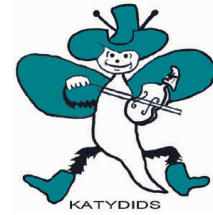


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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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



**Congratulations to the 2009-10
Katydids Executive Board !**

Stephanie Stevens, President; Char Pitts standing in for Sandy Franger, Sunshine; Don Gaubatz, Publicity; Linda & John Caywood, Co-Membership; Dory Clark, Secretary; Don Powell, Treasurer; Bob Bennett, Vice President

CLUB CALENDAR		www.katydids.info	
Fri., May 1:	Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP	Sat., May 30:	Bus trip to Russian Hill District of SF led by Gary Holloway. Sign up with Pat.
Fri., May 8:	Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP	Fri., Jun 5:	Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP <i>Chirper</i> distributed
Fri., May 15:	Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP **PARTY NIGHT** Bring food to share Wear GREEN . Special guests: CPSD Class	Fri., Jun 12:	Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP
Fri., May 22:	Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP	Fri., Jun 19:	Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP **PARTY NIGHT** Bring food to share Wear GREEN .
Fri., May 29:	Campbell United Church of Christ 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 7:00 – 9:30 PM, DBD PLUS WORKSHOP	Sun., Jul 19	**SAVE THE DATE** Club Picnic 11-3:00 at Central Park in Santa Clara

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Acting Super Square Head
Lloyd Darknell (408) 482-9320

May. 01 Willey
 May. 08 Shaney
 May 15 Wies / Hea
 May 22 Moore / Franger
 May 29 Bennett
 Jun 05 Benevento
 Jun 12 Clark
 Jun 19 Helfrich
 Jun 26 Caywood
 Jul 03 Kernan
 Jul 10 Anderson
 Jul 17 Pitts / Powell
 Jul 24 Darknell
 Jul 31 Angotti / Gaubatz

Before the dance:

- Notify the Acting Super Square Head, Lloyd Darknell, at (408) 482-9320, of any needed change of duty assignment dates.
- Purchase and bring 6-8 lbs ice for the water cooler.
- On scheduled night, the designated Square Heads should arrive **by 6:30 PM.**
- Set up tables and chairs as needed. *Note: Chairs should be set up in a horseshoe shape with an opening at the back for access to food & drinks.*
- Make ice water.
- Start hot water for tea and coffee.
- * Attach special signs to recycle containers.

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone at the sign-in table.
- Offer raffle tickets, 5 tickets for \$1.00.
- Have guests sign guest book and collect a \$4.00 donation per guest and 'angels'.
- Give guest names to President or Membership Chair for introduction during announcements.
- Divide the raffle proceeds – 50% to the Club, 50% to **one single "prize" cup.**
- Check that water and cups do not run out.
- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.

After the dance –

- **ALL MEMBERS: Clean up!!** Help pack up supplies and jugs and put 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.

NOTE: tables must go into closet FIRST (remember the Caller's table, too), then the chair "rack".

- Remove signs from recycle containers and put into cupboard.
- Notify the Super Square Head of any supplies that are needed.

It's THAT time of year ...

Remember to use the hand sanitizer located on the snack table in the back of the hall 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.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS — PLUS LEVEL —

May 8–10: Silver State Festival

Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV
 Callers: Tim Mariner, John Marshall, Dan Nordbye
 Cuers: Joy & Kay Read, Curt & Tammy Worlock
 Contact: www.SquareDanceNevada.com

May 16: Black and White Ball; Krazy Dazys

John Muir Middle School
 7:30 – 8:00 PM; Cuer: Sue Harris
 8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: **Jim Osborne**
 10:30 PM APD Star Tip

May 22–24: Golden State Round Up

Callers: Charlie Robertson, Randy Dougherty, Ron Libby, Phil Farmer
 Cuer: TJ & Bruce Chadd

May 30: SCVSDA/SCVCA Callers Appreciation Whing Ding

John Muir Middle School
 7:30 – 8:00 PM; Cuers: Sue Harris & Barbara-Lynn Smith
 8:00 – 10:45 PM Callers: Robert Algea, Bob Elling, Keith Ferguson, Al Knoppe, Jill Sybalsky, Vicki Woods
 10:45 – 11:00 PM; Starr Tip
 Bring finger food to share.

