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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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

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Dance Hall for our 2020 Sweetheart Special Hoedown

CLUB CALENDAR



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Fri., Mar. 01: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing THEME: National Peanut Lovers Day

Fri., Mar. 08: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing THEME: National Oreo Cookie Day

Fri., Mar. 15: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing THEME: St. Patrick's Day

Mon., Mar. 18: Executive Board Meeting 7:30PM; Location TBD

Fri., Mar. 22: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing **THEME**: Spring has Sprung

Fri., Mar. 29: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing FREE 5th FRIDAY

THEME: MLB Opening Day

Fri., Apr 05: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing *Chirper* distributed **THEME**: National "Go for Broke" Day

Fri., Apr 12: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing GENERAL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS FOR 2019-20 THEME: National Empanada Day

Fri., Apr 19: **DARK** Good Friday

Fri., Apr 26: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing THEME: National Pretzel Day

Fri., May 03: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing *Chirper* distributed

THEME: Cinco de Mayo Day

Fri., May 10: Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara 7:00 – 9:30 PM; Katydids Dancing THEME: National Mother's Day

Sun., Jun. 2: ** SAVE THE DATE** Club Picnic

SQUARE HEAD ASSIGNMENTS and DUTIES

Mar. 01Schwartz / Village Mar. 08Grubb / Lehnhoff.

Mar. 15 Bruns

Mar. 22Pitts / Hosoda Mar. 29Wilser / Smith, D.

Apr. 05......Paterson / Oros

Apr. 12......Stevens / McManus

Apr. 19......DARK

Apr. 26.....Kay / Matolyak

 $May\ 03......Nassau\ /\ Robinson$

May 10Braaten / Clark

May 17Smith, D / Standridge

May 24Wilhelmsen

May 31Franger / Moore

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. A Katydids 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 Katydids' 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 32 chairs. Bring out more chairs as needed.
- Set up drinks and supplies on counter.
- After the first tip, place snacks, located on the Katydids' shelf in the kitchen, on the back table at back of the hall along with paper goods, sanitizer and flyers

During Club dance:

- Welcome everyone as they enter.
- 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 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 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

Mar. 1-3: Wing Ding; CCSDA

Merced Co. Fairgrounds

999 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Merced

Callers: Jet Roberts, Andy Allemao, Charlie Robertson Cuers: Sharon & Casey Parker, Mary Ann Callahan &

Craig Cowan

Mar. 22-24: Bakersfield Fiesta: USDA

Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield

Cuers: Neil & Patt Booth, Mary Ann Callahan & Craig

Cowan, David & Susan Clark

Callers: Tony Oxendine, Darryl Lipscomb, Charlie Robertson, Noah Siegmann, Vic Ceder

Mar. 29-30: Square Dance Jamboree; NSDA

Veterans Memorial Hall, 2374 Montgomery St., Oroville

Cuer: Sharon & Casey Parker Callers: Mike Seastrom, Mike Wright

Mar. 30: Presidents Ball Whing Ding; SCVSDA/SCVCA

Callers: Roger Smith, Mike Luna, Diana Hilliard

Cuer: Sue Harris

Apr. 13: Circus, Circus; Rockin' Jokers

Caller: Pat Carnathan Cuer: Anne Grracia

May 4: Black and White Ball; Gadabouts

Caller: **Jim Osborne**Cuer: Sue & Phil Harris

May 10-12: Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival

Reno, Nevada

SUPPORT OUR NEWEST DANCERS!

– – September Class Level – –

Mar. 2: Newer Dancer Hoedown, Castaways

Resurrection Lutheran Church 2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara

7:30 - 10:00 PM

Callers: Tork Clark, Roger Smith

Apr. 6: Newer Dancer Hoedown; Bows & Beaus

– – January 2019 Class Level – –

Apr. 27: Newer Dancer Hoedown, Castaways

Resurrection Lutheran Church

2495 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara

7:30 - 10:00 PM



Club Nights Friday, February 22, 2019

NATIONAL CHERRY PIE DAY





Thank you, Morris, for reminding us that it was George Washington's birthday! And to Janna and others for the delicious cherry themed desserts!!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi Katydids

We just had another great Sweetheart Dance. It was our 56th "Sweetheart Special" Dance.



I want to thank **Jane** and **Doris** and anyone else who helped sell ribbons before the dance and **Pat** and **Roger** who handled the sales and sign in sheets at the door.

