

National Smooth Dancers
Dance Whispers
February 2024



2024 Coronation Central: San Diego Coronation - March 2 ; Bakersfield Mini Convention and Coronation - March 22-24; Golden Gate Coronation - April 6; Visalia Coronation - May 18; Fresno Coronation - June 1; Palomar State Convention and Coronation - August 30 - September 2; San Fernando Valley Chapter Coronation - November 2.

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



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



Publishing Editor

Tom Wells

Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,

“Love is in the air,” being the month of Valentines and when you should be getting your reservation in for the Bakersfield “Love Boat” dance weekend March 22-24. You will find all you will need on pp 12-13. This dancing family, the National Smooth Dancers, are definitely special people in my and many people’s lives and hearts!

I am very happy and excited to welcome our new Dance Whispers editors: Jerry Bowes for Golden Gate Chapter and Chris Bernardo for Palomar Chapter.

With mixed emotions, all good, I want to welcome Carl Chesbrough of Golden Gate Chapter as the new publishing editor of the Dance Whispers beginning with the April issue. After 11 years at the Dance Whispers helm I am stepping down and turning the responsibility of reporting to the NSD members the life and events of NSD. I appreciate and thank you for the opportunity to serve you as publishing editor for the last eleven years.

There is plenty of dancing coming up for us as well. Please be sure to check out the fliers at the end of this issue. We have the San Diego Coronation coming up on March 2nd (p11), the Bakersfield Dance Weekend and Coronation on March 22-

24 (pp 12-13) and the Golden Gate coronation on April 6th (p14).

We also have the unfortunate news of the closing of the Los Angeles Chapter which you can read about on page 9. In light of that, as I sign off as publishing editor, I want to share with you some thoughts I shared with you in February of 2016. The words seem so much more important coming on the heels of the Los Angeles Chapter news:

I couldn't help but remember what I've been taught about belonging to a group. If I want to be a successful member of a group, I need to place myself in the middle of "the herd". Otherwise, as in nature, those on the fringes become easy prey to the predators! My predators include doubt, fear, judgement, apathy and time. By placing myself in the middle of the NSD "herd", I have found support, encouragement and growth; particularly in my dancing.

We have a big, full year of dancing ahead of us. National Smooth Dancers runs solely on “Volunteer Power.” If you haven’t yet, please consider placing yourself in the middle of the herd. Consider what you can give to your chapter and NSD: setting up, organizing food, learning to be a music person, assisting with marketing, serving as an officer, etc., and of course supporting as many NSD events as possible!

I hope to see you on the dance floor soon, and remember

Never Stop Dancing

Tom



My dear fellows Smooth Dancers,

It is my honor to represent San Diego this year as your Queen, and I look forward to seeing many of you during the year at upcoming Coronations.

I grew up in Ukraine, received there my MS degree in electromechanical engineering, got married, and shortly after immigrated to the US with my young family.

I was pursuing the freedom of choice and better future for my children. In US I continued my post-graduate education, worked for major defense and telecommunications companies.

My values are based on education, reason, individual choice, and responsibility.

In selecting the theme for my coronation, "All You Need is Love," 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, resonating with the universal ideals of acceptance, peace, and boundless love.

Dancing is one of my favorite hobbies. I have been in the San Diego dance community and SDSD for more than 10 years, taking numerous group and private lessons, attending seminars and socials.

I am also interested in visual, performing, and applied arts, classical music, opera, and pop. I travel extensively to follow my interests.

As your Queen I'll focus on the SDSD chapter purpose of creating greater interest in ballroom dancing, and maintaining friendliness and good will among the smooth dancers.

Keep smiling and keep dancing!

Wholeheartedly,
Queen Victoria.



Honoring Queen-Elect
Victoria Voro

Saturday March 2, 2024

Champion Ballroom Academy
4255 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123

<https://www.sandiegosmoothdancers.org/our-next-social>

Queen's Brunch - All are invited
Courtyard by Marriott
8651 Spectrum Center Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92123
Sunday, March 3, 2024 9:00am

- Gala Event
- Black Tie Optional
- Champagne Reception 6:00pm
- Coronation & Honor Dance 6:30pm
- Dinner & Dancing 7-10:30pm

Accommodations may be made at Courtyard Marriott, 8651 Spectrum Center Blvd, San Diego, 92123
Call (858) 633-9005 ext 662 Audrey or visit www.marriott.com/sancy for reservations.

