

National Smooth Dancers
Dance Whispers
April 2018



April 22, 2018

Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,

Happy Springtime, Easter and Passover. This time of year makes me think of renewal, whether it is the new blooms of flowers or a recommitment to our spiritual lives. So, I'm thinking about what can be done to renew and recommit to my dancing life. Can I commit to attending more coronations, attend Convention, sign-up and prepare for competition, volunteer for a service commitment to my Chapter, register for a class in a dance I am uncomfortable with, invite a friend to join us for dancing...? What will you do to renew and recommit to your dancing life?

Wow, what a full issue this one is. We have been a busy lot; from San Diego's Coronation (pp 1-2), to Bakersfield for the *Dancing is Forever* weekend and Coronation (pp 3-5), followed by Golden Gates Coronation (pp 6-7).

Los Angeles has found a new home and are introducing 4 new members in this issue. You can find out all about it on page 12.

Be sure to check out the coronation flyer for Visalia Chapter (p13). Fresno Chapter will not be having a regular coronation since they are hosting the State Convention and will hold their coronation at that time. It is time to start planning for Convention. Check out pages 14-15 for Convention information and registration. This year you can register and pay on-line at <http://www.fresnosmoothdancers.org/StateConvention2018.html>. Be sure to visit their website to find out more. It is full of information, registration forms and you can pay on-line too.

Never Stop Dancing,

Tom Wells

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San Diego Chapter

2018 San Diego Coronation of Queen Shirley McCloskey: A Pageant of NSD Queens

The Coronation was a beautiful formal event most memorable as a celebration of caring friendships, the love of family and dancing elegance. The theme: “A Pageant of NSD Queens” was to honor the Queens, the women of NSD who have given their time, energy, and service to their chapters and who are now being recognized as ambassadors for those chapters to all of NSD for a year as they attend each Chapter Coronation. Each Queen was presented with a purple Pageant Sash imprinted in gold lettering with the Queen’s name and the Chapter she represents. The Pageant Sashes were adorned with an official Pageant Crown Brooch. The Royal Court was stunningly beautiful with the white gowns and purple sashes. I am hoping the Queens will proudly wear their Pageant Sashes to their own chapter Socials in honor of their role as Queen Ambassador.

The ballroom was sparkling and festive with gold and purple royal crowns placed throughout the lobby and ballroom. The tables were adorned with purple table clothes, glittery gold runners, pillars with submerged lights, crystals, orchids, water, and floating glittered candles –

The Honor Dance was performed by Lucie Bilyavsky and Chuck DiSessa dancing their Beauty and the Beast routine – much to the delight of the three McCloskey Princesses and also the audience. During the presentation of the flowers to Lucy and the champagne to both Chuck & Lucy, Princess Charlotte (age 4) exclaimed “I love you beast” and hugged his knee. Then Princess Hannah (age 5) decided to assure Lucie that “the beast is not mean”.

The Coronation Ceremony MC was Jeanne Waite who introduced the Queens and escorts with grace and warmth. To provide the audience with some insight into the personality of the visiting queens, Queen Elect Shirley asked each Queen to comment as to “Why do you dance?” As you ask yourself the same question, and if you didn’t happen to be present to hear their answers, I am certain you realize what beautiful commentaries were expressed. Tying in to this question, the Queen danced with Jason Rivers to a Josh Groban song “So She Dances”.

The events of the evening progressed gracefully from the Coronation, Honor Dance, Dinner, Jack & Jill competitions and the amazing professional show by Jason Rivers and Meg McNash.

Edited by Vern Miranda



Meg and Jason flew back from competition in Las Vegas to dance the professional show for us. They danced a Foxtrot and a Viennese Waltz which were entertaining and truly a pleasure to watch.

What a beautiful evening of dancing. Those who attended have expressed that it was a joyful evening providing lovely memories.. So what are the ingredients of such a successful dance event? Loving friendships – I felt everyone who attended cared about me, my family, and our dancing family. The most amazing friendship is that of my Royal Escort, Karl Haarburger who lives in Germany but offered to be my escort. Thank you, Karl, you are amazing.

Family – I brought my family with the intention of sharing our dance world with them. The surprise was what my family brought to the party! The children were in awe of the pageantry, the glamorous gowns, the handsome men in tuxedos, the dancers, and the music. They were completely enthralled with the event, well behaved (even the 8 month old baby), socializing, dancing, and hugging with warmth and confidence during the evening. Thank you to all for your kindness and patience in visiting with my granddaughters. They are still talking about the Coronation evening.

