

National Smooth Dancers
Dance Whispers
February 2019



February 10, 2019

Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,

Attached is the February issue of the Dance Whispers, the first issue of 2018. It seems odd to be saying this in February; however the Lunar New Year started on February 5th, so here it goes, Happy New Year! The zodiac sign for 2019 is the pig. In Chinese culture, pigs are the symbol of wealth. So let me wish you all a year of wealth, where our gold is the ability and the opportunity to dance!

In this issue I found myself impressed with the dancing in store for us in 2019. The year started out quickly with the Los Angeles Coronation on January 5th! The coronation was an exciting evening of dance, be sure to read and experience it on pages 1-2. We get to enjoy the outgoing message of San Diego Queen Shirley McCloskey (p3) as the chapter prepares to welcome their new Queen-Select Alicia Quintero Alexander. We also are introduced to the Queen-Elect for Bakersfield, Charlene Miller (p4) and Queen-Elect for Golden Gate, Rita Steed (p5).

I was very happy to read about the new members who have joined our dancing family; five for Visalia (p6) and four for San Fernando Valley (p8). Welcome to our new members, we look forward to seeing you on the dance floor.

There is a listing of all the 2019 Chapter Officers and Coronation dates (pp 10-11). Remember that the San Diego coronation is Saturday March 2nd (p12) and the Boards are coming up on March 22 - 24 in Bakersfield, an event you will want to be apart of (p13-14). Also Golden Gate also has their Coronation coming up on April 13th (p15).

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you on the dance floor.

Never Stop Dancing,

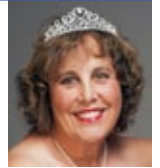
Tom Wells
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Los Angeles Chapter

Edited by Sandy Wells



We started the year with our gala coronation. We were so proud of our club. We really do have team dynamics. Everyone accomplish their tasks and had fun doing them. We rested post coronation but ready to start again in Duarte.

Now a few words from our Queen, Alice Mah Miller.

This year our Queen's Coronation took place earlier than usual. The reason being that the only Saturday

available at the Glendale Hilton Hotel was January 5. Hence, we had no choice but to hold our event on that day.

The newly renovated Presidential Suite on the 15th floor of Glendale Hilton was the venue for our afternoon hospitality. This spacious suite faces the majestic San Gabriel Mountains and beautiful downtown Glendale.

The first coronation of the New Year is always a great time to exchange greetings and catch up with good friends. Needless to say we all had a wonderful time visiting and getting to know each other better. We certainly enjoyed the delicious food and drinks that were brought in by Victor Lee & his team.

Hugs to Tom Wells our chapter president for saving the day. He had to rush over to Marina del Rey to pick up a new sound system for the evening when the original one was discovered to be defective. He came back just in time for the Queens rehearsal.

The Queen's Coronation ceremony began on time and went smoothly. The presentation of Reigning Queens choreographed by Victor Lee was beautiful and elegant. It set the mood for a regal coronation. How magnificent the Queens looked as they glided and whirled with their Royal Escorts around the dance floor! We all enjoyed watching the lively and entertaining Honor Dance performed by Debby Ku and Victor Lee. Everyone enjoyed dancing to the music provided by Chuck Johnson and Tom Wells throughout the evening. Many thanks to Chuck and Susan for handling the hotel arrangements, decorations and all the details of making the coronation a success. Hugs and kisses to all who came to help with the event. It cannot happen without your dedication!

A special thank you to my brother Chester Mah for flying

3,000 miles across the country to take pictures of my coronation!

Thank you everyone for the wonderful memories of an unforgettable evening! Until we meet again, my best to you all and have a fabulous 2019!

Our 2019 Officers:

President: Tom Wells

Vice President: Chuck Johnson

Secretary: Shari Herzfeld

Treasurer: Sandy Wells

Event organizers: Debby Ku and Susan Johnson

Dance Whispers editor: Sandy Wells

Dance rules: Ken Scholtz

Corresponding Secretary: Judi Van Brocklin

Trips and travels

President Tom traveled to San Antonio to assist Mom Wells in moving to North Carolina... Mom Wells is with brother Dave and is safe.

Chuck, Susan, Debby and Victor cruised on the Crystal Cruises Dec. 3 - Dec 15. From Miami to Bimini, Bahamas, Turks and Caicos, Curacao, Bonaire, Ochio Rios, Jamaica, Grand Cayman. They so enjoyed the holidays on such a high end ship.

