

# Two Riviera Groups Plan Gala New Year's Eve Celebrations

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It'll be a gay time in Riviera when local citizens ring out the old and ring in the new. Two gala occasions are planned by Rivierans and their friends.

First party, being prepared under the direction of chairman George Schneider of 636 Calle Miramar, is scheduled for New Year's Eve at the new Knights of Columbus hall in Jollywood Riviera Village, 214 Ave. I. Sal Frisina's orchestra will play.

Party favors, noise makers and a buffet supper are planned, all for \$1.50 per person.

Some 60 Knights and their wives are planning to attend from Riviera, Schneider said, with many more expected from the Torrance and South Bay area.

On the committees are Don Schrank, co-chairman, who resides at the Palos Verdes apartments, Joe Tomatch, of Jollywood, is the party favors chairman, while Gerry Daly, of Palos Verdes Estates, is on the general committee, as is John McVey, of Torrance, Grand Knight.

There will be only 200 couples tickets sold—it is an affair for Knights, their wives, guests, and friends. Those wishing reservations or information call FR. 5-4994 or John McVey at FAirfax 8-2568. Knights who have moved here from back East and not yet transferred to this Council, were urged to contact either Schneider or McVey and re-establish their contact with the organization.

The second big affair planned for Hollywood Rivierans' greater New Year's Eve, 1954-55, is the Sportsmen's club's annual dance to be held New Year's Eve at Hollywood Riviera Beach Club. Highlight of their dance will be the music of Orrin Tucker and his orchestra, direct from an engagement at the Hollywood Palladium.

Al Koester, 115 Via la Circula, general chairman, reports that tickets are going fast. Tickets, at \$8.60 per couple, are just 60 cents more than last year. In charge of tickets is Gene Voorhees, 283 Calle de Madrid. Reservations may be made by phoning FR. 5-7410.

Preston Griff, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Griff, 415 Camino del Campo, celebrated his birthday, Dec. 10, with a party at his home. The teenagers danced and played bingo. Local lads and ladies helping him celebrate included Linda Borgeson, Sharon Andrews, Gerry Mertz, Carol Portzer, Barbara Hummel, and Douglas Hawkins, Henry Schmal, Gary Martin, Linton Woods, and Charles Blakely.

Another teen-age birthday celebration was held Dec. 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Andrews, 229 Via la Circula. Amid a colorfully Christmas decorated room, their daughter, Sharon, 13, played hostess to 15 guests. Her cake was decorated in Christmas colors to carry out the theme of the party room, complete to red lettering atop the cake.

Attending were Marylyn Briar, Bill Waston, Diana Jones, Gerry Mertz, Bartley Mullens, Jane Holmes, Brent Shirley, Margie Grace, Kin Browning, Gary Martin, Carol Portzer, Sally Barlow, Steven Chase, Tom Fitzgerald and Ellen Dalell.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Paul, 183 Via Los Miradores, have re-

turned from an air trip to the east. The Pauls left Riviera Dec. 1, flying to Washington, D.C., where they stayed two days visiting places of interest. Mrs. Paul reported they found the Senate in session a most interesting experience. From Washington, they flew to Baltimore, then to New York City where they visited with Mr. Paul's mother for a few days. They then flew to Dayton, O., for a two-day stay, then to Detroit and Flint, Mich., where they picked up their new automobile. On the way home, they visited Peoria, Ill., where they lived some years ago. The four Paul children stayed home. They returned home Dec. 14.

Tonight at 7:30 p.m., a Christmas program entitled "Why the Chimes Rang" will be presented by Riviera youngsters at El Retiro Park. Sponsored by the Torrance Recreation department, the Christmas program will include a cooperative sing after the children's play, followed by Santa's appearance.

Vera Grube, of 408 Monte de Oro, held open house at her Casa Galeria last Sunday. On display were Christmas art and new water colors rendered by the hostess.

It's been a busy week for her, for on Dec. 22, she appeared on a television show, representing the South Bay Community Arts Foundation. With her appeared George Ormsby, of Manhattan Beach; Lucille Meighan, of Redondo; Naomi Powell, founder of the Foundation and Dorothy McAdams, ceramist.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forshee, 940 Calle Miramar, are having an "egg-nog" get-together for their Miramar neighbors on Christmas Eve. Mrs. Forshee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bruins of Seattle, will also attend the affair. They are visiting here over the holidays, and plan on staying about two weeks.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. O'Connor, 224 Via Buena Ventura, bade farewell to them when they moved from their Riviera home on Dec. 17. They and their

two children are bound for New Jersey and his new job there.

**NEW NEIGHBOR DEPT.:** Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Paul O'Kain, of 309 Paseo de Cracia, who together with their three children moved into their Riviera home on Dec. 17. They formerly resided in Westchester. Mr. O'Kain is with Sears Roebuck at their Englewood store. Also a builder, he created a number of homes here in Riviera, including his own. Their children are Paul Jr., 14, Barbara, 6, and Alan, 4.

Another pertinent letter has stated taken by the Hollywood Riviera Community Assn. in the matter of the controversial Palos Verdes barricades.

Last week this column printed the letter from the Homeowners' Assn., showing that their stand has been against the barricades since the day the iron curtains were proposed. But beneficial as the association is, it must be remembered that it cannot represent the thinking of all Rivierans, for all Rivierans do not

belong to this association. The Riviera Homeowners Assn. has approximately 150 members, according to treasurer Bob Herrick. There are 1500 single family residences in Riviera, most of these owned locally. And all these Rivierans belong to the Hollywood Community Association. They belong automatically from the day they buy their property here.

Under date of June 13, 1947, the Hollywood Riviera Community Assn., representing all Hollywood Rivierans, wrote to the City Council of Palos Verdes Estates, declaring its feelings in the matter of the barricades. Here is what the Association said:

"Gentlemen: "It has come to the attention of the undersigned Association that proceedings are under way

in your city for the vacation of certain streets along your north city line connecting at various points with Hollywood Riviera.

"We believe that this proposal is scarcely in accord with the reputation and high standing of your community. Such action appears to our people as an unneighborly affront involving no corresponding benefits to your City or its citizens. Furthermore, the closing of these streets will not be in conformity with well established procedure in Los Angeles County and the various municipal subdivisions thereof. Such procedure requires that each subdivision must provide usable thoroughfares connecting with existing streets in adjacent areas. Your proposed action is the direct reverse of this customary and proper practice.

"The good will of our neighbors is a valuable asset to any individual or group, and it is our sincere opinion that the interests of both your people and ours will be best served if you

disapprove the pending measure. We strongly urge such disapproval.

"Respectfully submitted, "Hollywood Riviera Community Association, "by (sig) E. L. Callahan, Vice-President."

Not one, but two associations have gone on record now against the barricades. Both the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners' Assn., as reported last week, and the Hollywood Riviera Community Assn., stand against the iron posts and the closing off of the roads. Could it be more clear how this community feels in the matter? Both associations echo the thinking of Riviera citizens who believe that the barricades are in direct contradiction to the basic fundamentals of this country. As one Rivieran put it to us, "I've seen too many countries where

posts and barbed wire cut off one country from another. This is regardless of whatever reasons basically wrong in this country, may be offered."

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