



# Starlighter Gazette

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Volume 4, Issue 1

March 2011

## Special Notice

\*\*\*\*\*

## January 15 at The Phoenix Club a Great Success

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 pas.

**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.

Our Phoenix Club dance, January 16, was just great fun. Thirty eight couples attended, including two guest couples, a good turnout. Jon Destry was great as usual, playing some great music and doing a new "show", 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 four "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. 88% 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.

Results of the survey of dances showed that the fox trot and the waltz were about tied for most popular, followed by EC & WC swing, then followed by the cha-cha. Trailing were the rumba and tango. 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](http://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.*

Bob Meehan: Writer/Editor. Final Approval: Adrienne Meehan

## Please Welcome Starlighter's Newest Members Approved at the December Board Meeting



Bob and Janine Margulies sponsored by Ivan and Barbara Bishop



Larry and Sandee Collier sponsored by Darwin and Marjorie Bolsinger



Ed and Kathy Roberts sponsored by Paul and Sue Liles

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

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



Date	Theme	Venue	Band
January 15, 2011	New Year Winter Casual	Phoenix Club	Jon Destry
March 19, 2011	Semi-Formal	Yorba Linda Country Club	Nick Pepper
May 21, 2011	Spring Formal	Foxfire	Street Corner Symphony
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

### Yorba Linda Country Club Beckons All Starlighters for March 19 !!

The Arrangement and Band VPs, Marilyn and Don Bailey, and Devi and David Bellows, have lined up a great series of dances for us in 2011, continuing with the **Semi-formal, March 19** at the beautiful Yorba Linda Country Club with Nick Pepper and his popular MPG band. *It's a St. Patrick's Day celebration, so if you want to avoid being pinched, don't forget to wear something green.* A great meal is planned starting with a Wild Field Salad with Feta Cheese and Pine Nuts with a Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing. The entrée is a yummy Chicken Supreme filled with Wild rice, Mushrooms and Raisins, topped with a creamy Basil Sauce, Dessert follows with a delectable Chocolate Mousse with a Berry Coulis topping. You may bring your own wine selection for a modest \$10.00 corkage. 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 on your Board members responsible for dance preparations, including the treasurer, membership, hospitality and especially arrangements chairpersons. See you there!!

### Kegel's Korner-New Feature

February saw a lot of Starlighters heading for the airports and by-ways: Joyce & Jack Barnes to Thailand.....John Clark to the cold south with the Marines for 5 weeks.....Kay & Don Rollins to Dubai...Barbara & Frank Martin to India..Millie & Bob Kegel..Kauai( yes, again)...and not to be out done, Judy & Dale Edwards to Bakersfield in their Motor home...Happy trails to all...

### 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 planning 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

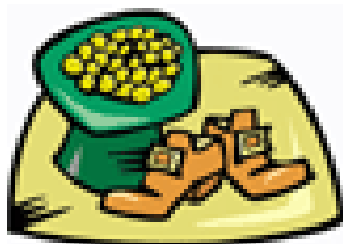
their second dance. Your Membership Chairpersons always have applications on hand at the dances. Don't forget to share the Starlighter Website with your guests.

To be included in my **Kegel's Korner**, Email me your newsiest news and I'll report events and experiences from any member who wishes to share. Email: mkegel39@sbcglobal.net. Phone: 714-838-7336. Thanks, Millie Kegel.

### The 2010 Board Returns for 2011

- Bob & Adrienne Meehan President
- Devi and David Bellows 1st VP-Bands
- Marilyn & Don Bailey 2nd VP-Venues
- Leon & Marcia Brander Treasurer
- Paul & Sue Liles Secretary
- Guy & Janet Talbot Membership
- Ed and Mikelle Watson Hospitality
- Millie & Bob Kegel Friendship
- Paul & Jan Morin Parliamentarian

### 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 Yorba Linda Country Club, March 19!!*