Debby and Victor are again exploring 7 day land tour in Taiwan. Then 2 back to back cruises (17 days) on the Diamond Princess, Japan and Hong Kong are some of the ports... WOW. It's good to be semi-retired.

We close our report with a sincerely thank you for all that attended our Coronation. It was fun and we look forward to seeing y'all at the San Diego's coronation.



Debby Ku and Victor Lee touring the Lantau Island and PO Lin Monastery in Hong Kong.



An evening of dinner and dancing at The Garibaldina Italian Club's Snowflake Ball in January was enjoyed by LA NSD members

Los Angeles Coronation of Alice Mah Miller



San Diego Chapter



Queen Shirley McCloskey

A Royal Thank You to NSD from San Diego Queen Shirley McCloskey!

It has been my honor, privilege, and joy to serve San Diego Smooth Dancers as ambassador Queen for 2018!

It all began with "A Pageant of NSD Queens" on March 2, 2018. It was my Coronation, but my goal was to present, honor, and recognize all the Queens of NSD – the women who love, serve, and give of their own time and talents to each of our dance chapters. The Coronation met those goals and so much more! If you were there, I hope you remember (as I do) the tremendous feeling of fellowship and happiness that filled the Ballroom. And it was not just my happiness; it was all of you with a passion for dancing and the incredible friendships, which evolve as you socialize and dance with others who share that passion.

The Royal Court of March 2, 2018: State Queen Svetlana Gites, Los Angeles Queen Francy Solano, Golden Gate Queen Vera Harvey, Palomar Queen Marion Semler, SFV Queen Deanna Stanton, Bakersfield Queen Barbara Norcross, Visalia Queen Sallie Holden, Fresno Queen Jennifer Morgan, our own San Diego Queen Liz Tarnove. My hope is you will always remember being honored by this Pageant of Queens.

For me, the Pageant continued throughout the year as I travelled to each Chapter Coronation - celebrating another worthy and deserving Queen being crowned as the existing Queen steps back into the audience, no longer in the spotlight of the Royal Court. In some ways, this retreat is sad. It is the end of the excitement of travel and meeting new dance friends, there will no longer be the thrill of the Royal introduction and Ceremony, the pre-party hospitalities and the post party Brunch will not be the same.

The "outgoing" Queen is left with treasured memories to last a lifetime! She has also acquired loving friends who are more than friends, but more like sisters. Love and hugs to you, my Sister Queens! Past Queens are bound to each other in a lasting, caring bond that magically evolved during the succession of eight prestigious formal NSD Coronations. This is the hidden ingredient of the Queen's role, the "real" gift of the Royal journey.

2018 was my third Queenly adventure. (Secretly, I would have liked to continue to 5 like our beloved Rosalie Wolfe.) It was my wish to Reign in 2018 specifically to visit and dance and celebrate with my many friends in each of our 8 chapters. Thank you for your friendship and kindness and for making my year as SDSA Queen a fantastic and warm journey. Not right now, but this Summer 2019 I shall leave California to live near my family (read "Grandchildren") in Idaho. Being Queen and seeing you for – perhaps one last time – was an important

Edited by Vern Miranda



part of my relocation plans.

The club and your friendship have provided me endless hours of enjoyment and fulfillment for almost 30 years. Thank you! Bless you! May you continue to enjoy and support this unique organization of NSD.

Dance Happy and Be Healthy,

Queen Shirley McCloskey, San Diego Smooth Dancers 2018 and 2012, Fresno Smooth Dancers 1995



Queen-Select Alicia Quintero Alexander and Greg Alexander.

[Click or go to http://www.sdsdwebsite.com/Our-Next-Social.html](http://www.sdsdwebsite.com/Our-Next-Social.html), to get all the information for the San Diego Coronation on March 2nd.

San Diego Smooth Dancers Coronation 2019

Ooh La La!

Honoring Queen-Elect

Alicia Quintero Alexander

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Champion Ballroom Academy
4255 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA 92123

- Champagne reception: 6 p.m.
- Coronation and Honor Dance: 6:30-7 p.m.
- Dinner and Dancing: 7-11 p.m.

Professional Entertainment

Coronation \$60 per person
Black Tie Optional

Hospitality: March 2 at Champion Ballroom Academy 2-4 p.m.

