



# Toppers Topics

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## Spring Has Sprung.... Summer Is Near

*A vacation is having nothing to do and all day to do it in.  
~Robert Orben*



*Our new president is mixing it up*

### FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Do you find it as hard to believe, as Nancy and I do, that this May dance is the last of this Dinner-Dance season? I hope you've enjoyed this past season as much as we have. Although we're ready for the summer break (trout fishing time), in no time at all we'll be happily looking forward to "Toppers time" again in September.

We all know by now that there are a few changes in our Club leadership next September, and I've no doubt

we will benefit from the fresh ideas and enthusiasm that new Board members will bring to Toppers.

Be sure to try to attend this coming dance, as Ace and Martha Yeam have once again arranged for the Marine Color Guard from Los Alamitos to help us celebrate Armed Forces Week. Nancy and I will be looking forward to seeing you then.

*Jerry Ellis*

Summer is a few weeks away...

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.  
~James Dent

Summer afternoon - summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language. ~Henry

### 2010-2011 DANCE SEASON

One more dance for this season!

May 20<sup>th</sup> (Howard Solomon)

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The May dance will be at the Petroleum Club on Friday the 20th.

The cost is \$80/couple (includes tax/tip). No-host cocktail time is at 6 p.m.

Howard Solomon will be providing great dance music until 10 p.m. Dress code is semi-formal.

### TOPPERS DINNER MENU

Prime Rib of Beef,  
Fish of the day, or  
Veggie Pasta

Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad with Ranch and Italian dressings on the table

Warm bread and butter  
Vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce



Welcome Los Alamitos Color Guard Semper Fi

**PREPARE TO BE GREETED**

Bob and Edith Daley

Be prepared to be welcomed with a big smile by Bob and Edith Daley. They are from Long Beach and have been members since 2009.

**Did You Know?** The city of Long Beach is the 39th-largest city in the nation and the seventh-largest in California. The Port of Long Beach is the United States' second busiest container port and one of the world's largest shipping ports.

**THE ARAGON BALLROOM WAS 20,000 SQUARE FEET!**

The Aragon Ballroom is the name of a historic ballroom in Chicago, Illinois.

Located on West Lawrence Avenue approximately five miles (8 km) north of downtown in the Uptown neighborhood. It was built in 1926 and designed to resemble a Spanish village and named for a province of Spain, the Aragon was extravagantly appointed.

The hall was an immediate success, and remained a popular Chicago attraction through the 1940s. The Aragon's proximity to the Chicago 'L' (elevated railway) helped people flock to the hall, and crowds often exceeded 18,000 guests over the six open nights each week.

Powerhouse radio station WGN broadcast an hour-long program from the hall each night to radio

audiences throughout the Midwestern United States and Canada.

**THE SUMMER BREAK IS COMING!**

May is our last dance of this season so September will be our next dance.

Summer is the warmest of the four temperate seasons, between spring and autumn. At the summer solstice, the days are longest and the nights are shortest, with day-length decreasing as the season progresses after the solstice. The date of the beginning of summer varies according to climate, culture, and tradition.

Summer is the period from the summer solstice to the autumn equinox. Unofficially, the U.S. summer season is commonly regarded as beginning on Memorial Day weekend in May and ending on Labor Day weekend in September.

For 2011, the Summer Solstice is June 21, 10:16 P.M. PDST and the Fall Equinox is on September 23, 2:05 A.M. PDST.

**NIGHTCLUB TWO STEP**

Nightclub Two Step (Nightclub Two-step, NC2S, sometimes Disco Two Step or California Two Step) was initially developed by Buddy Schwimmer in the mid-1960s.

The dance is also known as "Two Step" and was "one of the most popular forms of contemporary social dance" as a Disco Couples Dance in 1978

It is frequently danced to mid-tempo ballads in 4/4 time that have a characteristic Quick-Quick-Slow beat. A classic example is the song Lady In Red

**YOUR BOARD**

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|----------------|----------------------|
| President      | Larry Isham          |
| Vice President | Dean Fronk           |
| Past President | Jerry Ellis          |
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| Newsletter     | Paul & Sue Liles     |

The Executive Board meets at 5:30 p.m. before each dance. Need a Toppers name badge? Call Earl Eakle at 310-375-8134.