I appreciate all of the help we got from members and guests that we had with setup and tear down of chairs, tables and decorations. Morris made up many great signs and posters. Thank you to frequent guests Ed and Mark who helped with the set up and tear down and Gary and Sue who picked up the larger stage decorations from Doris' house. They took them home to check them out and then brought them to the church and set them up for us. Steven and Naomi were storing all the rest of the decorations and other items that we needed and brought everything to the church also that afternoon. Thank you to everyone who pitched in and helped unload the cars and get everything set up.

Lisa was busy selling and installing the dangles on sweetheart badges. Of course, everyone gets hungry when they dance but if they went home hungry, it was their own fault! As usual, the Katydids provided a nice variety that was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Jacky and Eric for heading this up and thanks to all who brought food or gave money to purchase needed food items. Also, thanks to those who helped set-up the back of the hall for the food service and decorated, helped with all the food prep and in the kitchen and also with the clean up and packing up of the kitchen.

Again, the Katydids had a successful dance and we received many comments about how nice our dance was. We had over 16 Squares in attendance at our dance.

At our last General Meeting we passed the Bylaws changes proposed by Eric with a two thirds vote to approve. They are now available on our website at www.katydids.org

We will be having our next Board meeting on Monday March 18th and our General membership Meeting on Friday, April 12th to elect board members toward the end of the dance. We will need all members to be there for the meeting.

Save the Date: we have our Annual Picnic and Reunion scheduled for Sunday, <u>June 2nd</u>, at Central Park in Santa Clara.

Lloyd

Chirper Chatter...

I was finally able to get some information on past member Ken McKay's Memorial Service. It will be held at Sunny View Retirement



Community Center, 22445 Cupertino Rd. (@ off of Foothill Blvd. first street North of Stevens Creek Blvd.), Cupertino, on March 16, 2019, at 10:00 AM. The Community Center is to the left of the Main Entrance facing the parking lot...visitor parking is very limited...

Parker and **Sue Willey** have gone on a trip in their RV to parts where I believe their RV Club selected to visit...

A little something about OUR THEMES:

The Oreo Cookie Story: In 1912, the National Biscuit Company announced the release of 3 high end cookies - they referred to them as the "Trio". The 3 high end cookies were 1. The Mother Goose Biscuit, 2. The Veronese Biscuit, and 3. The Oreo Biscuit. The Oreo, of course, became a very successful cookie that we are still eating over a hundred years later. And, of course, it has changed over time. Everything from the design on the Oreo, to the ingredients used to make the Oreo, and the Oreo packaging have changed. When it was first sold, Oreo came in really boxy tins. People have described the original Oreo tins as being yellow or gold colored, with the lettering being gold. This is important to mention because this description has led people to theorize that the name "Oreo" came from the French word for gold, which is "or". That's just one of several theories on where the name "Oreo" came from.

St Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17th, the traditional religious feast day of St. Patrick and the day he is believed to have died in 460 A.D. The Irish have observed this religious holiday for hundreds of years. St. Patrick is the beloved patron saint of Ireland. The Irish are famous for spinning exaggerated tales, so despite the infamous stories traditionally attributed to St Patrick, quite little is actually known about his life. We do know that St Patrick was born in Britain and that at the age of 16 was captured by Irish raiders who attacked his family's estate. He was then transported to Ireland where he was held captive for six years, living a solitary, lonely life as a shepherd. It was then that he became a devout Christian, embracing his religion for solace. From his writing, we know that a voice, which he believed to be that of God, spoke to him in a dream, urging him to leave Ireland. He did. Walking nearly 200 miles, Patrick escaped to Britain and undertook seriously religious training. After 15 years of study, Patrick was ordained as a priest and sent to Ireland. His mission was to minister to Christians and to convert the Irish, then pre-dominantly pagans, to Christianity. Because Patrick was familiar with the Irish language and

culture from his years of captivity, he chose to incorporate Irish ritual and symbols into his teachings rather than to eradicate Irish beliefs. Thus, was born the Celtic cross. Patrick superimposed the sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the traditional Christian cross so that the result would seem more natural to the Irish.



There is more to the start of spring

than a calendar date. March 20th can arrive with snow still falling and a general feeling that despite the calendar date, spring hasn't arrived yet. The real spring comes with a distinct feeling to it that is recognizable and carries with it a sense of elation. You can always tell the real spring has arrived when the birds flock back from their southern vacations, the air begins to smell sweet again, the days become warmer, and the daylight hangs around later and later. But are there more definitive signs that can tell us when spring has officially sprung. Nature provides plenty of clues that let us know that it's time to hang up the winter coats.

