

# Starlighter Gazette

### **A Bi-Monthly Newsletter**

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### Special Notice

#### <u>StarlighteR Fashion</u>

#### Want to be among the best dressed attending Starlighter dances? Follow these simple fashion rules so you will always be "in style" and avoid a fashion faux bas.

Formals: Men should wear an evening tuxedo or a formal dark or black suit. Women should dress in an evening gown or a formal evening pants suit.

Semi-Formals: Men should wear a business suit or a sport coat and tie. Women should wear a cocktail dress or a dressy pants suit.

Winter-Summer Casuals: "Dressy Casual": Men should wear slacks and collared shirts. Women should wear a casual pant suit, dress or skirt. Shorts on men or women are not appropriate at any dance.

Theme Dances—use your creativity and have some fun with the theme.

# January 16 at Yorba Linda Country Club a Great Success

Our Yorba Linda Country Club dance, January 16, was just greatfun. Thirty eight couples attended, including six guest couples, a good turnout. A nice ambiance was created by the conceniality and enthusiasm of the crowd. It was a great party, well supported by an accommodating staff! Nick Peper and his MPG musicians played some great music adding to the dance fun for the evening, "Satisfaction Survey Sheet" responses showed that nearly everyone evaluated the evening as first rate and a very good time. Almost all rated the room/dinner/band good to excellent except four "fairs" for the dinner, and eight "fairs" for the

band. That said, the actual compilation of numbers showed that 100% rated the room as good to excellent. 91% rated the dinner as good to excellent. 82% rated the band as good to excellent. Your Board plans to give feedback to Yorba Linda Country Club (and all our venues) to let them know areas where they can improve for our next dance. Your responses on the Survey Sheets are very important!!

> O body swayed to music, O brightening glance, How can we know the dancer from the dance? Yeats



#### \*\*\*\*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. The latest Starlighter By-Laws can be found on the site as well as Paul and Sue's photo documentary of all our previous dances for the year.

#### **New Member Alert**

### **Starlighters Begins Another Year of a Proud Tradition**

The Board

All Starlighters, please join me in congratulating and welcoming our newest member couples: Don and Kaye Rollins, sponsored by Kent and Pat Powell: and Mario Pastorello & Maria Smith, sponsored by Don and Marilyn Bailey, approved at the February Starlighter Board meeting . Look for them at the Phoenix Club on March 20 and say hello! We'll have pictures for the next newsletter.

As our new dance year begins we are the same dance club we have been for many years, believe it or not, something like the past 60+ years. Our name changed once from Eadrianda (Eat, Drink, and Dance) to Starlighters when we merged with another club some years ago. Differences this year are in your Board. Some Board members are returning to their previous positions while others are new to their positions. Here is the group that will be responsible for coordinating our quality venues, menus, and music for the upcoming year and planning the venues, menus and music for 2010-2011.

#### Bob & Adrienne Meehan President Devi and David Bellows 1st VP-Bands 2nd VP-Venues Marilyn & Don Bailey Leon & Marcia Brander Treasurer Paul & Sue Liles Secretary

Guv & Janet Talbot Membership Ed and Mikelle Watson Hospitality Millie & Bob Keael Friendship

New Returnina Paul & Jan Morin Parliamentarian Returning

### WELCOME

All Starlighters, please join with our Board and give a rousing welcome to our new Board members, Devi and David Bellows, and Ed and Mikelle Watson. Your help is most appreciated, because without it, Starlighters couldn't serve its membership. Thank you!!

My wife once said, "waltz a little faster dear, this is a rumba." I'm a great dancer, but how many bands play the Virginia Reel today? I don't like the ballet, I can never tell which side is winning.

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New

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while were here we should dance!

## 2010 Dance Schedule - Mark Your Calendars

The Arrangement VPs, Marilyn and Don Bailey, have lined up a great series of dances for us in 2010, continuing with the Winter Casual, March 20 at the always fun Phoenix Club with the great, personable, Jon Destry and his music. It's a St. Patrick's Day celebration, so if you want to avoid being pinched, don't forget to wear something green. Phoenix Club is featuring a choice of dinner entrees', including grilled sirloin steak or swordfish, accompanied by au gratin pota-

toes and green beans almondine, a chocolate mousse dessert-all preceded by a nice spring mix salad with apples, candied pecans, gorgonzola cheese with a balsamic vinaigrette-YUM!

When you receive your invitation in the mail, submit your reservations *no later* than Saturday night, one week prior to the dance. Your cooperation will ensure that no undue stress will be placed upon your Board members responsible for dance preparations, including the

treasurer, membership, hospitality and especially arrangements chairpersons.

On May 15, we return to the elegant Foxfire in Anaheim Hills for our spring formal dance with the very popular Street Corner Symphony; and on July 17, we return to the Phoenix Club for our Summer Casual with the Phil Anthony Band. On September 18, we have our Fall Semi-Formal returning to the Mile Square Golf Club in Fountain Valley with music by the wonderful Don Peterson trio. and lastly, on November 20 we will return to the Foxfire for the winter formal with the great Street Corner Symphony again providing music. Please mark your calendars for the above dates to be able to enjoy all that our dances offer. Starlighter dances are every other month beginning in January, concluding in November, and are always scheduled for the third Saturday of the month.

## A Growing Club Is a Healthy Club and a Key to the Best Venues

To flourish as Starlighters has for the past 60 years, we need to keep growing. Ideally, to book the best venues we should be able to guarantee attendance of 100 or more. So please help the club grow by plan-

ning to bring friends or neighbors as a guest couple. The Board will do all they can to help them get acquainted with our great members and make them feel comfortable. When guests attend two Starlighter dances they are eligible for membership and should submit an application at their second dance. Your Membership Chairpersons always have applications on hand at the dances. Don't forget to share the Starlighter Website with your guests.

## Annual Dues Are the Key to Starlighter Quality and Success



Pay yer dues to protect yer membership, and ta keep ye dancin' with yer good friends.

Accompanying the invitation

this month is the annual dues statement. *Please submit*your annual dues payment with your March dance
reservation. Your dues are a critical component of the Starlighter Club's financial health. Without your dues the club cannot operate.

It's that simple. The dues

enable the club to make required deposits to reserve venues and bands, and also serve to help make up any deficits when the dance price does not cover the cost of the venue/food and the band. Your Board will work diligently to responsibly use all funds to enable our club to remain solvent and grow into the future for everyone's enjoyment.

Begorra, with the luck of the Irish, Adrienne and I will see everyone and St. Paddy at the tremendous Phoenix Club, March 20!!