And above all, a successful dance event requires great music and passion for dancing, and a great ballroom in which to dance. We had it all. Thank you to everyone who participated in organizing and producing the Coronation. Thank you to everyone who attended the Coronation. And thank you San Diego Smooth Dancers for maintaining a chapter of National Smooth Dancers with strong traditions and inter-chapter connections.

Queen Shirley McCloskey –SDSD 2018





Queen Shirley McCloskey and Escort Karl Haarburger



Chuck D and Lucie B.



Queen Shirley and her Grand Children



Meg M. and Jason R.

Bakersfield Chapter

Edited by Dorothy Vaughan



Introducing Kay Boyer, Bakersfield Smooth Dancers 2018 Queen:

Kay has been a member of Bakersfield Smooth dancers since March 2008. She has been a very active member since joining BSD; over the years she has held the position of Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Membership Chair and Vice President and has hosted many special events. Kay was crowned Queen in 2012, and is excited to be Queen again

for Bakersfield Smooth Dancers in 2018-2019.

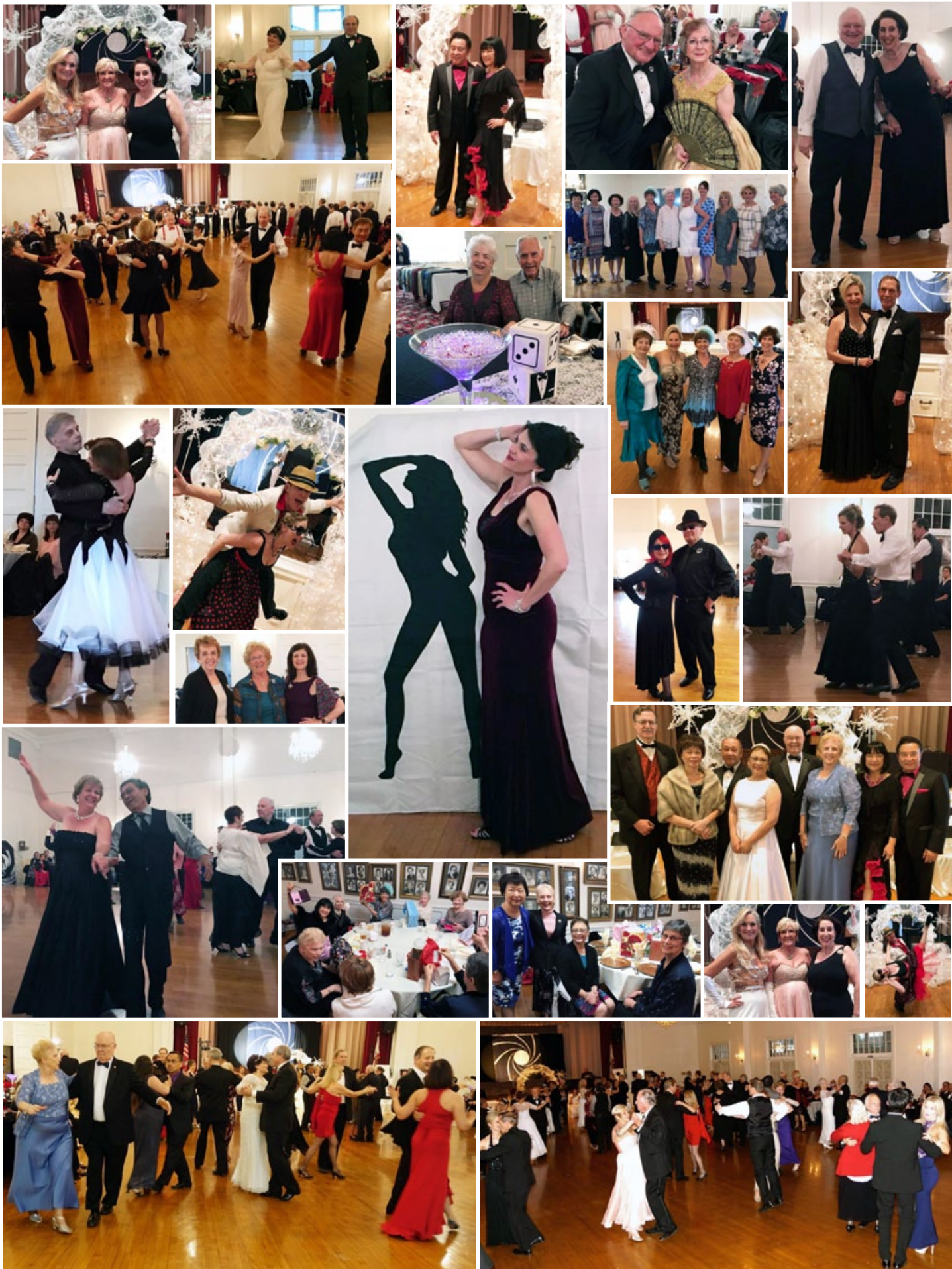
She took her first ballroom dance lesson February 2008 where she met her husband Mark and they were married May 1, 2010. Kay has three children and four grandchildren. She has been a licensed Real Estate Agent for eleven years, and loves what she does. Although she is very busy she makes time for her favorite things, spending time with her two grandsons in Ventura, her two granddaughters in Oregon and her great-nieces in Bakersfield.

