# What You Need To Know

The February 16th dance is at the Petroleum Club and featuring Tony Carinino. The cost is $78/couple (includes tax/tip).

No-host cocktail time is 6 pm & great dance music until 10 pm.

**Dress code is Semi-Formal**

Toppers Dinner Menu

Garden Green Salad  
Fresh seasonal vegetables   
Hot Bread and Butter

Entrees:

Roast Tri-tip with 1/2 baked potato or

Baked Salmon with au gratin potatoes or

Vegetarian Selection

Dessert: Chef’s Choice

Our Treasurer, Kathy Roberts, is in Florida so please mail your checks made out to “Toppers Dance Club” with dinner selections on the checks by February 12th to:

Larry Isham  
2023 Ruhland Ave

Redondo Beach Ca 90278

# *President’s Message…*

Happy Valentine’s Day to everyone and we hope you had a great celebration. In fact, we can continue celebrating at the dance on the 16th of February.

Our photographer was not able to join us at the last dance and he informed us that they will not be at the February dance either so please anyone with a camera, please take some photos and forward to Paul & Sue so we can keep the visual history going.

We have a proposed by-laws change for your consideration. The details are on page two but in essence we want to make it easier for people to attend the dances who may not want to officially join the club. These non-members who wish to attend will pay an additional $20 fee to cover the cost of the band.

Also, please remember, to update your roster booklet to include Jim & Jan Gardner (The details are in Bits & Pieces).

Our thoughts go out to Dean and Lori Fronk who are at home awaiting Lori’s hip surgery.

**See you on the 16th!**

*Larry Isham,  
 President*



*“There is only one happiness in life: to love and be loved.” – George Sand*

We Heard A Lot Of Puckering Going On!

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# I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. ~Charles Dickens

# Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall. ~Larry Wilde, The Merry Book of Christmas

# Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart. ~Washington Irving

# Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas. ~Peg Bracken

# Isn't it funny that at Christmas something in you gets so lonely for — I don't know what exactly, but it's something that you don't mind so much not having at other times. ~Kate L. Bosher

# At Christmas, all roads lead home. ~Marjorie Holmes

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# Instead of being a time of unusual behavior, Christmas is perhaps the only time in the year when people can obey their natural impulses and express their true sentiments without feeling self-conscious and, perhaps, foolish. Christmas, in short, is about the only chance a man has to be himself. ~Francis C. Farley

# It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air. ~W.T. Ellis

# For centuries men have kept an appointment with Christmas. Christmas means fellowship, feasting, giving and receiving, a time of good cheer, home. ~W.J. Ronald Tucker

# Christmas is forever, not for just one day,

# for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away

# like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.

# The good you do for others is good you do yourself...

# ~Norman Wesley Brooks (1923–2002), “Let Every Day Be Christmas,” 1976 — click for full poem

# Christmas is a time when kids tell Santa what they want and adults pay for it. Deficits are when adults tell the government what they want and their kids pay for it. ~Richard Lamm

# Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love! ~Hamilton Wright Mabie

# Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen. ~Author unknown, attributed to a 7-year-old named Bobby

# When we were children we were grateful to those who filled our stockings at Christmas time. Why are we not grateful to God for filling our stockings with legs? ~G.K. Chesterton

# I wish we could put up some of the Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month. ~Harlan Miller

# Christmas is the day that holds all time together. ~Alexander Smith

# From a commercial point of view, if Christmas did not exist it would be necessary to invent it. ~Katharine Whitehorn

# In the old days, it was not called the Holiday Season; the Christians called it "Christmas" and went to church; the Jews called it "Hanukka" and went to synagogue; the atheists went to parties and drank. People passing each other on the street would say "Merry Christmas!" or "Happy Hanukka!" or (to the atheists) "Look out for the wall!" ~Dave Barry, "Christmas Shopping: A Survivor's Guide"

# Remember

# This December,

# That love weighs more than gold!

# ~Josephine Dodge Daskam Bacon

# I sometimes think we expect too much of Christmas Day. We try to crowd into it the long arrears of kindliness and humanity of the whole year. As for me, I like to take my Christmas a little at a time, all through the year. And thus I drift along into the holidays — let them overtake me unexpectedly — waking up some fine morning and suddenly saying to myself: "Why, this is Christmas Day!" ~David Grayson

# A Christmas candle is a lovely thing;

# It makes no noise at all,

# But softly gives itself away.

# ~Eva Logue

# Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts. ~J.L.W. Brooks

# And, so, Christmas comes to bless us!

# Comes to teach us how to find

# The joy of giving happiness

# And the joy of being kind.

# ~Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, "There Will Always Be a Christmas" (1940s)

# "It came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!... Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!" ~Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

# A cup of ale,

# A merry tale

# Of days of olden time,

# And Christmas good cheer

# To wind up the year

# With glad frolic, and fun, and glee.

# ~Henry James Slack (1818–1896), "Winter's Song," The Ministry of the Beautiful, 1850 [Conversation XI: A Winter Landscape —tεᖇᖇ¡·g]

# Perhaps the best Yuletide decoration is being wreathed in smiles. ~Author Unknown

# Oh look, yet another Christmas TV special! How touching to have the meaning of Christmas brought to us by cola, fast food, and beer.... Who'd have ever guessed that product consumption, popular entertainment, and spirituality would mix so harmoniously? ~Bill Watterson, Calvin & Hobbes

