

National Smooth Dancers

Dance Whispers

June 2018



Visalia Chapter

edited by Myra and Shane Nielsen



2018 Crowned Queens of Visalia Smooth Dancers with their Royal Escorts.

Visalia's Smooth Dancer's Coronation By: Caryl Creason

An enchanted storybook castle resplendent with twinkling lights and surrounded by misty clouds was the focal point in the ballroom as guests entered for the Coronation of Queens-Elect Caryl Creason, Sallie Holden, Wendy Storey and Barbara Uichanco. The theme "The Royal Extravaganza" was

chosen as our Coronation was on the same day,

May 19th, as the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in England. Royal 'coats of arms' on the walls and tables featuring gold crowns, blue and white teacups, flower bouquets and lighted candles enhanced the motif.

A wine reception hosted by Tom and Sue Giampetro preceded the coronation ceremony. Linda Gutierrez, mistress of ceremonies, announced the royal procession which was begun by the eight visiting queens and their escorts and continued with the four Visalia queens-elect and their escorts until all were seated in front of the castle

background. State Queen, Svetlana Gites, crowned the new queens after which the newly crowned queens and their escorts – Barbara & Greg, Wendy & Paul, Sallie & Tim, and Caryl & Don – performed a waltz formation dance choreographed by Franco Peraza to the music "Quelques Flocons." Then, as is



the custom, reigning queens and past queens joined them and filled the floor with a regal waltz.



Honor dance performed by Natalia Lind and Gary Fran Deanna Stanton and Joe Hidalgo.

The Honor Dance, a flashy tango, was executed by Queen Deanna Stanton and her escort, Joseph Hidalgo of the San Fernando Valley Chapter. Queen Sallie and Queen Barbara presented gifts to the couple. The ceremony concluded as the twelve queens, dressed in white gowns and sparkling crowns and carrying royal blue jeweled scepters, were escorted out of the ballroom.

The invocation was given by Stan Medina. Dinner, catered by Sue Sa, was a delicious buffet followed by general dancing with wonderful music provided by Music Man, Greg Uichanco. Later in the evening, Natalia Lind and Gary Franco performed several awesome showcase numbers. Queen Wendy and Queen Caryl made the gift presentations.



Lillian Lewis, Lotti Carr, Joan Dewey and Yvette Haworth.

Visalia chapter's oldest member, Lillian Lewis, was introduced and received a standing ovation. More dancing ensued until the conclusion of the evening.

The lovely home of Carolyn and Karl Richards was the setting for the afternoon hospitality hour held earlier in the day. Carolyn with the help of Linda Guttierrez and other VSD members provided a scrumptious array of food and drink.



Every coronation event requires much planning and coordination. Queen Sallie was chairperson and committee members included the following: Queen Wendy – hall decorations; Queen Barbara – flyer design; Queen Caryl – scepters. Also, on the committee were: Linda Guttierrez – programs and reservations; Lotti Carr and Joan Dewey – check-in table; Yvette Haworth – queens' line-up and place cards; Carolyn Richards – queens' assistant; and Margaret Moholt – photographer. Many other people helped to make the week-end successful. We want to thank all who helped, participated and attended in making the week-end a wonderful "royal" event.

Fresno Chapter

Edited by Linda Bennett



Calling All Dance Competitors!

Hello Smooth Dancers,

My name is Lynn Sanders and I will be the Chairman of the Dance competitions at this year's Convention in Fresno. There are just three more months to prepare for the competition at Convention. I hope you are already partnered up and practicing away. I've received several entries already and I'm looking forward to lots more.

It is important to get your entries in as soon as possible. Decisions will be made based on the number of entries that have been received by the sign-up deadline August 4th. At that time we must decide if an event will be canceled for lack of at least 3 entries, which we would like to avoid at all costs. It will help us if you sign up early to prevent couples not knowing until the last minute whether or not an event will be canceled.

