



Starlighter Gazette

July 2026

"We should consider every day lost on which we have not danced at least once."
-- Friedrich Nietzsche

You are invited to the Starlighters **"Mediterranean Magic"**



Starlighters Dance Club members, you are invited to our Sunday, JULY 19 **MEDITERRANEAN MAGIC** dinner-dance!

As we approach the heart of California's summer with our July dinner-dance, at the same time, the popular hot spot of travel, the Mediterranean region, is similar to our weather. Yes, hot and dry with mild nights and our coastal areas have the benefits of the cool breezes.

'Mediterranean Magic' is at our doorstep!

At this dance we want to embrace the magical and enchanting ambience of the lands that surround the captivating Mediterranean Sea. Many members have travelled to Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Egypt and many other countries. They have experienced the sea salted air and countless breath-taking hues of blues of the sea. Some have travelled to other exciting places but at this dance, let's experience the 'Med' together.

Our dinner menu will consist of fragrant, rustic and bold entrée options that reflect the Mediterranean lifestyle. Our talented Elks chef appreciates opportunities to be creative! We know he will not disappoint. Let's create our own lively hot spot while saturating the ballroom with exciting conversations flowing like musical notes. Meanwhile our live band, Tropic Starr will play selected music as the dance floor calls out to you to dance from your heart, to dance at your own tempo & rhythm. Let's celebrate that **YOU**, seize opportunities to create your own joy while dancing and socializing. Because if not now, when?

(see back page for suggested Dress Code)



"Golden Oldies – May Dance Recap



The spirit of the "Golden Oldies" was alive and well as 68 members and guests gathered for an evening of music, friendship, and dancing. Craig and Linda Colby warmly welcomed everyone as they arrived, setting the tone for another wonderful Starlighters evening.

After enjoying good conversation and a delicious dinner, the dance floor quickly came alive. MPG kept the music flowing with a wonderful variety of ballroom favorites, along with line and

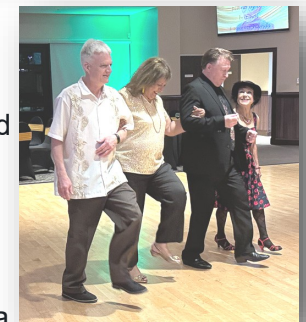
novelty dances that kept everyone smiling and on their feet throughout the evening. It was a joy to see familiar faces sharing dances, laughter, and memories while celebrating the timeless music we all know and love.

Our Golden Oldies theme reminded us that life's greatest treasures are the friendships we've made, the memories we've created, and the wonderful times we continue to share together. From elegant ballroom dancing to lively group dances, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

A special thank you goes to our greeters, Craig and Linda Colby, for making everyone feel so welcome. We also extend our appreciation to MPG for another outstanding evening of music, and to the Elks Lodge staff for

providing excellent food and friendly service that helped make the evening such a success.

As always, it wasn't just about the music—it was about spending time with friends, making new memories, and celebrating the wonderful Starlighters family.





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..."Nobody cares if you can't dance well.
Just get up and dance."

Dave Barry

A Message from Your Board of Directors

Enclosed with this newsletter are two important items from the Starlighters Board of Directors. The first is a letter regarding the future of our club as we look toward 2027. The second is a Board Position Summary, which provides a brief overview of the responsibilities of each Board position. We encourage every member to take a few minutes to read them carefully.

The letter explains some of the challenges we face as we look toward 2027, the opportunities we are exploring to keep our dance community together, and how you can help shape what comes next. Your thoughts, ideas, and participation are important, and we hope you will consider becoming part of the conversation about the future of the Starlighters.

Thank you for taking the time to read the letter and for your continued support of our club.

"Mediterranean Magic"

(Cont'd from front page)

Dress Code:

Gentlemen & Ladies...Casual Smart/Chic/refined

Suggestions: Coastal elegance, flowing fabrics, seaside sophistication, relaxed & refined shirts, blouses, dresses, skirts & pants. Comfort is key!

Perhaps, silks, chiffons, linens, color palette of the 'Med' of whites, creams, blues, greens, terra cotta, etc. Elegant scarves/wraps, flowing embracing stylish simplicity.

Remember, **if not now, when?**



Sunday, July 19, 2026

Casual

Santa Ana Elks lodge
Mediterranean Magic
Tropic Starr

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Casual

Santa Ana Elks lodge
Autumn Glory
Frenzy

Sunday, November 15th, 2026

Formal

Santa Ana Elks lodge
Vintage Christmas
9 Carat Gold

Here's the info on the Venmo Account we have set up to make your membership dues payments and dance reservations easier. (Indicate meal choices in *Notes area*.)

Our Venmo email is:

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Starlighters

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Let's Celebrate.....

June Birthdays:

Margie Bolsinger, Rebecca Caingcoy, Andrea Miao, Neta Rohm, Charles Slater, Dianne Wallace, Erwin Schauwecker, John Zahn

June Wedding Anniversaries.:

Randy & Maria Blake, Jim & Jan Gardner, Mike & Caryl Krupa, Bob & Adrienne Meehan, Charles & Cindy Steen

July Birthdays:

Michael Anderson, Kent Dickinson, Jan Gardner, Steve Groetsch, Claude Parrish, Fred Eusebio, Linda Tielrooy, Carrie & Andrew Vasquez, Ken Wallace

July Wedding Anniversaries:

Darwin & Marcie Bolsinger, Robert & Sharon Kovacev, Paul & Mary Liles, Jerry & Kathy Waletzko

(Please forgive us, if we overlooked a birthday or anniversary, let us know and we will update our roster.)

Important Note:

Reservations must be in for the May dance no later than May 12th.

Please...Please....Please..., send your reservation money in so you won't be left out of the fun and **invite a friend.**

