

National Smooth Dancers Dance Whispers

April 2024

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2024 Coronation Central: Visalia Coronation - May 18, 2024; Fresno Coronation - June 1, 2024; Palomar State Convention and Coronation - August 30 - September 2, 2024; San Fernando Valley Coronation - November 2, 2024.

2024 Convention: Palomar State Convention: August 30 - September 2, 2024.



The Dance Whispers Editors (L-R): Mark Chapman - San Diego; Jerry Bowes - Golden Gate; Debbie Atherton & Chris Bernardo - Palomar; James Baron - San Fernando Valley; Christine Conrad - Bakersfield; Lewis Griswold - Visalia; Carla Hartunian - Fresno.



Publishing Editor

Carl Chesbrough

Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,

Spring has Sprung! With the coming of spring, Tom Wells, the longtime publishing editor has stepped down. With this edition, I will be taking over the publishing editor position. I thank Tom for his exceptional leadership and dedication to the Dance Whispers over the past 11 years. I know that I am saying this for all the NSD members: THANK YOU, TOM!

It is also sad to say goodbye to the Los Angeles Chapter. Elizabeth represented the Golden Gate Chapter at the LA Coronation during our most recent Crowne Circle. We enjoyed getting to know their members just a little bit more. Hopefully, we will still be seeing them on the dance floor at future NSD events.

Speaking of NSD events, we have completed the San Diego Coronation, the Bakersfield Board weekend, and the Golden Gate Coronation. For statewide events, we have both the Visalia Coronation (May 18, 2024) and the Fresno Coronation (June 1, 2024), followed by the State

Convention hosted by the Palomar Chapter over the 2024 Labor Day Weekend (August 30 - September 2, 2024). The final coronation of the year is the San Fernando Valley Coronation (November 2, 2024).

Some of you may be asking: So, who is the new publishing editor anyway. I was born in San Bernardino, and have lived in California all my life (so far). I spent half of my life in Southern California, and the other half in Northern California. I took up ballroom dancing when I met my wife, Elizabeth. After a year of lessons, our instructor invited us to a dance in Palo Alto, and we started going to their once-a-month Saturday dance. It took another year before he invited us to the Golden Gate Smooth Dancers event in South San Francisco. We liked it so much, and asked about coming back the following month. He said that he had a full table for the event, and that we would have to sit with other people. We did come back and were welcomed by the Golden Gate Chapter and we became members within 5 months of our first dance, and our participation took off from there.

As Tom would say:

I hope to see you on the dance floor soon, and remember Never Stop *D*ancing.

-Carl Chesbrough, Publishing Editor.

The Love Boat Dance Weekend

What a wonderful time we had on our cruise on the Love Boat! Everyone appeared to be ready to set sail Friday night. The weekend took us away dancing on the high seas. Everyone looked fabulous at the Captain's dinner as we enjoyed the presentation of the Queens Court. A big round of applause goes to those who performed in the spotlight and team dances and all those who help to make this wonderful time come to fruition. We are always a little sad come Sunday morning when we have to say farewell.



Thank you to the five Queens that stepped up to represent our chapter for the next twelve months. Irene Leung, Wendy Wilson, Kay Boyer, Jeanette Steck and Rose Peterson.

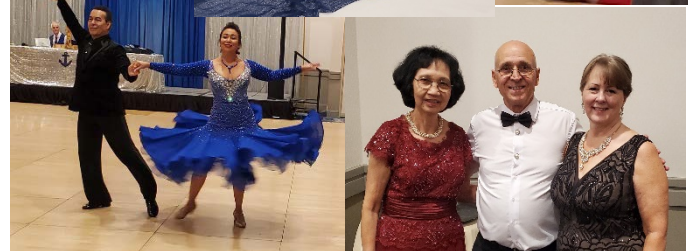
What a treat it was to watch Bailey Carrillo and Aaron Pierce perform for us on Saturday evening!

High Style Boutique

I wanted to mention the wonderful ladies from High Style Boutique that are always there to provide us with all the fun accessories. Shopping is always an added bonus!



Aaron Pierce and Bailey Carillo



Bakersfield Chapter News

Be sure to check out the flyers for more information.

Monthly Dances

On February 24th, we held a Valentine's Party at the Fairfax Grange.

