



Toppers Topics

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Time To Mix It Up At Toppers!

Around and around we go! Where we stop, nobody knows!!



September 2010 Mixer

FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Thanks to a fine turnout last month for the first dance of the season, followed by the positive comments received from many of our dancers, it looks like Toppers is off to another good year!

As most of you know by now, we have replacements for two of our Board positions as we move into the dinner-dance season ahead. Our new Board members' work will be evident by the time of our next dinner-dance October 22. By then, our new Roster Chairman, Joyce Rothrock, plans to have a revised membership booklet for 2010-2011 completed, and our new Topics Editors, Paul and Sue Liles, will have published their second issue of Toppers Topics.

WHO SAID THAT???

Movement never lies. It is a barometer telling the state of the soul's weather to all who can read it.
~Martha Graham

Also, I'd like to remind all of the availability of the popular Toppers' tri-fold information brochure, which outlines the purpose of Toppers and includes the dates of upcoming dinner-dances. It is primarily intended for potential and new members. We have Jacque Kurman to thank for originally designing the brochure and Earl Eakle who continues to produce it for the Club. A few of the 2010-2011 printing will be available at the sign-up table at our next dance, and additional copies upon request from Bob Potthast or me.

Nancy and I look forward to seeing you on the 22nd!

Jerry Ellis

2010-2011 DANCE SEASON

Remember to keep these future dates on your calendar!

October 22nd
November 19th
December 18th
January 21st
February 18th
March 18th
April 22nd
May 20th



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

October dance will be at the Petroleum Club on October 22nd. The cost is \$72/couple (includes tax/tip) No-host cocktail time at 6 p.m. Jim Gilman will be providing great dance music until 10:p.m. Dress-code is semi-formal.

YOUR CHOICE OF ENTREES:

Chicken Cordon Bleu or Fish of the Day

Green Salad with Ranch & Italian dressings on the table,
Scalloped Potatoes
Fresh veggies of the day
Pasta by request
Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream
Warm Bread and Butter
Coffee or Tea

LET US KNOW

Please select your entrée on the tear-off slip and send it with a check to "Toppers Dance Club", Bill Morgan, 840 West 10th Street, San Pedro, 90731 for receipt by Monday October 18th.

You may call. Please leave your name and message if you get the answering machine!

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW TOPPERS



Vicky & Del Kuhn

My husband Del and I are relatively new Topper members. We were invited to join the dance club by our dear friends Paul and Sue Liles, who just happen to be our immediate neighbors in the community of Rossmoor. Several years ago Paul and Sue had encouraged us to go dancing with them to the Phoenix Club in Anaheim on Thursday night with comments like "Vicky, Del, you'll love the people, they're all so nice." Well, it turned out to be true, as the dancers there turned out to be very nice. One couple we really enjoyed visiting with was Jan & Jim Mongell. Now we see them once or twice weekly. So Paul and Sue used that 'same line' in asking us to join Toppers. "Try it you'll like it, everyone is so nice, come as our guests." So we joined and it turns out that Paul & Sue were right again. Everyone is really friendly. Turns out, the Mongells are also Topper members too. We've made new friends, love the intimate setting, location, dancing and we sure laugh a lot!

Del, my husband, of 32 years is from Wisconsin (apple pie with a slice of American cheese, ugh!) and served in the Navy during WW2. He competed in motorcycle racing in the late 40s and into the 50s, mostly in the desert, Catalina Island, Greenhorn Mts. and the back-breaking 140 mile Big Bear race. Recently, in a magazine

article he was referred to the grandfather of moto-cross which used to be called 'scrambles.' He won many races, including Nationals and in 2003 he was honored to be inducted into the National Motorcycle Hall of Fame.

He joined the California Highway Patrol and retired after 32 years of service. He has always been interested in competition of some sort and drove his self restored 1935 Chevy in the cross-country antique Great American Race for 3 years. Del has been blessed with good health, has worn 'many different hats' throughout his life time, has 'solid as a rock' American values foundation and though 85 years young, he still has more chapters of his life to live...dancing among friends is one of those chapters.

I was born and raised in Los Angeles. Like my husband Del, I too, was a police officer and then later a history teacher. I retired a few years back and have enjoyed my 'new free time.' My interests have turned into organizing, scanning and identifying 40 years worth of family photos and documents. I am a music buff, celebrity hound, have a spoiled rotten beloved pug and have been known to cook dinner only on blue moon evenings. We enjoy going to the movies during the weekdays, go to plays and musicals and other such events. I am an Elk. Del and I have two grown children and in 2008 our daughter needed a wedding planner. Good thing I was retired. As far as dancing, I was raised dancing, did homework while dancing, did my chores dancing and knew I would someday marry someone like Fred Astaire or at least Gene Kelly. I ended up with a Steve McQueen... who had dancing learning potential. I am one lucky lady.