The traditional MLB Opening Day is scheduled for March 28, continuing the new scheduling format that begins the season with an additional week to allow each club three or four more off-days throughout the year. It will be the earliest Opening Day in MLB history, excluding special season openers abroad.

National Go For Broke Day is observed annually on April 5. The phrase "Go for broke" has roots in Hawaiian Pidgin meaning "wager everything." Our strongest research points to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of the United States Army as the reason for this day. The 442nd RCT was a regimental size fighting unit composed mainly of American soldiers of Japanese descent who volunteered to fight in World War II. The 442nd RCT is considered to be the most decorated infantry regiment in the history of the United States Army. "Go for Broke" was the 442nd Regimental Combat Team motto.



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Welcome Katydid's Annual Sweethart Special

Saturday, February 9, 2019 Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church 720 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale



















Photos courtesy of Pat Angotti,, Parker Willey, Steph & Skip Stevens, Doris Smitt













































Club Nights Friday, February 1, 2019

PRE-GROUNDHOG DAY DANCE



Morris showing us his new Groundhog Day T-shirt that he printed himself!



Tillie with his daughter, Laurie, who stopped by for a short visit. Great to see you, Tillie & Laurie!!

Friday, February 16, 2019 MARDI GRAS DANCE



Janna Standridge



Morris Hosoda







Meet Our Members!

Tillie Tillman

The inimitable Tillie was born and raised in the San Jose area. He was born in Morgan Hill, back before it had the cutest little downtown you've ever seen, and his family moved to San Jose when he was about 1. He was the youngest of three children and had two much older sisters, both of whom were grown and married while he was still at home. His father worked as a teacher at San Jose High School. Tillie attended

Horace Mann Elementary, Peter Burnett Junior High, and San Jose **Technical** High School. As child, enjoyed fishing, hiking, and camping. He was very also



interested in Tillie's bedroom during high school, and circa 1937, with mostly home-made short wave radio equipment.

and spent his free time building radios and transmitters from scratch. His love of photography also started early and he built his very own darkroom in 1938 in the loft of the barn.

In 1942, Tillie joined the Navy and was stationed at Treasure Island with the purpose of guarding the radio materials school building against the Japanese. Tillie amusingly recalls, though, that there wasn't actually a building there yet so it was rather unclear what they were supposed to be guarding. Nonetheless, they guarded! Once the school was actually built, Tillie taught in the lab for a year before attending the school. In the Navy, Tillie specialized in radar and radio, and after completing the school, he was sent to Destroyer Escort Pre-commissioning detail to make sure that the radio and radar worked properly in the ships. Tillie says that his group didn't actually know much about ships, so they weren't quite sure how they were supposed to know if it was functioning properly, but they got the job done anyway. Go Navy! Tillie advanced in the Navy to the post of Ensign, which he explained to me is "the lowest commissioned officer." Despite the humility, I remain impressed. As Ensign, he was stationed at the Ferry Building in San Francisco. Again, his job was to check that the radio and radar were working correctly on ships that were in the Bay Area for repairs. By this time, though, he says he knew much more about the job and how to get it done right!

After being in the Navy about 6 months, he married his Or as he says, "we decided to get wife, Ruth. married... well, she decided... we decided... well, we got married." Whoever decided, it was meant to be and Tillie and Ruth were married for 65 years until Ruth passed away in 2008. Tillie and Ruth had 6 children (which I'm pretty sure qualifies one for sainthood!), 5 girls and a boy. And, as we know at least one of his daughter's names is Laurie, we can clearly see that, among his other good qualities. Tillie also has great taste in names! (I might have a bias on this one...). His oldest daughter was born in 1945, when he was still in the Navy and his youngest was born in 1960. Their family enjoyed going camping and backpacking together, although Tillie does say that they didn't really start going backpacking until 1972. One of his most memorable backpacking trips was a trip from Tuolomne Meadows in Yosemite to the Devil's Postpile out near Mammoth Lakes with Laurie and a friend from church, Dave Krueger. Tillie's son passed away at 39.



Minarets along the way on our most scenic pact trip from Tuolumne Meadows to Devil's Post Pile (aprox 40 miles) 1981.