Our April dance will be held on the 27th at the Fairfax Grange. Please see the flyer for more information. The theme is "Spring Has Sprung", hosted by Kay and Mark Boyer, Ben and Wendy Wilson.

Friday Night Dances

The Fairfax Grange is open Friday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm for social dancing. This is a great time to practice your moves!

Weekly Lessons

Josh Harless is offering beginning Foxtrot lessons starting at 6:00 pm and Intermediate Cha Cha lessons starting at 7:00 pm. Followed by Intermediate Hustle lessons at 8:00 pm.

Franco Perraiza is offering beginning rumba lessons at 6:30 pm. And intermediate Viennese Waltz lessons immediately following at 7:30.



Golden Gate Chapter News

by Jerry Bowes

Home Games: GGSD Monthly Dances

March 10: Our March dance, themed "Spring Has Spring" started off with a lesson from Ylva Wintzell prior to our dance and a half-time line dance lesson from our own Nadia Tilinin. We had 74 in attendance.

Upcoming GGSD Dances

May 12: Our 'Day at the Races' dance will begin with a Waltz lesson by returning instructor Ylva Wintzell. There will be a hat contest and prizes for the best hat.

Away Games: San Diego and Bakersfield

San Diego



we enjoyed a very nice Hustle and West Coast Swing lesson with other club members at the Champion Dance Studio.

Bakersfield

There were 17 people representing Golden Gate at the Bakersfield weekend.

There were six members representing Golden Gate at the coronation of Victoria Voro in San Diego. Some of us joined the local chapter for their tradition of a dance lesson the following day,

Golden Gate Coronation for 2024 Queen: Lynn Sanders

Golden Gate's new Queen, Lynn Sanders, thanks all who came and made her coronation on April 6, 2024 fun and such a wonderful success. We had 115 attendees with much purple and gold and loving friends gracing the halls during our "Gala Evening at Versailles". Her Queen Dance, a Foxtrot to the tune of 'This is The Life' by Matt Monroe was well received as was the Honor Dance, a Latin Medley performed by Ruth Llorente and Roberto Espana from the Fresno Chapter. A very sweet aspect of this coronation is that Lynn's sister Dale flew in from Florida to be the Crown Bearer, an encore performance as Dale had served the same role with Lynn's first coronation in 2012 as the Fresno Queen. Gia Page, our first new member of this year served as Sceptre Bearer creating an auspicious balance of newness and familiarity flanking both sides of the new Queen's throne. Lynn looks forward, as does her consort Jerry, to visiting each of your chapters this coming year.



Lynn and Dale

Featured Member: Gia Page

Gia is our first new member for 2024 and despite the almost 2 hour drive from Santa Rosa to come to our monthly Sunday afternoon dances she has jumped into all that our chapter has to offer with charm and enthusiasm. She has a fair amount of swing dancing experience and is getting more and more ballroom as she joins us each month. Working full time and spending lots of time with her two teen boys preparing them to be competent and safe drivers, she joins us at every dance and recently went on her first 'road trip' to Bakersfield. Her comments about her experience to this exotic location with an unknown club brought smiles to many people at our member meeting as we remember when we joined and she reminded us of so many of the wonderful things we love about NSD. "As a newcomer, I was not sure if I would have the chance to dance and socialize, but my fellow GGSD friends were quick to introduce me and invite me to dance, and soon the whole group felt like one large extended family." She was invited to come to one of our dances by Vera, a fellow member who had known Gia for many years, having met at a local dance venue, Monroe Hall. "Sonoma County has a very limited ballroom scene, but I would see Janice at the occasional John Ross dance. I had no idea what I was missing out on until I ventured out of Sonoma County and a whole new world of dance has opened up for me. I



New Member, Gia Page

recently won the raffle at B Street Ballroom and am looking forward to attending classes at Dance Arts in San Rafael. I would love to learn and improve my technique and have been especially enjoying FoxTrot and Tango." For fun outside of dancing she has plans to see the Rolling Stones in concert, and to travel to both Hawaii and Italy this year. She is planning on going to the Aug convention as well as the Fresno Coronation. When asked if she was considering participating in dance competitions within the club, she answered, "Not so far, but you never know!"