Even better, talk to your dance friends and see if you can recruit an extra couple or two for any event you want to be sure has enough participation. This will provide several benefits: 1) ensure the event will have enough couples to take place; 2) have friends around to make practicing more enjoyable, and 3) it will be even more exciting with more couples on the dance floor.

Your President and Dance Rules representative have been sent the music for the 1 Star events. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the 2018 Dance Rules that pertain to the events you plan to enter. Pay particular attention to the Attire restrictions since NSD rules are different from rules of outside organizations and there have been changes to Attire rules recently. If you are unsure, discuss your questions with the chapter Dance Rules representative.

A special note to all competitors:

The NSD "Star" levels are intended to allow opportunity for less experienced dancers to compete and grow into the more advanced contests. Please consider your overall dancing experience and accomplishments when selecting your competition entries. We wish everyone who enters a competition to enjoy the experience.

After having had a beautiful prolonged spring, we are now headed into the heat of summer. Fresno Smooth Dancers are also heating up with activity in preparation for our upcoming Convention! Remember, everyone, JUNE 15, 2018 is the deadline to register for the weekend package at the early-bird rate of \$199. After June 15, the price will go up to \$219.00. Please take advantage, if you can, of our online registration. Visit our website for more information and to register:

www.fresnosmoothdancers.org/StateConvention2018.html

Our Activities:

April was celebrated with "April Showers and Flowers; tables were set to reflect the theme, with centerpieces which became door prizes for a few lucky ticket holders. The afternoon started with a Waltz lesson taught by Franco Peraza and continued with an enjoyable time of dance shared with friends. We were pleased to welcome San Diego's Queen Shirley McCloskey, who stopped by on her way home from the Golden Gate coronation.

We belatedly celebrated "Cinco de Mayo" on May 20, with Salsa instructor Pete Swingle making his debut for Fresno Smooth Dancers. Pete has a low-key, positive way of teaching, and his invaluable lesson was centered on concepts (many ways to dance the same move) as opposed to just steps. It was refreshingly fun! And there was lots of salsa and guacamole to snack on, too, to get us through a great afternoon of dance.

In an effort to allow our members and guests to celebrate Father's Day with their families, our June dance will be held on Sunday, June 10. The afternoon will be hosted by Nancy Cargill and she has chosen a "Precious Moments" theme. Come join us at 2:00 p.m. for a Foxtrot lesson taught by Alex Periera.

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!!

Our Members:

Eight members of Fresno Smooth Dancers (pictured right) performed showpieces in Diana's spring showcase on May 12, 2018! Alicia Criado danced a Viennese Waltz with her instructor, Peter Netzley; Ruth Galvante danced a Waltz and a Samba with Peter, and a Rumba with Tom Hicks; Janice Kebo danced a Viennese Waltz with Tom and a Cumbia with Rei Marquez, and Leslie Rouse danced a Foxtrot with Tom. David and Jennifer Morgan danced a waltz, and Henry and Cindy Wegermann danced a Foxtrot. We are proud of this strong representation!

CONVENTION!!!!

Book your rooms at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel for \$129.00 + tax per night. The Last date for hotel registration is August 11, 2018.

We invite you to place an ad in our convention booklet for only \$20.00. The deadline for ad submission is July 20, 2018.

(Top L-R) Tom Hicks and Leslie Rouse, Henry and Cindy Wegermann, Henry and Cindy Wegermann.

(Bottom L-R) Ruth Galvante and Tom Hicks, David and Jennifer Morgan.



Palomar Chapter

Edited by Debbie Kincaid and Don Hubbard



The theme of our April Social was Renaissance Faire and was carried out with gusto by our creative hosts (see below). These included candlelight for tables, miniature maypoles, royal crowns and hand decorated golden chalices. Parchment paper calligraphy labels accompanied each food dish. Special entertainment was provided by four costumed pairs performing a Renaissance dance, choreographed and directed by our own Ann Mauro. Irina and James Friedhof appropriately taught a lively Viennese Waltz.