After his time in the Navy, Tillie went to work Jennings Radio making vacuum capacitors before being hired less than a year later by the Ames Research Tillie's favorite back-pack Center in Mountain View as KP - baking cornbread in a an electrician. He focused on homemade reflector oven in electrical maintenance and front of a campfire (or biscuits or even cake!) 1983.



electronic technicians. Tillie was there for 28 years before retiring in 1974. As an aside, Tillie says that, when he was a child, he wanted to be an electrician, so he lived the dream!

Beyond his work and square dancing, Tillie was also an avid amateur photographer, producing mostly black and white photos, with a few color prints now and again. His daughter, Laurie, remembers that he would make the yearly Christmas cards for their family. The biggest surprise of the photography story though, is that Tillie has a dark room in his... wait for it.... Basement. Not only does Tillie have a dark room, but he has a basement! When I expressed my awe about this, he seemed unconcerned and just said something along the lines of, "yeah, we put in a basement when we built the house." Further followup revealed that Tillie is the man to have around if you need anything done around the house! perhaps, if you need a house.... When Tillie said "we built the house," what he meant was that he built the house from the ground up. He designed the blueprints, he framed it, did the plumbing, the electrical, cabinet work, etc. "We did hire a carpenter to help out," said Tillie. "And someone to do the brickwork for the chimney and someone to stucco." While Tillie says he doesn't build houses anymore, his daughter says he is still one fantastic handyman!

Tillie was so kind as to send me a copy of his square dance bio. I cannot improve upon the bio in any way and, with his permission, it has been reprinted as is.



Ruth & Tillie celebrating their 50th anniversary at Rafter Rocker's Square Dance Club.

Tillie and his wife, Ruth, joined the GT Club (Good Times or Get Together) at the First Methodist Church, San Jose, in 1947. The club was started by the minister and his wife, Joyce & Ester Farr. They had no caller, no cuer, and used 78 RPM records. They memorized round dance calls, and learned the Grand Square and other square dance calls. They had members who belonged to clubs who brought back dance patterns.

In those days, there were "older" ladies in the church who controlled the purse strings and who did not approve of dancing in the church. Our minister called what we were doing "Folk Games", and the ladies never checked us out, so everybody was happy. There were three of us from GT who continued to meet once a month for lunch and table games until early 2018.

In the late 70's or early 80's Tillie and Ruth took a square dance class at West Valley College for a couple of semesters, until they discontinued offering it. In 1983 they went through a beginners class at Circle Eights Square Dance Club in Santa Clara, taught by Ed Sanders. They danced with Circle Eights until the club folded when Ed retired in 1989. They then joined the Rafter Rockers with Ken Kenimile calling, where they danced until the Rafter Rockers combined with the Jokers to form the Rockin' Jokers. Tillie danced there until a couple of months ago. While at the Rafter Rockers, Tillie was treasurer for three years.

Someplace in the late 80's or early 90's they took a round dance class taught by Craig and Debbie Rice. They joined Craig's club, the Rainbow Rounds, and danced with them for a year or so.

In 2009 Tillie joined the Katydids and put in a year as the Membership Chairman while Tork was president. He was surprised and honored on his 90th and subsequent birthdays by Mo Ho and the Katydids with banners and other decorations. Thank you all!

In 2007 CPSD (Committee to Promote Square Dancing) was formed, and Tillie started dancing as an angel. He managed the first eight years without missing a session.

He has attended the following square dancing festivals:

-Royal Rendezvous - King City, late April each year (Before Winter Fest. was)

-Royal City 86 – New Westminster, BC, Canada- during World Fair at Seattle

-Napa Valley Grape Festival – '94 & '97

-SCVSDA Jubilee – 28th (1984) through 40th (1996)

Submitted by Lauren Allen, Chirper Columnist

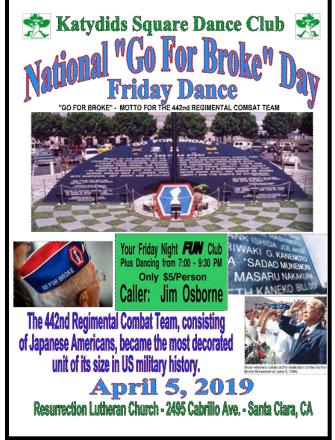
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Liv Braaten	Mar. 07
Denis Moore	Mar. 11
Lauren Allen	Mar. 14
Louise Hosoda	Mar. 29
Char Pitts	Mar. 30









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