June 6: Ice Cream Fling Thing; Bows & Beaus

Cubberley Community Center
 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
 7:30 – 8:00 PM; Cuer: Sue Harris
 8:00 – 11:00 PM; Caller: Buddy Weaver

June 13: Strawberry Festival Hoedown; Sunnyvale Singles

First Congregational Church of San Jose
 1980 Hamilton Ave. at Leigh
 7:30 – 8:00 PM; Cuer: George Gardner
 8:00 – 10:30 PM; Caller: Pat Corinthian

June 29: 58th National Square Dance Convention

Long Beach Convention Center

••••• SPRING BEGINNER CLASSES

TUESDAYS

Sunnyvale Singles

Begins: May 5; 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Murphy Park Community Center, Sunnyvale

Caller: Rich Reel

Contact: Joy 650-968-1432

Plus / Singles Club

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

Ted ShaneyMay 23



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ! !

Rodney & June HelfrichMay 24

Dave & Jenny AndersenMay 26



From the Kitchen of Pat Angotti --

DUMP CAKE

- 1 can (20 oz) crushed pineapple with juice; undrained
- 1 can (21 oz) cherry pie filling
- 1 pkg Duncan Hines Moist Deluxe Yellow Cake Mix
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, cut into thin slices

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 13x9 pan.
2. Dump pineapple with juice into prepared pan. Spread evenly. Dump in pie filling. Spread evenly. Sprinkle cake mix evenly over cherry layer. Sprinkle pecans over cake mix. Dot with butter. Bake at 350 degrees F for 50 minutes or until top is lightly browned. Serve warm or at room temperature.



Unclaimed!!

1. At Sweetheart Special: 2 dresses in a plastic bag; one red with white dots & lace trim, the other black with white dots and pink flowers
2. At the Bill Davis Memorial Hoedown:
 - a) Large square white plastic serving platter
 - b) 2 jackets
 - 1) Black velour hoodie
 - 2) Black fleece jacket

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER --

Hello Katydid,

Wow! Wasn't that a spectacular club night last Friday!? We had 5, (yes 5!!) squares on the floor dancing to **Keith Ferguson** who was standing in for **Jim Osborne** who had another commitment. We had great fun and it was wonderful to fill the hall. Thank you, **Keith & Meg!**

At the recent Executive Board Meeting it was decided that since the CPSD class will be finishing their classes soon that we would make a special invitation to them to join us for our party night on May 15th. Please make a point of attending that night to show our guests that we are a fun club and that **Jim** is a super caller! Also, we should all make a concerted effort to be angels at their remaining classes held at the Camden Community Center's Multipurpose Room at 3669 Union Ave. on Thursday evenings (they officially graduate on June 18th). At the Meeting we also decided to change the name of the Chaplain position to Sunshine.

In case you haven't heard, the SF bus trip to the Castro District last Saturday, was terrific. **Pat**, you've done it again! Thank you so much for your hard work at putting these trips together for us. (Photos will be included in the June *Chirper*.) The next outing is May 30th to the Russian Hill District -- don't be put off by the word "Hill", there really isn't much in the way of hills to climb. **Gary Holloway**, tour guide extraordinaire, will be our guide again. Yeah! The trip is filling up fast. There are just a few seats remaining. See **Pat** to sign up.

The Installation Brunch was lovely. Thank you **Char** for putting this together for us and for arranging for PERFECT weather! And, a special thanks to **Sal & Louise Stagnitto** for stepping in at the last minute to MC and install the new officers. And, while our callers were not able to attend this year, we did have our usual Chicken Dance ... well, sort of. See picture on page 6.

The Church has notified us that they will need to use their hall on Friday, August 28th. If you should know of another venue we should look into, please contact **Bob Bennett** who is working to secure an alternate hall for us.

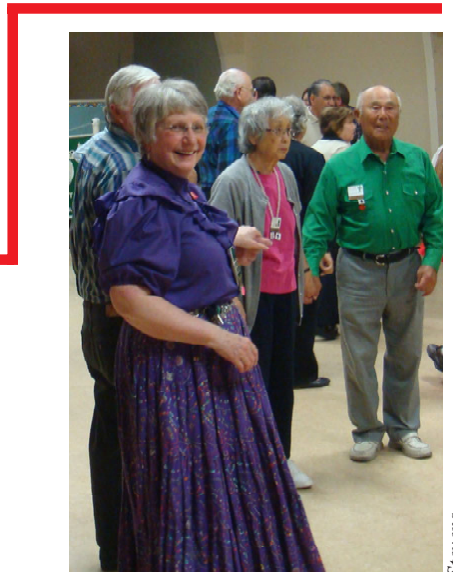
I recently heard from **Roger & Char Hemsley** that Roger has had the last of his stents put in and seems to be well on his way to feeling better, though his peripheral vision is still not too good as a result of his stroke last fall. We are glad to hear that he's doing well.