Bakersfield Chapter

The Love Boat - Come Aboard, We're Expecting You!

The Bakersfield Chapter invites everyone to join them on March 22nd as we cast off on a wonderful weekend cruise filled with dancing and dining. The event will be held at the newly remodeled Bakersfield Doubletree Hotel. Be sure to send your registration to Kay Boyer at the P.O. Box listed on the registration form.

Pick up your itinerary Friday afternoon between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. where we will be ready to welcome you aboard!



New Year's Eve

Our New Year's Eve dance, held at the Bakersfield Women's Club was a great way to ring in the new year. Thank you to Kay Boyer for sharing her photos of the event. It looks like every one had a wonderful time.

Dinner was provided by Caesar's Deli.



The Presidents Ball

On January 27th we held our annual President's Ball. It is a time set aside to honor those in our club who have volunteered their time and talents to handle the business side of running our chapter. We all appreciate the work that it takes to keep the organization going. Our current president, Ben Wilson was in attendance along with two past presidents, Paul Leung and Steve Peterson. Thank you for all you do!



Weekly Lessons

There have been a few changes to our weekly lessons this year.

Josh Harless offers lessons on Tuesday evening. Beginning lessons start at 6:00 pm and Intermediate lessons start at 7:00 pm. If you pay for the intermediate lessons the beginners lessons are at no charge.

Franco Perraza is offering beginning lessons on Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. And intermediate lessons immediately following at 7:30.

Be sure to check out the flyer for more information. I do like the fact that he allows drop-ins. With six grandchildren in town my husband and I often miss a couple of classes.



Golden Gate Chapter



Introducing our new Golden Gate Whispers Editor: Jerry Bowes

Jerry has been a Golden Gate member since Dec 2020 and he and his partner Lynn have been very active in the Golden Gate and Fresno chapters. They have performed the Coronation honor dance for the prior two Fresno queens and also performed their waltz routine as the 'halftime entertainment'

for the 2023 New Years Eve party. They were part of the 'Grease' Skit for the 2022 convention and Jerry received 6 competition awards at the 2023 convention. Jerry is a skilled webmaster and computer and music guy and is our backup DJ so that Carl can be on vacation during a chapter dance. Jerry is looking forward to bringing his geeky skills and sense of humor to his new job as Whispers Editor (though at this point the title 'Cub Reporter' seems to fit better).



Past president Vera Harvey received an award for her dedicated work as president for the Golden Gate Chapter from current president Dan Ansaldo

Chapter Admin: Roster of Officers for 2024

President: Dan Ansaldo
Vice President: Svetlana Gites
Queen: Liz Talmadge
Queen Elect: Lynn Sanders (Coronation April 6, 2024)

Beverage Master: David Jeffery
Board Member: Amy Ansaldo
Corresponding Secretary: Rita Steed
Dance Host Coordinator: Janice Snyder
Dance Rules: Igor Tilinin
Dance Whispers Editor: Jerry Bowes
Hotel Coordinator: Dan Ansaldo
Music Coordinator: Carl Chesbrough
Parliamentarian: Rita Parma

Property Custodian: Elizabeth Li
Queen Coordinator: Amy Ansaldo
Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Li
Sergeant-At-Arms: Les Lin
Social Chair: Stella Wong
Treasurer: Carl Chesbrough
Webmaster: Carl Chesbrough

Monthly Dances

Jan 14: Our January dance, themed "On Safari" started off with a Hustle lesson by John Ross. We had 80 members and guests attending.

Feb 10: Our Valentines Day "Love to Dance" event was a challenge and a victory. Despite being in direct conflict with the Superbowl while our own San Francisco 49ers were valiantly playing, we persevered and our male football fans "took one for the Golden Gate team" and made sure the members, guests, and especially the single ladies had a pleasant dance afternoon. We had a Night Club Two Step lesson from Peter Ng and enjoyed the day while our 49 attendees had a little extra room on the dance floor (thanks to the Superbowl).

Upcoming GGSD Dances

March 10: Our 'Spring has Sprung' dance will include a lesson by James Kleinrath in American Tango.