Mark and Kay have made so many wonderful friends since they began dancing at BSD. Kay is looking forward to making new friendships as she represents the Bakersfield Chapter at each coronations.



Memories from the March Boards - "Dancing Is Forever"
March 23-25, 2018
Bakersfield, California





Golden Gate Chapter

Edited by Carl Chesbrough



2018 Golden Gate Coronation: “Celebration of Love”

Our 2018 coronation was an event many years in the making. Elizabeth Li and Carl Chesbrough joined GGSD in 2011. After a few years, the questions about being queen kept being brought up. Having kids in high school and college, they decided that 2018 would be a great year for Elizabeth to be queen for a few reasons. Both kids would have finished college, and it would be a great way to celebrate their 10th anniversary. The kids were told that wherever they were, on April 14, 2018 they would be back in the SF Bay area again. Both kids are on the East coast and were happy to visit for the weekend to see their mother crowned the 2018 GGSD queen.

This is the introduction, read by Master of Ceremonies Dan Ansaldi, at the Coronation ceremony:

And now, I would like to tell you a bit about our Queen Elect, Elizabeth Li. From a very young age, Elizabeth had a great love of music and dance, but she had no opportunity to pursue this interest. Growing up in China near the time of the Cultural Revolution, music and dancing were discouraged by the Communist party because they were considered to be anti-Revolution. The Communist Party had purged capitalist influence, and Western ideas. In the 1980's China began to open the door to some classical music. On the radio Elizabeth heard the beautiful strains of a Viennese Waltz, and it shaped her idea of what ballroom dancing was, and inspired her to learn more about that world.

In 1986, Elizabeth came to the United States to pursue a master's degree in Electrical Engineering and Applied Statistics. It was during her time in graduate school that she took her first ballroom dance lesson, satisfying the curiosity that she had since early childhood.

As life moved, on Elizabeth built a successful career as a statistical analyst and statistician, got married and had two children.

In 2004, Elizabeth's first husband Daniel passed away of an undiagnosed illness. Now a single mother, Elizabeth was encouraged by her friend Vivian, who is with us here tonight, to try to meet someone. So, in 2005, as a New Year's resolution, Elizabeth sought to do that, registering for Match.com. Vivian

advised her along the way, encouraging Elizabeth to post photos of her and her children, as that would prompt more responses. Shortly after posting her profile, Elizabeth received her first response from a man named Carl. Elizabeth replied back to him, sending along a list of 100 questions. He answered every one. Advised by Vivian that their first meeting should be short and in a very public place, in case it wasn't going well, Elizabeth agreed to meet Carl at the Starbucks near her office. She came to the date armed with more questions. Carl remarked that it felt like a job interview, but he answered all of them. Elizabeth let him know that since he was the first person she had met from the site, that she felt it was best that she continue her search and meet additional people. Carl told her that was fine, but that sometimes the first one was the best one. Elizabeth thought he was cocky and extremely confident, but soon realized that Carl was always the first one to respond, to answer her questions, and that there was something there worth pursuing further. Soon she arranged a dinner for him to meet her children. Fast forward to August of 2008, and Elizabeth and Carl were married. In 2011, Carl became a statistical analyst, and they have been working together since then. Also in 2011, Elizabeth and Carl became members of Golden Gate Smooth Dancers. Elizabeth currently serves as our recording secretary, and has since 2013. Carl serves as our web master, and also as President. We are very lucky to have them.

Tonight, Elizabeth would like to thank all of the members of the Golden Gate Chapter for all of the help they have given her along this journey to become Queen. She would also like to thank her friends and family for their support and for being here this evening.



