



The Straight Shooter

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A NOTE FROM ANNI:

Anni Wunderlich - President



Hi Everyone:

Hard to believe that summer will soon be over, it seems like it just began.

August 4 was our "Cowgirls Rule" dance with CLINT Qualls; we had a good turnout; everyone loves Clint and he played a good mix of dances, which kept the floor filled.

Our 'Hot August Nights" was a great success, with the DJ team of EVELYN 'n' DENNY playing everyone's favorites. Root Beer floats were served in the snack room, and Fred Mangold brought along his 1956 Ford Truck, what a beauty; Mike Sullivan rode in on his motorcycle, attired in 'leather pants' - be still my heart, there's nothing like a man in his leathers.

'Back to School' is on September 1, with the DJ Duke, Gary Clayton as Principal. It is also our book sale, which means you donate your old books, and then you buy a couple of books you haven't read; this is a little fundraiser for the club.

BIRTHDAY BASH, September 15 - come along and help us celebrate 20 years as a club. This year we're not having it catered, however, if you bring a dish to share you get in FREE...the doors open at 6:30 PM, and the theme is Pirates and Wenches, with the King of pirates, NEIL Hale. For those of you that love cake, yes, there will be birthday cake.

September 29 is 'Golden Oldies' night with the party girl JAMIE - so come and join us for a trip down memory lane.

Mark your calendar for New Year's Eve - GLITZ AT THE RITZ ON THE RIVIERA. There will be prizes, surprises, and a floor show. Once again it will be at Twin Pines, and EVELYN 'n' DENNY will be the DJ's.

When I was in High School I met a girl, Joan Carden, with a magnificent singing voice, she christened me 'peanut' because I was so short (still am if you haven't noticed) and had freckles; we became good friends, but lost contact in our early 20's; she studied singing in London, and went on to become one of Australia's leading opera singers. When Richard and I were in Australia this year, Joan was appearing in Melbourne (she lives in Sydney now) in a play, Harp on the Willow; on an impulse I sent a card to her at the theatre. I didn't hear from her until yesterday; she has been trying to E-mail me since then, but in the meantime I had changed servers - she sent her original three page E-mail by snail-mail. I can't tell you how good it was to hear from her after 45 years, and she said that she'll never call me 'Peanut' again.

Well, on that note I'll say.... Cheerio, and don't forget to renew your membership.

Anni

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Letter from the Editor: Lots to read in this issue. Anni has written a wonderful travelogue of her trip to Russia. Also learn more about Diana Post, a new board member. See you on the dance floor.

Joyce Shannon, Editor

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 Website: www.michaelandmichele.com For registration, call 650-522-7440
Wednesday Evenings – San Mateo Beginner – 7:30
 2720 Alameda de las Pulgas The Next Step – 8:30



San Mateo

Daly City
 &
San Bruno



Jeanette Feinberg (650) 755-8049 E-mail: jmf720@aol.com

Monday Evenings – Daly City Beginner – 7:00 to 8:00 pm
 Intermediate – 8:00 to 9:00pm
Wed 9 to 10am – San Bruno Easy Intermediate
 San Bruno Senior Center
 1555 Crystal Springs Rd

Jamie Hogan (650) 207-1902
 Web: silvercreekdjanddance.com
 E-mail: silver_creek@prodigy.net
Masonic Center, Menlo Park
 2nd Friday's



Menlo Park

Palo Alto
 &
Redwood City



Evelyn Khinoo (650) 325-6913 E-mail: ekhinoo@sbcglobal.net

Tuesdays 7 to 9pm – Palo Alto Intermediate/Advanced
 Lucie Stern Center
 1305 Middlefield Rd
Thursday Evenings – Redwood City Beginner – 7:00 to 8:10 pm
 Intermediate/Advanced – 8:20 to 9:30pm
 1400 Roosevelt Ave
 Red Morton Community Activities Bldg

2nd Saturday Dances held every other month at Barrett Community Center, Belmont
March 10th, May 12th, July 14th, and September 8th

John Bowen mel98bow@mindspring.com 650-359-7448
New Session Starts June 4th
Daytime Line Dancing – Redwood City
 Beginner – 9:00 to 10:05 am
 Continuing – 10:15 to 11:30am
 Veterans Memorial Senior Center
 1455 Madison Ave Redwood City
 650-780-7270



Redwood City

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Palo Alto



Hedy McAdams – Website: www.danceadventures.com – phone 650-325-3371
Friday & Tuesday – Daytime Classes
 9:30-10:45 Basics/Beginners & Open Dancing
 10:45-11:45 Styling & Execution
 Cubberly Auditorium
 4000 Middlefield Road, **Palo Alto** 94303
Tuesday or Wednesday Evenings (Salsa, Texas 2-step, West Coast Swing, Nightclub 2-Step)
 7-8:15 Basic/Beginners 8-9:15 Intermediate
 All Saints Episcopal Church
 Corner Waverly & Hamilton, **Palo Alto** 94301