Other Events:

Coronation for 2024 Queen: Lynn Sanders

Our dual chapter member, Lynn Sanders, will have her Coronation on April 6, 2024 with the theme of "A Gala Evening at Versailles". Dust off your purple and gold attire and review your French court social protocols and sign up for the Gala. It will be at the same San Francisco location that the chapter had their New Years Eve (NYEE) holiday dance. Lynn was queen of the Fresno chapter in 2012 and state queen for Fresno in 2019. She is gearing up for another year of regal duties, this time with her consort, Jerry. Register at https://www.goldengatedancers.org/reservations/special_event

Initiatives of Interest: NSD Dance Music Library



Jerry Bowes, after getting geared up to be our chapter backup DJ, asked the question "Wouldn't it be cool if we had an NSD-wide dance music library on our website and the ability for any chapter DJ to make a printable songlist from the entire library that they could download with all the music and announcements onto a thumb drive, plug it into their music system, and go enjoy the entire dance."

Jerry has cobbled up a website demo with some of his ideas. If you have input or want to be part of this, contact him at jerbowes@yahoo.com.

Visalia Chapter



Holly Goes Lightly

Visalia Smooth Dancers' first social dance of 2024 had the title "Holly Goes Lightly." Ah yes – Holly Golightly is the unforgettable character in Truman Capote's Breakfast at Tiffany's. Well, she made an appearance at the January event. Somjai Cochran rocked it in black dress and pearls. Kristine Lewis also channeled Holly Golightly.



Dean Levitan takes hospital board seat

Last year, our own Dean Levitan was honored by the Tulare County Medical Society as Physician of the Year. As if that's not enough, Dean has just been appointed to a seat on the board of directors of Kaweah Delta District Hospital, the local hospital in Visalia. Congratulations Dean!

Meet our new club officers

Adelle Martinez has agreed to serve as our new Treasurer, replacing longtime treasurer Margaret Moholt. (Thank you,



Adelle Martinez, our new treasurer

Margaret, for your many years of service in that role.) Florence Kabot and Mary Brown agreed to serve as co-chairs of the social committee that oversees the monthly dances, replacing Somjai Cochran. (Thank you, Somjai.) Additionally, Greg Uichanco is now serving on the board of directors.

West Visalia Grange Hall welcomes new dancers

Visalia's secret weapon may be the West Visalia Grange Hall and its nice wood floor. Four dance instructors hold lessons there, and the club offers introductory lessons at 5 p.m. Sundays. Lessons – \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members – introduce new people to social dancing, and some are joining the club.

"It's a nice relationship we have with the Grange," said president Tim Inouye. "We are pretty lucky."

Grange Master David Bixler, past president of Visalia Smooth Dancers, deserves praise for bringing the club to the hall. In fact, a number of dancers have joined the Grange to support the relationship.



Happy birthday, Cheryl Levitan!

In January, a birthday party for Cheryl Levitan, 70, was held in Tulare by her family, who invited many friends including fellow ballroom dancers. Although not a club event, so many VSD'ers were there that it almost became a monthly dance – the dance floor got a lot of use that night. Dean said he and Cheryl first encountered ballroom dancing on a cruise ship. They started taking lessons and the rest is history. Happy birthday, Cheryl!

Welcome new members



Alert! We have new members. Tamara Galli started coming to the Sunday lessons and soon attended our monthly dancers. She had so much fun, she joined the club. Welcome, Tamara!

Other new members who came by the same route include Joe Nunez, Peggy McGuire and Nick Eknoian. Also Manuel Madril has rejoined after a couple years of absence. Welcome Joe, Peggy, Nick and Manuel!

Badges are cool

New members get a very nice badge depicting a dancing couple, with their name on it. Badges get lost or damaged over time, so now is the time for anyone who needs one to notify President Tim.

Fresno Chapter



Fresno Smooth Dancers members wish all of you a Happy Valentines Day!



So, our January 21st dance was hosted by Nancy Cargill. She made homemade muffins for all of us to eat. We had hot coffee with all different kinds of coffee topping. Franco Peraza taught a foxtrot lesson, which included a gorgeous pattern. It was like a puzzle. Working on technique, styling, and by the

We are so happy to announce our coronation will be on June 1 2024. Our Queen elect will be Oralia Fowler. Yes! Queen Oralia will be Queen another year. Please save that date. You do not want to miss this coronation. Oralia's flyer will be ready at Bakersfield boards.



time the lesson came to an end, you saw the exquisite puzzle fall in place.

This month's third Sunday dance on February 18, 2024, Queen Oralia will be our hostess. She has chosen MARDI GRAS as her theme. Expect a real party. Our lesson will be a West Coast Swing taught by Berkeley Hayes we continue to have our dances in the new Clovis Senior Center. You welcome to attend any of our dances. \$10.00 for NSD members and \$15.00 for guests. Come and join us!