Highlight of the evening was a ‘Saturday Night Fever’ demonstration by Jack, Marilee and Mark Chapman which was followed by an invitation for all dancers to join them in these ‘Fever’ moves some of which were done in the ‘Movie’ by Travolta himself, it was great fun. In accordance with the theme teachers Irina & James Friedhof taught the “Hustle.”



Our remarkable April Dance Social Hosts: Penny Elliot, Stella Kanterakis, Tom & Ann Mauro & Christine Faschini (missing is Al Harruff!).



Mario Lira, Stella Kanterakis, Penny Elliot & Ann Mauro recall 70's style!



Saturday Night Fever presented by Jack & Merilee Ragland!



Renaissance Couple: Fred & Geri Deutsch



Friar Tuck & his Fair Maiden: Kelly & Carol Kimmitt



The Executioner: Mario Lira

Our May Social “Saturday Night Fever” was a huge success with 3 dancers coming as John Travolta “lookalikes” and with ladies in appropriate 70’s dress. Host Jack Raglan assisted by wife Marilee, Iara Gregory, Mark and Kao Chapman and Don Hubbard, provided a comfortable environment and good food.

Marsha and Peter Hanson have taken a two month respite from their duties, after more than two years of teaching classes for our club. Marsha’s expert ability to create skillful dancers & formation teams has enhanced Ballroom Dancing in the NSD. Therefore, finding a talented interim teacher was paramount for our club. A committee was formed; we interviewed all professionals in the area and were fortunate to contract Carrie Kloss. Ms. Kloss is well known for her accomplishments in all facets of ballroom dancing and is highly respected as teacher for San Diego NSD. Carrie and her assistant, David Vasquez are to be congratulated on completion of their first month at the helm, as nothing but raves have come from her students, citing her ability to connect with a large and diverse group and of course, her methods and technique are flawless. **Welcome Carrie and David.**



Jack Ragland presents his two winning paintings at the Del Mar Fair – available for viewing through July 4th. Congratulations Jack!

San Fernando Valley Chapter

Is it June already!?

So, kick your summer season off with not just learning a new dance or dance step, but feeling healthier and happier because you dance, and all the while expressing your true self within an incredible community of like-minded people.

CONVENTIONS & CORONATIONS

Conventions 2018-19

Hard at work and generating a buzz amongst SFV chapter members is the SFV 2019 Convention Committee. Planning is now in full force on creating ways to bring our convention theme to life with energetic entertainment, lots of dancing, lively and elegant evenings and fun for all.

Just around the corner is the 2018 “NEW YORK, NEW YORK” themed convention (host: NSD Fresno Chapter). In preparation for the convention, several members of the SFV chapter are working hard with Mark Emanelli and Joan Robinson our 2019 convention co-chairs on the skit that will showcase **SFV’s convention theme “Work by Day/Play by Night...”**

Join Us At The Marriott Woodland Hills — August 30th through September 2nd, 2019.

“Tea for Two” Coronation

“Tea for Two” is a duet song from the 1925 musical, NO NO Nanette and the coronation theme for our duet of queens Leanne Wong and Deanna Stanton. Their coronation will be at the Hollywood Dance Academy on November 3, 2018. An afternoon tea reception will be at the home of Les and Roberta LaZar.

Joan Robinson and Rachel Seward are coronation co-chairs.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Meet The LaZar’s —Roberta & Les

We’ve all had those members who come into our lives and change it for the better. It’s true for these two special SFV chapter members, and we’d like you to know more about them too.

Things you might not know about Roberta:

- The fruit she dislikes the most is the – fig
- What she enjoys most about dancing is “the great people I get to meet.”



Meet the LaZar’s



Edited by Rachel Seward



• Roberta’s favorite past time other than dancing – “planning trips and travel.”

All about Les: Les too likes to travel and



prefers to new places rather than visit the same place over and over.

• His favorite vegetable – the carrot

• Les enjoys the “challenge of dance and learning something new steps, meeting new people and...it’s fun.”

