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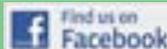
START YOUR WEEKEND RIGHT ... DANCE WITH THE KATYDIDS ON FRIDAY NIGHT!

REMINDER - -

Annual Club Membership Meeting
Friday, April 13th

Agenda: Election of officers for 2018-19

CLUB CALENDAR



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Fri., Apr. 06: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
Chirper distributed
THEME: National Caramel Popcorn Day

Fri., Apr. 13: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:
ELECTIONS**
THEME: National Thomas Jefferson Day

Fri., Apr. 20: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National Look Alike Day

Fri., Apr. 27: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National Babe Ruth Day

Fri., May 04: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
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THEME: National Star Wars Day

Fri., May 11: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National Twilight Zone Day

Fri., May 18: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

Fri., May 25: Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara
7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing
THEME: National Missing Children's Day

**** SAVE THE DATES ****

Sun, Jun. 10: Annual Katydids Picnic & Reunion

Sat., Aug., 25: Pizza Party at Eric & Jacky's

**Fri., Aug. 31: Hot August Night & Used Square Dance
Clothing Sale**

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

- Apr. 06.....McManus / Village
Apr. 13.....Nassau / Smith, D.
Apr. 20.....Stevens
Apr. 27.....Pitts / Paterson
May 04DeLapp
May 11.....Hosoda, M. / Allen, L.
May 18Steele
May 25 Bruns
Jun. 01Tillman / Matolyak
Jun. 08Braaten / Clark
Jun. 15Franger / Moore
Jun. 22Wilhelmsen
Jun. 29Lehnhoff / Grubb

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.
• 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.
• Place snacks (located on Katydid's shelf in Kitchen), and paper goods, sanitizer and flyers (located on the Katydid's shelf in storage room) on tables at back of the hall.

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone as they enter.
• Collect a \$5.00 donation from each guest and have them sign in.
• 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.
• 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

- Apr. 14: Circus Circus; Rockin' Jokers
Apr. 20: Fun Night; El Camino Reelers
Apr. 20-22: California Square Dance Council State Conv.
Apr. 21: Mainstream Dance; Castaways
Apr. 28: Walk and Dodge into Spring; El Camino Reelers
May 5: Butterfly Ball; CPSD; Easy Plus Level
May 11-13: Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival
May 19: 60th Anniversary; Black & White Ball; Krazy Dazys
May 25-27: Golden State Round Up; NCSDA

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SUPPORT OUR NEWEST DANCERS!
-- January Class Level --
Apr. 7: Newer Dancer Hoedown; Bows and Beaus

Next series of S.S.D. (Sustainable Square Dancing) Classes to begin April 10th.

For more details, see page 8.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hi Katydid's, We had a great fifth Friday dance at the Train Depot. Everyone enjoyed the dancing and checking out the model train layouts and museum.

The Annual Club Membership General Meeting will be coming up on April 13th and we will have to vote for a slate of officers for the 2018-2019 year. We need more members to become involved in the day-to-day activities if the Club is going to stay around. The Board has not changed for 3 years. If you have any questions or suggestions about anything, please let someone on the Executive Board know about it.

Morris has been doing weekly themes for about four years now. I would like to thank him for all his hard work and I would like to know if our members and guests enjoy the themes that have been used so far and if there are any suggestions for themes we have not used He has put together a binder of all these themes. If you would like to look at it, just ask him.

Get ready for our annual Club picnic which is scheduled for Sunday, June 10th, at Central Park in Santa Clara. I am looking for volunteers to set up, clean, and cook at the picnic this year. We are in the same location as last year and will provide more information next month.

Also, we will be having our Hot August Night dance on August 31st with used square dance clothes and the Pizza Party on August 25th, at Eric and Jacky's house. More details to follow.

Lloyd

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Roger JohnsonApr. 17

Bob SteeleApr. 27

Note: We hope to print a new Club Roster to include in the May issue of the Chirper. If you have any changes to your contact information, please see Jacky Wilhelmsen or Morris Hosoda.

Club Night

Friday, March 23, 2018

Friday, March 30, 2018



NEVER UNDERESTIMATE AN OLD MAN WHO CAN SQUARE DANCE



Photos courtesy of Stephanie Stevens

Chirper Chatter...