Fresno Smooth Dancers
presents

Mardi Gras

Laissez les bons moments rouler
(let the good times roll)



Clovis Senior Center
735 3rd Street
Clovis, California

February 18, 2024

NSD Members - \$10.00
Guests - \$15.00
Lesson 2:00
Dancing 3:00 to 5:00

Hosted by



Oralia Fowler

West Coast Swing Lesson by
Berkeley Hayes

For More Information call
Nancy at 559-786-9626
www.fresnosmoothdancers.org



Palomar Chapter

Convention 2024/Labor Day Weekend is fast approaching! We have all been busy forming our committees & making plans with our Chairs Peter & Marsha Hanson. Our theme this year for the 4 days is “Holiday by the Bay.” Mark your calendars for the weekend of August 30th thru September 2nd at the San Diego Wyndham Bayside Hotel. We are asking members to register early! Lots of fun in store!

In December our new Officers were elected and sworn in at the January Meeting. A huge thank you goes to former officers for all of their hard work in 2023!



L-R Peter Hanson (Treasurer), Debbie Jackson (Recording Secretary), Chris Bernardo (DW Editor & Corres. Secretary), Ann Mauro (Director), Antonia Quinene (Social Chair) & Penny Elliott (President & Dance Rules)

Our January Social was “totally a BLAST from the past!”. Theme was “Sunday Night Live”. Everyone dressed up in their best 70’s outfits. A special “Hustle” performance was done by our Monday night Intermediate Dance class which involved a “Hustle” Line Dance then moved into the “Hustle” partner dance, ending with the “Hustle” Line Dance again where Kelly & Carol Kimmitt invited the audience to participate. What fun!



(Right) George & Miriam Mozes performing Hustle with the group!
(Above) Group Hustle!

A Special Award Presentation was made at the January Social to Duane & Donna Thornton for their 40 years of service to Palomar



Smooth Dancers! Duane served as President & Donna as Queen in 1990 and 1995! Throughout the years they have held many other positions as Palomar Officers and are always involved in every aspect of service with Palomar’s busy club activities. Huge thank-you’s go out to both special members!



Ann Mauro & Kelly Kimmitt present a well-deserved Lifetime Achievement Award to Duane & Donna Thornton from PSD.

An Interview with new member Debbie Jackson... by Chris Bernardo: Debbie joined Palomar Smooth Dancers in April of 2023. She was first introduced by Jim Murray a newer member of Palomar Smooth Dancers. Jim and his friend Lisa are in our Monday night classes. Debbie now practices dancing weekly with another two of our members at a local YMCA.

Debbie was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay area, graduated from UC Berkeley and became a Therapeutic Dietitian. Eventually working as a professional in that field for a Non-Profit Management Company. Right after college she married and had a beautiful daughter; this marriage ended in 1997.

Two years later she moved to Alpine and worked for the Alzheimer’s Association. Debbie also joined the Kiwanis of Alpine in 2000. Debbie held many officer positions at Kiwanis during that time including President.

She met the love of her life in 2000 at Kiwanis but sadly lost him to cancer in 2014. He was a veteran & Debbie joined up with a group of people who created the Alpine Veterans Wall of Honor in Alpine, which now holds more than 800 veterans’ tiles. Her daughter moved to Temecula 2022 which encouraged Debbie to move north to be closer to her



family. She found a beautiful home in Shadowridge area of Vista. Debbie just accepted the position of Recording Secretary for our Palomar Smooth Chapter. She will do a phenomenal job; we are lucky to have her on our team! Welcome!

Debbie Jackson

San Fernando Valley Chapter



Smooth Dancers of the San Fernando Valley holds dances in Van Nuys on the first Saturday of the month. Our next dance is the March 2nd SFV Monthly Social Dance Happy St. Patrick's Day dance . With DJ Tom Mendola spinning the tunes, dress in your favorite Leprechaun inspired attire !! Doors open at 7:30 PM with dancing until 10:00 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 save.



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 about the San Fernando Smooth Dancers.

We just elected our new Board of Directors for 2024. The new officers are as follows:

- Mark Emanuelli President
- Roberta LaZar Vice President, Corresponding Secretary
- Loretta Kalan Social Chair
- Rachel Seward Social Alt Chair
- Joan Robinson Board Member
- Susan Potthoff Recording Secretary
- Bill Steeber Webmaster

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 January to Thomas Reilly, Brian Yip, Bill Mower, Indra Ahuja and for February to Gerri Cook, James Charlton, Patricia Zenizo. Cheers!!!