Initiatives of Interest

GGSD Photo Library

Golden Gate has created a dedicated Google account and storage in Google Drive for the organizing and archiving of the many photos of our members at our dances and other chapter coronations. We have a vision of using our website to providing a 'card catalog' and easy photo search and ability to assemble impromptu photo albums for all members.

New Member Orientation Manual

Leveraging the above Google account and the large amount of storage in Google Drive, we are also organizing many of our reference documents in one place in the cloud and creating a new member reference guide. We are hoping the single point of cloud presence will make it easier for anyone to see the 'master copy' of the important documents to onboard new members and make recruiting members into leadership positions and getting them enthused to join competitions easier.



Fresno Chapter News

She's Back, She's Back! YES! SHE IS BACK



QUEEN ORALIA FOWLER WILL REIGN AGAIN!!!

It has been a pleasure to be the Queen from the Fresno Chapter this year. I had so much fun, that when the opportunity came again, I was very happy to get recycled, lol.

Meeting so many wonderful people has been amazing. I have three children, eight grandchildren, and five

great grandchildren. I also have four dogs and one cat, because I love animals. I worked at Macy's for 30 years and for ten of those years I was an account coordinator for L'Oreal with a 13-store territory.

In 1996 I was introduced to ballroom dancing. I loved it! I took every lesson I could around 2005. I started to do some competitions until a couple of years ago when my body denied me that pleasure.

I still try to do some showcases because I love to perform and wear beautiful gowns while doing so. I have been blessed with some great teachers like Alex Pereira, Jeffrey Garza, Rei Marquez, Franco Peraza, and Tom Hicks, who always encourage me to keep dancing.

Thank you, Fresno, for re-electing me to be the Queen of Fresno Smooth Dancers. And thanks to all of you who have helped me throughout the year. I appreciate all your support.

Getting to know you,
Queen Oralía Fowler

Fresno Smooth Dancers say hello and Happy Easter to all of you!

The March Fresno Smooth Dancers event was a huge success hosted by Bree McDowell and Christine Jones. We



had over 50 members and friends attend our dance. We continue to have great turnouts for all of our dances. All our members were wearing green and danced and danced.

Bakersfield's Boards: 18 Fresno members attended the weekend. 5 Bakersfield's Queens were crowned to share the years' reign. Our Queen Oralía represented Fresno with her escort Anthony Rodriguez. Queen Oralía and Franco Peraza performed a foxtrot to Beyond the Sea Friday night. 40 Queens attended the Queen's luncheon on Saturday afternoon. We had 7 of our Queens in attendance.

Saturday night Ruth Llorente and Robert Espana performed a Viennese waltz which was spectacular.

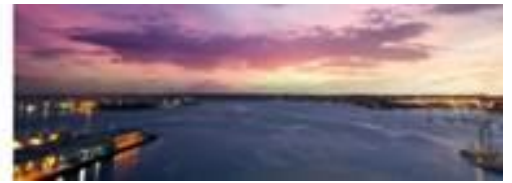


Eleven Fresno members attended the Golden Gate Coronation of Queen Lynn Sanders. A Gala Evening at Versailles was the theme and everyone was dressed in period clothing including wigs. We all had an incredible time. Queen Oralía was escorted by Ron Rosa. Ruth Llorente and Robert Espana did the honor dance for Queen Lynn.



Fresno is getting ready for our coronation of Queen Elect Oralía Fowler. Please save the date: June 1, 2024 on Saturday. "Wild and Glam" is the theme. Wear your animal print dresses with lots of rhinestones and bling and come to Fresno!





REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN FOR THE 2024 NSD CONVENTION!
 Check out our website: www.palomarsmoothdancers.com for details

HOLIDAY on the BAY!

Presented by Palomar Smooth Dancers
Labor Day Weekend – August 30 – September 2
WYNDHAM BAYSIDE HOTEL
1355 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego

Palomar Chapter News

Words of Wisdom from our past President – Ann Mauro:

“My year as a Palomar President has been full, rich, and rewarding. From the beginning as I worked in constant communication with outgoing president Kelly Kimmitt, I learned to treasure his expertise and management skills. We continued to work together as we developed a completely new Palomar website. A year later, and after 8 years as the Palomar webmaster, I turned over custody and control of our website to Kelly. It is in good hands.