Queen's Brunch - All Are Invited:
Sunday, March 3 at 9 a.m.
94th Aero Squadron, 8885 Balboa Ave.
San Diego, CA 92123



Bakersfield Chapter

Edited by Liora Malicdem



The end of 2018 and the beginning of 2019 brought well-loved and established traditions for the Bakersfield Smooth Dancers. We ended 2018 with awards for “Most Improved Dancers,” and began 2019 with our Presidents Dance where we honor our current and past leaders. A special thanks to these dapper men for the many volunteer hours they have contributed.



Left to Right: James & Claudine Kephart, Susanne & Bill Landry, Irene & Paul Leung, Wendy & Ben Wilson, Rose & Steve Peterson



Awardees pictured with membership chair Barbara Norcross.

Congratulations to our most improved dancers for 2018: John and Ranae Harrer, Eva Shen, and Jack Breech. You'll have the opportunity to learn more about them in the coming year.



Queen-elect Charlene Miller

Now, more than 20 years later, I am delighted to serve as Queen and represent Bakersfield Chapter of National Smooth Dancers for 2019. I want to thank the Bakersfield Smooth Dancers, my dance partner Dan Goss, and my life partner Dennis Acosta for supporting me in this third reign. Life is good!

I have a long and wonderful history with music, dance, and with Smooth Dancers. I spent my childhood in Arkansas where

I tap danced, played piano, performed in the high school chorus and was head cheerleader.

I moved to California as a young adult where I became a homemaker and an educator.

I married Dr. Carl E. Miller. We were married for 25 years and parented four children: Samuel, Debbie, Kelly, and Donna. Carl was a professor at CSU, Bakersfield. After earning my BA, I completed my teaching credential and an MA in Creative Dramatics, Readers Theater and Dance Movement. I spent 26 years as an elementary school teacher, who taught through the arts. I loved teaching history and am proud to say I was nominated by my fellow teachers in Greenfield School District to be Teacher of the Year. At CSU, Bakersfield, I taught students preparing to become teachers how to use art, music, dance, and drama to teach history and literature.

I loved being part of Bakersfield Smooth Dancers, especially my work with Frances Hein as we organized Board Convention for many years. Carl always supported us, doing much of the work behind the scenes as Frances and I worked in the limelight to present a fabulous weekend of dance year-after-year.



Charlene and Carl Miller
1995 Coronation

After I retired, Carl and I devoted our time to travel and dance. In the span of three years, we visited Russia, England, Scotland, Wales, Japan, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, AND Hawaii. Carl was my escort in 1995 as we traveled up and down California during my first reign as Queen. I also began lessons for ballroom competitive dance. Carl lost his seven-year battle with cancer in 1996. In 1997, I served as Queen for a second time with professional dancer Robert Allgeyer as my escort.

It was a new phase of my life, but I decided to fulfill the goal Carl and I had set, and I trained for competition ballroom dancing. For more than two decades, I danced in Pro/Am competitions, first with Robert and then with Dan Goss.

Today, after overcoming some significant health issues, I am back on the dance floor thanks to an amazing team of doctors, Dennis Acosta, and Dan Goss - my Pro/Am dance partner for all these years.

Charlene will begin her reign at the National Smooth Dancers Convention “Once Upon at Time.” We look forward to seeing you there for a weekend of dancing and happily ever after.

Click or go to <http://bakersfieldsmoothdancers.org/conventions/> to get all the information and registration forms.

Golden Gate Chapter

Edited by Carl Chesbrough



Queen - Elect Introduction- Rita Steed



Queen-elect Rita Steed

I was born in Ohio but grew up in California. I started with NSD in 2008. I came to my first Golden Gate Smooth Dancers' event with my mother, Emma Steed, and I loved it. The people are so nice, that I joined the group the next year. NSD has become a wonderful group of friends and family to me. I am very honored and excited to be elected as the 2019 GGSD Queen. It is an honor to serve as ambassador to our sister chapters. I want to thank my chapter for the trust given to me. I will represent our chapter to the best of my ability.

More travels from Gabrielle von Stephens...



My former competition dance partner, Rod Johnson, now lives in Vegas in an Equestrian community, where he keeps and trains his two horses, Dexter and Savy, in dressage. It's a beautiful place with lots of old trees, huge homes and many famous people calling the community home.

My primary reason to come visit was to see him dancing in a showcase with his teacher and get to know the horses better. He did not tell me that the showcase was to be a huge fund-raiser for a local charity

and that Dexter was to be in a competition the next day for the first time.