QUEEN DEANNA STANTON



A “Royal Extravaganza” it was for the crowning of Queen-elects Caryl Creason, Sallie Holden, Wendy Storey and Barbara Uichanco. Performing the honor dance was our very own SFVSD Queen Deanna Stanton and Joseph Hidalgo and the professional showcase presented by one of our professional instructors, Natalia Lind, with her partner Gary Franco. It was a proud moment for our chapter. Supporting our queen and performers at the coronation were Joan Robinson and Rachel Seward. To Queen Deanna — your SFV chapter could not have been more proud of your Tango dance performance.

“...being queen continues to be an enjoyable and memorable experience. Let’s keep on dancing everyone! Until next time, Queen Deanna.”



Deanna and Joe with the four Visalia Queens.

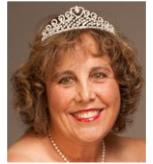
ONE LAST THING ... It’s about summer

Get Motivated To Step Outside Your Front Door

There’s something magical about summer, whether it the long nights spent outside or the way the sun streams through the windows in the early morning. Celebrate this most wonderful time of the year no matter where you live with nature-loving friends and dance every day.

Los Angeles Chapter

Edited by Sandy Wells



May grey is gone, June activities have started. Our chapter is ready to swing into dancing fever. Our new venue at Sloan and Sloan has proven to be fruitful in recruitment. Six new members have joined with 2 new applicants to be voted on... Location, Location, Location

closed Silver Waltz, Tango, Fox Trot, & Quick Step. On May 19th Francy and Robert attended the Visalia Chapter's NSD Multi-4 coronation and spent time socializing with their four new Queens. The Queens lunch was at the fabulous Visalia Country Club.



Kim Clark teaching NSD



Debby Ku and Victor Lee



Traveling Dancers
Alice and Craig went on a 20 day Panama Canal cruise in April. It was the most relaxing cruise they have been on. There was no need for them to get up early for excursions since they have already visited some of the ports-of-call on previous trips. During this cruise they met many ballroom dancers and of course their new friends have been invited to our monthly dances.



Jodene and Kyle Catterlin

Kyle and Jodene Catterlin have been dancing with our club for over 40 years. They have held multiple position and will continue to be one in our life time -membership. Kyle and Jodene will be moving to Northern California in October to be closer to their family. They will be missed.



Health report: Marion Scholtz slipped on a muddy stream and hit a rock in the middle of it. She felt a lot of pain in her left shoulder whenever she moved. We wrapped it tight to her torso with her shirt and she finished the last mile of the hike. Our hiking buddies were wonderful. We drove back to the Cedars ER where she was diagnosed with a fracture of the humerus where it attaches to the shoulder.

Marion was released from the hospital post-surgery on her humerus. We're looking ahead to a few weeks of recovery and rehab. Response from Marion: Thank you one and all for all the get well wishes. We will welcome any of you who have time to stop by.



Adventures on a trip to Northern Spain and Portugal with OAT. It was interesting in getting to the massive cathedral at Santiago de Compostella. We were pilgrims taking just small parts of this historic pilgrimage using the French path. What an emotional experience especially to see all of those who had walked or biked the 500 miles of this path to St. James burial site. It was very inspiring. Then into Portugal and the fab resort on the Duoro River. The adventure also involved port winetasting and a boat ride on the river.

Robert Quan and his pro dance partner, Kim Clark, participated at the Emerald Ball on May 5th at the Hilton LAX Hotel. Robert was a finalist among 14 other couples on the floor during The Gentleman's Championship in



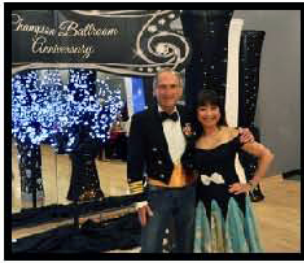
Robert Quan with pro dance partner Kim Clark at the Emerald Ball.