*President Ann Mauro
 Thank you for all your hard work!*

It was a pleasure to publish a small newsletter each month—telling the stories of our members and activities. My greatest joy was greeting our new dance students, encouraging them to join and engaging them in club activities. We started the year with 60 members and grew to over 90 members by year end. What a great year!”

Thank you, Bakersfield, for another great year at The Boards! With 29 Palomar Members in attendance, it just could not have been any nicer. Everything was handled so well by the Bakersfield Team!



Palomar was well represented at the “Bakersfield Boards”!



Palomar's Performance Team in Bakersfield: (L_R) Concepcion & Paul Richter, Current Queen Carol Kimmitt & Kelly Kimmitt, Antonia & Jesus Quinene & Ann Mauro & Bill Fujikawa

New Member Spotlight! We are excited to spotlight one of our newer members – Bill Fujikawa:



New Member, Bill Fujikawa

Bill was born in Glendale, CA, youngest of two sons, third generation Japanese, with a very social Dad and a more reserved Mom who was an English teacher. Bill describes himself as very shy like his Mom all the way through school, including earning a diving scholarship and graduating from USC. In school, because he was a Biology major student, his classes mostly had a scientific bent. This seemed like an opportunity to take some Palomar College classes he was curious about, so he took classes on Cinema, Piano etc. His mother gave him a great appreciation of Shakespeare, which he enjoys to this day. Finally, he decided he needed employment and after earning his teaching credential at San Diego State, he worked at Palomar College as a Chemistry Teacher. One day Bill then decided a career change was in order, he achieved his Masters in Computer Science at San Diego State then spent the last years of his working life writing Computer Software. This was his nirvana, his perfect niche in working life.

When he was at Palomar College, he met and married Kathleen and they lived happily together for 43 years. Sadly, Kathleen passed away in 2019. They have a son and a daughter, of whom Bill is very proud.

A year ago, Bill attended a Balboa Park Dancers dance session. One of the dancers, Roger, told Bill about our Palomar Smooth Dance lessons. Bill already took lessons with Arthur Murray then in the middle of 2023 took both elementary and intermediate lessons with Palomar Smooth Dancers. He has volunteered to perform the Bolero at Palomar's March Social and the Convention at Bakersfield

in March. He is a rising star, passionate about practicing! Welcome Bill!



It was a special night in San Diego with Queen Carol Kimmitt & her Escort Kelly Kimmitt, representing Palomar at the Coronation of their new Queen Victoria Voro!

San Fernando Valley News

Smooth Dancers of the San Fernando Valley holds dances in Van Nuys on the first Saturday of the month. Our next dance is the May 4, 2024. With DJ Tom Mendola spinning the tunes, dress in your favorite Leprechaun inspired attire! Doors open at 7:00 PM with dancing until 10:30 PM. Our dances are held at the Hollywood Academy of Dance located at 6732 Van Nuys Blvd. Van Nuys. \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. This is a Great time to become a member and save save. Get these dance dates on your calendar: June 1 and July 6!

Our Dance Lesson will be Intermediate Tango by David Moutrey, from 7:30-8:00 PM. Dancing from 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM.

Please go to our website at nsdsfv.org for all the information of all our upcoming events! Our amazing webmaster, Bill Steeber, has all the latest info, flyers, calendar events and everything you need to know Bill Steeber about the San Fernando Smooth Dancers.

The San Diego Coronation, honoring Queen Victoria Voro, on March 2, 2024 embraced the theme "All you need is Love" with the queen's regal colors of choice of ruby and gold tones; the tables were adorned with centerpieces of vibrant red roses, red napkins and gold chargers. The grand coronation ceremony was at the Champion Ballroom, the chapter's home studio.

Making her debut as a queen at a coronation and representing our chapter was our Queen Regina Chinweze who was escorted by the gentleman Mark Chapman of the San Diego chapter. Adding to the festive atmosphere were two couples, from the San Diego Chapter, who performed together a mesmerizing Queens honor dance.

Dinner was served buffet-style with bottles of white wine already placed on each table. The evenings captivating entertainment showcased the expertise of two professional dance couples: one couple captivated the audience with an Argentine Tango, and the other couple dazzled us with the classic waltz, infusing an extra touch of grace and elegance into the festivities.