Your Board



The Board Hard At Work

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The Executive Board meets at 5:30 p.m. before each dance

Need a Toppers name badge? Call Earl Eakle.

Our Website

Have you visited our website? Try it at the following address: <http://www.lilesnet.com/toppers/>. We have almost 120 pictures from our last dance including some of the Board working hard behind the scenes! Show your friends the site... Maybe they will want to join all the fun!

PETROLEUM CLUB STAFF



Flashback! Twenty-Eight Years Ago

THE TOPPERS DANCE CLUB

OF LONG BEACH

T O P P E R S T O P I C S

Saturday, January 9--San Pedro Elks Club
No Host Cocktails--7:00
Dinner--8:00
Dress--Casual

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THIS 'N THAT

Our early Christmas party at the Golden Sails was a decided success, boasting one of the largest turn-outs of recent history with 88 Toppers and guests at dinner, plus a couple of late comers. The dinner and the music were good though the drinks were a bit innocuous, and the small while-you-wait addition to the dance floor kept us from having to breathe or dance by the numbers. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly, and Dolores got her poinsettias for table decorations and prizes! Our guests were: John Camp and Ethyl Stroob (Carver), Jack and Bea Matlock (Dorrans). Hal Stewart and Maybelle Drew (Peime-Egan), and Bert Rheem and Thelma Stewart (Fahrner-Perry), plus members-on-leave, Wellington and Ann Phillips.

Our January dance will be on Saturday, January 9, at the San Pedro Elks Club, and again we ask that if any of you have influence over the weather, please use it to insure a clear night or at least only a high overcast, since the view is spectacular if and when you can see it. In the past, the food has always been excellent, the music danceable, and the drinks not short-changed. The cost has been set at \$20.00 a couple, and George Meline, at 3951 Marna Ave., 90808, must have your reservation checks by Monday, January 4.
Directions: If you go by way of Gaffey in San Pedro, turn right on 19th Street. When you come to Western Ave., you jog a bit, and continue up hill on Morse Drive. If you go out Western Ave., turn right on Morse. Eventually you will come to a STOP sign sign at Mantis, where you will turn right. Mantis soon curves to the left and becomes Cumbre. The first chance you have to get off Cumbre to the right is the entrance to the Elks Club parking lot. Good luck!

Next Board meeting will be at the Moore's, 1511 E. 1st St., on MONDAY, January 11, at 8:00 P. M.

Carolyn Hardcastle, not being content with being an expert in the dances of the South Pacific, has enrolled along with Maria Murphy in a tap dancing class....More Murphy: they returned from Mexico with just two hours to repack before heading for Palm Springs where Don immediately competed in a lawn bowling tournament....Judge John and Beryle Landis spent a week on the island of Fiji, which is different from Perris, CA... Dale and Merlie Furman have just bought an RV--suggest they consult with George Meline, an experienced RVer....Harriett Dorrans is another civic minded Topper--she organized a Christmas party for the Nightengale School, a school for the mentally retarded....Bill and Marion Carls were off to Las Vegas to what Marion called a mini-house party, whatever that is....It was great to have the Tannes back with us after Ed's prolonged health problems, and the consequent strain on Jean.... And we felt the same pleasure at seeing the Phillips for the first time since Ann's health required them to take leave of absence.... The moral to be drawn from the incapacitation of VP Morse Travers is that you should not step on sleeping dogs whether they be canine or your own pedal ones....

Only eight member couples failed to show up: George and Cas Barker were at their son's party.... Betty Meade was recovering from pneumonia....Larry and Rosemary Stewart had two other engagements (a standard holiday occurrence)....Don and Aileen Auld had just returned from South Africa and some visits in the U. S.... And both of Ronnie Bell's girl friends were out of town.

Cut out and paste in your Roster:

PETTEFER, Bob & Bea. 424-2631
3857 Myrtle Ave., L. B. 90807

The Toppers have room for several more couples. Search among your friends for prospective members, and bring them as guests.

September Dance Photos



Pre-dinner visiting is always fun! Catching up on the summer's activities could take the entire evening... Between dances that is!



The Berg's are enjoying dinner and visiting with everybody. Someone made a suggestion that we add a little powder to the floor... He over achieved!!



It is time for a mixer and announcements. Nita and Diane are a few of the September birthday girls celebrating at the dance