

# 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!




## CLUB CALENDAR



[www.katydids.org](http://www.katydids.org)

**Fri., Nov 04:** Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 – 9:00PM

**Fri., Nov 11:** Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 – 9:00PM  
 **THEME:** Honoring our Veterans

**Fri., Nov 18:** Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 – 9:00PM

**Fri., Nov 25:** Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 – 9:00PM  
**\*\*TENTATIVE\*\***

**Fri., Dec 02** Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 – 9:00PM

**Fri., Dec 09:** Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 – 9:00PM  
**THEME:** Snowflake Party & Potluck

**Fri., Dec 16:** Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 – 9:00PM

**Fri., Dec 23:** No Club tonight

**Fri., Dec 30:** Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 – 9:00PM  
**THEME:** Masked Ball

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS  
and DUTIES

Nov 04.....Darknell  
Nov 11.....Franger / Stevens  
Nov 18.....McManus / Willey  
Nov 25.....Lehnhoff / Grubb

Dec 02 .....Wilhelmsen  
Dec 09 .....Oros / Village  
Dec 16 .....Darknell  
Dec 23 .....DARK  
Dec 30 .....Dixon / Standridge

Jan 06 .....Stevens, McManus  
Jan 13 .....Pitts, Schwartz  
Jan 20 **Bruus**  
Jan 27 .....Franger, Willey

**Before the dance:**

- Notify the Super Square Head, Stephanie Stevens, (408-499-9182) 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's member with key access will open the gates and will secure the hall at end of evening.
- Check the restrooms for supplies & tidiness.
- Because of COVID we will not be providing drinks. Single serving commercially made & wrapped snacks are welcomed.
- In the hall, set up one table for signing in and another for snacks. One unopened table needs to go in front of the piano. Flyers can go onto the top of the freezer.
- Place hand sanitizer on sign-in and snack table and at front of hall and at each round table.
- Set up the easel & board to receive the birthday/ anniversary dates provided by the Treasurer.

**During Club dance:**

- Welcome everyone as they enter.
- Collect a **\$8.00** donation 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 \$70 petty cash for making change.
- Check the member sign-in list to see if we have any members on LOA. Those on LOA who will be dancing pay our Guest Donation of \$8.00.
- Offer 50/50 raffle tickets: 5 tickets for \$1.00.
- In the green box, there are Square Head envelopes for keeping track of money collected during the evening.
- Divide the raffle proceeds with 50% to the Club and 50% to the winner. (Note: odd dollar goes to the winner!)
- After announcements and raffle, feel free to dance EXCEPT for the last tip (unless you are needed to fill a square) after which you will need to be putting things away and cleaning up
- If Treasurer is not present, pass monies collected to any Executive Board Member.

**After the dance:**

- Pack up the sign-in table items & give to Steph.
- Reset the hall to the way we found it.
- Notify Stephanie and Naomi if we need more Club event flyers or *Chirpers* printed for the following week.

*COVID-19 rules can change on a moment's notice. Be sure to check with the sponsoring club for latest update on the rules they are currently following.*

**DANCE EVENTS**

PLUS LEVEL unless otherwise noted

**Nov 19: Harvest Moon Holiday Dance**

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Santa Clara  
6:30 –7:00PM, PreRounds: Sandi Kremer  
7:00 – 9:15PM Caller: Tork Clark  
See flyer on page 9

**Nov. 22: Annual Thanksgiving Benefit Dance; Jane & Joyce Squares and Lines**

Salvation Army Santa Clara Citadel Gym  
3090 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara  
7:00 - 9:30PM  
Callers: Jim Osborne, Keith Ferguson, Tork Clark, Mike & Joyce Shannon  
Admission: \$10 or a new toy. All proceeds go to Salvation Army  
See flyer on page 9

**Nov 30: FREE Plus level dance by the Bows & Beaus**

Loyola Elementary School,  
770 Berry Ave., Los Altos  
Squares by Tork Clark  
Rounds by Sandi & Paul  
7:30 - 9:30pm

**Dec 03: Holiday Party General Dance; SCVSDA & SCVSCA**

St Andrews Methodist Church, 4111 Alma St  
Callers: Tork Clark, Mike Pogue  
See flyer on page 9.