And now a perspective from Carl Chesbrough, the Royal Escort:

I was born and raised in Southern California. In 1991, I moved to the SF Bay area, and in 1994 bought a house in Fremont. In 2004, finding myself single again, and working at a small company, I registered for Match.com, hoping to find someone to share my life with. In early January 2005, having had no success on the site, I decided to remove my profile. The next day, Match.com sent an e-mail with a picture of someone

with a lovely smile, arm stretched out, as if dancing. I decided to send an introductory e-mail, although she was on the low side of my specified age range. After answering thousands of questions (OK, maybe 100), Elizabeth and I met. Elizabeth quickly let me know that she was 5 years older than her profile – saying that many men want younger women. Our meeting was a perfect example of good timing. If Elizabeth had joined the site a week later, or if I had removed my profile a week sooner, we would have been two ships passing in the night.

I quickly got to know Elizabeth, and her 2 children, Marc and Inka. I love to travel and had an interest in learning dance. The Fremont Adult School had a Friday ballroom dance lesson, however, they required partners. I asked Elizabeth if she wanted to learn, and we quickly found ourselves as regular students. The instructors, Ed and Karen Beilin invited us to a dance with GGSD in 2010. After going to a few dances, we decided to join early in 2011, and attended our first GGSD coronation.

I have had the pleasure of watching Marc and Inka grow into wonderful young adults. Marc has been working in North Carolina for the last 3 years, and the day before coming to California for the coronation, completed the purchase of a house. Inka decided to continue her education, so is attending graduate school in Pennsylvania. Their father has 6 brothers, mostly living in Montreal. During their high school years, they would spend 3-4 weeks visiting them in Canada. We have been blessed to give them the opportunity to travel and keep in touch with their father's side of the family. They also enjoyed our annual trips to visit my aunt and uncle's lake house in Texas. Hopefully, by seeing our coronation ceremony they are inspired to take up dancing as well.

Elizabeth and I thank everyone who helped with bringing together all the moving parts of a coronation. Also, thank you to all whom attended our event. We look forward to visiting our sister chapters.



Visalia Chapter

Spring is here and Visalia Smooth Dancers are off to a good start for 2018. The first quarter of the year has been fun and our Social dances had increased attendance from January through March 2018, it was about 35% more in attendance compared to last year. This is one of the benefits we received from our Sunday dance workshop which started in September of last year.

Bill and Lona Dolan's Sunday workshop on Rumba, their 3rd lesson of teaching the Sunday workshop started on April 8th for four weeks. I've asked Bill and Lona on what inspires



Bill and Lona Dolan's Sunday workshop with students

them to continue teaching these workshops, this is what they said: "We feel honored to be able to share our love of dance with those beginning their journey. It is so rewarding to see student's reaction when they "get it". The smiles and excitement just make it all worth it".

Our club appreciates their time, effort and enthusiasm on continuing to teach. The club is also grateful to Linda and Johnny Guttierrez and David Bixler for teaching previous lessons. Thanks also to David and Carol Bixler, for being at the workshop every Sunday for giving their support whenever it's needed.

Our February dance was graced by beautiful performances by our members, Agnes Jaymalin and Domie Aville with their instructor Dan Goss.



Domie Aville and Agnes Jaymalin with their instructor Dan Goss.

Our club also started planning for the 2020 Visalia Smooth Dancers' Convention. Time flies and lots of preparation are

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needed to be successful for this kind of event. Linda Guttierrez was voted as the Convention Chair and her co-chair is Greg Uichanco. Of course, everybody knows how organized Linda is, she's already giving us updates on the list of items with current time lines. We only need a few chairpersons for some remaining events. We also just voted for the theme for our convention. Five members of our club deserve a "big thank you", we know that it took them a lot of time and effort to submit their themes complete with artistic ideas for each night of the convention: Sally Bailey, Marivel Villareal, Paul Storey, TG Thomas and Linda Guttierrez.



Our lovely Queen Sally Holden with her escort Tim Inouye at the San Diego Coronation.



Kathy and Marshall Taylor and Hilda and TG Thomas at Boards



Paul and Wendy Storey at Board's Competition for Intermediate Rhythm.

Stay tune for VSD Coronation, May 19, 2018. It will definitely be a grand Royal Extravaganza! 4 Queens are going to be crowned - a first for VSD: Queens Caryl Creason, Sallie Holden, Wendy Storey and Barbara Uichanco. Great entertainment! Honor dance by Deanna Stanton and Joe Hidalgo from San Fernando Valley.

Fresno Chapter

Spring is in full bloom in Fresno, with iris, wisteria, azaleas, roses and many other blossoms on display. The scent of orange blossoms is heavy in the air as the orchards prepare to produce fruit, and our trees are almost fully leafed out. Fresno Smooth Dancers have spring fever and are enjoying the rains (finally!) that are bringing forth all the beautiful flowers.

