



Starlighters' Gazette

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Starlighters' Spring Formal To be Held at Alta Vista Country Club

The view of beautifully coiffed women escorted by debonair gentlemen will be seen dancing on the elegant ballroom floor at Alta Vista Country Club on May 17.

A favorite venue of Starlighters' members, Alta Vista promises a night to remember. Not only will the women be fashionably dressed in their elegant gowns, and the men attired in their handsome tuxes, the meal should be just as wonderful. The dinner will begin with the favorite Alta Vista salad and will be followed by a sumptuous smoked bacon-wrapped fillet mignon accented by a mushroom bordelaise sauce, a twice-baked potato and seasonal vegetables.

The delicious alternative selection for all you Pisces lovers will be an oven-baked halibut steak with lemon and herbs served with wild rice and seasonal vegetables. For dessert tiramisu will add the finishing touch to a meal that should truly be memorable. There will be a corkage fee of \$12, and no to-go boxes will be allowed. After dinner Street Corner Symphony, one of our favorite bands, will provide the music as we dance the rest of the night away. Be prepared for a fabulous evening of good music and dancing, delicious food and best of all, wonderful friends.

IMPORTANT NOTE

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY

Reservations must be in no later than May 7th. Alta Vista requires a definite count by this date. Yes, it's early, but Alta Vista wants the count 10 days in advance, no exceptions. If you forget to send in your reservation money, this fantastic event will have to go on without you. Please...Please...Please, send your reservation in immediately so no one is left out. The dance will just not be the same without you!



Memorial Day In Remembrance of Our Honored Dead!



ANNUAL DUES ARE OVERDUE

If you have not yet sent in your annual dues of \$80, please remember to do so with your reservation for the May dance. Even if you are unable to attend the May dance, please remit your dues in the return envelope provided so that you do not get dropped from the membership roster.

Date	Attire	Venue	Band
May 17, 2008	Spring Formal	Alta Vista CC	Street Corner Symphony
July 19, 2008	Summer Casual	Anaheim Sheraton	Breakaway
Sept. 20, 2008	Fall Semi-Formal	Foxfire Restaurant	Don Peterson
Nov. 15, 2008	Winter Formal	Mesa Verde CC	Skye Blues
Jan. 17, 2009	Winter Casual	Phoenix Club	John Destry



Back to the Past & Into the Future

There is an old saying that “What goes around comes around.” This is also true with the Starlighters’. Let’s take a quick stroll

down memory lane for a moment. Once upon a time, the Starlighters had a cocktail party at a member’s home before each of the dances. This was a wonderful time to talk in a “comfortable” setting and to get to know each other before the actual dance. Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres were provided by the host, hostess and volunteers who brought the appetizers and helped set-up and

clean up. These events were discontinued because of concern about driving to the venue after socializing with hard liquor and also because of the cost to the individuals who prepared the appetizers for 50-75 people. The cocktail parties were laid quietly to rest, and we decided instead to have appetizers at the venues.

Now the time has come to revisit the past and zip into the future with a few changes. The Board has decided to try a cocktail party either before the summer casual dance in July or the September semi-formal dance. One big change is to offer only beer and wine rather than hard liquor. Another change is to cater the hors d’oeuvres rather than have them

provided by volunteer members. Both the drinks and appetizers would be paid for by the club. In this way all members can enjoy the cocktail party without having to worry about preparation and cost of the food.

Now it’s your turn. We are looking for members who are willing to open the door to their home and host this soiree. Ideally, your home would be in the vicinity of the dance venue. The summer casual dance will be held at the Anaheim Sheraton which is located near Disneyland and the semi-formal will be at the Foxfire in Anaheim Hills. If you are interested in hosting a party, please contact Adrienne Meehan at (714) 974-6905.

March Dance at Yorba Linda CC a HUGE Success!

“OUR SURVEY SAYS”: The March dance at the Yorba Linda Country Club was “simply the best yet”!!!

The results are in. The tabulations have been made...and no...we don’t know who will be the next President of the United States. But what we do know is that the patriotic Americans who attended the dance at the Yorba Linda Country Club took their Star-

lighters’ responsibilities very seriously and voted for issues of national importance. The results are as follows:

There was an almost *unanimous* vote: The band (Sky Blues), the Club and the food were all judged as excellent.

The dessert received especially favorable votes...until word spread that the delightful fruit coulee was supposed to be a decadent chocolate cake. So the question arose as to what happened to the missing cake. It was discovered that Starlighter President Paul Morin was given the only piece of chocolate mousse cake found at Yorba Linda. No one knows if he paid his lobbyist more than is allowed by law to enable him such special treatment, but the general membership of the club tol-

erated this indiscretion since being president of anything seems to give a leader special privileges. Besides the fruit coulee was so delicious that it made up for the chocolate faux pas. However, in the future the membership can be assured that all members will be given equal access to the same dessert since this is a land where “all men and women are created equal” when it comes to getting their just dessert!

Forget the Whales: Save the Hors d’oeuvres!

A great number of members have approached the Board and requested that we continue to offer hors d’oeuvres during the dinner cocktail hour. The response to the idea that appetizers were on the endangered species list has created a lot of support for saving them. So in keeping with the current “save the planet” and “go green” attitudes, we have decided to continue to offer the scrumptious morsels at the beginning of each dance.



Coming Attractions
Starlighters is going “high tech”. Watch for more information on our new website:

www.thestarlighters.org

Coming soon to a PC near you!!

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