

Behind The Scenes

The Four Musketeers relive memories — and create new moments — at their 25th high school reunion!

Just Like

Old Times

Coming together after being apart for several years isn't always easy, but that certainly wasn't the case for the group **GUIDING LIGHT** christened The Four Musketeers back in the 1980s. And after spending an afternoon with Grant Aleksander (Phillip), Michael O'Leary (Rick), Beth Chamberlin (Beth) and surprise guest Krista Tesreau (Mindy), it is obvious that what you witness on screen is authentic and rooted in their deep, genuine friendships.

Soaps In Depth was at the Peapack-Gladstone Municipal Building in Peapack, NJ to watch this special group of actors revisit history and make more magic together, and we're confident you won't be disappointed. Plus, find out what fan fave Tesreau has been up to, along with whether we could see Mindy make another appearance in Springfield.

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◀ Taking the group picture instantly brought back memories for O'Leary. "Today has that old feeling about the magic that the four of us had," he says with a smile. "It makes you realize how fast time has gone, but we've really come full circle. I hope that the fans love it as much as we do."



Chamberlin, who first joined *GL* in 1989, feels very connected to this group. "Obviously, I wasn't a part of the original Four Musketeers, but I've gotten to know Krista over the years, and I'm very close to Michael and Grant," she says. "It feels like I was part of this group originally because I feel so much a part of it now."

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Did You Know: Chamberlin and Tesreau's sons were born exactly one week apart back in May 2005. Talk about a small world!

Shoeless Taping: Everyone was required to leave their shoes at the door before walking onto the gymnasium floor. That probably made the dancing much easier.

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"Beth and Mindy have come a long way from being nemeses to best friends. I think it's morphed into a Rick/Phillip type of relationship," observes Tesreau. Adds Chamberlin, "I'm excited about the scenes between the two of us because they're the kind of scenes that can really only take place between two women who know one another well." ▶

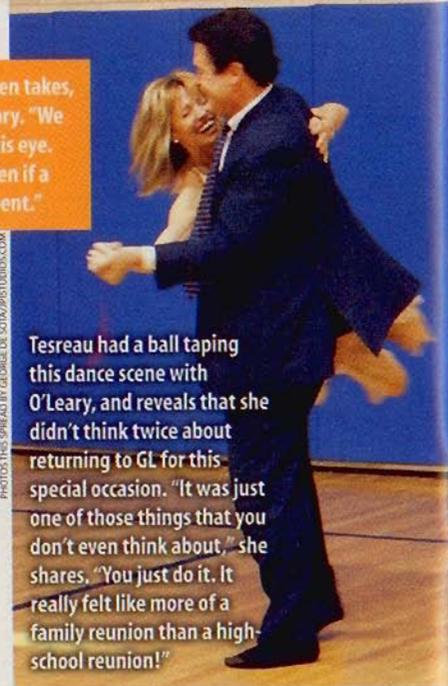


The *Four Musketeers* kept each other in stitches between takes, and Aleksander says that simply comes with the territory. "We went into our old routines," he says with a twinkle in his eye. "Those relationships and friendships that you form, even if a lot of time passes, it doesn't matter. It's like no time spent."



▶ O'Leary nearly flipped upon learning about Aleksander's return. "I was driving my daughter to her play date, and Grant left me a message. He said, 'Mikey, you've got three weeks to clean up the dressing room. Get on it!' Then, my daughter goes, 'Daddy, you missed the turn.' I couldn't believe it because Grant never said a word."

Tesreau had a ball taping this dance scene with O'Leary, and reveals that she didn't think twice about returning to GL for this special occasion. "It was just one of those things that you don't even think about," she shares. "You just do it. It really felt like more of a family reunion than a high-school reunion!"

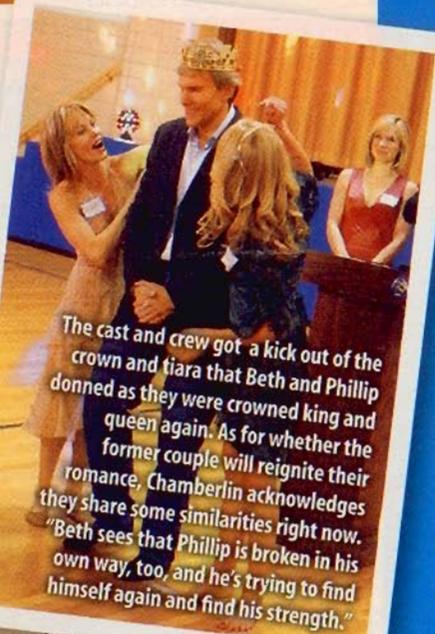


Rick has been involved with both ladies, and O'Leary admitted his alter ego's love life deserves some attention. "Rick definitely needs a woman right now," he says with a laugh. "Oh, so that's why you were ad-libbing with Mindy so much," interjects Tesreau.



▶ Tesreau, who has been busy filming infomercials and traveling, doesn't rule out a return to GL. "I would consider it. Anything is possible," she confesses. However, the actress says her husband and children are her top

priority. But Aleksander has other plans for his good friend. "I don't want to say it, but I think we could use a whole lot more Mindy here."



The cast and crew got a kick out of the crown and tiara that Beth and Phillip donned as they were crowned king and queen again. As for whether the former couple will reignite their romance, Chamberlin acknowledges they share some similarities right now. "Beth sees that Phillip is broken in his own way, too, and he's trying to find himself again and find his strength."



▶ At one point, the class of 1984 grooved to Toni Basil's classic hit, "Mickey," but they also danced without music — which they found rather amusing.

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