**Dec. 18: Christmas with the Ghost Riders; GoldDancers**

Royer Park, Veterans Hall, 110 Park Ave.,  
Roseville  
2:30-3:30pm, Rounds: MaryAnn Callahan  
3:30 - 5:30pm; Caller: Eric Henerlau  
\$18 per person

**Jan. 7: Running Bear' General Dance, SSD, Plus**

St. Andrews Methodist Church, 4111 Alma St.  
6:45 - 7:30pm; Rounds Sue Harris  
7:30 - 10:30pm; Callers: Eric Henerlau, Jim Osborne  
(Running Bear tip)



# TODAY'S COVID RULES PER FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, CITY, AND/OR HOST CHURCH

- SHOW PROOF OF YOUR BEING FULLY VACCINATED
- MASKS: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU NOT DANCE WITH US WITHIN 14 DAYS OF EXPOSURE TO COVID, HAVE SYMPTOMS, OR HAVE TESTED POSITIVE.
- TAP WATER IS AVAILABLE; OR BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE.
- BRINGING FOOD TO SHARE IS WELCOMED
- HAND SANITIZER AVAILABLE.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Joanne Osborne 02.Nov
- Sandy Bruns.....13 Nov
- Steven Lehnhoff.....22 Nov
- Naomi Grubb 23.Nov.....

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- Kathy & Ted Shaney.....12 Nov
- Skip & Steph Stevens ....12 Nov

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Katydid and Friends!



Skip and I returned from a 2-month long road trip across the country on Sunday 30 October. Part 2 story of our adventure(s) is on pages 7-8. Many thanks to **Janna** and all who helped her out while we were gone. She is now enjoying a well-deserved vacation visiting her brother and mother who live in Florida.

We are now in the holiday season (how did that happen!!) and having taken a survey of attendees as to how many would like to dance the Friday after Thanksgiving, it seems that we don't have enough "yes" votes to make up a square. I will take one last vote this coming Friday.

Some changes have been made: beginning this month we will be dancing from **7:00 to 9:00 pm** each Friday. And, COVID rules have been relaxed a bit. See the notice to the left.

It was good to see **Jim** back last Friday. Many THANKS to **Bob Steele** for filling in for him. Unfortunately, Jim's wife, **Joanne**, came down with it and she spent her birthday feeling crummy . . . not fair!! Last Friday, I learned that **Denis Moore** has returned home after a lengthy stay in ICU and / or hospital. He is anxious to rebuild his stamina so he can travel for Thanksgiving. We will welcome you back on the dance floor as soon as you are able, Denis!!

On Tuesday, 22 November, **Jane Bishop** will be hosting her Annual Thanksgiving Benefit Dance. 7:00-9:30pm at the Salvation Army Gymnasium. All proceeds go to the Salvation Army. See flyer on page 9 for more details. Jane could use more items for the raffle table. And, I could use some helpers at the sign-in table.

Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving that is full of family, friends and much gratitude.

### Stephanie

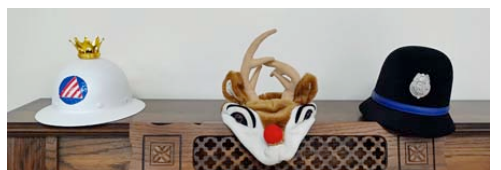
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Friday, 14 October  
THEME: Crazy Hats Night  
Caller: Jim Osborne







**Friday, 28 October**  
 THEME: Annual Halloween Costume Party  
 Caller: Bob Steele



Pauline Cummings, Mark Mason



?, Bob & Lisa Steele



Naomi & Steve



Alice McManus, ?, Ann Mayers





Lloyd & Doris Darknell, Jane Bishop



Alice McManus, The Cat Lady



Pauline Cummings, Jan Dixon



Sandy Franger



Leeka Kheifels



Sandy & Art Bruns



?, Don Village

## Road Gypsies 2022 Part 2

by Skip and Steph Stevens

The past several years when Skip and I have taken a road trip across the country, we sent a newsletter to our family and friends telling of our adventures along the way. The following are portions from Road Gypsies 2022 #3, #4, and #5

To continue from Part 1 in the October 2022 issue of the Chirper:

After visiting with Skip's 5th cousin, we drove a few minutes south to visit with his 1st cousin. We did not expect to visit them but found ourselves practically driving by their front door so took a chance to see if they were home. They were gracious enough to invite us in and we had a good chat before moving on. Somewhere in the discussion, his cousin mentioned that they were having problems with inconsistent hot water from their tankless flash hot water heater and Skip suggested that the heater may not be getting sufficient water flow to trigger the heater's burner. He also suggested that they should try removing the offending shower head water flow restrictor to see if that would resolve the problem. The next morning before we left our hotel, we got a phone call saying that Skip's suggestions WORKED!!! Hallelujah!! We redeemed ourselves for arriving on their doorstep!