Have you noticed? There are some spiffy new signs on the recycle containers at the back of the hall. Thank you **Morris** for making these signs to help us ALL remember to not put trash in these containers.

And, last though certainly not least, be sure to attend the Black & White Ball on May 16th - **Jim** is calling!!

See you in a square soon!
Stephanie

April 17, 2009



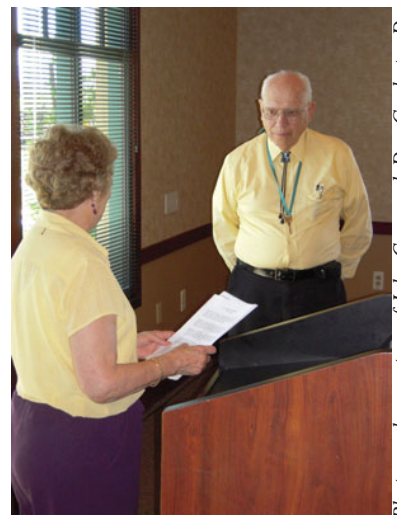
April 24, 2009



Photos courtesy of John Caywood & Skip Stevens



Sunday, April 19, 2009
INSTALLATION BRUNCH
at
Michaels at Shoreline
Mountain View



Photographs courtesy of John Caywood, Don Gaubatz, Don Powell & Skip Stevens



FROM MARY & ROD ---

3/28/09

Hello, friends and family,

We slowed down a bit in November, spending most of the month in just one state – Arizona. Of course, it’s a mighty big state!



Before we left Deming, NM, we took a loop drive to Silver City. Along the way, we drove by the Santa Rita Open-pit Copper Mine. No picture can

do justice to this immense man-made hole in the ground. That’s a huge \$12M truck in the picture

Also on the return portion of the loop was City of Rocks State Park. This huge collection of rocks is sprawled over about 2 acres – in a high desert plain



that covers hundreds of square miles! The extinct mountain volcano that probably spewed out these boulders is over 20 miles away! Nice camping spots tucked among the rocks – for rigs smaller than ours.



November 6 we made it into Arizona for a weekend with the Old Pueblo Square Wheelers at Catalina State Park, just north of Tucson. We

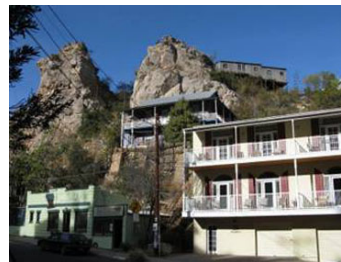
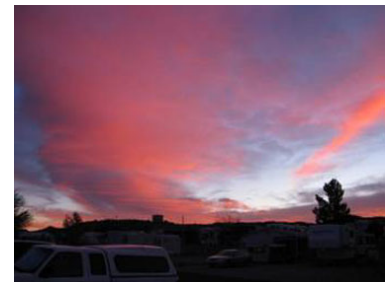
always have a great time when we can meet up with one of the National Square Dance Campers Association chapters – and they’re great cooks, too!



This was a double milestone for us! It marked the 48th state that we’ve had the RV in (we bought it in December of 2003). It was also the 50th state that we’ve square danced in, since taking our lessons with Bows &

Beaus and the Katydids in California back in 2000. (We’ve danced at 162 unique events to 221 unique callers, at 3 “Nationals”, a NSDCA National, in 4 Canadian provinces and 3 other countries during that time! MX, UK, Germany)

We doubled back to Benson to see the SKP park there, find some old friends and make some new ones. It’s a really nice park set up with quite a few social activities. They have some great sunsets, too!



While there, we drove to Bisbee and walked around the “old town”. Lots of interesting shops and houses tucked around the rock outcroppings – some good ice cream, too.

We also stopped in Tombstone and had several hours of fun. A bit touristy but we still enjoyed ourselves and learned some new things. The exhibit at the Tombstone Epitaph newspaper was very interesting.



We headed north to Casa Grande, where we visited the SKP park there but stayed at the Western Horizon park. Lots of activities, good food and a heated pool with hot tub. Easy place to spend a week.

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We headed farther west and had our first look at infamous Quartzsite. – E v e r y RVer has to try it once.– H a r d l y anyone here this early in the winter

but we met friends Dutch & Di, who showed us how to find our way around before the mid-winter hoards arrive. Didn't get to climb that peak, but it's on the list. We'll be back in February to see the difference.