# Only in souls the Christ is brought to birth,

# And there He lives and dies.

# ~Alfred Noyes

# For the spirit of Christmas fulfils the greatest hunger of mankind. ~Loring A. Schuler

# There is one more good thing about Winter—he brings Christmas. Through the bleak December the thought of the coming festival is pleasant—like the reflection of a fire on our faces.... Christmas-day is the pleasantest day in the whole year. On that day we think tenderly of distant friends; we strive to forgive injuries—to close accounts with ourselves and the world—to begin the new year with a white leaf, and a trust that the chapter of life about to be written will contain more notable entries, a fairer sprinkling of good actions, fewer erasures made in blushes, and fewer ugly blots than some of the earlier ones. And to make Christmas perfect, the ground should be covered and the trees draped with snow; the bleak world outside should make us enjoy all the more keenly the comforts we possess; and above all, it should make us remember the poor and the needy; for a charitable deed is the best close of any chapter of our lives, and the best promise, too, for the record about to be begun. ~Alexander Smith, "Winter," 1863

# This is the message of Christmas: We are never alone. ~Taylor Caldwell

# Tradition: sit with husband in a room lit only by tree lights and remember that our blessings outnumber the lights. Happy Christmas to all. ~Betsy Cañas Garmon, www.wildthymecreative.com

# At Christmas play and make good cheer,

# For Christmas comes but once a year

# ~Thomas Tusser

# Christmas is for children. But it is for grown-ups too. Even if it is a headache, a chore, and nightmare, it is a period of necessary defrosting of chill and hide-bound hearts. ~Lenora Mattingly Weber

# Sing hey! Sing hey!

# For Christmas Day;

# Twine mistletoe and holly.

# For a friendship glows

# In winter snows,

# And so let's all be jolly!

# ~Author Unknown

# To perceive Christmas through its wrapping becomes more difficult with every year. ~E.B. White, "The Distant Music of the Hounds," The Second Tree from the Corner, 1954

# Christmas is coming; it is almost here!

# With Santa and presents, good will and cheer!

# ~Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, "Christmas" (1940s)

# Oh, for the good old days when people would stop Christmas shopping when they ran out of money. ~Author Unknown

# I can understand people simply fleeing the mountainous effort Christmas has become... but there are always a few saving graces and finally they make up for all the bother and distress. ~May Sarton

# It is the Christmas time:

# And up and down 'twixt heaven and earth,

# In glorious grief and solemn mirth,

# The shining angels climb.

# ~Dinah Maria Mulock

# Fail not to call to mind, in the course of the twenty-fifth of this month, that the Divinest Heart that ever walked the earth was born on that day; and then smile and enjoy yourselves for the rest of it; for mirth is also of Heaven's making. ~Leigh Hunt

# Whose heart doth hold the Christmas glow

# Hath little need of Mistletoe;

# Who bears a smiling grace of mien

# Need waste no time on wreaths of green;

# Whose lips have words of comfort spread

# Needs not the holly-berries red—

# His very presence scatters wide

# The spirit of the Christmastide.

# ~John Kendrick Bangs (1862-1922), "The Christmas Spirit" (December Twenty-fourth), The Cheery Way: A Bit of Verse For Every Day, 1920

# The perfect Christmas tree? All Christmas trees are perfect! ~Charles N. Barnard

# Great little One! whose all-embracing birth

# Lifts Earth to Heaven, stoops Heaven to Earth.

# ~Richard Crashaw

# I do like Christmas on the whole.... In its clumsy way, it does approach Peace and Goodwill. But it is clumsier every year. ~E.M. Forster

# At Christmas

# A man is at his finest towards the finish of the year;

# He is almost what he should be when the Christmas season's here;

# Then he's thinking more of others than he's thought the months before,

# And the laughter of his children is a joy worth toiling for.

# He is less a selfish creature than at any other time;

# When the Christmas spirit rules him he comes close to the sublime...

# ~Edgar Guest

# Christmas is the season when you buy this year's gifts with next year's money. ~Author Unknown

# The Church does not superstitiously observe days, merely as days, but as memorials of important facts. Christmas might be kept as well upon one day of the year as another; but there should be a stated day for commemorating the birth of our Saviour, because there is danger that what may be done on any day, will be neglected. ~Samuel Johnson

# As long as we know in our hearts what Christmas ought to be, Christmas is. ~Eric Sevareid

# When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things — not the great occasions — give off the greatest glow of happiness. ~Bob Hope

# [I]t is the one season of the year when we can lay aside all gnawing worry, indulge in sentiment without censure, assume the carefree faith of childhood, and just plain "have fun." Whether they call it Yuletide, Noel, Weinachten, or Christmas, people around the earth thirst for its refreshment as the desert traveller for the oasis. ~D.D. Monroe

# Roses are reddish

# Violets are bluish

# If it weren't for Christmas

# We'd all be Jewish.

# ~Benny Hill

# Christmas! The very word brings joy to our hearts. No matter how we may dread the rush, the long Christmas lists for gifts and cards to be bought and given — when Christmas Day comes there is still the same warm feeling we had as children, the same warmth that enfolds our hearts and our homes. ~Joan Winmill Brown

