



Starlighter Gazette

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Lighting up the Evening with Delightful Folks

JANUARY 2013



Jan. 19th—Mark your calendar!

Gene Kelly 1912-1996

Starlighters Dance Club

Going Strong for over 61 years

Shall we dance?



To celebrate the New Year, Starlighters Dance Club eagerly awaits your presence on Saturday, January 19th at The Yorba Linda Country club in Yorba Linda. Plan on arriving between 6:30 and 7 PM and enjoy an evening of dining and dancing to the **Wayne Pulcini Band**. Cost per couple: **\$85.00**

The evening dress code for our January Starlighters Ball is Winter Casual.

Wonderful food awaits you. The Starlighter menu selections are: **Salad:** Baby Greens with Blue Cheese, Candied Walnuts and Raspberry Vinaigrette. **Entrée Choices of:** Yorba Linda Supreme Chicken Filled with Wild Rice, Mushrooms, Raisins & Nuts with a Creamy Basil Sauce ...or... Eggplant Parmesan Breaded, grilled eggplant topped with Marinara Sauce and Mozzarella Cheese served with Angel Hair Pasta. **Dessert:** Chocolate Éclair.



One of America's greatest dancer of all times. Gene Kelly could act, sing, direct, choreograph, teach, and entertain you like no one else. He was also strong as an ox.

In 1942, Judy Garland was Kelly's first dance partner on the big screen.

Later came Leslie Caron, Rita Hayworth, Frank Sinatra, Donald O'Connor, Debbie Reynolds, Cyd Charisse, Shirley MacLaine and hundreds of Hollywood dancers and stage extras.

But of all his dance partners, none was more memorable than a black umbrella used in Singin' in the Rain.

Life is not about the moments we breathe in life, but the moments that take our breath away!

Kegels Korner

Reporting events and experiences from any member who wishes to share.

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Happy New Year!

Our Starlighters Board of Directors meeting was held on the first Wednesday in December at Marilyn and Don Baileys gorgeous home, all Christmas decorated.

It is a perk to be on the Board and enjoy wine and food and discuss old and new years plans for our club. We are so lucky to have a dance club that loves to gussy up and dance our little hearts away.

Getting set for another great year in 2013 is our very own Prez and wife Cliff and Jan Thompson who keep us laughing with his tall and short tales. Our newest Board member coming on board is Bob and Donna Zaitz, who will replace Paul and Jan Morin who were responsible for selecting our wonderful bands. Paul and Jan, we will miss you on the Board. You were great!

Guest Sponsors: Please provide your guests couples' addresses to Ivan Bishop and/or Paul Liles for the Club records.

Politician's Creed: "Never let the truth get in the way of a good speech."

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

If you can read this newsletter, it means you survived the end of the world predicted by the Mayans to happen on Dec. 21st, 2012. If Mayans were so smart, why don't we see at least one of them still running around somewhere. I've hunted everywhere and there's not a Mayan to be found. If you find one, invite him to the Starlighters Ball.

Instead of focusing on an artistic round-shaped Mayan calendar that nobody can make sense of, it's better to focus on good friends, high hopes, and be a beacon of hope to others while making plans for a happy New Year, yet remembering the 'good ole days.' Robert Burns (1759-1796) gave our world something to sing about when his "Auld Lang Syne" was first published right after his death in 1796. The words are translated as "times long past" or more informally, as "the good old days." The song became a part of the cultural heritage of the thousands of Scottish and English people who emigrated to the United States in the 1800s. By the end of the 19th century, it was common in the U.S. to sing "Auld Lang Syne" on New Year's Eve. It was a Canadian in the twentieth century that made Bobby Burns song synonymous with New Year's Eve, earning Guy Lombardo the nickname "Mr. New Year's Eve" from 1929 to 1977.

Now, on New Years day, if you're from the South (including Texas), your day won't be complete without eating black eyed peas for good luck. That southern tradition is as strong as singing Auld Lang Syne at the stroke of midnight on Jan 1st.

What's new with Starlighters? By-Law changes with Board approval include a provision to vote in a new member after attending just one dance. **Bob Meehan** spent a lot of time making our By-Laws more user-friendly.

Bob Zaitz is replacing **Paul Morin** as Dance Band coordinator (2nd V.P.) for this next fiscal year.

What's new in Hollywood? Our longtime Starlighter member, **David Bellows, DDS**, has been asked by Hollywood to be the next James Bond 007 because he looks so sleek, slim and trim. Perhaps he doesn't know a hundred ways to kill a bad guy, but he does know a thousand ways to yank a tooth.

Happy New Year! *Cliff & Jan*



What truly defines a man is not what he accomplishes while life is good, because anyone can ride the crest of a wave—but rather how far he rises after he falls.



The 2013 Starlighters Board

Cliff and Jan Thompson	President
Marilyn and Don Bailey	1st VP-Venues
Bob and Donna Zaitz	2nd VP-Bands
Leon & Marcia Brander	Treasurer
Paul & Sue Liles	Secretary
Ivan and Barbara Bishop	Membership
Mikelle and Ed Watson	Hospitality
Millie & Bob Kegel	Friendship
Bob and Adrienne Meehan	Parliamentarian

****STARLIGHTER WEBSITE****

Originated and maintained by the Club's foremost IT experts, Paul and Sue Liles. The website address is:

thestarlighters.org.

The user name is **members**. The password is **only**.

Upcoming Dance Dates

Saturday Jan. 19th 2013
at the
YORBA LINDA COUNTRY CLUB

On in to the Future Dates

Saturday	Mar 16th	2013
Saturday	May 18th	2013
Saturday	July 20th	2013

NEW MEMBER RULE

When guests attend **ONE** Starlighter dance they are now eligible for membership and can submit their application at that dance. Your Membership Chairpersons (**Ivan and Barbara Bishop**) always have applications on hand at the dances. Don't forget to share the Starlighter Website with your guests.

**READY OR NOT HERE IT COMES
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