The following day kicked off with a delightful Sunday breakfast at the Marriott, which started at 9 AM and wrapped up by 10 AM. In summary, it was a weekend worth remembering, filled with good vibes and lasting memories.

The March 22-24th weekend was the **Coronation and Annual Boards Meeting held in Bakersfield** at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel and was an "Event Full" weekend. As always, Bakersfield Smooth Dancers put on an excellent weekend packed with events, meeting, dancing, parties and



performances. The Love Boat Themed Event brought out amazing costumes from all the Smooth Dancer Clubs. Friday evening featured a DJ dance night 'Sail Away Party' with Showcase Spotlights starting out for all the clubs.

San Fernando's Loretta and James Baron performed a Salsa/Casino Latin dance to the music Coco Jamboo. Queen Regina Chinweze, President

Mark and Sally Emanuelli, Roberta and Les Lazar, Joan

Robinson, Leanne and John Wong, Barbara Greenlaw and Bill Steeber and others helped represent the San Fernando Smooth Dancers very well. Many went to their respective Board Meetings for the State Organization and, as well, The Queens luncheon was held with the Ladies (Queens!), dressed to kill! Saturday was also filled with dance lessons, The Bakersfield



Coronation and Queens Presentation, Showcases and Professional Entertainment.

Saturday's theme was Fiesta in Acapulco and Loretta and James Baron did a Spotlight Showcase performance of a Rumba to the music of Carnival. And to make this real "Event Full" weekend, Loretta wound up at Bakersfield



Adventist Hospital after the performance Saturday evening and found out she didn't just have indigestion at 2 am that morning, she had a myocardial infarction and spent the rest of the weekend at the hospital getting treated and was released on Monday to go home. Loretta has since been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation and is on medication for it and hopes to be

dancing again real soon. Loretta and James are so thankful for all the love and support of all our Smooth Dancers from San Diego to San Francisco. With all the calls, texts, emails and love we have received it is just so heartwarming that words alone cannot express our gratitude. Thank you, Thank you Thank you.

The Golden Gate Coronation, "A Gala Evening at Versailles" was held April 6th at Dominic's SF and was an



elegant evening to be sure. The Golden Gate Smooth Dancers Honored Queen Elect Lynn Sanders as their new Queen. Lynn is a dual club member of both the Fresno and

Golden Gate Club with an impressive resume of dancing and service to the dance community.

The Hotel was 15 minutes away at the Embassy Suites San Francisco Airport and was a beautiful hotel with an excellent buffet breakfast each morning as well as complimentary evening



cocktails! Impressive and convenient. Queen asked Queen Loretta Baron to fill in and represent the San Fernando Smooth Regina Chinweze Dancers for her at this event as she was away welcoming her new daughter in-law-Ashley Chioma Iziegbunam into her family.

The exquisitely themed Coronation event Saturday evening was highlighted by all the amazing dresses, suits, gowns, hats and pageantry. Everyone enjoyed the evening and the food was impressive! Queen Lynn and her Escort Jerry Bowes danced an amazing foxtrot. They were followed by Ruth and Roberto dancing a fantastic Latin Medley. The entire event was a delight and we wish you all coulda been there.

Club News! We SFV Smooth Dancers officers are interested in our members and want to hear from you about events you're up to that you can share with other dancers about interesting travel locations, dance events you may be a part of or public service that you may be involved in. Please feel free to contact me if you have anything to share with our club. Contact me at jamesbaron11@gmail.com or call 805 732-0260.

Birthday Announcements! A big SFVSD Happy Birthday for March to Susan Potthoff, Vivian Pennock, Harry Norton and for April to Loretta Kalan, Jacob Hairabedian, Sam Rozenman, Judy Hernand, Janet Staples-Edwards. Cheers!



Visalia Chapter News



Margaret Moholt, a friend to all, will be Visalia’s new queen in May.

If you’ve gone to annual conventions or the Bakersfield boards, you may already know Margaret – likable, polite, and engaging.



*Margaret Moholt,
Queen Elect*

What a life Margaret has lived.

Margaret was born in China and grew up in Taiwan where her family moved in the wake of World War II.

She bravely moved to the United States in 1979 and lived for 11 years in Texas, working in the banking and oil drilling industries while pursuing her accounting degree.