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Mondays 7 to 9pm & Wednesdays 2 to 4pm – San Jose
4th Saturday Line Dance Social 7:30pm @ Hyde Middle School - Cupertino



San Jose
 &
Cupertino

San Mateo
Daly City
Brisbane
Pacifica
San Bruno

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Diana Ward (650) 359-2599 E-mail: didi8854@aol.com
Tuesdays 10:00 am San Mateo Intermediate – 50 E. 5th Ave
Thursdays 9:00 – Daly City Intermediate – 151 Lake Merced Dr
Thursdays 3pm – Pacifica Comm Ctr 540 Crespi Dr at Hwy 1
Thursday Evenings - Brisbane 7:30 High Intermediate/Adv
Fridays 8:30 am – Daly City Intermediate – 101 Lake Merced Dr
First Sunday Dance 1 to 4 pm 1555 Crystal Springs Rd, **San Bruno**

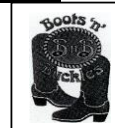
Country Hustlers
 Danville - 8:00 pm
 Check website for dance information
www.countryhustlers.com/index.htm



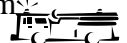
Cactus Corners
@ The Grange
 743 Diablo Road
Danville
 Dances – 1st Friday & 3rd Saturday
 7:30 - 11:00 pm
www.cactuscorners.com



Boots “n” Buckles
 Fridays -- 8 pm
At Swiss Park
 5911 Mowry Ave
Newark
bootsnbucklesdanceclub.com



Matt & Carol Kirkpatrick
 (650) 359-2103
Fourth Friday Dance
 Pedro Point Firehouse
 Pacifica - 8 pm
 E-mail: Coastlinctrydncr@aol.com



Welcome our New Board Member Diana Post, Membership



Diana grew up in San Francisco and Millbrae; she now lives in Redwood City and currently works in the Elections Office in San Mateo. She has 2 cats: Friendly & Sweetpea. Her hobbies are hiking/walking with Sierra Club and friends; going to movies, plays, & concerts. She belongs to the Red Hat Society and is active in a singles group at her church and still finds times to help set up the free concerts in the park at Twin Pines.

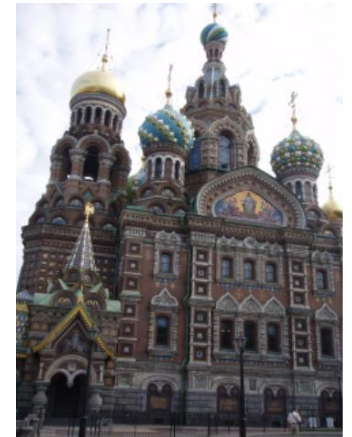
Diana got started with Line Dancing when she saw a flyer for Line Dance Lessons in Foster City with Don & Corrine Wright and since she was involved with Folk Dancing, Contra Dance & Ball Room she decided why not give Line Dancing a try. In 1980 she lived for 6 months in Orlando, Fl and saw Line Dancing there but it wasn't being done here on the Peninsula yet so she jumped at the opportunity to learn.

Diana is currently taking Clogging lessons. She enjoys all the "old" dances, such as Walkin' Wazi, Prancing Pony, Tush Push, etc., and has been a member of Quicksteppers since the beginning of the club.

Russia Travelogue by Anni Wunderlich

"A riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma." This is how Sir Winston Churchill once described the former Soviet Union.

We arrived in Moscow, and met up with our friends whom we'd met two years ago on the Great Rivers of Europe trip, then joined our Program Director for an orientation walk to get acquainted with the area around our hotel. The next day we set out on a tour of the city – past the gleaming Cathedral of Christ the Savior which was reconstructed in the 1990's and is the largest church in Russia; we continued on to the heart of the city, Krasnaya Ploshchad, known in English as Red Square. In the 16th century, krasny meant 'beautiful', but its meaning changed over centuries to mean 'red.' Red Square does not refer to Communism, but rather to the beauty of the city square. Along the way we got a true flavor of life in Moscow as we joined the bustling crowds under the streets during a ride on Moscow's Metro, considered to be one of the best subways systems in the world.



Day four we visited the Central Museum of Armed Forces, which chronicles the history of the Russian military; among the museum's collection of some 800,000 relics we saw the banner raised in Berlin in 1945 to signify victory over the Nazis. We also met with some Russian WW11 veterans. That night we went to the famed Moscow Circus. The next day we toured the Kremlin, which is actually a walled city built as a fortification and ringed by 15th century towers; construction of the Kremlin began in the 12th century. Almost every ruler of consequence since then has directed construction in the Kremlin, so it is a wonderful collection of widely varying architectural styles – there are numerous museums and six cathedrals within the walls. During our exploration of the Kremlin we toured the State Armory, the oldest museum in Russia – we saw historic armor, royal thrones covered with thin plates of gold and studded with diamonds, imperial carriages, coronation robes, and the wedding dress of Catherine the Great etc. etc. That night we saw Kostroma, a professional dance ensemble that performed stylized folk dances of Russians, Ukrainians, Cossacks etc.