We then headed back west to Tennessee and decided to stay at the KOA in Sweetwater for a few days before my attending a Reunion of my colleagues from my assignment with International Voluntary Services in 1966-67 was to begin in Birmingham on 2 October. The Reunion schedule was quite varied in topics: from History of Birmingham presented by an archivist, author Lisa McNair told us the compelling story about the 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing that is described in her book, *Dear Denise: Letters to the Sister I Never Knew*, a field trip to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, a presentation about the unexploded ordinance and recovery efforts in Laos presented by Sara Kouaboura of the Legacies of War Organization, a colleague told us about his experience in Vietnam 1967-73 where he was held as a prisoner in Hanoi for 7 years, and another colleague talked about Ukraine and why Russia may be so intent on adding it to their country.



Decoration in cabin at the Sweetwater, TN KOA

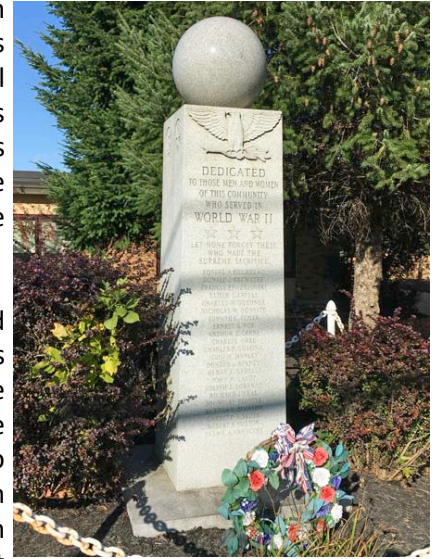
At the close of the Reunion, we headed in a northeasterly direction and visited some San Jose genealogy friends who have a 2nd home in the Shenandoah Valley and another 1st cousin along the way to Lewisburg, Union County, Pennsylvania. It is here that I was wanting to try yet one more time to find information on my gr-gr grandfather who reportedly was born there in 1803, although other documents suggest several other years and as late as 1813. I spent a several hours at the Union County Courthouse which is also home to the Union County Historical Society and their collection of records. Unfortunately, no further information was found.

We then drove north to Binghamton, NY, then to Pittsfield, MA, and then finally to Acton, York County, ME. Their library did not have much genealogy information but they did tell us about a library just south of them in Springvale that has an extensive genealogy room. The next day we spent about 4 hours doing research here. It was very blustery and rainy outside. Inside it was toasty warm. We left early in the afternoon to head to our next stop in Dover-Foxcroft. We also started looking for a hotel for the night. Oops! No room at the inn and if there was a room, they were in the \$400 a night range (and they weren't especially "fancy"). We spent the rest of the afternoon trying to find something but to no avail. Turns out it was a weekend, it was leaf-peeping season, and it was parents night at the local colleges and the high schools were having homecoming events. We finally turned around and headed southwest to North Conway, NH which is a ski town. Driving in the heavy rain, fog, and wind along very rural roads was not fun. When we pulled in to North Conway and then also discovered no rooms, we were too exhausted to try anymore. We found a well lit parking lot and slept as best we could. Thankfully it was a relatively warm rain so it wasn't terribly uncomfortable.

We made the difficult decision to abort the New England part of the trip and left early the next morning driving towards Upstate New York where Skip has family. We stayed a couple of nights at the KOA in Middleville near Herkimer just north of the Mohawk River. One day we drove to south Syracuse to visit the Onondaga Valley Cemetery where Skip's cousin Doug who died 3 years ago. Doug was the founder of the Doug's Fish Fry in Skaneateles. Great Food!



And then as we headed north we stopped by a couple of places Skip remembers from his childhood including Grant Junior High School, the house where Skip lived with his grandparents for awhile, and the WWII Monument found at Lyncourt High School topped by a marble ball that was carved by William "Bill" Heath, one of Skip's ancestors. The monument reads: "DEDICATED to those men and women of this community who served in WORLD WAR II. Let none forget those who made the supreme sacrifice . . ." It then goes on to list the names of those who died from the community.