# May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope;

# The spirit of Christmas which is peace;

# The heart of Christmas which is love.

# ~Ada V. Hendricks

# The best Christmas trees come very close to exceeding nature. ~Andy Rooney

# What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace. ~Agnes M. Pahro

# Be merry all, be merry all,

# With holly dress the festive hall;

# Prepare the song, the feast, the ball,

# To welcome merry Christmas.

# ~William Robert Spencer

# The glad greeting of Merry Christmas is a pledge of brotherhood. We are one great family. No wonder that Christmas is above all others the familyi day. A transfigured atmosphere of peace and love breathes around the home. The gifts and tenders of affection cement more closely the sacred ties of family life. The peace and love of this hallowed time shines like a halo around us; it goes with us as we hasten through the crowded streets; it brightens and cheers those we meet. There are no strangers on Christmas Day... ~J.T. Driscoll, "The Message of Christmas," in The Catholic World, December 1904 [a little altered —tεᖇᖇ¡·g]

# The Christmas season has come to mean the period when the public plays Santa Claus to the merchants. ~John Andrew Holmes

# If "ifs" and "buts" were candy and nuts, wouldn't it be a Merry Christmas? ~Don Meredith

# Once again, we come to the Holiday Season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice. ~Dave Barry, "Christmas Shopping: A Survivor's Guide"

# I heard the bells on Christmas Day

# Their old, familiar carols play,

# And wild and sweet

# The words repeat

# Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

# ~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

# The message of Christmas is that the visible material world is bound to the invisible spiritual world. ~Author Unknown

# Were I a philosopher, I should write a philosophy of toys, showing that nothing else in life need to be taken seriously, and that Christmas Day in the company of children is one of the few occasions on which men become entirely alive. ~Robert Lynd

# Mankind is a great, an immense family. This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas. ~Pope John XXIII

# I love the Christmas-tide, and yet,

# I notice this, each year I live;

# I always like the gifts I get,

# But how I love the gifts I give!

# ~Carolyn Wells

# 'Tis blessed to bestow, and yet,

# Could we bestow the gifts we get,

# And keep the ones we give away,

# How happy were our Christmas day!

# ~Carolyn Wells

# There is a remarkable breakdown of taste and intelligence at Christmastime. Mature, responsible grown men wear neckties made of holly leaves and drink alcoholic beverages with raw egg yolks and cottage cheese in them. ~P.J. O'Rourke

# The Christmas bells from hill to hill

# Answer each other in the mist.

# ~Alfred, Lord Tennyson

# Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. ~Calvin Coolidge, 1927

# No matter how carefully you stored the lights last year, they will be snarled again this Christmas. ~Robert Kirby

# Except the Christ be born again tonight

# In dreams of all men, saints and sons of shame,

# The world will never see his kingdom bright.

# ~Vachel Lindsay

# Like snowflakes, my Christmas memories gather and dance — each beautiful, unique and too soon gone. ~Deborah Whipp

# When Christmas bells are swinging above the fields of snow, we hear sweet voices ringing from lands of long ago, and etched on vacant places are half-forgotten faces of friends we used to cherish, and loves we used to know. ~Ella Wheeler Wilcox

# I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that — as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time. ~Charles Dickens

# At Christmas-tide the open hand

# Scatters its bounty o'er sea and land,

# And none are left to grieve alone,

# For Love is heaven and claims its own.

# ~Margaret Elizabeth Sangster

# There's nothing sadder in this world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child. ~Erma Bombeck, I Lost Everything in the Post-Natal Depression

# Santa knows Physics: Of all colors, Red Light penetrates fog best. That's why Benny the Blue-nosed reindeer never got the gig. ~Neil deGrasse Tyson

# The one thing women don't want to find in their stockings on Christmas morning is their husband. ~Joan Rivers

# Once again, my dear people,

# Merry Christmas is here,

# With holly and mistletoe

# And its good will and cheer!

# With its joys and its heartaches,

# With its laughter and song,

# It comes as a reminder

# That time marches along.

# ~Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, "When Christmas Comes" (1940s)

# The Supreme Court has ruled that they cannot have a nativity scene in Washington, D.C. This wasn't for any religious reasons. They couldn't find three wise men and a virgin. ~Jay Leno

# I hear that in many places something has happened to Christmas; that it is changing from a time of merriment and carefree gaiety to a holiday which is filled with tedium; that many people dread the day and the obligation to give Christmas presents is a nightmare to weary, bored souls; that the children of enlightened parents no longer believe in Santa Claus; that all in all, the effort to be happy and have pleasure makes many honest hearts grow dark with despair instead of beaming with good will and cheerfulness. ~Julia Peterkin, A Plantation Christmas, 1934

# The earth has grown old with its burden of care,

# But at Christmas it always is young....

# ~Phillips Brooks

# Nothing's as mean as giving a little child something useful for Christmas. ~Kin Hubbard

# The worst gift is a fruitcake. There is only one fruitcake in the entire world, and people keep sending it to each other. ~Johnny Carson