The afternoon of the charity, dance we had to get Dexter ready for the show. It was rather an elaborate preparation. He had his mane braided which took 2 hours, then he had a hair extension placed in his tail to make it look fuller. Then he was prepared by being ridden, brushed and cleaned.

Next we had to get ready for the dance showcase. Well, Rod danced a beautiful Waltz and Foxtrot with his teacher, Jose. Rod and I had a couple of dances as well. The next morning Dexter went to the competition and took home not only 4 blue ribbons, coming in first in every category, but also won Rod 2 belt buckles for best in show and best in his category. A very proud horse dad and I went dancing at the Gold Coast hotel in Vegas on Sunday, 3 hours non-stop and it was as we had never

quit. I must now contemplate moving to Vegas.

Queen Elizabeth Li's Travels

The Los Angeles Coronation "Masquerade Ball" started with a hospitality where I caught up with queens from different chapters and met with the San Diego chapter's Queen Elect, Alisia, who was looking forward to be the next queen. After the hospitality, we went downstairs to practice in the dance hall. The hall and tables were decorated beautifully by Chuck and Sue Johnson. Chuck also made the queen's carrying flower bouquet and escort's mask boutonniere. What a talented man! Alice Mah-Miller, the new queen, danced with her husband, Craig, a beautiful waltz. Debbie Ku and Victor Lee then performed the queen's honor dance – a spectacular Cha Cha routine.



My daughter, Inka, was home for the holidays, and came with us to the coronation. The three of us shared a round table with Visalia Queen, Caryl Creason, and her husband; State Queen, Lynn Sanders; and the Queen Mum, Carla Hartunian. Inka was asked by many good leaders to dance variety of dances. She was a quick learner and picked up a few dance techniques along the way.

2018 New Year's Eve Party



Visalia Chapter

Visalia Smooth Dancers Welcome and Congratulate our new members: Chris Hoeper, Shirley Cox, Michael Kabat, Bernice Fiolle and James Minyard

What a great way to start the New Year 2019. We are finally seeing the results of VSD's Sunday Dance Workshop for Beginners. We have acquired new members from the class and most of the Social Dances have had good turnouts. The dedication and commitment of our members are paying off. This year, VSD's Sunday Dance Workshop for Beginners started with a lesson on Night Club Two-Step being taught by Bill and Lona Dolan, which will conclude on February 10th, 2019.



Lillian Lewis, VSD's Life Time Member celebrated her 100th birthday with some of VSD members attending the party. Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren presented a lovely program.

Excellent turn out at our January Social Dance with a theme, "Winter Wonderland". Dan Goss taught an energetic swing lesson and also judged an East Coast swing Jack and Jill contest. Twelve couples competed. Lona Dolan and Bart Ramentes 1st, Maria Diego and David Bixler 2nd, and Carol Abeyta and Tim Inouye 3rd. 2019 VSD Club Officers were sworn in at the January Social Dance.

2019 VSD Club Officers:

President = David Bixler

Treasurer = Shane Nielsen

Social Chair = Marivel Villareal

Boards Delegate = Paul Storey



edited by Myra and Shane Nielsen

Upcoming VSD's Social Dances:



Visalia Smooth Dancers
Invites you to a
RED & WHITE BALL

Saturday Feb. 16, 2019
Exeter Memorial Building
324 N. Kaweah, Exeter, Ca
Dance Lesson: 6:00 pm by Eileen
Potluck Dinner: 7:00 pm
Dancing until 10:30 pm
Members with a Main Dish \$10
Members without a Dish \$18
Guests \$18
Bring A Friend or 2!
Dress: Casual Nice or Red & White
Music by Tim

For more information call:
Maria Helm 280-7450 or Joan Dewey 635-8490
Committee Members: Maria, Joan, Leroy,
Garry, Wendy, Jim, Sue, TG and Hilda

Visalia Smooth Dancers invite you to a social dance

March 9, 2019
Exeter Memorial Hall
324 N Kaweah

night of the greats

Elvis Van Ella Eric Tito Frank Aretha Santana Dean Johnny Louie Willie Richie Patay

6:00 Fox Trot dance lesson with Dan Goss
7:00 potluck dinner (committee brings salads and desserts)
Entertainment by Margaret Moholt and Dan Goss
8:00-10:30 general dancing; DJ Tim Inouye

Cost: Members with dish \$10, no dish or guests \$18



Committee: Laura Encinas, Marivel Villareal, Stan Medina, Kathy and Marshall Taylor, Sue and Tom Giampietro, Cary Winstow, Margaret Moholt, Wendy and Gary Paden, Tim Inouye, Sallie Holden

Questions? Call Sallie at 827-1135

(Left) Our 2019 Queen-elect, Carol Bixler hosted Queen's lunch at their beautiful home. VSD's current Queens, past Queens and some of the ladies from the club enjoyed the sumptuous meal Carol had served. It was a lovely, fun day.