Roger Johnson and his son is on a trip to the east and on his return, on April 9, he is scheduled to have his right knee replaced. He had his left knee done a few years back. He will be on Leave Of Absence for 3 months. Good luck!...

Ted and Kathy Shaney spent a weekend up at Clearlake where her mother resides. Ted claims never ever seeing the Lake *CLEAR*...

Our daughter, **Marcia**, and her family moved back to California from Virginia recently, settling in Dublin which is only about 50 minutes away on a weekend drive...

We received emails for resignation from our Club by **Dee Stolpe** and **Josie Rhea**. We wish them well on whatever endeavors they choose to participate in but please remain active...

Bea Clark was diagnosed with osteoarthritis of the spine along with some stenosis. She is scheduled for a cortisone injection in her spine this Friday, April 6th and we will keep good thoughts for her...

Sandy Hastings is back home while her brother remains in the hospital. She has a cast on her left knee so she was able to drive. She banged her knee slipping on a wet tiled floor. The cast is scheduled to be removed at the end of this month...

A Small World Story...

I attended a memorial celebration service for a friend of mine I met through senior softball on Saturday, March 24. And who did I run into...**Roger Johnson**, who knew our mutual friend through a bridge club.

A little something about OUR THEMES:

National Caramel Popcorn Day: How I do recall my young days whenever I was treated to CRACKER JACK for being good and the prizes inside!!

National Thomas Jefferson Day (our 3rd US President) - Ironically he and his lifelong friend, John Adams, our 2nd US President, died on the same day, **JULY 4, 1826**, and the two have the highest IQ's of all US Presidents.

National Look Alike Day – Just let your imagination run loose and we all look alike (just take your glasses off!).

National Babe Ruth Day – A baseball legend, still inspiring, revered and honored.

ANSWERS to Square Dance Calls:

1. Ping **PONG** Circulate
2. Wh**EE** I & D**E** al
3. D**DOUBLE** P**PASS** T**THRU**
4. R**RIGHT** & L**LEFT** Thru
5. P**PASS** Thru
6. D**DIVE** Thru
7. S**TAR** Thru
8. S**WING** g Thru
9. S**SQUARE** Thru
10. Z**OO** m
11. S**LIDE** e Thru
12. R**RIGHT** & L**LEFT** G**GRAND**

ONE KEY WORD SQUARE DANCE CALL ANAGRAM

Example: RATS - STAR Thru

1. MOZO -
2. FELT -
3. URN -
4. SPAS -
5. WEEPS -
6. COOTS -
7. COUTH -
8. IDLES -
9. RATED -
10. GIRTH -
11. WINGS -
12. NEIGH -

What's In A TRADEMARK...



The arrow means Amazon has everything from A to Z.



There is a dancing BEAR above the "ble". Toblerone chocolate bars originated in Berne, Switzerland whose symbol is the BEAR.

Morris Hosoda
moho77@gmail.com

The Allen Family's Adventures to England & Wales

We spent a little under a month in Southern England and Wales and had a great time. For the first two and a half weeks, we were house/petsitting in the Surrey Hills. We watched two golden retrievers, Grace and Lily, two cats, Archie and Pip, and three chickens, who probably have names but were mainly just referred to as "the girls." The house was located in the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which we continue to maintain is a fantastic name for a national park, at what appeared to be a country estate. It is called 'Tanhurst' and is right outside of Leith Hill. Just out the main gate is the Rhododendron Garden that was planted by either Charles Darwin's sister, girlfriend, or wife depending upon who you ask. Depending upon the source, too, they will tell you that Charles Darwin actually lived in the house we stayed at for some period of time. On the third floor of the house was a family (the children and grandchildren of the people we were housesitting for) and the kids were exactly the same ages as Gretta and Acton. The kids had so much fun and played and played and played. Unfortunately, they also shared some germs and everyone got sick. But, thankfully they were all sick together so they just continued playing! The two older ones were very sad to say goodbye and they will miss each other greatly, I think. Acton has promised to send his friend some photos of our house, though I have yet to see him take those photos...