In Texas, she met and married Tom Moholt.

The Moholt family moved to Visalia in 1990, where Margaret continued her profession in government accounting. (Post-retirement, she volunteers her time and knowledge to help non-profit organizations.)

So, how did Margaret and Tom get involved in social dancing?

“In 1993, Maria Helm invited Tom and I to join Visalia Smooth Dancers,” Margaret said. “That was the turning point of our life in Visalia. We made new friends and decided Visalia is the place to call home. Dance lessons, curtain calls, dinners, and travel filled our lives with joy.”

After Tom’s unexpected passing 12 years ago, the dance community supported Margaret and encouraged her to continue to participate in social dance.

And we’re so glad they did. Margaret will be a wonderful queen representing Visalia. In 30-plus years, Margaret has served as club treasurer for most of them, and has been the treasurer four times for National Smooth Dancers annual conventions.

True to form, Margaret said being the new queen is not really about her even if she’s the one wearing the crown.

“I accepted the nomination to be the queen for Visalia Smooth Dancers to honor all my dear friends and celebrate their friendship,” she said.

That explains the theme of the coronation ball – “Friendship and Dancing – A Perfect Duet.”

All friends and dancers are invited to attend Margaret’s coronation on May 18 at the Exeter Veterans Memorial Building. And if you want to dance with the new queen, get in line.

Visiting the Golden Gate Club



Ten members attended the Golden Gate chapter’s coronation ceremony in April in South San Francisco. Lynn Sanders was crowned queen at the event.

It was all quite a sight. The theme was Versailles, therefore many people wore period costume – wigs, frock coats and fulsome dresses – with a little help from Amazon.

Bakersfield Boards



Several Visalia dancers journeyed to Bakersfield for the annual ‘Bakersfield Boards.’ It’s a fun occasion because it’s mostly non-stop dancing. And it’s close to Visalia.

Dean and Cheryl Levitan, Lew Griswold and Florence Kabot, David and Carol Bixler, and Paul and Wendy Storey performed the amusing “Snake Dance” routine to a medley of tunes from the “Lion King”.

The Bakersfield club does a superb job hosting. This year, the event was held at the Double Tree Inn, which had a renovation.



San Diego Chapter News

It feels my heart with the gratitude saying that our March 2, 2024 Coronation was very successful and memorable event, filled with love, joy, friendship, and beautiful performances!

We were striving to give our fellow dancers and our guests the best experience – the ballroom was beautifully decorated with the white long tablecloths, gold and red table settings, elegant centerpieces with the twinkling lights, white chair covers with gold sequined sashes. The queen court had red and gold throne chair, sequined red and gold backdrop with the neon sign “All you need is love” – the theme of the coronation.

In selecting the theme for my coronation, I drew inspiration from the timeless lyrics penned by the legendary John Lennon of The Beatles. In a world marred by strife and conflict, this anthem transcends the boundaries of time, and resonates with the universal ideals of acceptance, peace, and boundless love.



Cindy Perry, our amazing MC opened the evening inviting all guests to the champagne reception. Our two elegant ushers, Jack Martin and Mark Iskandar accompanied arriving guests to their tables.



My daughter was my crown bearer, my granddaughter was my flower girl, and my son was my escort. I danced a foxtrot with my professional partner Oreste Alitto to the jazz classic “Fly me to the Moon”, made popular by Frank Sinatra. I was delighted to see how my family and friends intertwined with NSD dance family.



MC Cindy read a brief essay written by each queen about memorable people and events in their lives. We were captivated to hear love stories, immigration challenges, dancing successes, professional achievements, happiness of big family, and joyfulness of glamorous gowns!

The Honor Dance was performed by our very own award winning San Diego Smooth Dancers Ji Kenworthy

and Mike Cowlshaw and Marina Davidoskaya, and Marty Friehofer. They were performing a waltz to “A Daisy in December” from the traditional Irish music album.