Fresno Chapter

Edited by Linda Bennett



Fresno Smooth Dancers' 2019 is off to a fabulous start, but first we remember our Christmas Dinner Dance in December. We began with champagne and a delicious grilled tri-tip and chicken dinner from Chuck's BBQ. We were delighted to welcome so many friends from Visalia and Fresno. David Morgan's playlist brought Christmas cheer to the dance floor. We were honored to have Shane and Myra Nielsen entertain us; their Foxtrot to "Baby It's Cold Outside" was a rousing delight. They always bring joy to the dance floor. Thank you to all who came and shared the evening with us! It would not be the same without you.

At our Christmas dance, we also installed 2019 officers:

- President---Carla Hartunian
- Vice President---Lorraine Tilton
- Treasurer---Ruth Galvante
- Recording Secretary---David Morgan
- Corr. Secretary---Linda Bennett
- Social Chair---Jennifer Morgan
- Board Member---David Hailpern



January brought us Winter Dancing in the Cold January Nights! Rei Marquez taught a wonderful waltz lesson, and we were thrilled to welcome many members and guests to the dance floor.



In February we will celebrate Valentine's Day with "Love Makes the World go Round" on February 17, 2019. Join us!

On March 17, 2019, we will be "California Dreaming," with Henry and Cindy Wegermann. We will have a West Coast Swing lesson; instructor is yet to be determined.

Please visit our website for monthly flyers and more information: www.fresnosmoothdancers.org.

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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 \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. Members from other Smooth Dancers chapters will pay Fresno's member cost of \$10! We would love to see you there!!



San Fernando Valley Chapter

Goodbye 2018... Welcome, 2019!

A Look Back at 2018 ...

2018 was an exciting year for our SFV chapter: average dance attendance was 70; we welcomed several new members bringing our total membership to 87; we crowned two chapter Queens; began diligently working on the 2019 convention and confirmed the major convention positions. We voted on proposed amendments to the NSD Constitution and to purchase a new Queen Trophy; we elected a new slate of officers; and will continue to “working harmoniously” with Yelena, owner of the Hollywood Academy of Dance, where we hold our monthly dances.

We know 2019 will be another busy year for everyone, so we invite you now to take a moment to enjoy the New Year and the opportunities our dance community has to offer. Whether you want to learn a new dance, enter a competition, become a show dance performer or brush up on your dance technique, we believe you have the power to make the New Year POP!

2019 SFV Officers

Our Board Officers play a significant role in providing leadership to our members through inspiration and governance as well as creating, planning and organizing our events and collaborating with other chapters. This amazing, dedicated, and over-the-top team of 2019 officials will ensure a successful and exciting year for our SFV chapter.

Congratulations and thanks to our chapter Board members

Elected Officers:

President: Gee Gee Barden

NSD Board Member: Joan Robinson

Vice President & Social Chair: Andrea Gutman

Treasurer: John Wong

Recording Secretary: Susan Potthoff

Corresponding Secretary: Roberta LaZar

Marketing & Venue Liaison: Joan Robinson

Appointed Positions:

Whispers Editor: Rachel Seward

Front Desk Manager: Leanne Wong

Equipment Manager: Frank Trapp

Dance Rules: Joseph Hidalgo

Webmaster: Bill Steeber

Membership: Sam Billimoria

Dance Rules - Les LaZar

Audio System - Mark Emanuelli

Membership/Editing Assistance - Bobbi Mapstone

Special thanks to our Nominating Committee, Chair Joan Robinson with assistance from Roberta LaZar and Gee Gee Barden, who encouraged members to take responsibility for both Elected and Appointed positions.

We are excited to welcome to our chapter four new members: Eugenia Rozenman, Beatrice Belhencourt, Lee Hahn, Kim Mizhelle and one Returning Member after being

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away for sometime - Elizabeth Emmanuelli.