# Let Christmas not become a thing

# Merely of merchant's trafficking,

# Of tinsel, bell and holly wreath

# And surface pleasure, but beneath

# The childish glamour, let us find

# Nourishment for soul and mind.

# Let us follow kinder ways

# Through our teeming human maze,

# And help the age of peace to come

# From a Dreamer's martyrdom.

# ~Madeline Morse

# Have yourself a merry little Christmas, make the Yuletide gay. ~Ralph Blane

# It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas when its mighty Founder was a child Himself. ~Charles Dickens

# It matters not what the custom may be,

# For Christmas is loved by you and by me!

# Yes; the years may come and the years may go;

# But, when December wind doth, coldly, blow,

# We all, I guess, are just children once more

# And we plan our gifts, as we did of yore.

# ~Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, "Christmas" (1940s)

# Three phrases that sum up Christmas are: Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men, and Batteries not Included. ~Author Unknown

# I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying, toys not included. ~Bernard Manning

# Christmas begins about the first of December with an office party and ends when you finally realize what you spent, around April fifteenth of the next year. ~P.J. O'Rourke, Modern Manners: An Etiquette Book for Rude People

# Next to a circus there ain't nothing that packs up and tears out faster than the Christmas spirit. ~Kin Hubbard

# Once again we find ourselves enmeshed in the Holiday Season, that very special time of year when we join with our loved ones in sharing centuries-old traditions such as trying to find a parking space at the mall. We traditionally do this in my family by driving around the parking lot until we see a shopper emerge from the mall, then we follow her, in very much the same spirit as the Three Wise Men, who 2,000 years ago followed a star, week after week, until it led them to a parking space. ~Dave Barry

# Keep your Christmas-heart open all the year round. ~J.L.W. Brooks

# Wouldn't life be worth the living

# Wouldn't dreams be coming true

# If we kept the Christmas spirit

# All the whole year through?

# ~Author Unknown

# The universal joy of Christmas is certainly wonderful. We ring the bells when princes are born, or toll a mournful dirge when great men pass away. Nations have their red-letter days, their carnivals and festivals, but once in the year and only once, the whole world stands still to celebrate the advent of a life. ~Author Unknown

# We ring the bells and we raise the strain

# We hang up garlands everywhere

# And bid the tapers twinkle fair,

# And feast and frolic — and then we go

# Back to the same old lives again.

# ~Susan Coolidge

# I never believed in Santa Claus because I knew no white dude would come into my neighborhood after dark. ~Dick Gregory

# Christmas is a time to open our hearts to God and his gifts. Just like the rest of the year. ~Author Unknown

# I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,

# Just like the ones I used to know,

# Where the tree tops glisten

# And children listen

# To hear sleigh bells in the snow...

# ~Irving Berlin

# Mail your packages early so the post office can lose them in time for Christmas. ~Johnny Carson

# Whatever else be lost among the years,

# Let us keep Christmas still a shining thing;

# Whatever doubts assail us, or what fears,

# Let us hold close one day, remembering

# Its poignant meaning for the hearts of men.

# Let us get back our childlike faith again.

# ~Grace Noll Crowell

# O Christmas Sun! What holy task is thine!

# To fold a world in the embrace of God!

# ~Guy Wetmore Carryl

# We look back on our childhood

# When we all were so gay;

# There was nothing but pleasure

# Every dear Christmas Day.

# But as each one grows older,

# And memories crowd 'round

# Of all the joys in the past,

# And we miss the dear sound

# Of the voice of a loved one

# Who is absent this year,

# Then, it's hard to recapture

# Christmas spirit and cheer!

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# Christmas is a day of meaning and traditions, a special day spent in the warm circle of family and friends. ~Margaret Thatcher

# Love came down at Christmas,

# Love all lovely, Love Divine;

# Love was born at Christmas;

# Star and angels gave the sign.

# ~Christina Rossetti

# Christmas — that magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance — a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved. ~Augusta E. Rundel

# Santa is very jolly because he knows where all the bad girls live. ~Dennis Miller

# It is the most human and kindly of seasons, as fully penetrated and irradiated with the feeling of human brotherhood, which is the essential spirit of Christianity, as the month of June with sunshine and the balmy breath of roses. ~George William Curtis

# People can't concentrate properly on blowing other people to pieces if their minds are poisoned by thoughts suitable to the twenty-fifth of December. ~Ogden Nash

# Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect. ~Oren Arnold

# Christmas in Bethlehem. The ancient dream: a cold, clear night made brilliant by a glorious star, the smell of incense, shepherds and wise men falling to their knees in adoration of the sweet baby, the incarnation of perfect love. ~Lucinda Franks

# Oh! lovely voices of the sky

# Which hymned the Saviour's birth,

# Are ye not singing still on high,

# Ye that sang, "Peace on earth"?

# ~Felicia Hemans

# We hear the beating of wings over Bethlehem and a light that is not of the sun or of the stars shines in the midnight sky. Let the beauty of the story take away all narrowness, all thought of formal creeds. Let it be remembered as a story that has happened again and again, to men of many different races, that has been expressed through many religions, that has been called by many different names. Time and space and language lay no limitations upon human brotherhood. ~New York Times, 1937 December 25th

# Which Christmas is the most vivid to me? It's always the next Christmas. ~Joanne Woodward

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# May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through! ~Author Unknown

# I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. ~Charles Dickens

# Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall. ~Larry Wilde, The Merry Book of Christmas

# Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart. ~Washington Irving

# Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas. ~Peg Bracken

# Isn't it funny that at Christmas something in you gets so lonely for — I don't know what exactly, but it's something that you don't mind so much not having at other times. ~Kate L. Bosher

# At Christmas, all roads lead home. ~Marjorie Holmes

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# Instead of being a time of unusual behavior, Christmas is perhaps the only time in the year when people can obey their natural impulses and express their true sentiments without feeling self-conscious and, perhaps, foolish. Christmas, in short, is about the only chance a man has to be himself. ~Francis C. Farley

# It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air. ~W.T. Ellis

# For centuries men have kept an appointment with Christmas. Christmas means fellowship, feasting, giving and receiving, a time of good cheer, home. ~W.J. Ronald Tucker

# Christmas is forever, not for just one day,

# for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away

# like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.

# The good you do for others is good you do yourself...

# ~Norman Wesley Brooks (1923–2002), “Let Every Day Be Christmas,” 1976 — click for full poem

# Christmas is a time when kids tell Santa what they want and adults pay for it. Deficits are when adults tell the government what they want and their kids pay for it. ~Richard Lamm

# Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love! ~Hamilton Wright Mabie

# Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen. ~Author unknown, attributed to a 7-year-old named Bobby

# When we were children we were grateful to those who filled our stockings at Christmas time. Why are we not grateful to God for filling our stockings with legs? ~G.K. Chesterton

# I wish we could put up some of the Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month. ~Harlan Miller

# Christmas is the day that holds all time together. ~Alexander Smith

# From a commercial point of view, if Christmas did not exist it would be necessary to invent it. ~Katharine Whitehorn

# In the old days, it was not called the Holiday Season; the Christians called it "Christmas" and went to church; the Jews called it "Hanukka" and went to synagogue; the atheists went to parties and drank. People passing each other on the street would say "Merry Christmas!" or "Happy Hanukka!" or (to the atheists) "Look out for the wall!" ~Dave Barry, "Christmas Shopping: A Survivor's Guide"

# Remember

# This December,

# That love weighs more than gold!

# ~Josephine Dodge Daskam Bacon

# I sometimes think we expect too much of Christmas Day. We try to crowd into it the long arrears of kindliness and humanity of the whole year. As for me, I like to take my Christmas a little at a time, all through the year. And thus I drift along into the holidays — let them overtake me unexpectedly — waking up some fine morning and suddenly saying to myself: "Why, this is Christmas Day!" ~David Grayson

# A Christmas candle is a lovely thing;

# It makes no noise at all,

# But softly gives itself away.

# ~Eva Logue

# Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts. ~J.L.W. Brooks

# And, so, Christmas comes to bless us!

# Comes to teach us how to find

# The joy of giving happiness

# And the joy of being kind.

# ~Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, "There Will Always Be a Christmas" (1940s)

# "It came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!... Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!" ~Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

# A cup of ale,

# A merry tale

# Of days of olden time,

# And Christmas good cheer

# To wind up the year

# With glad frolic, and fun, and glee.

# ~Henry James Slack (1818–1896), "Winter's Song," The Ministry of the Beautiful, 1850 [Conversation XI: A Winter Landscape —tεᖇᖇ¡·g]

# Perhaps the best Yuletide decoration is being wreathed in smiles. ~Author Unknown

# Oh look, yet another Christmas TV special! How touching to have the meaning of Christmas brought to us by cola, fast food, and beer.... Who'd have ever guessed that product consumption, popular entertainment, and spirituality would mix so harmoniously? ~Bill Watterson, Calvin & Hobbes

# Only in souls the Christ is brought to birth,

# And there He lives and dies.

# ~Alfred Noyes

# For the spirit of Christmas fulfils the greatest hunger of mankind. ~Loring A. Schuler

# There is one more good thing about Winter—he brings Christmas. Through the bleak December the thought of the coming festival is pleasant—like the reflection of a fire on our faces.... Christmas-day is the pleasantest day in the whole year. On that day we think tenderly of distant friends; we strive to forgive injuries—to close accounts with ourselves and the world—to begin the new year with a white leaf, and a trust that the chapter of life about to be written will contain more notable entries, a fairer sprinkling of good actions, fewer erasures made in blushes, and fewer ugly blots than some of the earlier ones. And to make Christmas perfect, the ground should be covered and the trees draped with snow; the bleak world outside should make us enjoy all the more keenly the comforts we possess; and above all, it should make us remember the poor and the needy; for a charitable deed is the best close of any chapter of our lives, and the best promise, too, for the record about to be begun. ~Alexander Smith, "Winter," 1863

# This is the message of Christmas: We are never alone. ~Taylor Caldwell

# Tradition: sit with husband in a room lit only by tree lights and remember that our blessings outnumber the lights. Happy Christmas to all. ~Betsy Cañas Garmon, www.wildthymecreative.com

# At Christmas play and make good cheer,

# For Christmas comes but once a year

# ~Thomas Tusser

# Christmas is for children. But it is for grown-ups too. Even if it is a headache, a chore, and nightmare, it is a period of necessary defrosting of chill and hide-bound hearts. ~Lenora Mattingly Weber