Thomas calling a tip. Acton was the photographer and, despite asking him to stay in his seat, he ran all over the auditorium trying to get the best shot.

On Mondays while we were in England, we went square dancing with the Hogsmill Squares. It was a lot of fun and, while I had some concern about having to "translate" and then move, thus slowing me down, it ended up being completely fine and we had no problems. We did notice that they dance significantly faster than we do and the caller reminded the dancers several times of how many beats moves were supposed to take. We also noticed that the British enthusiasm for tea isn't limited to tea time, they also enjoyed lots of teacup chains and they even put them into their singing calls! We were happy to note, though, that "boys to the center with a teacup chain" still took the square down immediately. Phew! The

second week we danced with them, Thomas called a tip. It went really well (though, I noticed that they danced more slowly while he was calling!) and he was approached afterwards with such comments as, "we don't often get to dance to a caller with a real American accent!" Which made me wonder whether there was a trend of fake American accents... They were also so sweet as to give us honorary little badges and take a club photo with us.

On Tuesdays while we were in England, we drove to Cambridge so that I (Lauren) could read with the Old English Reading Group at Cambridge University. It was fun, and I learned a lot, but in the two weeks I attended, the first week the "lecturer" was in attendance and many of the people there (who are, nominally, adults) acted afraid or intimidated by his existence. It was a weird and slightly disconcerting vibe. The second week, he wasn't there, but they had apparently gotten close enough to finals to cause panic to have set it and that, too, had a weird and disconcerting vibe to it. It's great to be around people who are interested in Old English, but I was reminded of what I dislike about formal learning. In combination with Cambridge being very 'city,' I left less than enthusiastic about Cambridge and, rather than strengthening my convictions that I should bone up my resume in order to have a chance at getting in, it made me more convinced that formal academia is a bad plan for me.

On the weather front: when we arrived, we were informed that "The Beast from the East" was on its way. It seems that at least some people considered this upcoming storm to be a personal attack upon Britain by the Russians... Anyway, the worst of it was a day where the high was -6C (~19F, I think) and there was a strong bitterly cold wind on top of it. It had snowed for 5 straight days,

by that point, and the roads were a mess. But, the next day, it warmed up and we were able to go play in the snow. The kids made snowmen, including one snowman called 'Santa Snowman' who appeared to have been affected by Zika. It was perfect snowball rolling snow, though. They also went sledding, and then the older kids



"Santa Snowman." He has a very (!) small head.

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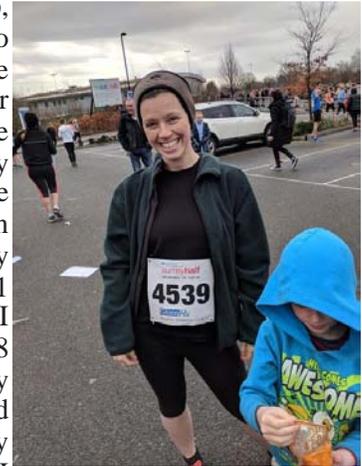
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brought snow in the house to make snow cones. Thomas made them an orange syrup to put on the snow and the two of them were thrilled! I was less thrilled when I found snow in the refrigerator several hours later. And, by the end of the day, the snow (except the snowmen) had melted. Upon its melting, I went out for a run (in the rain and snowmelt) on a course definitely not meant for runners. Despite soggy feet, a spike in my shoe (and a subsequent toe injury), cold weather, impending nightfall, a 1/2 mile run off-course, and no way to contact my family should I need them, I casually met back up with Thomas and the kids and we headed home for dinner. Its looking back on things like this that made me think maybe I'm not getting any smarter as I get older.