Our February dance event began with a Nightclub 2 Step lesson taught by Melanie Reno. As always, the class was fun and something new was learned by all. Chocolate was available in great abundance, as well as a variety of sweets. Not to worry...there was dancing enough to rid us of the extra calories!

In March, the luck of the Irish was with us for our 3rd Sunday Dance. We had a wonderful group for our lesson with Sheila O'Conner and our party was like homecoming with all the friends we haven't seen for a while.

On April 15 we will celebrate some actual April Showers and the flowers that follow. Please join us at 2:00 for a Waltz lesson with Franco Peraza.

May brings the celebration of Cinco de Mayo (which we dancers enjoy celebrating for the entire month!), on May 20, with a Salsa lesson taught by Pete Swingle.

Please see www.fresnosmoothdancers.org for flyers.

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All third-Sunday dances are at the Clovis Senior Center, 850 4th Street, Clovis, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests. We would love to see you there!!

CONVENTION!!!!



Please remember to register for Convention "The Big Apple, New York, New York." The Weekend Package costs \$199.00; after June 15, 2018 it costs \$219.00. Book your rooms at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel for \$129.00 + tax per night. Last date for hotel registration is August 11, 2018. You can place an ad in our convention booklet for only \$20.00.

Please see <http://www.fresnosmoothdancers.org/StateConvention2018.html> for the detailed brochure and information regarding online registration. You may also

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book your hotel rooms online through the designated link.

Our Members

In Memory:



Dolores and Orie Reed

It is with great sadness that we report the loss of Orie Reed, long-time member and husband to Dolores Reed. Orie J. Reed passed away on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at the age of 88. Orie was a banker and worked for Crocker National Bank and Bank of the West. He loved to dance, and he and Dolores took dance classes and attended many dance competitions to watch the professionals perform. He and Dolores also traveled extensively, including many cruises.

Orie is survived by his wife, Dolores; daughters Christine, Janine, Mary, Lou Anne and Melanie, and their spouses; and his sons, James, Anthony and Louie, and their spouses. He is also survived by his stepson, Michael Garcia, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and several step-grandchildren.

Grandbabies!!



Queen Jennifer Morgan and Linda Bennett are each celebrating the birth of grandchildren! Jennifer and David Morgan's first grandchild, Geneva Irene Gable, was born to their daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Brad, in Connecticut, on March 10, 2018. David and Jennifer met Geneva on a recent trip to the East Coast.



Linda's second grandson, Carter Nolan Bennett, was born on February 22, 2018, to her son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Rachael. This beautiful family lives in Florida, and Linda, too, was able to meet Carter on a recent vacation.

Palomar Chapter

Edited by Debbie Kincaid and Don Hubbard



Coast Swing; Don Hubbard & Darlene Drury third in Cha-Cha.

San Diego Chapter's Coronation was picture-perfect as was Queen Shirley McCloskey! We all enjoyed Queen Shirley's Waltz and in particular her Honor Dance with member Chuck DiSessa in full out Beauty & the Beast Costume. Queen Shirley's nieces were so enthralled with "The Beast" – it was a huge hit! Palomar was in good attendance with two tables!



Palomar Chapter attendees at Bakersfield Coronation.

Bakersfield you did it again!! As always, "The Boards" at Bakersfield was a complete success! Congratulations to newly crowned Queen Kay Boyer and her "Entourage" for putting together an unforgettable event – Diamonds are Forever! It included so much great dancing, great hospitality, creative decorations, delicious food, fun competitions and an outstanding showcase, teaching, judging and participation throughout the weekend by professionals Jonathan Atkinson & Lorena Bravo. Director, Fred Deutsch, said he counted 22 Palomar dancers, 13 of which entered competitions! We congratulate Duane & Donna Thornton, third in Senior Waltz; Kelly & Carol Kimmett, third in East Coast Swing; Don Hubbard & Stella Kanterakis, second place in East



Our table managed to get a quick picture before the festivities began. L-R Kelly & Carol Kimmett, Len & Peggy Lee, Duane & Donna Thornton, Debbie Atherton & Michael Mihos.

Golden Gate's Coronation was a favorite of Queen Marion Semler. Every detail met. Congratulations to Queen Elizabeth Li!

Palomar's February Social found Dancers dancing to the theme "Dancing by Candlelight". Hosts Peggy & Len Lee, Cathy & Frank Lombardi and Soon Lin places lovely table settings lighted by candles and provided snacks for the evening. Irina & James Friedhof started the evening with an excellent Night Club Two-Step.

