



## It's Finally Spring Time

*There is nothing permanent except change - Heraclitus*



**I CAN'T CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND, BUT I CAN ADJUST MY SAILS TO ALWAYS REACH MY DESTINATION. JIMMY DEAN**

### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE...**

It seems as though the year is rocketing towards summer and a well-deserved three month vacation!

Please put on your thinking caps as the elections for next year's officers is coming up and we are always seeking new leaders for the club.

The office of President is pretty easy as we have outstanding officers on the board who do all the real work. As you probably noticed our outstanding VP even acts as the Master of Ceremonies so you don't even have to speak... unless you want too!

Come on... step up! Provide the leadership our club needs to stay active for another half century!

Looking ahead we have the final dance in May which is a formal and a tribute to our military!

**See you on the 20<sup>th</sup>!**

*Larry Isham,  
President*



### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

The April 20th dance is at the Petroleum Club and featuring Sam Conte. 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:

Stuffed Pork Chop with Mashed Potatoes OR

Grilled White Fish with rice OR

Vegetarian Selection

Dessert: Chef's Choice

Mail your checks made out to "Toppers Dance Club" with dinner selections and seating requests on the checks by April 12th to:

Kathy Roberts  
12021 Kibbee Ave  
La Mirada Ca 90638

### **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!

**PREPARE TO BE GREETED BY**



Irene Kosmetatos

**FUN WITH FRIENDS!**



Latest Irish hairdo!



The dance floor was a sea of green!



Rockin' with the Bandleader



They are celebrating 50 years!!

**GOOD READING...**

Try *"The Wicked Waltz and Other Scandalous Dances"* which details the outrage at couples dancing in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century by Mark Knowles.

The waltz, perhaps the most beloved social dance of the 19th and early 20th centuries, once provoked outrage from religious leaders and other self-appointed arbiters of social morality. Decrying the corrupting influence of social dancing, they failed to suppress the popularity of the waltz or other dance crazes of the period, including the Charleston, the tango, and "animal dances" such as the Turkey Trot, Grizzly Bear, and Bunny Hug. This book investigates the development of these popular dances, considering in particular how their very existence as "taboo" cultural fads ultimately provided a catalyst for lasting social reform. In addition to examining the impact of the waltz and other scandalous dances on fashion, music, leisure, and social reform, the text describes the opposition to dance and the proliferation of literature on both sides.

**ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

Thank you Donnis Weygandt for the effort to put together the new roster.

We put the roster on-line with pictures (and without addresses or phone numbers) so you can see a face with the names.



**Bits And Pieces**

Brian and Jan Finch, from the UK, are back in town and will be joining us this month!

Plans are underway for the Avalon Ball in Catalina on the 19th of May. Several Topper's are going this year. See Paul & Sue Liles for details.

Email Paul & Sue if you have summer travel plans or special events coming up so we can include the fun information in the next newsletter

**UPCOMING DANCE SCHEDULE**

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

5/11/2018 with The Time Machine

Then a three month Summer Break!

Remember the San Clemente USO Dance on June 9th... Loads of fun!

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

**YOUR BOARD**

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