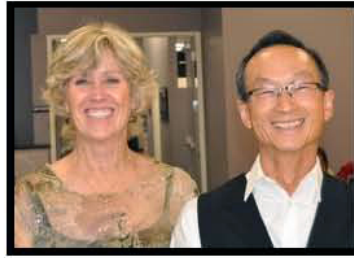
A Bucket List item was crossed off. We saw, felt and enjoyed the power of Niagara Falls from the Canadian side. A history lesson from our tour guide was enhanced by having no crowds (But it was cold). We enjoyed every wet moment.



SDSD JUNE 2018 DANCE WHISPERS



Steve & Angela attended the Showcase



Jeanne & Jacky worked in the Showcase



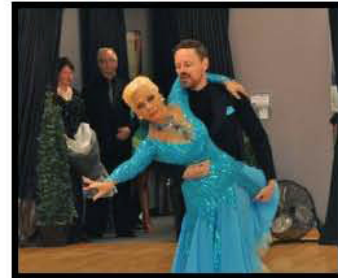
SDSD Members attended the Showcase



Sandy with Jason performed at the Showcase



Alan Grundy—Judge and Mary Murphy—MC



Lucy With Jason performed in the Showcase

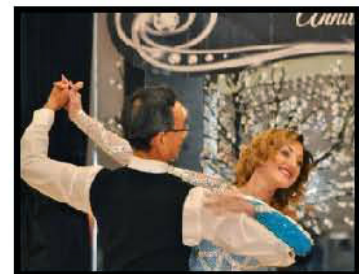
28th Anniversary Spring Showcase at Champion Ballroom Academy



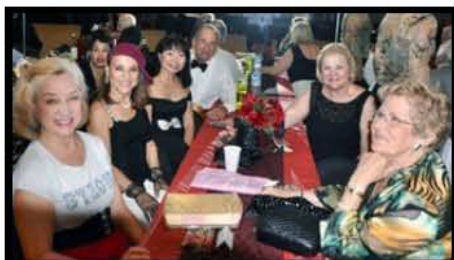
Sandy with Jason competed during the day



SDSD Members with other Guests attended the Showcase



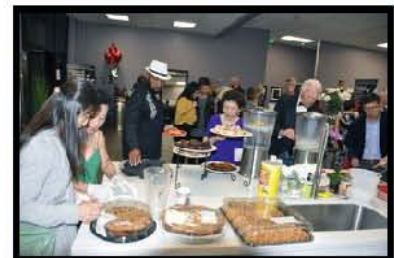
Jacky with Olga performed in the Showcase



SDSD Members attended the Showcase



Alberta and Peter viewed the competition



Delicious Favors

Golden Gate Chapter

Edited by Carl Chesbrough



Queen Li at the Visalia Coronation

Elizabeth Li made her first trip as the 2018 Golden Gate queen. The trip to Visalia went well, and she and Carl enjoyed the afternoon hospitality at the home of Karl and Carolyn Richards. We were joined by 8 other GGSD members, Svetlana and Vlad Gites, Emma and Rita Steed, Dan and Amy Ansaldi, Gabrielle von Stephens, and Vera Harvey. Dan, Amy, Gabrielle, and Vera made the trip for the day, and because of traffic, almost missed the ceremony. They came in seconds before we got started. It was great to see so many of our members make the effort to support Elizabeth at Visalia. Thank you so much, especially for Dan, Amy, Gabrielle and Vera for their long day!

The Visalia coronation included four queens to share their



The Queens at the Visalia Coronation

2018 event. One of the four queens was the outgoing queen. This led to the question about who would crown the new queens. In stepped the State Queen, Svetlana Gites, to do the honor of crowning the four Visalia queens. The four couples did a wonderful formation dance. During the queen's waltz, Deanna Stanton and Joseph Hidalgo slipped out to change. They performed a great Tango routine as the honor dance for the newly crowned Visalia queens. Elizabeth and Carl have been going to many of the state events (Convention over Labor Day, and Bakersfield) over the last 5-6 years. It is great to get to know everyone just a little bit better.