And in the news: Mark Emanuelli let us know that he and Sally will be taking an unexpected trip to Norway this May.

Mark not only dances, but he also helps coach the FIRST

Lego League Robotics teams out of his childrens' school.

This year, team 1711, The Vincent Van Gogh - Bots - coached by Gerrit Byma - advanced through the qualifying rounds, and made it to the California State Championships. While they did not advance to the World Championships in Houston, they instead secured a bid to represent the United States at the European Championships! The team will be part of a 50 team competition (1 team from each country) which will be held in Bodo, Norway, in late May.

The teams compete in four areas: Robot Game (scoring points using a Lego-based robot), Robot Design (a 5 minute presentation discussing their robot), Innovation Project (a 5 minute presentation on solving a unique question), and Core Values (The baseline foundation of FIRST).

Mark's team (1712) was able to win the Robot Game portion of the Qualifying Competition.

Team 1711 (The team in grey in the photo) has been outstanding, winning the Robot Design trophy in

Qualifying and in Regionals, and won the 2nd place trophy for Core Values at the State Championships - the top 50 teams in California.





After 86 years Los Angeles Chapter leaves the dance floor

“One Sunday evening back in the year 1937 a group of contest dancers, all staunch partisans of “smooth” dancing, were gathered around the bandstand of the ballroom on Lick Pier in Santa Monica. They were watching the distressing spectacle of contest prizes being handed out, one after another, to the jitterbug maniacs.

It was Glenn Helper who first suggested, to Archie McKenzie, the idea of organizing a club for “smooth dancers. The notion caught on fast, and in a few weeks some 40 of the best dancers in the Los Angeles area had signed up.”

-Ballroom Dance Magazine - August, 1962

And thus began the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Smooth Dancers!

We are sad to report that the Los Angeles Chapter officially ceased operations on December 31, 2023.

As you might imagine the stalwart members agonized over this decision which came down to only one deciding factor; we had run out of “*volunteer power.*” We share this so you can consider the importance of volunteers for the continued growth of the National Smooth Dancers in general and your chapter in particular. Your time and effort are priceless to the

continued success of your club.

Los Angeles Chapter had plenty of money, a steady attendance at our dances and were attracting new ballroom dancers to events. We were adding new members and had guests interested in joining up until the final dance, but only to save money on the cost of admission.

With changing health, pursuing new interests, exhaustion and just plain old “burn out” we came to the conclusion that there was just not enough “volunteer power” left in the group to continue operations.

Los Angeles Chapter is fortunate to have the funds to hire an attorney to work with us and the NSD Board to update the articles of incorporation and constitution for improving the legal structure of NSD, insuring that the failure of a single chapter will not adversely affect the entire organization. You will be hearing more about this from the NSD Board as this moves forward toward a ratification by the chapters.

We are all so very grateful to NSD; for the friends, the dancing, the fun, the fellowship!

Thank You National Smooth Dancers!



In Memoriam



It is with sadness that we share that a long time BSD member, Bernice Fiolle passed away on November 24, 2023.

She had been a member of the Bakersfield Smooth Dancers for over 13 years. She was also a member of the Fairfax Grange Board of Directors.

She was always willing to join the Bakersfield Formation Teams.

Bernice was a very elegant lady who was always dressed to the nines.

She was also a wonderful artist. She created the cartoon figures for the BSD 2012 Boards. Most recently, she created the art work on the inside of the West wall of the Grange building



She was a wonderful dancer! Bernice could follow any dance pattern. Bernice's long time dance partner was James Minyard.



San Diego Smooth Dancers Coronation 2024

All You Need is Love

Honoring Queen-Elect

Victoria Voro

Saturday March 2, 2024

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- Coronation & Honor Dance 6:30pm
- Dinner & Dancing 7-10:30pm

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Call (858) 633-9005 ext 662 Audrey or visit www.marriott.com/sancy for reservations.
Use code SDS or mention San Diego Smooth Dancers for discounted room rate of \$149
parking \$8.00 per night
valid if reservations are received by February 4, 2024.