# Sing hey! Sing hey!

# For Christmas Day;

# Twine mistletoe and holly.

# For a friendship glows

# In winter snows,

# And so let's all be jolly!

# ~Author Unknown

# To perceive Christmas through its wrapping becomes more difficult with every year. ~E.B. White, "The Distant Music of the Hounds," The Second Tree from the Corner, 1954

# Christmas is coming; it is almost here!

# With Santa and presents, good will and cheer!

# ~Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, "Christmas" (1940s)

# Oh, for the good old days when people would stop Christmas shopping when they ran out of money. ~Author Unknown

# I can understand people simply fleeing the mountainous effort Christmas has become... but there are always a few saving graces and finally they make up for all the bother and distress. ~May Sarton

# It is the Christmas time:

# And up and down 'twixt heaven and earth,

# In glorious grief and solemn mirth,

# The shining angels climb.

# ~Dinah Maria Mulock

# Fail not to call to mind, in the course of the twenty-fifth of this month, that the Divinest Heart that ever walked the earth was born on that day; and then smile and enjoy yourselves for the rest of it; for mirth is also of Heaven's making. ~Leigh Hunt

# Whose heart doth hold the Christmas glow

# Hath little need of Mistletoe;

# Who bears a smiling grace of mien

# Need waste no time on wreaths of green;

# Whose lips have words of comfort spread

# Needs not the holly-berries red—

# His very presence scatters wide

# The spirit of the Christmastide.

# ~John Kendrick Bangs (1862-1922), "The Christmas Spirit" (December Twenty-fourth), The Cheery Way: A Bit of Verse For Every Day, 1920

# The perfect Christmas tree? All Christmas trees are perfect! ~Charles N. Barnard

# Great little One! whose all-embracing birth

# Lifts Earth to Heaven, stoops Heaven to Earth.

# ~Richard Crashaw

# I do like Christmas on the whole.... In its clumsy way, it does approach Peace and Goodwill. But it is clumsier every year. ~E.M. Forster

# At Christmas

# A man is at his finest towards the finish of the year;

# He is almost what he should be when the Christmas season's here;

# Then he's thinking more of others than he's thought the months before,

# And the laughter of his children is a joy worth toiling for.

# He is less a selfish creature than at any other time;

# When the Christmas spirit rules him he comes close to the sublime...

# ~Edgar Guest

# Christmas is the season when you buy this year's gifts with next year's money. ~Author Unknown

# The Church does not superstitiously observe days, merely as days, but as memorials of important facts. Christmas might be kept as well upon one day of the year as another; but there should be a stated day for commemorating the birth of our Saviour, because there is danger that what may be done on any day, will be neglected. ~Samuel Johnson

# As long as we know in our hearts what Christmas ought to be, Christmas is. ~Eric Sevareid

# When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things — not the great occasions — give off the greatest glow of happiness. ~Bob Hope

# [I]t is the one season of the year when we can lay aside all gnawing worry, indulge in sentiment without censure, assume the carefree faith of childhood, and just plain "have fun." Whether they call it Yuletide, Noel, Weinachten, or Christmas, people around the earth thirst for its refreshment as the desert traveller for the oasis. ~D.D. Monroe

# Roses are reddish

# Violets are bluish

# If it weren't for Christmas

# We'd all be Jewish.

# ~Benny Hill

# Christmas! The very word brings joy to our hearts. No matter how we may dread the rush, the long Christmas lists for gifts and cards to be bought and given — when Christmas Day comes there is still the same warm feeling we had as children, the same warmth that enfolds our hearts and our homes. ~Joan Winmill Brown

# May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope;

# The spirit of Christmas which is peace;

# The heart of Christmas which is love.

# ~Ada V. Hendricks

# The best Christmas trees come very close to exceeding nature. ~Andy Rooney

# What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace. ~Agnes M. Pahro

# Be merry all, be merry all,

# With holly dress the festive hall;

# Prepare the song, the feast, the ball,

# To welcome merry Christmas.

# ~William Robert Spencer

# The glad greeting of Merry Christmas is a pledge of brotherhood. We are one great family. No wonder that Christmas is above all others the familyi day. A transfigured atmosphere of peace and love breathes around the home. The gifts and tenders of affection cement more closely the sacred ties of family life. The peace and love of this hallowed time shines like a halo around us; it goes with us as we hasten through the crowded streets; it brightens and cheers those we meet. There are no strangers on Christmas Day... ~J.T. Driscoll, "The Message of Christmas," in The Catholic World, December 1904 [a little altered —tεᖇᖇ¡·g]

# The Christmas season has come to mean the period when the public plays Santa Claus to the merchants. ~John Andrew Holmes

# If "ifs" and "buts" were candy and nuts, wouldn't it be a Merry Christmas? ~Don Meredith

# Once again, we come to the Holiday Season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice. ~Dave Barry, "Christmas Shopping: A Survivor's Guide"

# I heard the bells on Christmas Day

# Their old, familiar carols play,

# And wild and sweet

# The words repeat

# Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

# ~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

# The message of Christmas is that the visible material world is bound to the invisible spiritual world. ~Author Unknown

# Were I a philosopher, I should write a philosophy of toys, showing that nothing else in life need to be taken seriously, and that Christmas Day in the company of children is one of the few occasions on which men become entirely alive. ~Robert Lynd