Meanwhile, back in the Bay Area, our friends at Pick School of Dancing had a showcase that featured a pair professional dancers who had performed at our state convention. GGSD was well represented at the showcase, and I got the following report from Gabrielle:

When we received the notice from Liz Talmadge that there was a showcase to be danced at the Pick School of Dancing in San Francisco and our very own Janice and Peter Imperial were going to be among the dancing stars, 7 of us from Sonoma County decided to make the long drive to San Francisco to support our members.

It was an easy 1.5 hour drive as the traffic was in the opposite direction and except for the typical San Francisco parking issues we arrived in time. Erin Pick provided a sumptuous buffet for all of us and satiated we were able to dance a few rounds before the show began. It was simply wonderful. Peter and Janice danced a very sexy Tango and they were part of a formation team as well. Erin Pick (who sometimes teaches for us) had several students and she danced as a male lead as well as her own beautiful self. Even Titus and his lovely wife were part of the show. It was varied and absolutely fabulous. I wish we had this kind of dancing here in the north bay.

Thank you, Peter and Janice, for being the catalyst for us to come see this show.

Thank you, Gabrielle, for your contribution for the Whispers.



Janice and Peter Imperial were among the dancing stars at the Pick School of Dancing showcase.

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. Team Matches begin
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.
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.
11:00 pm	Hospitality

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
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
11:00 pm	Hospitality

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



Fresno Smooth Dancers
 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.

Make Check payable to Fresno Smooth Dancers, and mail to:

Lorraine Tilton, 2727 E Hampton Way, Fresno CA 93726.

For Questions Call 559-269-9491 or email FresnoSmoothDancers@gmail.com.

National Smooth Dancers, Inc.

2018 State Convention "The Big Apple New York New York"
Competition Pre-Registration

	Gentleman	Lady
Name		
Chapter		
Address		
City		
Zip		
Phone		
Email		

Please check all events in which you are pre-registering:

One Star	Smooth <input type="checkbox"/>	Standard <input type="checkbox"/>	Rhythm <input type="checkbox"/>	Latin <input type="checkbox"/>
Two Star	Smooth <input type="checkbox"/>	Standard <input type="checkbox"/>	Rhythm <input type="checkbox"/>	Latin <input type="checkbox"/>
Three Star	Smooth <input type="checkbox"/>	Standard <input type="checkbox"/>	Rhythm <input type="checkbox"/>	Latin <input type="checkbox"/>
Four Star	Smooth <input type="checkbox"/>	Standard <input type="checkbox"/>	Rhythm <input type="checkbox"/>	Latin <input type="checkbox"/>
Senior	Waltz <input type="checkbox"/>	Cha Cha <input type="checkbox"/>	Rumba <input type="checkbox"/>	

(For Senior Competitions, contestants must be at least 60 years old and not competing in any other event; Music will be provided for One Star Competitions)

Attention: Expect an email acknowledging your registration in the correct contests within ten days of receipt by the competition chairperson. If you do not receive an email or it is not correct, immediately call Lynn Sanders at (408) 220-4075 or email lksanders2017@outlook.com.

Waiver of Liability

I certify that I am a member in good standing with the National Smooth Dancers Chapter indicated. I have held membership since May 15, 2018 and I have purchased a complete "Package Deal" for the 2018 Convention. As a condition of participation in the dance competitions, I understand and agree that the Fresno Smooth Dancers, Inc. shall not be held liable for accidents or injuries sustained by persons competing in any event and shall not be held responsible for loss or theft of articles during the Convention. I hereby irrevocably give and grant the Fresno Smooth Dancers, Inc. the right to produce, use, refer to, and/or reproduce any video tape or audio tape recording of any competition.