Our March Social "Swing Into Spring" was hosted by Ralph & Mary Anderson, Fred & Geri Deutsch and Duane & Donna Thornton. James & Irina Friedhof taught a beginners Hustle! Highlight of the evening was the presentation of trophies honoring Palomar Chapter's "Most Improved Dancers" of the year. The gentleman winner was Elliott Lum and the lady winner, Geri Deutsch, Congratulations and see you on the dance floor!



Our Monday night teacher Marsha Hanson presents Palomar's MOST IMPROVED DANCERS OF 2017 award to Elliott Lum & Geri Deutsch.



(Left) Don Hubbard presents Queen Marion at Bakersfield.



(Right) Palomar Queens enjoyed themselves at the "Queens Luncheon" - Darlene Drury, Debbie Atherton, Marion Semler, Linda Lum, Geri Deutsch.



Palomar's spectacular "costumers" Tom & Ann Mauro really kept up with the James Bond Theme!



San Fernando Valley Chapter

Spring is springing! Everything is fresh, blooming and re-awakening. It's a great time to balance fun and productivity. You should be having fun so get yourself some ice cream after accomplishing a task, consider a new pair of dance shoes, invite friends, and reward yourself and learn that new dance step you have wanted to attack.

Did you know...how important a good dance is? Choosing the right dance shoes is important to a dancer because the right dance shoes can help you in learning that new dance and will look very attractive on the dance floor too!

Dancing Is FOREVER In Bakersfield Dancing Is Forever

The annual Spring Bakersfield dance weekend was enjoyable for everyone. The James Bond theme was enthusiastic and thrilled all 40 of the SFV members that attended with our SFV Formation Team performing their dynamic Tango routine. Congratulations to all who attended and participated in the many competitions. Every year we sincerely look forward to this special dance weekend!



SFV Dancers At Their Best In Bakersfield



SFV Crown Circle Attendees: (L-R) Gee Gee Barden, Leanne Wong, Barbara Greenlaw, Deanna Stanton, Joan Robinson, Roberta LaZar.

CONVENTION UPDATE - As everyone knows convention planning can be a challenge. We have started planning our goals, objectives, and activities and working on a plan implementation for all of the chapters and our dance friends to enjoy in 2019. **Mark your calendars NOW — August 30th through September 2nd, 2019.**

We Greatly Appreciate Your Support - What is an SFV dance without DJ's Jane Hammond and Tom Mendola playing the best music for Smooth, Latin, Swing, Salsa, NCTS & our dance Mixers...AND a dance lesson by Bram Morris and the talented Guillermo DeFazio

Edited by Rachel Seward



CROWN CIRCLE

Queen Deanna was on the go with her crown and Joe. Her travels started the beginning of March with the San Diego Smooth Dancers who hosted "A Pageant of NSD Queens" at the beautiful Champions Ballroom. The professional show presented by Rising Star American



Queen Deanna Stanton



Smooth Champions, Jason Rivers, and Meg McNash was a Wow! It was a beautiful evening, complete with Jack and Jill competitions and lots of dancing. Queen Deanna and her escort Joe Hidalgo were asked to judge the Jack and Jill Cha Cha. What fun! Congratulations to Queen Shirley McCloskey and the San Diego Smooth Dancers for a lovely Royal Coronation.



Then just two weeks later she was off to crown Queen Kay Bower at the Bakersfield Smooth Dancers James Bond theme weekend. The SFV chapter kicked off by the dance holiday with their James Bond Tango Team performance, followed by a thrilling Tango Honor-Dance performance given by Wendy and Ben Wilson. From beginning to end, the weekend was fun-filled with Queen Deanna and Joe placing 2nd in Beginner Cha Cha and 3rd in Intermediate Rhythm and Advanced American Smooth.



This Queen never unpacked...She and Joe then hopped on a plane to San Francisco for the Golden Gate Coronation, where at the afternoon reception they were greeted by cupids and kisses. It was a heartfelt coronation we all enjoyed as the beautiful Queen Elizabeth Li, dressed in a vibrant red gown danced a lovely foxtrot with her husband, Carl.

"It's been delightful and fun-filled with making new friends and a growing dance family. Let's keep on dancing! Until next time, Queen Deanna

Remember, this is spring now GO LIVE LIFE— get your Slinky out, enjoy your new shoes and everything springing.

Slinky Facts: •The coil-shaped toy was invented in 1945 by American naval engineer with more than 250 million Slinks sold! •If you took the wire from all the Slinkys ever made, it would circle the Earth 126 times.

