



Another Year Has Come And Gone

Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right. - Oprah Winfrey



It was a rousing celebration of the season

RING OUT THE FALSE, RING IN THE TRUE. ALFRED LORD TENNYSON

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE...

Where did that last year go? It seems to have passed in a flash! That's OK because we have another great dance year ahead of us!

The Petroleum Club was beautifully decorated for the Mistletoe Ball and we had forty couples joining us. .

The Mistletoe Ball was amazing with many friends joining in on the celebrations. We thank the Lam's for bringing several new guests and hopefully the new guests will join the club in this new year!

2016 is history and that is good. We look forward to 2017. We were thinking If you want an interesting party sometime, combine cocktails and a fresh box of crayons for

everyone. We may try that!

Special thanks to Kathy Roberts for the efforts to assure we were ready for eighty people that evening.

We had a camera in action at the dance so please visit our website to remember the fun you had at the Mistletoe Ball and other 2016 events.

See you on the 20th!

*Larry Isham,
President*



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The January 20th dance is at the Petroleum Club and featuring The Tony Carnino. The cost is \$74/couple (includes tax/tip).

No-host cocktail time is 6 pm & great dance music until 10 pm.
Dress code is Semi-Formal.

TOPPERS DINNER MENU

Garden Green Salad
Fresh seasonal vegetables
Hot Bread and Butter

Entrée: Chicken Ballantine, baked boneless chicken breast stuffed with seasoned rice and mashed potatoes. Or

Baked White Fish in lemon sauce and rice. Or

Vegetarian Selection

Dessert: Chefs Choice

Mail your checks made out to "Toppers Dance Club" with dinner selections and seating requests on the checks by January 16th to:

Kathy Roberts
12021 Kibbee Ave
La Mirada Ca 90638

POLICY NOTES

There are no refunds for cancellations made after the Tuesday before the dance as the arrangements are finalized Tuesday evening.

If you desire to sit with someone please note it with your check so we can attempt to satisfy your seating desires!

PREPARE TO BE GREETED BY

Dennis and Diane Schmitz

FUN WITH FRIENDS!

Having A Great Time!



Colleen and Al ready to dance!



They Finally Left The Dance Floor

We could have danced all night,
Oh.. They did!!**DID YOU KNOW?**

Southerners eat black-eyed peas on New Years day for luck and this tradition was derived from the Jewish New Years (Rosh Hashanah) custom. Most historians believe that the tradition began to take place stateside when the first Shepari Jews moved to Georgia in the 1730's. By the end of the Civil War the Rosh Hashanah tradition evolved into a widespread practice in the South, enjoyed by Jews and gentiles.

THE FINNS HAVE AN INTERESTING TRADITION

In Finland, each new year family and friends gather to burn metal in a pan for a ritual called "molybdomancy". The Finns inspect the shadows the metal casts by candlelight, as those shapes are supposed to predict the future.

Although, this metal is customarily called "tin," it's actually sometimes lead, which, among other things, is known to spark severe mental illness... that might explain why this ritual has persisted for hundreds of years.

And while that's all pretty well and weird, the Finns aren't alone: Ecuadorians burn paper-filled scarecrows, the Swiss drop ice cream on the floor, and people in Siberia plunge into frozen lakes while carrying a tree.

**Bits And Pieces**

Paul and Sue celebrated Christmas Dinner at the Panda Inn in La Palma with twenty-five other "empty nesters". Great fun with friends... Mostly dancers!

The Rodeckers, Wally and Ghislene, whisked away to Paris France for the holidays not to return until January! We kept track of the weather and we are sure they will be happy to return to California!

The Finch's joined us from the UK this year and always bring cheer!

UPCOMING DANCE SCHEDULE

We have a busy season ahead!
Get your calendars marked up now.

2/17/2017 with Arnie Ries

3/17/2017 with Retro Swing Band

4/21/2017 with Sam Conti

5/12/2017 with The Time Machine

To keep the club thriving, we are always looking for new friends to join in and participate in our great parties and keep social dancing alive and well in Long Beach!

Thank you Colleen and Al Lam for taking this message to heart!

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