

Bob & Carolyn's 40th Anniversary Party

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Bob and I had the surprise of our lives on March 25th. Months ago we made plans to attend a King's game in Los Angeles and a couple of weeks before we were to go, the friends we were going with said that they wanted to take us to dinner before the game, someplace special since it would be our 40th wedding anniversary. They said to pack a change of clothes for the game, because they arranged for us to have dinner at a local country club. Alicia and Paul were going too.

That Saturday morning, Alicia talked Bob into getting a suit. She told him I really wanted him to have a new suit in order to take me to a special Rotary dinner later in April. Thankfully, she talked him into the suit, then we managed to talk him into wearing it that night.

When we finally arrived at the country club in Porter Ranch, Alicia and Paul were standing there waiting for us and asked us what had taken us so long. They lead us into the "restaurant" part of the club and when the doors opened, there was a room full of our family and friends! Surprise!!!



And did they ever surprise us! Alicia was sure that she would slip-up, or someone else would but nobody gave us a hint. Alan had called earlier and wished us a happy anniversary and I told him I wish he was here to help celebrate with us. He was actually at the country club helping to set up when he called. Alicia did a wonderful job decorating the room and everything was beautiful.

We had friends who drove for at least three hours to be here with us. Some of those attending were my brother, Julian "Jay" Sommer, his daughter Jackie and her husband, Jay, his other daughter Pam and her husband, Tom and our friends Connie and Marty who were in on the plans and lead us to the country club. There were many others there but too numerous to mention. It was all so very special and very well planned. They all knew how to keep a secret! Needless to say we didn't change clothes to go to the game! What a fun evening.