# Mankind is a great, an immense family. This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas. ~Pope John XXIII

# I love the Christmas-tide, and yet,

# I notice this, each year I live;

# I always like the gifts I get,

# But how I love the gifts I give!

# ~Carolyn Wells

# 'Tis blessed to bestow, and yet,

# Could we bestow the gifts we get,

# And keep the ones we give away,

# How happy were our Christmas day!

# ~Carolyn Wells

# There is a remarkable breakdown of taste and intelligence at Christmastime. Mature, responsible grown men wear neckties made of holly leaves and drink alcoholic beverages with raw egg yolks and cottage cheese in them. ~P.J. O'Rourke

# The Christmas bells from hill to hill

# Answer each other in the mist.

# ~Alfred, Lord Tennyson

# Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. ~Calvin Coolidge, 1927

# No matter how carefully you stored the lights last year, they will be snarled again this Christmas. ~Robert Kirby

# Except the Christ be born again tonight

# In dreams of all men, saints and sons of shame,

# The world will never see his kingdom bright.

# ~Vachel Lindsay

# Like snowflakes, my Christmas memories gather and dance — each beautiful, unique and too soon gone. ~Deborah Whipp

# When Christmas bells are swinging above the fields of snow, we hear sweet voices ringing from lands of long ago, and etched on vacant places are half-forgotten faces of friends we used to cherish, and loves we used to know. ~Ella Wheeler Wilcox

# I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that — as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time. ~Charles Dickens

# At Christmas-tide the open hand

# Scatters its bounty o'er sea and land,

# And none are left to grieve alone,

# For Love is heaven and claims its own.

# ~Margaret Elizabeth Sangster

# There's nothing sadder in this world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child. ~Erma Bombeck, I Lost Everything in the Post-Natal Depression

# Santa knows Physics: Of all colors, Red Light penetrates fog best. That's why Benny the Blue-nosed reindeer never got the gig. ~Neil deGrasse Tyson

# The one thing women don't want to find in their stockings on Christmas morning is their husband. ~Joan Rivers

# Once again, my dear people,

# Merry Christmas is here,

# With holly and mistletoe

# And its good will and cheer!

# With its joys and its heartaches,

# With its laughter and song,

# It comes as a reminder

# That time marches along.

# ~Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, "When Christmas Comes" (1940s)

# The Supreme Court has ruled that they cannot have a nativity scene in Washington, D.C. This wasn't for any religious reasons. They couldn't find three wise men and a virgin. ~Jay Leno

# I hear that in many places something has happened to Christmas; that it is changing from a time of merriment and carefree gaiety to a holiday which is filled with tedium; that many people dread the day and the obligation to give Christmas presents is a nightmare to weary, bored souls; that the children of enlightened parents no longer believe in Santa Claus; that all in all, the effort to be happy and have pleasure makes many honest hearts grow dark with despair instead of beaming with good will and cheerfulness. ~Julia Peterkin, A Plantation Christmas, 1934

# The earth has grown old with its burden of care,

# But at Christmas it always is young....

# ~Phillips Brooks

# Nothing's as mean as giving a little child something useful for Christmas. ~Kin Hubbard

# The worst gift is a fruitcake. There is only one fruitcake in the entire world, and people keep sending it to each other. ~Johnny Carson

# Let Christmas not become a thing

# Merely of merchant's trafficking,

# Of tinsel, bell and holly wreath

# And surface pleasure, but beneath

# The childish glamour, let us find

# Nourishment for soul and mind.

# Let us follow kinder ways

# Through our teeming human maze,

# And help the age of peace to come

# From a Dreamer's martyrdom.

# ~Madeline Morse

# Have yourself a merry little Christmas, make the Yuletide gay. ~Ralph Blane

# It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas when its mighty Founder was a child Himself. ~Charles Dickens

# It matters not what the custom may be,

# For Christmas is loved by you and by me!

# Yes; the years may come and the years may go;

# But, when December wind doth, coldly, blow,

# We all, I guess, are just children once more

# And we plan our gifts, as we did of yore.

# ~Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, "Christmas" (1940s)

# Three phrases that sum up Christmas are: Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men, and Batteries not Included. ~Author Unknown

# I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying, toys not included. ~Bernard Manning

# Christmas begins about the first of December with an office party and ends when you finally realize what you spent, around April fifteenth of the next year. ~P.J. O'Rourke, Modern Manners: An Etiquette Book for Rude People

# Next to a circus there ain't nothing that packs up and tears out faster than the Christmas spirit. ~Kin Hubbard

# Once again we find ourselves enmeshed in the Holiday Season, that very special time of year when we join with our loved ones in sharing centuries-old traditions such as trying to find a parking space at the mall. We traditionally do this in my family by driving around the parking lot until we see a shopper emerge from the mall, then we follow her, in very much the same spirit as the Three Wise Men, who 2,000 years ago followed a star, week after week, until it led them to a parking space. ~Dave Barry

# Keep your Christmas-heart open all the year round. ~J.L.W. Brooks

# Wouldn't life be worth the living

# Wouldn't dreams be coming true

# If we kept the Christmas spirit

# All the whole year through?

# ~Author Unknown

# The universal joy of Christmas is certainly wonderful. We ring the bells when princes are born, or toll a mournful dirge when great men pass away. Nations have their red-letter days, their carnivals and festivals, but once in the year and only once, the whole world stands still to celebrate the advent of a life. ~Author Unknown