In England, we also saw Leith Hill Tower, went to the Horsham Museum, where I got a chance to see some very cool Anglo Saxon buttons, had supper with a pair of American professors (and their kids) who have been living in the Netherlands for the last few years, Gretta and I attended a La Leche League toddler meeting, and we visited the Silent Pool, which is, essentially, a fairly normal lake. Apparently, it is supposed to be a kind of eerie place. The story goes something like this: a young maiden, daughter of a woodcutter, was bathing in the pool when a lecherous horseman showed up. The maiden yelled for help and (in some stories) her brother came from the nearby fields to her aid. Both ended up too deep in the water to get away and drowned. The next day, the father found both of them, along with the hat of the horseman, who turned out to be the future King John. I don't know how much truth there is in the story, but the involvement of hated King John makes me wary. It just seems very cliché. Anyway, it was a beautiful lake. We watched a duck fight, and we climbed to some of the most convincing picnic spots I've ever seen. I was tempted to sit down in the leaves, despite the wet and cold. We also hiked up the hill to some weird little round stone enclosure things. We weren't sure what they were. Thomas thought the 'windows' looked about the right size to stick guns out and shoot. We couldn't imagine why that location, though. Maybe the organic vineyard next door is filled with some dangerous folk... also, British wine? I don't know a lot about wine or growing grapes, but we didn't exactly experience the Mediterranean-type climate known for exquisite wine production in our two weeks in Surrey.

The Sunday before we left England, I (again, Lauren) ran the Surrey half marathon. Ironically, despite the fact that I hadn't trained for the race, hadn't run more than 6 miles since 2014, had a toe injury, and wasn't even planning to run the race until our housesitters talked me into bringing my shoes just in case, I was actually most stressed out about *getting to* the race. I don't know why parking stresses out so much...

anyway, as we drove up, a lady was walking into her house and she invited us to park in her driveway!!!! Score x1000! So, with my major concern out of the way, I proceeded to run 13 miles very, very slowly and the last .1 mile quite quickly. I finished in 2:26 or 2:28 or something, just shy of a 12 min mile and 20+ mins off of my previous half time. But I finished and ran the whole thing! My knees and hips weren't happy that evening or some of Monday, but I promised them that we'll train better next time and they were satisfied enough to stop hurting.



The Surrey Half Marathon

On our way to Wales (for some definition of "on our way"...) we decided to go see the Uffington white horse, which is a 3000 year old hill carving of a horse. We drove way out in the middle of nowhere. Finally, we turned around, looked up, and saw it on the hill. We were thrilled, but it's rather hard to see up close so we decided to go to the recommended parking area. We parked, got out of the car, and began walking toward the white horse through an enormous field of poop (oh, yes, yes, there were sheep, too). As soon as we got into the field, it began raining and a huge cloud descended over the horse. We walked to the top of the hill and then realized we couldn't see more than 50 feet in front of us and certainly couldn't see the horse on the opposing hill! It was cold, raining, and Gretta was 'ready a go back to a car.' We then turned and walked directly into the freezing and windy rain until we could see the gate we'd come in by and returned to the car. Thankfully, by the time we arrived in Wales 6 hours later, I was mostly dry!



My birthday ride on the Llanberis Lake Railway. As a note of advice, don't try to pronounce the Welsh LI with gum in your mouth!

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In Wales, we stayed in a little town called Fron Goch in Snowdonia National Park at a little cottage called "The Railway Cottage" or "Ty'r Afon" (which doesn't mean Railway Cottage in Welsh...). Anyway, while we were there, we visited Coed Y Brenin Park. They had a fun playground and nature walk. On my birthday, we went to the Llanberis Lake Railway, where we went for a beautiful out and back train ride. Then we went to the slate museum. I love Welsh slate mountains! I think my favorite part was driving through the slate mountains on the way to the railway. Later in the week, we went clambering in said beautiful Welsh slate mountains. We also went to Caernarfon for a day of play in an amazing indoor play place, which has super fun slides (petrifyingly high, even for Thomas and I) and then we went to go eat at my favorite restaurant, the Black Boy Inn, which is within the walled city of Caernarfon. It is soooo good! I wish they delivered... We got about a foot of snow the weekend before it was time to go home. Maybe that's why it's called Snowdonia? Anyway, the snow melted enough for us to leave, we returned to London, and had an easy breezy time getting home (except for US Customs... we are a harassed people.) We had fun, but it's good to be back!



Action on our clambering hike in the Welsh Slate Mountains.

Thank you, Lauren & Thomas for sharing your family's adventures!