Day six we visited Star City which, since 1960 has been a Cosmonaut Training Center; it was constructed in a location kept so secret even most Russians didn't know where it was. The well-guarded state facility became more than just the training ground for every cosmonaut since that year; it was also an important component in the propaganda of the Soviet era, with its luxury residences and well-stocked stores. That afternoon we transferred to our waiting river-boat which would be our 'home' for the next 7 days as we cruised the river Russians affectionately call the Matushka Volga (Dear Little Mother), which is actually a contradictory name, as this is the greatest river in Europe, twisting and meandering, and flowing from the Valday Hills to the Caspian Sea for almost 2,500 miles, draining an area of a million square miles, and linking five oceans and seas to Moscow through its canals.

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Each day there would be a “Port Talk” informing us of what we would see and do during our visit to each of the small towns on the way to St. Petersburg. Most days there would be a Discovery Series talk on either Russian handicrafts, the Russian language, VODKA (which was once believed to be a miracle-working ‘medicine’), how to make Blinis (a small Russian pancake served with sour cream, caviar, or smoked salmon), etc.



Our first stop... UGLICH, with its many medieval buildings, is certainly an impressive site. The town dates from the 10th century and was used by Ivan 1V (Ivan the Terrible) in the 16th century as a base for his attacks against the Tatars. We saw the striking Church of St. Dmitry on the Blood, with its red walls & blue domes; it was built and named in 1960 to honor the spot where Prince Dmitri, the youngest son of Ivan 1V died.

Fourth of July on the Volga: 9:00 AM, we gathered on the fore-deck for the raising of the American Flag, to the strains of the “Star Spangled Banner” – the American flag flew on the bow, and the Russian flag flew on the stern for the entire day. That night we gathered on the aft-deck, drinking champagne as fireworks were shot off the stern, it was very moving.

We continued our discovery of the Golden Ring with a tour of YAROSLAVL, a thousand year-old trading center, rich in monuments and architecture. On to KIZHI Island which was an early pagan center. Here was the Church of Transfiguration, with its 22 timbered onion domes; absolutely breathtaking. The next day we arrived in Svir Stroi, a remote village on the Svir River, 280 miles south of St. Petersburg. Here we enjoyed a visit to the home of a local family – we had authentic Russian tea and piroshki, and VODKA.

The food, accommodations and entertainment on the riverboat were outstanding; we had so much fun and thoroughly enjoyed the company of the rest of the group.

St. Petersburg, an absolutely beautiful city, founded as the new capital of the Russian Empire more than 300 years ago, was the vision and creation of Tsar Peter the Great. Pushkin called this city “Peter the Great’s Window to the West”. There was so much to see in this gorgeous city, so many magnificent palaces and churches. We visited the Peter & Paul Fortress built on an island in the Neva River to protect the city and Russia’s access to the sea from the Swedish armies during the Northern Wars. We went by Hydrofoil across the Gulf of Finland to the magnificent summer residence of the Russian royalty at Peterhof, with its many fountains and waterfalls.



The Hermitage, formerly the Winter Palace and home of the Tsars; one could spend a week here as there are more than 1,000 rooms housing nearly three million exhibits. The staggering collection of art and paintings ranges from ancient Egypt to early 20th-century Europe, and is set in a complex of buildings magnificently and lavishly adorned with gold leaf, malachite, jasper, agate, and marble. Masterpieces by da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Rembrandt, van Gogh, Rodin etc. etc. Catherine the First’s palace, with its grandiose façade stretching 978 feet, its elegant white columns and ornate gold moldings, the gem of which is the famous Amber Room, lined with blocks of gorgeous amber, truly a unique example of decorative art. The Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood, which took 24 years to build and 27 years to restore, it has a mind-boggling 75,320 square feet of mosaics. That evening we saw the Russian Ballet perform Swan Lake.

USUPOV Palace, once owned by one of the wealthiest families in Russia, stands on the embankment of the Moyka River; built by Vallin de la Mothe in 1760, its ‘claim to fame’ is that it was the palace where Prince Usupov murdered Grigory Rasputin.

I could go on and on, and have tried to make this as brief as possible, but there was so much to see and do on this trip. As an aside, the young Russian women are absolutely beautiful – tall and willowy, and beautifully attired – we were very impressed; actually the young men weren’t too bad either.