Gentleman:	Date:
Lady:	Date:

Mail completed form to Lynn Sanders, 600 E. Weddell Dr. Sp141, Sunnyvale, CA 94089-1736

by August 4th, 2018

NATIONAL SMOOTH DANCERS, INC.
GAVEL CLUB
2018

Dear Fellow NSD Members,

In preparation for the 2018 “New York, New York” State Convention hosted by the Fresno Chapter, I writing this letter to remind you that nominations for the 2018 Gavel Club Award are now open.

What is the Gavel Club Award: The Gavel Club Award is the highest honor bestowed on a member of the National Smooth Dancers.

What is the Gavel Club: The Gavel Club, made up of all past and current Presidents, is the body that recognizes and rewards outstanding and exemplary service.

Who can be nominated: To be nominated for this high honor, an individual must be a member in good standing and have performed Outstanding service for the National Smooth Dancers Organization at both the Chapter and National levels. The ordinary functions that many perform, while not unimportant are not the criteria for nominating an individual for the Gavel Club Award. The Gavel Club is searching for that exceptional member who is dedicated to the ideals and traditions of NSD and does not recognize chapter boundaries.

How to nominate someone: Nomination letters must contain a description of the qualifications that the nominee possesses. Due to a rule change passed at the 1997 State Convention, only an individual may be nominated (Nominations made for joint candidates are no longer accepted). Any member of the National Smooth Dancers may nominate an individual for the Gavel Club Award. Additionally nominees do not need to be from your own Chapter-feel free to nominate any individual from any of the 8 NSD Chapters whom you feel deserves this recognition. The name of one nominee from 2017, Linda Gutierrez-Visalia Chapter, has been carried over and is in consideration along with any new nominations.

When are nominations due: Nomination letters for the 2018 NSD State Convention Gavel Club Award, must be received by August 1st, 2018. Please email them to me at daniel.ansaldi@yahoo.com (preferred method) or mail them to the street address below. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Convention!

Sincerely,



Dan Ansaldi, Golden Gate Chapter
Gavel Club Chairman

1524 Broadway
Alameda, CA 94501
Phone: 415-378-1769
Email: daniel.ansaldi@yahoo.com

Hello Fellow Dancers,

The position of State Dance Rules Chair will be open beginning January 2019. The Election for this office will be held September 1st, 2018 at the State Convention Fresno.

It has been very interesting to hold this position for the last 4 years but it is time to bring someone new in. The term of office is 1 year and per our rules the position can be held for 4 consecutive years.

If you would be interested in the position please let me know and plan on attending the Dance Rules Chair Meeting at the State Convention in Fresno Labor Day Weekend.

If you have any questions about the position please feel free to reach out to me and I would be happy to go over anything with you. It is fairly important that you do have knowledge of Dance Rules, but know that several past Dance Rules Chairs are still around and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Dance Rules Meetings are held both in Bakersfield in March and at the State Convention, note that it is important to be able to attend both, but circumstances do arise and you can request someone cover for you.

Again, Please let me know if you are interested.

Regards,

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Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,

The lazy days of Summer are upon us. For National Smooth Dancers it looks like that means dancing, celebrating, travelling and having fun! You can read all about it in this issue; from “The Royal Extravaganza” themed coronation at Visalia chapter (held the same day as the wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markle...hmmmm...) on pages 1-2, to the travelling escapades of the Los Angeles Chapter members on page 6, and the artistic award winning talents of Palomar Chapter’s Jack Ragland on page 4. There is also so much more to read from beginning to end, including a spotlight on San Fernando Chapter’s very own Roberta and Les LaZar on page 5.

It is time to start planning for Convention. Check out pages 9-11 for Convention information and registration. This year you can register and pay on-line at <http://www.fresnosmoothdancers.org/StateConvention2018.html>. For our dance competition contestants, you will find a information note from Lynn Sanders on page 3 and a registration form on page 11. Be sure to visit their website to find out more. It is full of information, registration forms and you can pay on-line too.

There is a call for Gavel Club nominations on page 12. There is also an excellent opportunity to be of service to NSD as the State Dance Rules Chair. Please see page 13 for all the details.

Never Stop Dancing,

Tom Wells

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