We ended the month crossing over to Desert Hot Springs in Calif. Another very nice Western Horizon



park with 3 natural hot tubs of different temperatures. Mary loved it – me, too! This “front porch” view of palm trees with snow covered mountain peaks in the background takes some getting used to.



We took a short drive to spend the day at Joshua Tree National Park. These are unusual cactus “trees” with very interesting

shapes. There are lots of easy trails in the park and we did lots of wandering around. It's hard to believe that settlers tried to scratch out a living in places like this. Makes one wonder just how bad the situation they left was if it was worth trying to sustain a family in these parts!

We also took a drive south around the Salton Sea. We missed seeing “the slabs”, which we heard about later. This is an area of an abandoned military base where squatters have taken over and transient RVers frequently visit – it's apparently quite a conglomeration of living abodes, shacks to Prevosts (million dollar motor coaches). Another item on the list for next time. We did however stop to picnic in Calipatria and found this flag pole – purportedly the tallest in the country. To make it even more interesting, the TOP of the flagpole is at sea level! That put our picnic table at 184 feet BELOW sea level.



We still have another week (till April 8) of sea, sun and sand in Mexico (at Kino Bay), so the internet connection comes and goes. The phones are turned off while we're here but you can still reach us by e-mail – occasionally – at marymonti@aol.com

We hope spring has found its way to your doorstep by now – let us know how you survived the winter.

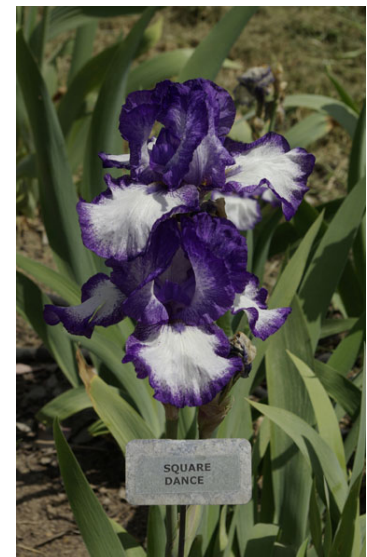
Love to all,
Mary & Rod
817-308-5991



Mystery ... SOLVED !!

Were you able to guess the answer?

This aptly named Iris is located at the Prevost Ranch at 4195 Sierra Road, San José. You can visit the Iris Garden at the Ranch in May. Contact info: 408-248-2611 <http://www.walking-p-bar.com>



Thank you Don Gaubatz for submitting this photo!!

IN CELEBRATION OF MOTHER'S DAY

Received via email: Sunday, January 26, 2003
Subject: "By any other name"

A woman, named Sue, renewing her driver's license at the County Clerk's office was asked by the woman recorder to state her occupation. She hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself.

What I mean is," explained the recorder, do you have a job, or are you just a?"

"Of course I have a job," snapped Emily. "I'm a mother."

"We don't list 'mother' as an occupation... 'housewife' covers it," said the recorder emphatically.

I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our own Town Hall.

The Clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient, and possessed of a high sounding title like, "Official Interrogator" or "Town Registrar."

"What is your occupation?" she probed.

What made me say it, I do not know...

The words simply popped out.

"I'm a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations."

The clerk paused, ball-point pen frozen in midair, and looked up as though she had not heard right.

I repeated the title slowly, emphasizing the most significant words. Then I stared with wonder as my pronouncement was written in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire.

Might I ask," said the clerk with new interest, "just what you do in your field?"

Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply, "I have a continuing program of research, (what mother doesn't), in the laboratory and in the field, (normally I would have said indoors and out).

I'm working for my Masters, (the whole darned family), and already have four credits, (all daughters).

Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities, (any mother care to disagree.?) and I often work 14 hours a day, (24 is more like it).

But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are more of a satisfaction rather than just money."

There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's voice as she completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered me to the door.

As I drove into our driveway, buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my lab assistants - ages 13, 7, and 3.

Upstairs I could hear our new experimental model, (a 6 month old baby), in the child-development program, testing out a new vocal pattern.

I felt triumphant! I had scored a beat on bureaucracy!

And I had gone on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than "just another mother."

Motherhood.....What a glorious career!

Especially when there's a title on the door.

Does this make grandmothers "Senior Research Associates in the field of Child Development and Human Relations" and great grandmothers Executive Senior Research Associates"? I think so!!!

I also think it makes aunts "Associate Research Assistants".

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