



*Starlighters*

# Starlighter Gazette

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On July 16 we'll be kickin` up our heels at the Mile Square Clubhouse with the very popular Phil Anthony Band and one of the largest dance floors of all our venues. Mile Square always has a great array of hors d'oeuvres and a very nice bar at reasonable prices. Dinner, in the spirit of our summer casual, will start with a tasty and uncomplicated Caesar salad, followed by a main course of breaded chicken breast parmigiana with a basil marinara sauce, accompanied by a fettuccini pasta and a medley of fresh vegetables.... Can you say Bon Appetito? Fortification for dancing is completed with a very refreshing vanilla bean ice cream dessert topped with a strawberry coulis to satisfy the most discriminating appetites. You may bring your own wine selection for a mere \$10 corkage fee. The cost will be \$100 per couple. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Don't be too early. Don't be late!! Let's just have fun!!

**\*\*BE THERE, DON'T BE MISSED!!\*\***

**Starlighters:** Please welcome our newest members. Wesley and Heidi are sponsored by Lee and Marcia Brander. Craig and Maryanne are sponsored by Paul and Sue Liles. Introduce a friend to Starlighters. Friends shouldn't let friends dance alone!

### Starlighter's Newest Members, Approved at the June Board Meeting



**Wesley and Heidi Granger**



**Craig Goll and Maryanne Hanlon**

### Kegels Korner

True Love doesn't have a happy ending; True love never ends: Ivan and Barbara Bishop celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 13; and to their joy, in June, they got a new grandson. Congrats on both events. Also congrats to Don and Marilyn Bailey celebrating their wedding anniversary June 6; as well on June 6, Bob and Adrienne celebrated 52 years. Jan and Paul Morin are going to be in Ireland and France in August and September. As part of their trip they will visit Normandy and other military cemeteries and monuments. Semper Fi to Paul who is a retired marine. David and Devi Bellows had a fantastic vacation in South America recently. They visited Chili, Patagonia, Buenos Aires, Iguazu Falls, and finally Rio. Let's all TANGO our way thru the summer and be safe and have fun. fun, fun.... Bob and I will be in Kauai for 48 days starting June 20, but who's counting. Mahalo, Aloha, Wiki Wiki. CU in August. *Millie Kegel.*

### Remember: New Members Can Invite Guests Immediately!!

Host your friends as a guest couple. They are eligible for membership at their second dance and should submit an application for membership. Share the Starlighter Website with your guests. *The website address is: [thestarlighters.org](http://thestarlighters.org). The user name is members. The password is only.*

### Join the Starlighter Board

A new Starlighter Board for 2012 will be formed in October/November 2011. Some positions will be available. Please seriously think about becoming a member. The activities are not difficult or time consuming. It is a fun and enjoyable social activity that keeps our Club going. A current member will help you get started and be there for you.



Mark your calendar NOW to reserve these 2011 Saturday nights for the Starlighters dances!!

| Date               | Theme            | Venue       | Band                   |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| July 16, 2011      | Summer Casual    | Mile Square | Phil Anthony           |
| September 17, 2011 | Fall Semi-Formal | Foxfire     | Nick Pepper            |
| November 19, 2011  | Winter Formal    | Foxfire     | Street Corner Symphony |

**The Spring Formal at the Foxfire Was A Heck of a Good Time!!**

36 happy couples attended the Spring Formal at the elegant Foxfire in Anaheim Hills where everyone enjoyed a \$250 dinner-dance for the very reasonable price of \$125. The Club hosted two second time guest couples: Wesley and Heidi Granger guests of Lee and Marcia Brander; and Craig and Maryanne Hanlon, guests of Paul and Sue Liles. Wesley and Heidi and Craig and Maryanne were approved for membership at the June Board meeting. CONGRATULATIONS!! Also hosted were first time guests, Patrick and Phyllis Malleolo, guests of Bob and Janine Margulies; and Jim and Sandi Schroeder, guests of Mary Cote and Alfredo Acosta. We danced to the simmering sounds of the Street Corner Symphony. All dancers had an opportunity to do their stuff on a very generous size floor. The evening was thick with camaraderie as everyone seemed to enjoying everyone's company. Satisfaction Survey comments could be summarized this way: "Non-attendees missed a winner!!" The Foxfire servers, so attentive, circulated among the guests and served an elegant array of appetizers that pleased everyone. Our Survey Said (Member Comments): 100% of attendees rated the room Excellent to Good. 93% rated the dinner Excellent to Good. 96% rated the band Excellent to Good. Overall the members attending were very happy.

**Why Starlighters?** *(Repeated from Last Year)*

Adrienne and I were talking the other day about Starlighters. We reminisced about our 18 year membership and what it means to us today. During this time, we've been privileged to know so many wonderful couples, and with whom we have enjoyed warm friendships. The Club has been and continues to be one of our major social experiences. While our Club's focus is on the "Dance", and yes, it is very important, the experience of Starlighters has many more dimensions. We recalled so many terrific dinner tables when we sat with couples whom we had not spent much previous time with, to find out that we had so much in common. There were spirited and informative conversations – not earthmoving – but genuinely warm, familial, and personal anecdotes, and occasionally a little politics. So to us, Starlighters is a Club where we, without reservation, can bring our friends as guests; meet great people in a safe and friendly environment; have the opportunity to develop a true camaraderie with others who are like minded; experience a bit of a country club environment (without the initiation fee and monthly fees), with just a touch of exclusivity (without being snobbish); and have the continuity of regular dances every other month that provide something special to do and be a part of six times a year.

**Sue Liles: Energizer Bunny**

Please join with the Starlighter Board in celebrating Sue Liles', very successful triple heart by-pass surgery in early June, and what is surely a remarkable recovery-in the early stages, but nonetheless remarkable. Sue is already active attending events and will be golfing soon. Way to go Sue! Our thoughts and prayers go with you as well.

**Seating at a Starlighter Dance**

You never have to sit alone. You never have to sit at a partially attended table. There is always plenty of seating available. If you come a little late or if you don't see a friend with whom you've sat before, you will always find an empty seat at a table. And it's fun to sit with different folks you may not have met before. So enjoy the Starlighter experience and expand your acquaintances and friendships.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator, by certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." **Declaration of Independence**

"The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the republican model of government, are justly considered deeply, perhaps as finally, staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people." – **George Washington**



***My Country 'Tis of Thee***

**Samuel F. Smith**

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring. (1st Verse)

"Let every nation know, whether it wish us well or ill, we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty." – **John Fitzgerald Kennedy**

**"The winds that blow through the wide sky in these mounts, the winds that sweep from Canada to Mexico, from the Pacific to the Atlantic, have always blown on free men." – Franklin D. Roosevelt**