We stopped in Liverpool at one of our favorite places to grab a quick bite. It is called Heid's and serves sausages called Coneys. Delicious!! Skip and his parents frequented Heid's since the late 1940s! The next day we drove up north along Lake Ontario to visit the place where Skip's parents ashes are scattered. We also took the opportunity to stop by Appledale Orchards located just north of Mexico, NY to purchase some of their warm cider donuts, cider, and other goodies and then in Pulaski we tried to stop by our favorite cheese place and found it gone. I mean completely GONE!! Nothing was left but a small pile of rubble. We drove around a bit and found a restaurant where Skip stopped and asked if Colosse Cheese had moved. Thankfully, YES! They had moved just down the road. WHEW! We were so glad to be able to restock our supply of Triple X Rat Trap cheddar cheese.

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On the 20th we left Upstate New York and headed southwest to Cuba, In South Central New York, Mansfield, OH, Louisville, KY, and we left Little Rock the morning of 24 October. We were headed west of Dallas-Fort Worth to Weatherford where Skip's daughter lives on a 25 acre ranch with her 3 dogs and 6 horses, one of which is pregnant. We spent a couple of days there and as we were getting ready to leave for NM and CA, Skip mentioned that he was experiencing double vision and didn't think he could drive further. Oops! Time to head to the ER. 24 hours and many tests later, he was released. The news was that no cause was found. Maybe it would resolve itself. How do we get home with neither of us being able to drive? It was decided that we would fly home on Sunday, 30 October and that one of Tiff's friends who is a retired long distance hauler, would transport our car to San Jose. As you can imagine this is not the expected ending of our cross-country road trip. However, we are ever so grateful that this "wrinkle" was resolved while we were with family and not miles from anyone we knew.



*What ya doin' Grandpa?  
Peanut, Button, Lou*



*Peanut's all ready for Halloween*



*Winston*

It is good to be home but now we have to figure out how to live without driving ourselves everywhere. A challenge . . .

## Skip and Steph

PS Tests last week at Kaiser Santa Clara ER still show no cause. Next week he will see the ophthalmologist and the neurologist.



Join us for a Fun Evening of Square & Round Dancing

# HARVEST MOON HOLIDAY DANCE

Square Dance Caller  
**Tork Clark**



Round Dance Cuer  
**Sandi Kremer**

**Saturday November 19th, 2022**

6:30pm to 7:00pm Pre-Rounds      7:00pm to 9:15 Square Dancing (Plus)

Double Rounds Between Tips      Donation \$10.00 per person


**Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
2495 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara California

For more information email: sandradg2312@gmail.com

*Holiday Tradition Continues*


## Annual Thanksgiving Dance

*(no dinner this year)*



**November 22, 2022**  
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.


**Squares and Lines**  
*(alternating with equal time)*



Jim Osborne  
Keith Ferguson  
Tork Clark

&

Mike  
and  
Joyce  
Shannon



**Convenient Location:** Salvation Army Citadel Gymnasium  
3090 Homestead Road  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

*Many Thanks to our wonderful staff and the Salvation Army for making this dance possible!!*

**Admission:** \$10 or a new toy - all proceeds go to the Salvation Army  
*(Additional donations appreciated & tax deductible, can be given to Jane or Joyce if unable to attend dance. Happy Holidays!!!)*

Raffle prizes

**Covid guidelines:** Proof of vaccination required, mask optional. No food or drinks provided. Please bring your own drink or snack to be eaten outside.

NO Smoking permitted on Salvation Army property, including the parking lot!

Questions?? Jane Bishop 408-356-7796



*SCVSDA invites*

## All Square Dancers

*New SSD graduates welcome!*

*to a special*



## Holiday Party General Dance

Saturday – 3 December 2022

7:30-10:30pm – SSD and Plus tips

**St. Andrews Church**  
4111 Alma Street  
Palo Alto

**Mike Pogue**



**Tork Clark**





**Refreshments Included**

**Square Dance Attire Optional**

**SOLOS AND COUPLES WELCOME**  
**(Solo Rotation Available)**

Santa Clara Valley Square Dancers Association  
General Dance Program

\$12/adult, \$6/youth

Free admission if this is your first time attending an SCVSDA General Dance.

Fully-vaccinated dancers only.

Masks optional unless required by government orders then in effect.

SAVE THE DATES

Fri., 11 Nov: Thankful for Veterans Night

Fri., 09 Dec: Snowflake Party / Annual Potluck Christmas Party

Fri., 30 Dec: Masked Ball

Sat., 11 Feb: 2023 Sweetheart Special (tentative)

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