



Starlighter Gazette

September 2026

"We should consider every day lost on which we have not danced at least once."
-- Friedrich Nietzsche

You are invited to the Starlighters "Autumn Glory"



You are invited to join us as we celebrate autumn's golden season with an evening of social ballroom music, a fine dinner plus socializing while creating memories. We are blessed to have mild & crisp delightful weather to allow and inspire you onto the Elks lodge spacious dance floor. Anticipate a lovely evening with long time or newer friends promising warmth, a cozy spirit, shared stories (some true), laughter and the joy of like-minded friends who just want to enjoy life to the fullest. Being a member of Starlighters supports that frame of mind of energy and vitality.

Yes, dancing whether it's whirling, spinning, swaying, stepping, gliding or just rocking back and forth... keeps us young at heart.

This is your invitation to step into a new season to move, laugh and feel alive from gently waltzes to lively swing numbers. Music, provided by Frenzy, will fill the air while dancing and socializing fills the heart. In attending, you will be feeding your soul with gratitude of still being a part of the celebration of a brand new season. We truly want you there! Let's gather to dance & dine with other Starlighters. We also will provide you with updates regarding your suggestions and the board's decisions to assist in trying to keep our Starlighters Dance Club active. You don't want to miss that information.

Dress Code: Business Casual

Due to the possible heat, we are changing it from semi-formal to business casual.

Optional: Fall earthy colors: golds, rust, maroon, purples, browns, mustards, copper etc.

Mediterranean Magic – July Dance Recap



Our July "**Mediterranean Magic**" dance brought together **73 Starlighters members and guests** for another wonderful evening of dining, dancing, and friendship.

A special thank you to **Bill and Sandee Capps**, who greeted everyone as they arrived and helped start the evening with a warm Starlighters welcome.



Tropic Starr provided the music for the evening and kept the dance floor busy with a great variety of ballroom favorites. Combined with our Mediterranean theme, good food, and plenty of conversation and laughter, it made for a very enjoyable summer evening.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to all those who helped make the evening possible. It is always the people, friendships, and time spent together that make our Starlighters dances so special.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at our next dance!





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... "Nobody cares if you can't dance well.
Just get up and dance."

Dave Barry

A Message from Your Board of Directors

STARLIGHTERS MEMBER SURVEY - RESULTS SUMMARY

Key Measure	Result	Importance of continuing	
Surveys received	28	Response	Count
Named surveys	17	Very important	17
Requested Board contact	4	Somewhat important	9
Potential Board volunteers	8	Attend, not organization	3
		Multiple selections may overlap	
Preferred direction		Dances per year	
Response	Count	Response	Count
Independent club	10	Six	23
Shared/fewer Board duties	4	Four	7
Elks-operated dances	2	Three	0
Simplified format	1	Two	0
Any option to continue	15	No preference	1
Need more information	4		
Attend Elks-operated dances		Most valued dance features	
Response	Count	Response	Count
Definitely	11	Ballroom dancing	22
Probably	5	Live bands	19
Possibly	9	Dinner	15
Probably not	3	Socializing/friendships	24
No	0	Themes/decorations	4
Need more information	1	Elks Lodge location	8
		Sunday schedule	10



**Sunday, September 20,
2026**

Casual

Santa Ana Elks lodge

Autumn Glory

Frenzy

**Sunday, November 15th,
2026**

Formal

Santa Ana Elks lodge

Vintage Christmas

Big Band Close Harmony

**Sunday, January 20,
2027**

Formal

Santa Ana Elks lodge

TBD

9 Carat Gold



Here's the info on the Venmo Account we have set up to make your membership dues payments and dance reservations easier. (Indicate meal choices in *Notes area*.)

Our Venmo email is:

ocstarlightersdanceclub@gmail.com



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@Starlightersdanceclub

Important Note:

Reservations must be in for the May dance no later than September 13th.

Please...Please...Please..., send your reservation money in so you won't be left out of the fun and **invite a friend**.

Let's Celebrate....

August Birthdays:

Steve Brenner, Mike Krupa,
Norman Maclean, Nina Collins, James Rader, Sandy Slater, Li Yang, Minta Sue, Cindy Steen, Jerry Waletzko, Donna & Bob Zaitz

August Wedding Anniversaries.:

NO August Anniversaries????

September Birthdays:

Annette Austin, Michael Ash, Maria Blake, Paula Bold, Dale Cook, Ronald Herbel, Roy Mabey, Adrienne Meehan, Joe Nuzzo, Greg Plotnik, Ron Reekers, Hilda Sanchez, Charles Steen, Alyson Zahn

September Wedding Anniversaries:

Larry & Karin McKeown
(Please forgive us, if we overlooked a birthday or anniversary, let us know and we will update our roster.)