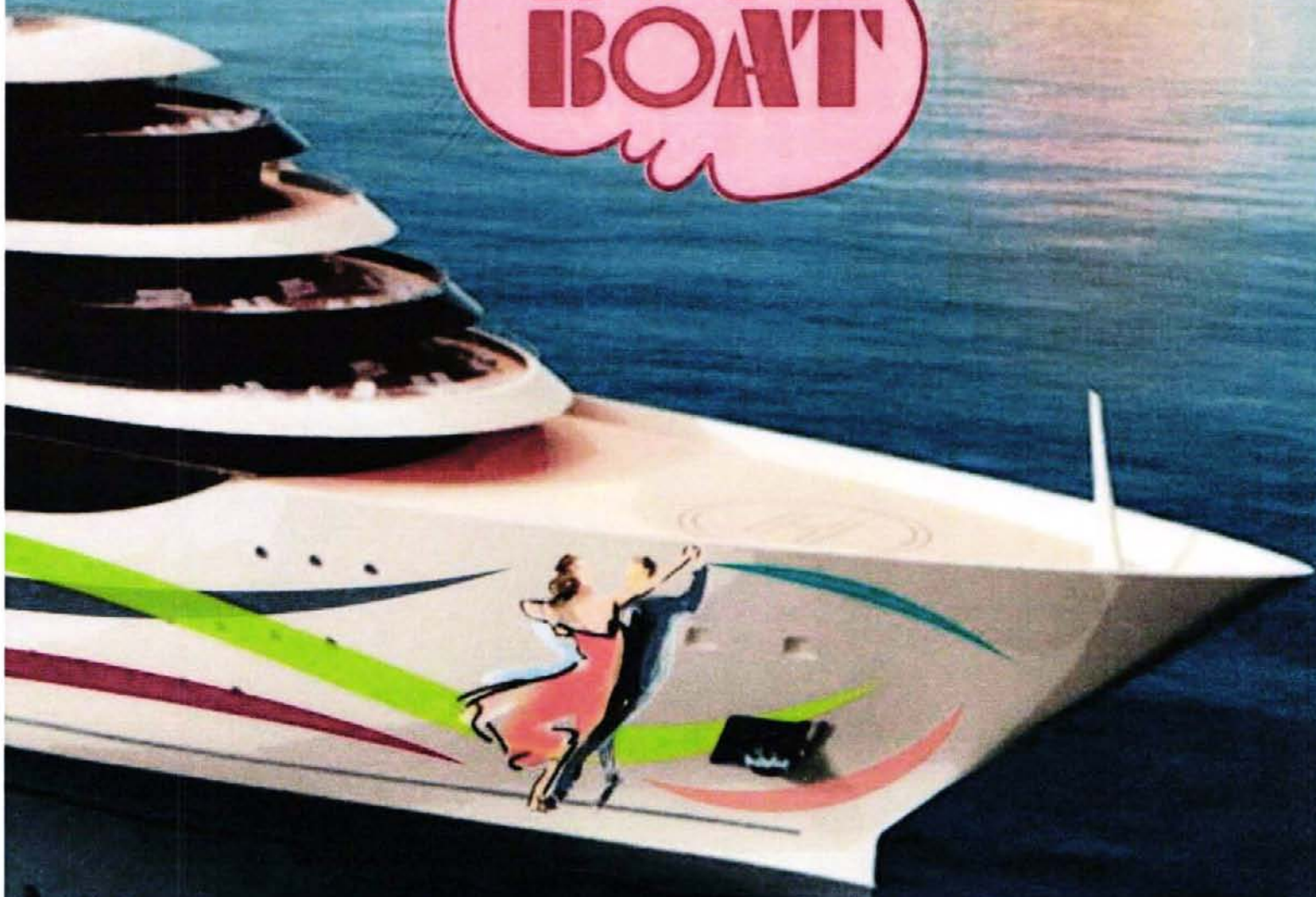
Kindly RSVP by February 24, 2024. Pre-paid only. No payments accepted at the door.
Checks made payable to "SDSD"
Please send checks to Mark Chapman (619) 213-9119
7637 Rustico Dr., Carlsbad, CA 92009

Name _____ # _____ Coronation \$65. \$ _____
Chapter _____ Phone _____ # _____ Brunch \$35. \$ _____
Email _____ Total Due \$ _____

For Vegetarian option please check this box.