Professional Show: we were lucky to have with us two amazing, talented dance professional couples:

Katia Diamond and Jesus Taborda. Katia is an Argentine tango dancer, performer, adjudicator, instructor and founder of the San Diego Tango Academy and owner of Milonga Magnifica. Jesus Taborda from Argentina is a world-recognized professional Argentine tango competitive dancer, choreographer, and instructor. He is a three times finalist in the World Tango competitions and Fox Music Award winner as principal dancer, and choreographer. He serves as a cultural representative of Argentina in Europe and China. Our second professional show was by USA Dance Professional National Champions: Oreste Alitto and Zhenia. They are also USA Open Professional finalists, Italian, Russian, European and World finalists. They are founders of Dance Discover, the ballroom experience which offers a wide variety of Ballroom products and services. Dance host, Mechislav, competitive, professional dancer from Orange County, was hired to dance with the ladies.

Our MC, Cindy delivered very original and beautiful Invocation dedicated to the role of love and dance in our lives. She emphasized that love and dance have a lot in common; she said:

“The key to love is understanding and connecting, and the key to dancing is understanding the connection. The key to love is forgiveness; the key to dance is, accepting each other’s missteps, reflecting on how we each can make things better for the other.

Our life journey is a dance – So may your steps on this journey be joy-filled. And may you always be grateful, loving deeply, giving joyfully, forgiving willingly, laughing easily and dancing often.”

My heartfelt thanks & congratulations go to all of you who worked hard to make this great coronation event possible: to

SDSD and NSD members, Debi Cadena, queen Kay, queen mum Carla, queen Jeanette, who did the heavy lifting in setting the ballroom and decorating tables; to San Diego Queens and Mark Chapman for the welcoming hospitality; to Cindy Perry for the poetic coronation script and amazing MC performance; to Greg for the uplifting DJ’ing, to Ashley, our house chef, for the tasty lasagna; to our talented honor dancers, Marty, Marina, Ji, Mike; to

queens Lucie and Lou, president Anthony for the support; to queen Liz for the elegant brochure; to NSD queens and all of you who honored me with your presence. And special thanks to the esteemed Mary Murphy for her beautiful gift to me - a plaque made from the same wood as our studio floor. I will cherish it forever!

Thank you all again for the honor and unforgettable memories!

Blessings to all!

Queen Victoria



Coronation of Queen Victoria Voro



2024 NSD CONVENTION

hosted by the Palomar Chapter

Holiday on the Bay

Labor Day Weekend
August 30 - September 2

Wyndham Bayside Hotel
1355 N. Harbor Drive
San Diego 92101



Visalia Smooth Dancers cordially invite you to a
Coronation Ball

Friendship and Dancing

 a Perfect Duet

Honoring Queen-Elect

Margaret
Meholt

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Exeter Memorial Building
324 N. Kaweah Ave.
Exeter, CA 93221

Hospitality 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Wine Reception 6:00 p.m.
Coronation Ceremony 6:30 p.m.
Dinner and Dancing 7:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Honor Dance by Shane and Myra Nielsen
Exhibition by Lynn Sanders and Jerry Bowes

Dinner Dance \$58 per person, catered by Happy Cookers.
Hotel Reservations: Hilton Garden Inn, 8715 W. Hillsdale Ave., Visalia, CA, 559-608-6400
Room Rate of \$162. *Early Reservations Recommended.*

Queen Farewell Brunch honoring Queen Myra Nielsen on Sunday, May 19 at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Karl and Carolyn Richards, 2526 Border Links, Visalia, CA 93291.

Please mail reservation by May 7 to Linda Guttierrez, 15775 Ave. 384, Visalia, CA 93292, 559-799-0487.

Dinner _____ @ \$58 each / Brunch _____ @ \$25 each / Total _____

Beef & Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

Name(s) _____

Email _____ Chapter _____



Fresno Smooth Dancers invites you to the

Wild and Glam *Coronation Ball for* **Queen Oralia Fowler**

*At the Social Hall of the
Holy Trinity Church
2226 Ventura Ave,
Fresno CA*

Saturday June 1, 2024

*Hospitality 2 to 4
at the Social Hall*



Formal Ball

6:00 pm Champagne Reception
6:30 pm Coronation Ceremony
7:00 pm Dinner
8:00 pm General Dancing
& Entertainment
10:30 pm Last Waltzes

Farewell Breakfast
Sunday June 2, 2024
Doubletree International Cafe
9:00 No Host

*Reservations at
Doubletree Hotel
2233 Ventura St
Call 559-268-1000
"Smooth Dancers"
Rate: \$169 + tax,
Reserve by May 17*

RSVP by May 28- Cks payable to Fresno Smooth Dancers, inc.