**WELCOME GUESTS**

Dan &amp; Valerie Geilich



Herb &amp; Irene Silverstein

**NEW MEMBERS**

Joan &amp; Frank Kawase

**SPOTLIGHT ON A TOPPER****Walt & Terey Kroy**

Submitted to Vicky Kuhn by the Kroy's

Walter was living in California and Terey was living in the Fort Lauderdale area when they met. Walter's father introduced them.

They were married six months later in Fort Lauderdale. They have been married twenty years. Walter and Terey have five nephews, three nieces, and a new grandnephew.

Walter was born in Detroit, Michigan where he attended Henry Ford Trade School. After graduation he attended MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts where he earned a degree in mechanical engineering and one in electrical engineering. Following graduation he was hired by Douglas Aircraft, which became McDonnell Douglas. He moved to California where he also attended UCLA and earned his Doctorate degree in electrical engineering.

Walter worked on control systems for aircraft, rocket bombers and antimissile missiles. He retired from McDonnell Douglas in 1990 after 35 years and pursued his interests in Ham radios, computers and sailing. He volunteers in the Orange County Sheriff's Disaster Communication Group and is currently the treasurer of the Orange County Macintosh User Group. He is also actively involved

in managing and maintaining their rental properties.

Terey was born in Akron, Ohio. She graduated from high school and attended Akron University. Following graduation she moved to Miami Beach, Florida and was hired by the Dade County Public School system. She went back to school to get a master's degree in Special Education and a certification in school administration. This enabled her to become a special education resource teacher and to pursue a position in administration.

Terey enjoyed her twenty years in Miami. The school system at that time was the fifth largest in the country which afforded her many chances to work in a variety of positions in the school district. She taught every elementary grade except kindergarten, was a teacher on special assignment working with a new math program, a Title One Facilitator, and a special education teacher.

When Terey moved to California she applied to the Garden Grove Unified school District and was hired as a special education resource teacher, became a student program facilitator and then became the principal of Earl Warren Elementary School for the past seven years. She will be retiring this June after 35 years in education.

Walter and Terey plan on spending more time with family back east, taking road trips to explore California, sailing, dancing, and enjoying their many friends.

**SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE**

Summer arrives on June 21, 2011 at 01:16 A.M.



Summer is almost here

**26 MILES ACROSS THE SEA**

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Silversteins, Skeggs, Liles and some other avid dancers are going to the Avalon Ball for a weekend of dining and dancing. They will dance in the Casino Ballroom to Dean Mora's 1920's-1930's band.

**Welcome To Our New Fearless Leader...**

Gigi and Larry Isham

Larry is now the President of the Topper's Dance Club and will bring his leadership skills to bare keeping our club moving forward.

A BIG thanks you to Jerry Ellis and Nancy Ellis for all the guidance and wisdom provided during the past two years!

**OUR APRIL DANCE WAS FUN!**

Shirley &amp; Brian Skeggs



Let's get the party started say Merretta and Bob Potthast



Dennis and Diane Schmitz



Lucky &amp; Carolyn Harrington also taking a short breather

**A LITTLE DANCE HUMOR**

There was a dance teacher who talked of a very old dance called the Politician. "All you have to do"

she told her class "is take three steps forward, two steps backward, then side-step side-step and turn around."

Which dances do the burgers do best? The burger-loo and the char char!

**ON THE WEB FROM ANYWHERE**

You are on the web! Try this URL: <http://tinyurl.com/3g3p4k3> for pictures from the April 2011 dance!

The previous news letters are also available on our website should you be missing a copy.

**MONDAY NIGHT DANCING ANYONE?**

The Alpine Village alternates Big Bands on Monday Nights with Geo Valli, Tim Gill, The Aristocats, and of course Tracy Wells

There is a five dollar cover charge but the dance floor is big and the music even better. You can even have a good German dinner while you dance the night away.

Music begins at 7:30 and goes until about 11:00.



See you in September

**REMEMBER**

Do what you love to do, and do it so well that those who come to see you do it will bring others to watch you do it again and again. -- Mark Victor Hansen

**MEMORIAL DAY IS MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

Green sods are all their monuments; and yet it tells  
A nobler history than pillared piles,  
Or the eternal pyramids.  
~James Gates Percival

And I'm proud to be an American,  
where at least I know I'm free.  
And I won't forget the men who  
died, who gave that right to me.  
~Lee Greenwood

Peace to each manly soul that  
sleepeth;  
Rest to each faithful eye that  
weepeth...  
~Thomas Moore