Los Angeles Chapter

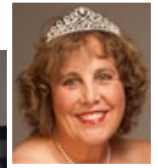
As the sun sets in Sunny California, We find LANSD enjoying their new ballroom. We have a new location for our monthly dances and are having a wonderful experience at The Sloan and Sloan School of Dance in Glendale. We have enlisted the talents of dance instructor Kim Clark. She is delightful and extremely helpful in assisting us in assimilating new moves. Yourity Pavlov will be our instructor for the May 13th dance, covering for Kim. Here are some great photos at our new studio..



Kim Clark, assisted by Robert Quan, demonstrates the Country Waltz at our March Country Hoedown dance.



Edited by Sandy Wells



Vice-president Chuck Johnson and President Tom Wells welcome our four newest members: Chuck Johnson, Tia Squire, Emily Lee, Tom Wells, Kay and Phil Gaynor.

Traveling news: Craig and Alice Mah-Miller are again traveling. Now they are in South America.

Chuck and Susan Johnson have finished up a cruise to Hawaii for two week with Victor Lee and Debby Ku.

Sandy and Tom Wells have finished a bucket list trip to the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. It was cold enough to snow but the falls were beyond beautiful.

Judi Van Brocklin has been cavorting in Sedona.



Now a message from our Queen. With her coronation just barely over, Queen Francy Solano with her partner, Robert Quan hit the road and have been busy attending the coronations in San Diego,

Bakersfield and San Francisco.

In early March, the San Diego Chapter graciously thanked Queen Liz Tarvove for her year of service and welcomed Queen Shirley McCloskey in the Pageant of NSD Queen Shirley's Granddaughters; Sabella, Hannah and Charlotte—stole the show and my heart. They were quite the lovely Princesses.

Just a few weeks later, we were at the Bakersfield Bash "Dancing is Forever". Queen Kay Boyer was a stunning as their new Queen. This was my first opportunity to attend the Crown Circle Luncheon. This was quite special to have all the current and past queens communing in one place. In mid-April, we traveled to San Francisco to Golden Gate Chapter's "Celebration of Love" It was quite bitter sweet to say farewell to Queen Vera Harvey, but she has been a shining example of an NSD Queen. Accepting the crown, Queen Elizabeth Li was beautiful and gracious with the full support of her husband Carl and her children, Marc and Inka

And the Journey continues:



Visalia Smooth Dancers Invite You to "the Royal Extravaganza"

At the Coronation of
Queens Caryl Creason, Sallie Holden,
Wendy Storey and Barbara Uichanco



Saturday, May 19, 2018

**Coronation at:
Exeter Memorial Building
324 N. Kaweah Drive, Exeter**

**Reception 6 pm; Coronation 6:30 pm;
Dinner 7:00 pm—\$55.00**

DRESS: Formal (Gentlemen: Coat and Tie Required)

**Hotel Bookings at Lamp Liter Inn
3300 W. Mineral King Ave, Visalia
(559) 732-4511**

(Mention Smooth Dancers Room Rate of \$94.24 includes tax)

**Honor Dance by Deanna Stanton & Joe Hidalgo
(San Fernando Valley members)**

**Entertainment by:
Michael Kuka & Natalia Lind**

Founders of Ballroom Dance Academy of Los Angeles

Contact Linda Gutierrez At 559-799-0487
For Coronation questions

Join us first at a
Hospitality Reception
May 19, 1:30 – 3 PM at:

**The home of
Karl & Carolyn Richards**

**2526 Border Links
Visalia, CA 93291
Phone 559-288-3654**

Brunch Honoring Queens Past and Present:

Sunday May 20, 2018 9:30 am at Visalia Country Club (625 Ranch Road) \$30.00

For more information and to RSVP contact:

Caryl Creason at 559-732-9827



PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL RSVP BY MAY 5 TO:

Linda Gutierrez, 15775 Ave. 384, Visalia, CA 93292 (PH 559-799-0487 or email guttlin384@yahoo.com for questions)

With checks payable to Visalia Smooth Dancers

Name(s): _____ Chapter: _____ (non-members leave blank)

Open Seating with tables of 8 unless otherwise requested at time of RSVP

Dinner _____ \$55.00 check here to request vegetarian entrée _____ (after May 5 \$60.00)

Queens Brunch: _____ \$30.00

Total enclosed: _____

Fresno Smooth Dancers Presents
**The 2018 NSD
 State Convention**



New York, New York

August 31st - September 3rd
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Fresno



**Hail a Yellow Cab
 to Fresno!**

New York, New York

Friday Night, August 31, 2018

NY Baseball Game

Saturday Afternoon, September 1, 2018

NY Marathon

Saturday Night, September 1, 2018

Metropolitan Opera Gala and Coronation

Sunday Afternoon, September 2, 2018

5th Avenue Shopping

Sunday Evening, September 2, 2018

On Broadway, Hello Dolly

Monday Morning, September 3, 2018

The Big Apple Breakfast

Register online at fresnosmoothdancers.com

The Big Apple New York New York!