*Bakersfield Smooth Dancers
Present*

**'The
LOVE
BOAT'**



For More Information and Registration Forms go to:
<http://bakersfieldsmoothdancers.org/conventions/>

Bakersfield Smooth Dancers

2024 Board of Directors Meeting Event Registration

"THE LOVE BOAT"

March 22-24, 2024

Purchaser Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Attendee #1: _____ Attendee #2: _____

Chapter: _____ Chapter: _____

Attendee #1 Attendee #2

Weekend Dance Package \$189 per person

Includes admission to all these weekend events. *(Best Deal)*

Friday Evening	Evening Dance & Showcases
Saturday Afternoon	Afternoon Dance & Showcases (Does not include Queen's Lunch)
Saturday Evening	Coronation Ceremony Formal Dinner, Dance & Showcases Professional Entertainment
Sunday Morning	Buffet Breakfast & Convention Presentation

Individual Events

_____	Friday Evening Party Only	\$40.00 per person	_____
	Evening Dance & Competitions		
_____	Saturday Afternoon Party Only	\$35.00 per person	_____
	Afternoon Dance & Competitions		
_____	Saturday Evening Party	\$99.00 per person	_____
	Queens Processional Formal Dinner, Dance & Competitions Professional Entertainment		
_____	Sunday Morning Breakfast	\$45.00 per person	_____
	Buffet Breakfast & Convention Presentation		
_____	Queen's Lunch	\$45.00 per person	_____
	Open to all Queens from all Chapters		

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Saturday Evening Special Meal Request:

Attendee #1 Vegetarian _____ Chicken _____

Attendee #2 Vegetarian _____ Chicken _____

For special food allergy concerns, contact JoAnn Georgio.

CANCELLATIONS before March 12, 2024 will receive a prorated refund.

After March 14, 2023 - No Refunds can be made.

All Dancing, Meals and Meetings will be held at the
Doubletree Hotel - 3100 Camino Del Rio Ct

Make checks payable to:
Bakersfield Smooth Dancers.

Mail Event Registrations to:

Kay Boyer
Bakersfield Smooth Dancers
PO Box 80142
Bakersfield, CA 93380
Email: cke89@aol.com

Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, Inc.

Presents...

A Gala Evening at Versailles



Honoring...

Queen-Elect Lynn Sanders

Saturday April 6th, 2024

Dominic's SF

2850 Alemany Blvd. San Francisco, CA

\$100/person

5:30 P.M.-11:00 P.M

Formal or Period Attire Requested

Please make checks payable to "Golden Gate Smooth Dancers" and Mail to: Stella Wong at 3171 Susan Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066 (650-255-5522) and include entrée selection on your check or register via our online reservation system at: [GGSD Events Online Registration](#)

Accommodations: **Embassy Suites San Francisco Airport**

250 Gateway Blvd, South San Francisco, CA

Group Rate of \$169/night 1 King or 2 Queens Suites

Rate good through March 18th (includes free parking, free WiFi and complimentary full breakfast)

Reserve by Phone: 1-800-445-8667:

Mention "Golden Gate Smooth Dancers" or Group Code "GGS"

Schedule of Events:

5:30 PM-6:00 PM

Registration & Hosted Cocktail
Reception

6:30 PM

Coronation Ceremony

7:30PM

Three Course Dinner w/
Choice of Entrée

- Prime Rib
- Stuffed Petrale Sole
- Chicken Marsala or
- Eggplant Lasagna

8:30 PM-11:00 PM

Dancing

(Dance Hosts will be in
attendance)

Reservations and Entrée
Selection Required by
March 27th @4:00 PM

Online Reservations are
encouraged at:

[GGSD Events Online
Registration](#)

Credit Card, Check, and Zelle
Payments Accepted

*Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, Inc.
shall not be held liable for injuries or
illness (including Covid-19) sustained
by persons attending this event.*

Scan QR code with phone for website





*Save the date!
Queen Oralia
will reign again
June 1, 2024*

*Fresno Smooth Dancers
Coronation Ball
At the
Holy Trinity Social Hall*

Fresno Smooth Dancers presents
Swing into Spring

March 17, 2024

*Hosted by
Bree
McDowell
and
Christine
James*



**East Coast
Swing Lesson
by Rei
Marquez**



For More Information call
Nancy at 559-786-9626

www.fresnosmoothdancers.org

Clovis Senior Center
735 3rd Street
Clovis, California



Lesson 2:00
Dancing 3:00 to 5:00
NSD Members - \$10.00
Guests - \$15.00



GOLDEN GATE SMOOTH DANCERS, INC.
PRESENT OUR:

"Spring has Sprung"



AFTERNOON DANCE Sunday March 10th

🌻 \$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 🌻

Questions? Reservations? Contact us:

Stella Wong (650) 255-5522 or
stellwong@hotmail.com

Reservations can be made online at:

<https://goldengatedancers.org/reservations>



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/goldengatesmoothdancers/>

\$25.00 Admission

Includes

1:30-2:30 PM

American Tango Lesson
w/ James Kleinrath

2:30-5:00 PM

Dancing

RESERVATIONS ARE
REQUIRED by March 8th at
4:30PM

Please Make Checks Payable to
"Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, Inc."

Mail To:

Stella Wong

3171 Susan Drive

San Bruno, CA 94066

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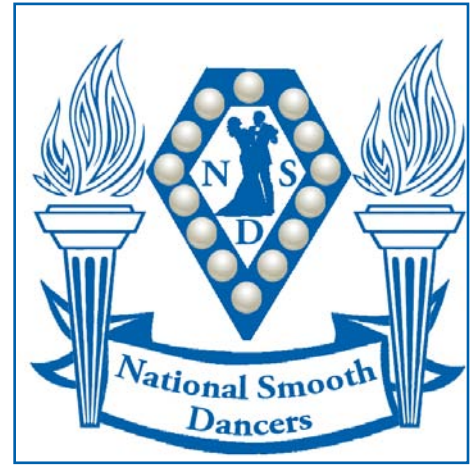
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Music	Steve Peterson
	Rich Gonzales
	Dennis Acosta

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Webmaster	
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Sunshine	Margaret Moholt
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Music	Tim Inouye
	Cheryl Levitan
	John Gutierrez
	Greg Uichanco

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Treasurer	Lorraine Tilton
Board Member	David Hailpern
Corresponding Secretary	Oralia Fowler
Recording Secretary	David Morgan
Social Chairman	Nancy Cargill

Dance Rules	Lynn Sanders
Dance Whispers Editor	Carla Hartunian
Music Coordinator	David Morgan
Queen	Oralia Fowler
Queen-elect	Oralia Fowler
Webmaster	Lorraine Tilton
Sunshine	Dolores Reed

National Smooth Dancers
Dance Whispers
February 2024



Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,

“Love is in the air,” being the month of Valentines and when you should be getting your reservation in for the Bakersfield “Love Boat” dance weekend March 22-24. You will find all you will need on pp 12-13. This dancing family, the National Smooth Dancers, are definitely special people in my and many people’s lives and hearts!

I am very happy and excited to welcome our new Dance Whispers editors: Jerry Bowes for Golden Gate Chapter and Chris Bernardo for Palomar Chapter.

With mixed emotions, all good, I want to welcome Carl Chesbrough of Golden Gate Chapter as the new publishing editor of the Dance Whispers beginning with the April issue. After 11 years at the Dance Whispers helm I am stepping down and turning the responsibility of reporting to the NSD members the life and events of NSD. I appreciate and thank you for the opportunity to serve you as publishing editor for the last eleven years.

There is plenty of dancing coming up for us as well. Please be sure to check out the fliers at the end of this issue. We have the San Diego Coronation coming up on March 2nd (p11), the Bakersfield Dance Weekend and Coronation on March 22-24 (pp 12-13) and the Golden Gate coronation on April 6th (p14).

We also have the unfortunate news of the closing of the Los Angeles Chapter which you can read about on page 9. In light of that, as I sign off as publishing editor, I want to share with you some thoughts I shared with you in February of 2016. The words seem so much more important coming on the heels of the Los Angeles Chapter news:

I couldn't help but remember what I've been taught about belonging to a group. If I want to be a successful member of a group, I need to place myself in the middle of "the herd". Otherwise, as in nature, those on the fringes become easy prey to the predators! My predators include doubt, fear, judgement, apathy and time. By placing myself in the middle of the NSD "herd", I have found support, encouragement and growth, particularly in my dancing.

We have a big, full year of dancing ahead of us. National Smooth Dancers runs solely on “Volunteer Power.” If you haven’t yet, please consider placing yourself in the middle of the herd. Consider what you can give to your chapter and NSD: setting up, organizing food, learning to be a music person, assisting with marketing, serving as an officer, etc., and of course supporting as many NSD events as possible!

I hope to see you on the dance floor soon, and remember

Never Stop Dancing

Tom