Quicksteppers



Celebrate 20 years
as a club

Birthday Bash

September 15th

Barrett Center
1835 Belburn Dr- Belmont

DJ – Neil Hale



Pirate Theme - Pot Luck

Bring a Dish to Share and get in ***FREE***

Special time: 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

DANCE SCHEDULE – COUNTRY QUICKSTEPPERS

Sept 1st “Back to School”

DJ – Gary Clayton
Barrett Center
Belmont



Book Sale

*Bring Books to Sell
Buy Books*

7:30 to 10:30 pm
Members \$8.00
Non-Members \$10.00

Sept 15th “Birthday Bash”

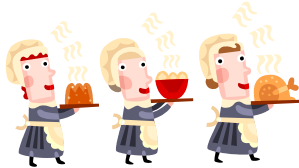
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*“Pirate
Theme”*



Pot Luck - Bring a Dish to share and get in Free

Dessert will be provided



Happy 20th Birthday Quicksteppers
Special Time: 6:30pm to 10:30 pm



Sept 29th “Golden Oldies”

DJ – Jamie Hogan
Barrett Center - Belmont



7:30 to 10:30 pm
Members \$8.00 Non-Members \$10.00

Directions to Barrett Community Center: 1835 Belburn Drive, Belmont 94002

From 101: take Ralston exit. Travel west and cross El Camino.

Continue for 1½ miles and turn right on Avon, Left on Belburn.

From 280: Take Ralston exit. Travel east. Cross The Alameda de las Pulgas, Left on Avon, Left on Belburn.



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June 2007	Income	Expense
<i>Month Summary</i>		
Admission	\$ 952.00	
50/50	155.00	
Membership	810.00	
Hall Rental		\$ 825.00
DJ		510.00
Shooter		101.02
Starbucks gift cards		75.00
Flyers, Env & Stamps		62.84
Month Totals	\$1917.00	\$1573.86
Bank Balance	\$1359.99	+ Cash \$120
CD Balance	\$9251.39	

September Birthdays

Lee Springer	9-3
Elaine Padian	9-4
Linda Cornell	9-4
Sharon Emmett	9-4
Sonny Sollecito	9-7
Michael Kennedy	9-8
Jeannie Lopez	9-9
Linda Hood	9-9
Liz Fricke	9-10
Greg Renard	9-13
Betty Mah	9-18
Gene Serrano	9-18
Elliotte Mao	9-22
John Bowen	9-23
Joyce Peloian	9-25
Bernie Feinberg	9-27
Pat VanGiersbeigen	9-29
Tod Schlesinger	9-29

50-50 Winners

August 4th: Victoria Garcia, Jaja Prossr, Harry Sherman
August 11th: Judy Steinkraus, Russ Lindquist, Gary & Helen Davidson

**Second Saturday Charity
 4th Annual Workshop & Dance
 November 10, 2007**

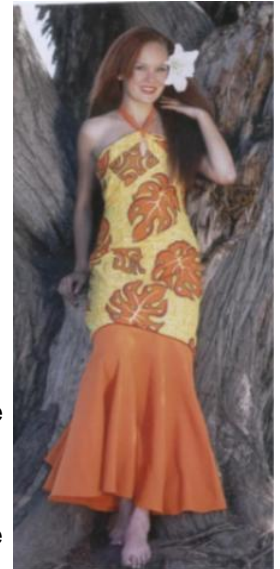
12:30 to 10:30

Benefiting: Shelter Network
Twin Pines - 1223 Ralston Ave, Belmont
\$30 if you register before Oct 27th
Presented by Heart Dance – John & Gina
 mel98bow@mindspring.com
Pick up Registration Form at Quickstepper Dances



**Tahitian dancer
 Kandice**

Kandice Peterson, is the youngest grandchild of nine and lives with her grandmother, dance instructor Alice Marez, in Castro Valley and attends Hayward High School. She is 16 & will be entering her junior year.



She has taken Tahitian dancing at the Tamali'i Dance Studio in Hayward since October 2005 under the direction of [Yolanda Ku'uipo Taufau'asau-Vincent](#).

Kandice has performed at the San Jose Fete, the Aloha Festival and at the Presidio in San Francisco, She has danced solo for several dance organizations, including Country Quicksteppers, and Hayward Area Recreation Department, as well as group dancing for several private organizations. Kandice will travel to Hawaii in March 2008 for



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2nd SATURDAY DANCE – September 8th

This is the LAST 2nd Saturday Dance!



Barrett Center 7:30 pm

**DJ: Evelyn Khinoo &
 Denny Harris**

Country Attitude Productions

ekhinoo@sbcglobal.net

Thank You Evelyn & Denny for all the Saturday Dancing!!
 ~ The Country Quicksteppers

Please renew my/our **membership in the Country Quicksteppers for year July 1, 2007 thru June 30, 2008:**

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