August 31-September 1-3, 2018

DoubleTree By Hilton, Fresno

Friday, August 31, 2018

2:00 - 5:30 pm	Registration
5:30 - 7:00 pm	Buffet Dinner (available with package only)
7:00 - 11:00 pm	New York Baseball Game Dress in your favorite baseball teams attire: jerseys, tee shirts and hats, or casual attire. Show your teams colors and spirit.
8:00 pm	Team Matches begin
11:00 pm	Hospitality

Saturday, September 1, 2018

8:00 - 12:00 am	Registration
8:30 - 10:00 am	Competitors Dance Practice
8:30 - 9:30 am	Presidents Meeting
9:00 - 10:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 - 10:00 am	Dance Rules Committee Meeting
10:30 - 11:20 am	Dance Seminar #1
11:30 - 12:30 pm	Gavel Club Luncheon
12:30 - 1:00 pm	Coronation Rehearsal: Current queens and escorts
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Dance Seminar #2

2:00 - 4:00 pm	New York Marathon Be comfortable and wear your favorite running or jogging clothes, or casual clothes. Get your marathon number at the door to start the race. This dance will start the beginning of our dance competitions and a Jack & Jill competition.
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6:00 - 11:00 pm	Metropolitan Opera Gala and Coronation Tonight's event colors are Black and White formal attire. Our formal coronation will be held before dinner. A glamorous evening of pageantry and dance will include the continuation of our dance competitions and professional entertainment.
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11:00 pm	Hospitality
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The Big Apple New York New York!

Sunday, September 2, 2018

8:30 - 10:00 am	Competitors Dance Practice
9:00 - 10:00 am	Social Chairs Meeting
9:00 - 10:00 am	Delegates Meeting
10:00 - 11:00 am	Webmasters Meeting
10:00 - 11:00 am	Editors: Newsletters & Dance Whispers Meeting
10:30 - 11:20 am	Dance Seminar #3
11:00 - 11:30 am	Queens Champagne Reception
11:30 - 12:45 pm	Crown Circle Luncheon
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Dance Seminar #4

2:00 - 4:30 pm	Shopping on 5th Ave in New York Dress for shopping on 5 th Avenue. This dance will include the continuation of our competitions and another Jack & Jill competition
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7:00 - 11:30 PM	The Broadway Show "Hello Dolly" Black Tie affair. This dance will include the culmination of our dance competitions and more entertainment from our professional dancers
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11:00 pm	Hospitality
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Monday, September 3, 2018

9:00 - 11:00 am	The Big Apple Breakfast 2019 Convention Presentation by San Fernando Valley Chapter
	Presidents' Remarks
	Presentation of Gavel Cub Award for 2018
	Presentation of Dance Competition Trophies from State Queen Lynn Sanders



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Invites you to join us for
THE BIG APPLE



2018 NSD CONVENTION

Package and Ticket Registration

for online purchase go to fresnosmoothdancers.org

Purchaser Name: _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

First Attendee: _____ Second Attendee: _____

Chapter _____ Chapter _____

ORDER

1ST	2ND	PACKAGE	AMOUNTS
_____	_____	Package Plans @199 (219 after June15,2018)	_____
_____	_____	(Deadline for Early Bird Drawing for free package is June 15th.)	_____
_____	_____	Dance Seminars Pass (4 Seminars) \$15 per pass	_____
_____	_____	(Dance Seminar Pass only with package. \$5 each at door)	_____
_____	_____	Gavel Club (Current and Past Presidents) @45 each	_____
_____	_____	Crown Circle (Reigning and Past Queens) @45 each	_____

These events are included in the package plan

_____	_____	Friday Buffet (available only with package)	_____
_____	_____	*Friday evening Party @\$30 each	_____
_____	_____	*Saturday afternoon party @\$15 each	_____
_____	_____	Saturday Coronation Ball @\$90 each	_____
_____	_____	*Sunday afternoon party @\$15 each	_____
_____	_____	*Sunday evening party @\$50 each	_____
_____	_____	Monday breakfast @\$45 each	_____

*May be purchased at door - reservation not required

TOTAL _____

Saturday Evening Meal Choice:

1st	Steak _____	Salmon _____	Veg _____
2nd	Steak _____	Salmon _____	Veg _____

Cancellations after Aug 27th will receive a partial refund.

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