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Morris & Louise Hosoda ...Apr. 05
Jim & Joann OsborneApr. 07
Thomas & Lauren Allen.....Apr. 19

[editor's note: Ed Wayne, frequent guest at the Katydid's Club on Friday nights sent this to me recently. I thought you might enjoy it as well.]

NORTH DAKOTA FARM KID in the Marines (PARRIS ISLAND MARINE CORPS RECRUIT TRAINING)

Dear Ma and Pa,
 I am well. Hope you are. Tell Brother Walt and Brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Minch by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before all of the places are filled.

I was restless at first because you get to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m. But I am getting so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt and Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot, and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to pitch, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay. Practically nothing.

Men got to shave but it is not so bad, there's warm water. Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc, but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie and other regular food, but tell Walt and Elmer you can always sit by the two city boys that live on coffee. Their food, plus yours, holds you until noon when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much.

We go on 'route marches,' which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to tell him different. A 'route march' is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys get sore feet and we all ride back in trucks. The sergeant is like a school teacher. He nags a lot. The Captain is like the school board. Majors and colonels just ride around and frown. They don't bother you none. This next will kill Walt and Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk head and don't move, and it ain't shooting at you like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes.

Then we have what they call hand-to-hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have to be real careful though, they break real easy. It ain't like fighting with that ole bull at home. I'm about the best they got in this except for that Tug Jordan from over in Silver Lake. I only beat him once. He joined up the same time as me, but I'm only 5'6" and 130 pounds and he's 6'8" and near 300 pounds dry.

Be sure to tell Walt and Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get onto this setup and come stampeding in.

Your loving daughter,
 Alice

April 2018 Sustainable Square Dance Class Schedule

It's ALL About the STEPS!!

Tuesdays:

Castaways
 Caller/Instructor: Roger Smith
 Resurrection Lutheran Church
2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara

6:30- 8:00 PM
 Starts: April 10
 First 3 April Lessons are Introductory, but each of the 3 will be unique, and NOT exactly repeat of the previous week.

Adult solos, singles or couples
 Contact: [\(650\) 549-5273](tel:6505495273) - class@3osb.com

Tuesdays:

Man of Steele
 Caller/Instructor: Bob Steele
 Los Gatos-Saratoga Youth Recreation Center
123 E. Main St., Rm A., Los Gatos

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THOMAS JEFFERSON

April 13, 1743 - July 4, 1826

- * One of the Founding Father's of the United States
- * Principal author of the Declaration of Independence
- * Nation's first Secretary of State
- * Nation's second Vice-President
- * Nation's third President
- * He is on the U.S. Two Dollar Bill, Buffalo Nickel & Mt. Rushmore
- * Authorship of the Statute of Virginia that guaranteed religious freedom
- * Founder of University of Virginia in 1819
- * It was during his Presidency that the Louisiana Purchase was done, more than doubling the size of U.S. for \$15 million. Appointed Lewis & Clark to lead an expedition known as Corps of Discovery to explore the newly acquired land

Jefferson wrote his own epitaph, the three contributions he cherished the most in red asterisk (), on his tombstone. A lifelong friend, second President, John Adams, both died on the same day. The two have the highest IQ's of all US Presidents.*

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National Caramel Popcorn Day Friday Dance



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 Plus Dancing from 7:00 - 9:30 PM
 Only \$5/Person
 Caller: Jim Osborne

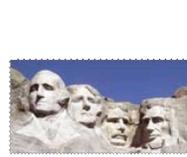
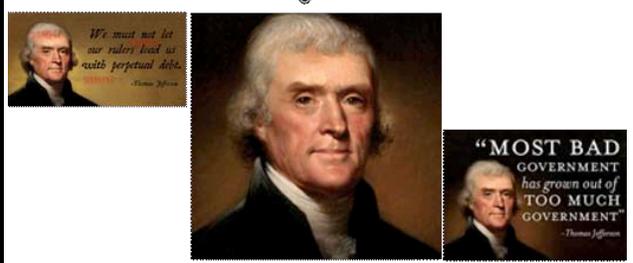


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Act! Action will delineate and define you.
 Thomas Jefferson

April 13, 2018

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