS cold!! It got down to about 25 degrees overnight. Brrrr. We were thankful for



our electric mattress pad and down sleeping bags and quilt. Jackie also did her part in keeping us warm by sleeping between us on top of the covers!

We left Grants, NM and drove west on I-40 and stopped for the night in Williams, AZ where we again had a very cold night. It is quite amazing to be in a pine tree forest after all the sand and sage brush we had driven through all day.

Tomorrow we continued our journey west on I-40. We learned that Skip's youngest daughter & family would be very busy the day we would be in town and since they were coming north for Thanksgiving, we decided not to do the Los Angeles Area this trip. This means that we would be going NW from Barstow, CA instead of heading SW. We'll be home in a few days . . .

On Friday, Oct. 25th we left Williams, Arizona where it got down to 27 degrees overnight. and drove "forever" through sand and sage colored dessert landscape and finally stopped in Barstow at a KOA (Kamping of America) that was having a 'fright night' for the evening's residents. A number of the RVs were decked out in various decorations.

The next morning (it was warm!!) we left Barstow on Hwy 58 and then traveled north on Hwy 99 from Bakersfield up the Central Valley and stopped to visit with some friends in Modesto. We had a really nice visit and were challenged to remember how to play Canasta which some of us hadn't played in well over 50 years and others had never played it. The next morning we continued north to Stockton to visit with another of Skip's cousin's . This was also the day that high winds were expected throughout California and boy did we run into it in the Central Valley! The smoke from the Kincadee fire near Sonoma was blown south by the winds and then with the Central Valley being mostly agricultural, the top layer of the fields that had been plowed blew dust elsewhere as well. At some points it was difficult to see too far in front of us. By the time we got into the Bay Area we just had smoke to deal with. Fortunately we were not personally affected by the wide area power shut downs. We arrived home about 4:00PM and after unloading the van to the living room floor, eating dinner, and settling a few things, we crashed into bed, being very happy to be home with no need to figure out where our next spot was going to be. Indeed, we were home, safe and (mostly) sound!

Some tidbits of information:

- We traveled about 10,300 miles in 55 days, with an average of 187 miles traveled each day.
- Price of regular gas: Lowest was \$2.02 in Alabama; highest was \$4.99 in Yermo, CA

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- Most interesting stretches of road: Rte 2 in Idaho , a road in Georgia and Rte 2 (again) in North Dakota where there was zero pavement in both directions of traffic and we had to travel miles on a dirt & gravel surface.
- Major bumps in the road trip:
 1. Car breakdown in North Dakota (alternator failure)
 2. Skip's UTI & hospital stay
 3. Heart broken to learn of the deaths of 6 relatives and friends in the space of a few days time:
- Noticed that the height of toilets got shorter as we traveled east. Weird! The toilet paper got thinner, too.
- Weather conditions seemed to keep tempting to drop snow flakes but nary a drop did we see . . . cold temperatures, yes. Snow, no.
- Wild thunderstorm activity in Weatherford, TX brought a tremendous electrical storm as well as heavy rain, hail and even a tornado touched down in Dallas east of Weatherford.
- As we traveled from Weatherford to Amarillo, TX and then on to Santa Fe, NM we most definitely noticed a great sucking sound . . . the moisture was being pulled right out of the air! – Weatherford at about 1,000 ft, Amarillo at 3600 ft and Santa Fe at 7200 ft. What a difference!!
- With Skip's issues with his back and not being able to walk too far and me with my macular degeneration and other eye issues and thus not being able to be as good a navigator as I would like, we expect that this trip will be our last of this type. In the future we will do shorter distances or fly and rent a car.

Sorry for the length of this article regarding our travels this past fall. Once I got started I found it hard to stop writing!!

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From the Kitchen of . Naomi Grubb:

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

- Prep: 15 min.
- Cook: 30 min
- Serves: 12
- 1 can (40 oz) Princella Cut Sweet Potatoes, well drained
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 c. milk
- 2 c. Brown Sugar, divided
- 1 1/2 t. Vanilla
- 1 1/2 t. Salt
- 3/4 t. Cinnamon
- 3/4 c. Butter, melted
- 3/4 c. All-Purpose Flour
- 1 1/2 c. Pecans, chopped



1. Heat oven to 375°F. Grease a 13x9-inch baking dish
2. In a large bowl, mash sweet potatoes, Add Eggs, Milk, 1 c. Brown Sugar, Vanilla, Salt, and Cinnamon; mix well. Spread evenly in baking dish
3. In a medium bowl, combine Butter, Flour and remaining 1 c. Brown Sugar; stir in pecans. Sprinkle evenly over Sweet Potato mixture
4. Bake 30 - 35 minutes or until topping is brown. Let sit for 10 minutes before serving.

2019 Willey Events Summary

What did Parker and Sue do in 2019?



Parker and Sue have a travel trailer and travel to RV parks during the year at Laguna Seca, Santa Cruz RV Park near Felton, Bodega Bay, and Morro Bay. Parker and Sue have lots of fun at these outings.

In February Parker and Sue went on a mission trip with our church group to an orphanage called, Rancho Santa Marta in Baja, California, Mexico, and helped with construction, electrical work and chores for a week.



In July, The Willeys trailed north and camped along the Oregon coast, and Washington, and Idaho and visited with relatives and friends along the way. Lots of beautiful scenery was seen.

In September, the Willeys took a trip (without trailer) to Buffalo, NY, and stayed in a hotel in Niagara falls, Canada, and rode a boat into the mist to the falls.

later in September, the Willeys drove to Oklahoma City to attend an annual Goldsborough Naval Reunion. Parker and Sue visited the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, The 45th. Infantry Division Museum, and the memorial to the Federal Building Bombing. It was very sad. On the way home, visited friends.



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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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