# We ring the bells and we raise the strain

# We hang up garlands everywhere

# And bid the tapers twinkle fair,

# And feast and frolic — and then we go

# Back to the same old lives again.

# ~Susan Coolidge

# I never believed in Santa Claus because I knew no white dude would come into my neighborhood after dark. ~Dick Gregory

# Christmas is a time to open our hearts to God and his gifts. Just like the rest of the year. ~Author Unknown

# I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,

# Just like the ones I used to know,

# Where the tree tops glisten

# And children listen

# To hear sleigh bells in the snow...

# ~Irving Berlin

# Mail your packages early so the post office can lose them in time for Christmas. ~Johnny Carson

# Whatever else be lost among the years,

# Let us keep Christmas still a shining thing;

# Whatever doubts assail us, or what fears,

# Let us hold close one day, remembering

# Its poignant meaning for the hearts of men.

# Let us get back our childlike faith again.

# ~Grace Noll Crowell

# O Christmas Sun! What holy task is thine!

# To fold a world in the embrace of God!

# ~Guy Wetmore Carryl

# We look back on our childhood

# When we all were so gay;

# There was nothing but pleasure

# Every dear Christmas Day.

# But as each one grows older,

# And memories crowd 'round

# Of all the joys in the past,

# And we miss the dear sound

# Of the voice of a loved one

# Who is absent this year,

# Then, it's hard to recapture

# Christmas spirit and cheer!

# ~Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, "When Christmas Comes" (1940s)

# Christmas is a day of meaning and traditions, a special day spent in the warm circle of family and friends. ~Margaret Thatcher

# Love came down at Christmas,

# Love all lovely, Love Divine;

# Love was born at Christmas;

# Star and angels gave the sign.

# ~Christina Rossetti

# Christmas — that magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance — a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved. ~Augusta E. Rundel

# Santa is very jolly because he knows where all the bad girls live. ~Dennis Miller

# It is the most human and kindly of seasons, as fully penetrated and irradiated with the feeling of human brotherhood, which is the essential spirit of Christianity, as the month of June with sunshine and the balmy breath of roses. ~George William Curtis

# People can't concentrate properly on blowing other people to pieces if their minds are poisoned by thoughts suitable to the twenty-fifth of December. ~Ogden Nash

# Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect. ~Oren Arnold

# Christmas in Bethlehem. The ancient dream: a cold, clear night made brilliant by a glorious star, the smell of incense, shepherds and wise men falling to their knees in adoration of the sweet baby, the incarnation of perfect love. ~Lucinda Franks

# Oh! lovely voices of the sky

# Which hymned the Saviour's birth,

# Are ye not singing still on high,

# Ye that sang, "Peace on earth"?

# ~Felicia Hemans

# We hear the beating of wings over Bethlehem and a light that is not of the sun or of the stars shines in the midnight sky. Let the beauty of the story take away all narrowness, all thought of formal creeds. Let it be remembered as a story that has happened again and again, to men of many different races, that has been expressed through many religions, that has been called by many different names. Time and space and language lay no limitations upon human brotherhood. ~New York Times, 1937 December 25th

# Which Christmas is the most vivid to me? It's always the next Christmas. ~Joanne Woodward



Happy Valentine’s Day Toppers

# Policy Notes

There are no refunds for cancellations made after the Tuesday before the dance as the arrangements are finalized Tuesday evening.

If you desire to sit with someone please note it with your check so we can attempt to satisfy your seating desires!

# Memories…

Time just keeps on moving and we all fall a little more in love…



Eight Years Ago



Seven Years Ago



Six Years Ago

  
Five Years Ago

  
Four Years Ago

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Dance Greeters for February are Pat Patemoster and Margo Taub.

# Upcoming Dance Schedule

We have a busy season ahead! Get your calendars marked up now.

3/16/2018 with Liz Holmes Band

4/20/2018 with Sam Conti Band

5/11/2018 with The Time Machine Band

Then a three month Summer Break!

To keep the club thriving, we are always looking for new friends. Please invite new people to participate in our great parties and keep social dancing alive and well in Long Beach!

# A Proposed By-Laws Change For Your Consideration:

The Board discussed revising the By-Laws to address the question of how to handle guest attendees who do not wish to become members but who would like to attend on an occasional basis each year.

The Board recommends that the by-laws be amended to say:

“Any couples (who are guests of members) who want to attend dances will pay an additional $20.00 per couple to attend.

This change to the by-laws permits members on leave of absence, former members, and guests of members to attend Toppers’ Dinner Dances when invited by a member and upon paying the fee set for that dance plus $20.00/couple”

# Valentines-Day Quotes

“Love is content with the present, it hopes for the future, and it does not brood over the past. It’s the day-in and day-out chronicle of irritations, problems, compromises, small disappointments, big victories and working toward common goals.“

You should be kissed and often, and by someone who knows how. - Gone With the Wind

You have to walk carefully in the beginning of love; the running across fields into your lover's arms can only come later when you're sure they won't laugh if you trip. --- Jonathan Carroll

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