



Starlighter Gazette

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Winter Casual Dance at the Phoenix Club Was a Huge Success

Thank You Paul and Jan

Starlighters were so fortunate to have Paul and Jan Morin serve as President and leadership for the past three years. Their legacy will be what a good president should do and be. Please join Adrienne and me in thanking them for all they have done. I hope that Adrienne and I will be able to follow their lead and continue to grow our club into the future with the help of our excellent Board.

Our Phoenix Club dance, January 17, was just stupendous. Forty six couples attended, a near record as a percentage of active members. We were delighted to see Pat and Kent Powell returning after Pat's accident. We missed you and are happy to know that you are recovering so well! There was just a wonderful ambiance created by the congeniality and enthusiasm of the crowd—a great party! Jon Destry was his usual warm and talented self, playing to and for the crowd with unabashed cheerfulness and vitality. Your "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 five "fairs" for the dinner, and two "fairs" for the band. Some reported that the beef was a bit tough, and others who came a little late did not get their appetizers. That said, the actual compilation of numbers showed that all rated the room as good to excellent. 95% rated the dinner as good to excellent. 98% rated the band as good to excellent. Your Board plans to give feedback to the Phoenix 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!!**



Jon Destry's music inspired everyone to dance, dance, dance....and with Phoenix Club's huge dance floor, everyone had room to strut their stuff.

Starlighters' Begins Another Year of a Proud Tradition

Starlighter Website

Starlighters has a great website. It was originated and is maintained by the Club's foremost IT experts, Paul and Sue Liles. If you haven't seen it yet, go right to it. Paul takes super pictures of all of us at every dance as we are engaged in dancing, dinner, and just enjoying ourselves with refreshments, appetizers, and socializing, giving us a good record of the fine time we had among good friends. The website address is: thestarlighters.org. The user name is members. The password is only.

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 returning to new positions, and we have some new members. 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.

Bob & Adrienne Meehan	President	This Year's President, was 2008-2009 Hospitality
Dick and Marlene Cole	1st VP-Bands	New
Marilyn & Don Bailey	2nd VP-Venues	Returning
Leon & Marcia Brander	Treasurer	Returning
Paul & Sue Liles	Secretary	New, Paul and Sue also do photography and website
Guy & Janet Talbot	Membership	Returning, was 2008-2009 Secretary
Dick & Pat McMillan	Hospitality	New
Millie & Bob Kegel	Friendship	Returning
Paul & Jan Morin	Parliamentarian	Past President for three years

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.

Dance Schedule
Mark Your Calendars

January	March	May	July	September	November
17	21	16	18	19	21

The Arrangement VPs, Marilyn and Don Bailey, have lined up a great series of dances for us in 2009, continuing with the semi-formal March 21 at the fabulous Yorba Linda Country Club with a new band called MPG. We've heard them play and they are good. **It's a St. Patrick's Day celebration, so if you want to avoid being pinched, don't forget to wear something green.** When you receive your invitation in the mail, submit your reserva-

tions **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 chair-



Love as if you've never been hurt, work as if you didn't have to, and dance as if no one is looking.

persons.

On May 16, we return to the attractive Anaheim Sheraton (by Disneyland), our spring formal dance with the very popular Street Corner Symphony; and on July 18 to the Orange County Mining Company for our summer casual dance with music by the wonderful Don Peterson trio. On September 19, we have our fall semi-formal at the Mile Square Golf Club in Fountain Valley; and lastly, on November 21 we will return to a 2008 favorite, the Foxfire Restaurant, 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.

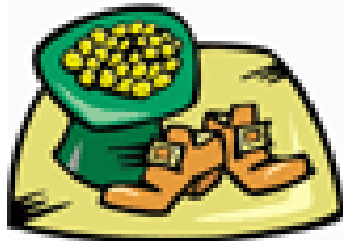
A Growing Club Is a Healthy Club and a Key to the Best Venues

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.

***B e g o r r a ,
with the luck
of the Irish,
A d r i e n n e
and I will
see everyone
and St.
Paddy at the
tremendous
Yorba Linda
C o u n t r y
Club March
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