Names(s) _____
Phone _____ **#** _____ **NSD Members @ \$75 \$** _____
Email _____ **#** _____ **Non Members @ \$85 \$** _____
Total Due \$ _____

Mail to Lorraine Tilton 2727 E Hampton Way Fresno CA 93726 559-269-9491



*Bakersfield Smooth
Dancers presents*

Spring Has Sprung

Saturday, April 27, 2024
7:00-10:00 pm


Fairfax Grange
4 Fairfax Road
Bakersfield, CA 93307

FREE for BSD members
\$20 for guests

Music by the Targets

Committee: Kay & Mark Boyer
Ben & Wendy Wilson

Light snacks will be provided
Casual attire/Spring colors suggested

 Greetings
ISLAND

San Fernando Valley Smooth Dancers

**Saturday,
May 4, 2024
7:30-10:00PM**



**Get these dance dates
on your calendar!**

**June 1
July 6**

**Enter at the front door on
Van Nuys Blvd or the rear
of the building under the
blue awning, watching out
for the raised gate track.**

**For free parking use the street,
especially Van Nuys Blvd, and
the back of the Wells Fargo lot.**



Music

DJ - Tom Mendola

**All Ballroom, Swing
and Nightclub styles
Mixers**

Dance Lesson

**Intermediate Tango
by David Moutrey**

Schedule

**Dance Lesson 7:30-8:00PM
Dancing 8:00-10:30PM**

**Members \$15, Non-Members \$20
Munchies, beverages included.**

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Become a member! Ask at the dance or see the website nsdsfv.org.**





**GOLDEN GATE SMOOTH DANCERS, INC.
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“Day at the Races”





AFTERNOON DANCE **Sunday May 12th**

 **\$25 Admission**  **Dance Lesson**  **DJ Music**

 **Free Parking**  **Dance Hosts**

South San Francisco Recreation Center
901 Civic Campus Way, South San Francisco

 **1:30-5:00pm** 

Wear your favorite hat for our hat contest!
Prize will be awarded!

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\$25.00 Admission

Includes

1:30-2:30 PM

Waltz Lesson

w/ Ylva Wintzell

2:30-5:00 PM

Dancing

**RESERVATIONS ARE
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4:30PM**

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April 2024



April 20, 2024

Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,

Spring has Sprung! With the coming of spring, Tom Wells, the longtime publishing editor has stepped down. With this edition, I will be taking over the publishing editor position. I thank Tom for his exceptional leadership and dedication to the Dance Whispers over the past 11 years. I know that I am saying this for all the NSD members: THANK YOU, TOM!

It is also sad to say goodbye to the Los Angeles Chapter. Elizabeth represented the Golden Gate Chapter at the LA Coronation during our most recent Crowne Circle. We enjoyed getting to know their members just a little bit more. Hopefully, we will still be seeing them on the dance floor at future NSD events.

Speaking of NSD events, we have completed the San Diego Coronation, the Bakersfield Board weekend, and the Golden Gate Coronation. For statewide events, we have both the Visalia Coronation (May 18, 2024) and the Fresno Coronation (June 1, 2024), followed by the State

Convention hosted by the Palomar Chapter over the 2024 Labor Day Weekend (August 30 - September 2, 2024). The final coronation of the year is the San Fernando Valley Coronation (November 2, 2024).

Some of you may be asking: So, who is the new publishing editor anyway. I was born in San Bernardino, and have lived in California all my life (so far). I spent half of my life in Southern California, and the other half in Northern California. I took up ballroom dancing when I met my wife, Elizabeth. After a year of lessons, our instructor invited us to a dance in Palo Alto, and we started going to their once-a-month Saturday dance. It took another year before he invited us to the Golden Gate Smooth Dancers event in South San Francisco. We liked it so much, and asked about coming back the following month. He said that he had a full table for the event, and that we would have to sit with other people. We did come back and were welcomed by the Golden Gate Chapter and we became members within 5 months of our first dance, and our participation took off from there.

As Tom would say:

I hope to see you on the dance floor soon, and remember Never Stop Dancing.

-Carl Chesbrough
Publishing Editor.