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Katydids Square Dance Club Newsletter

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

An old Irish Blessing



*May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours!*

CLUB CALENDAR



www.katydids.org

KATYDIDS' CLUB EVENTS

All Katydids in-person events have been postponed, cancelled or otherwise on hold until further notice. We are, however, meeting via ZOOM at 7:00pm on Friday nights. Join us!! For technical support, contact Skip Stevens:

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LOCAL SQUARE DANCING EVENTS

Most local square dancing events have also been postponed or cancelled until further notice.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hello Katydids and Friends!

Yet, another month has gone by without any relief from the stay-at-home order for square dancers. Pray for the luck of the Irish to be with you so we can start dancing again . . . soon! Have you gotten your vaccine shots, yet?

I heard from the Shaney's that **Ted** is back home and continuing his recovery from the COVID virus. This is great news but I expect it will be a long road for him to get his strength back.

In the column to the right you will find the photograph of Pat's new fur baby that was promised at one of our ZOOM meetings. He sure is cute!! And, on page 3 is an article written by former Katydids member, **Don Gaubatz**, on the need to write up your experiences of the past year or so. Perhaps you will be inspired to write something for your descendants enjoyment.

One thing I would like to bring to your attention is the ease with which those who wish to do you harm can scam you. Please be extra vigilant as there seems to be an uptick in scams in our area. If you've been scammed:

- 1) Contact your various financial institutions, and possibly the Social Security Administration
- 2) Monitor the 3 national credit bureaus
- 3) File a complaint with the FTC
- 4) File a police report
- 5) Possibly contact the State Attorney General
- 6) Monitor your credit for a minimum of 2 years

I want to thank **Skip** on behalf of the Katydids for helping those who have been having computer issues. His willingness to help with technical assistance has been most helpful for several Katydids. Thank you!!

I am ever hopeful that we'll be able to get back to dancing soon

Stephanie



Morris & Louise Hosoda.....Apr. 05

Jim & Joann Osborne.....Apr. 07

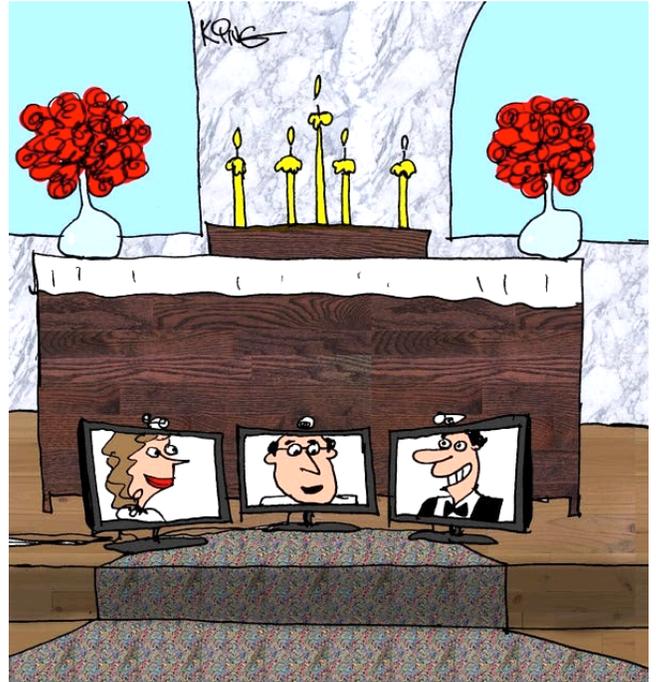
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Liv BraatenMar. 07

Denis MooreMar. 11

Louise HosodaMar.. 29

Char PittsMar. 30



*"I now pronounce you man and wife.
You may send the bride a kiss emoji."*

Meet SCRAPPY, Pat's new fur baby!



The Wind Has No Memory

By: Donald C. Gaubatz

The wind flits willy – nilly here and there, bending boughs and stirring dust. After its passage, the bough straightens and the dust settles. So, it is with sound – the echoes soon die. Neither the wind nor the sound leaves much evidence of their passage. Unless someone is there to feel the breeze or listen to the sound, their having been is unknown. And so, it is with our memories.

When we ask: What were my parents, grandparents, great grandparents like? Most only have vague memories of verbal stories of the past and even those, like the wind and dust, fade through the generations. What will our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and future generations know of our existence? It is unusual to have any written narrative even of our own generation. Yes, we exchange verbal stories of our activities every day. But how many even think to keep a written diary of their comings and goings? Even our daily activities change with time. The things we do, the way we do them, the foods we eat, the clothes we wear – all change in time. And, like the settling dust, they leave no record for future generations. Even stories verbally passed from generation to generation, tend to change and ultimately fade into oblivion.

Even if we discuss the major events of our day's activities with a friend or relative, the story usually changes and fades even if it is passed along – there is no written record. Of course, our first question is: who is responsible for chronicling each day's activities? Let it be known there is only one person in the entire world who has the knowledge of what each of us does and how we live each day.

Lacking a daily diary, writing a memoir helps to arrest the fading of memories. A memoir presents the specifics, as we know them today and freezes the story of events, appearances, personalities, and the facts about ours and the lives of others. We may not get to know future generations but, hopefully, they will know us better because of the memoirs we write today than most of us know of the stories buried among our own roots.

A memoir is not a legal document. Accurate use of the English language, correct spelling, precise punctuation, fantastic prose – none are necessary.

The important thing is to create a written account for others to read, enjoy and get to know you and yours as of the time you are living in.

'Tis only a passing breeze. It touches my cheek and then moves on. The wind has no memory of the imprint it left with me. Unless I write a note to describe the wind's passage, there is nothing left for future generations to know of the passing of the breeze and the impression of the gentle kiss it left upon my cheek. Thus, I am compelled to write about the things that have touched my life and the lives of those around me.

Did you feel the breeze? If so, you are the one responsible for assuring there will be a memory of its passage.

ZOOMING ON 5 MARCH 2021



Zooming on 26 February 2021