We look forward to seeing all of you on the dance floor and at our upcoming events and showcases.

Crown Circle - 2019 SFV Queens: Leanne Wong & Deanna Stanton



Queen Leanne: “It was really nice to catch up with old friends and meet some new friends.”

The afternoon started with hospitality, good food, good friends and a nice view of the city. It was really nice to catch up with old friends and meet some new friends. At around 4:30 p.m. the Queens went down to the ballroom for a brief Coronation rehearsal with Victor and then everyone went their separate ways to dress for the Coronation Ceremony and party. At 6:30 p.m. or so, the Coronation Ceremony began. The Queens all looked very regal and did a fabulous job with the presentation of the reigning Queens. It was quite impressive. The new Los Angeles Queen Alice and her husband danced a beautiful waltz, followed by the reigning Queen’s waltz and then all the past and present Queen’s joined them.

It was a beautiful LA Chapter Coronation and a wonderful way to start my year as SFV Chapter Queen. I was pleased to have the support of my husband John and other SFV members; Deanna Stanton, Joseph Hidalgo, Kathy Renman and Jim Picard, and Barbara Greenlaw and Bill Steeber. After the coronation ceremony, we enjoyed a nice dinner and danced the night away. It was a beautiful ball, even in inclement weather.

Convention 2019 - Night and Day - America at Work, America at Play

“Find euphoria as Americans transition from our 9-5 challenges to a glorious, glamorous nightlife.

Step through the doors to find yourselves wrapped in the heady ambiance of famous nightclubs of the 30s, 40s, and 50s.”

We want to let everyone know that we are hard at work on the Convention. Our Convention positions are confirmed, and we are meeting as a large group and as independent working groups. We are confident that we have something special planned for you!

Next issue look for:

Most Improved Dancers; A trophy to be presented to the most improved lady and gentlemen dancers.

Dance at February 2nd at the Hollywood Academy of Dance and experience fun, friendship and dancing!

Until next time, Rachel

Palomar Chapter

Edited by Debbie Atherton and Don Hubbard

July Coronation! Just a reminder that Palomar is moving our Coronation back to JULY as in previous years. This year's Coronation will be Saturday, July 20, 2019 at Ocean Hills Country Club. Please mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you this summer!



Duane Thornton swears in our PSD 2019 officers! (L-R) Peter Hanson, Penny Elliott, Fred Deutsch, Frank Lombardi, Ann Mauro, Stella Kanterakis, Antonia Quinene & Mark Chapman. Congratulations!

L.A. Coronation was well attended by our members! We all had a fun time with the theme – thanks for the great music too! Queen Catherine Lombardi affirmed, “We thoroughly enjoyed watching the Queens procession with creative choreography and a special thank you to past Queen Marion Semler for substituting for me due to my recent injury!”



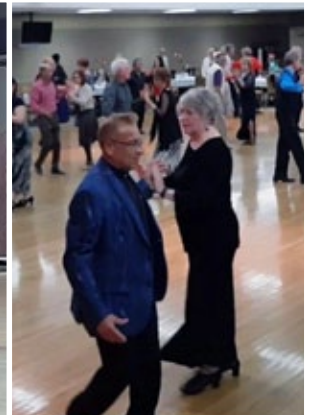
Posing with our Queen – Catherine Lombardi (Seated) is Geri Deutsch, Linda Lum, Marsha Hanson, Ann Mauro, Marion Semler & Debbie Atherton.

Our January Social had a Valentine theme. “Men Pleasing Women”. This was acknowledged by Palomar’s male trio of Tom Mauro, Jack Ragland and George Mozes singing the love song ‘Always’ to all of the ladies present. A rumba lesson was taught by professionals Larry and Marie Clendenin, who teach at George’s School of Dance, Escondido. Mark Chapman was our MC and headed the Hosts who provided pizza, veggies and

deserts. Music was by Peter Hanson, Len Lee and George Mozes.



Thanks to our amazing men who hosted a fun-filled night! Jack Ragland, Tom Mauro & George Mozes (our singing trio!). Along with Don Hubbard, Mark Chapman, Kelly Kimmitt, Jesus Quinene, Carl Jeffrey & Len Lee – Great Job!!



Our club lessons began the New Year with enthusiasm. Marsha Hanson ably assisted by husband Peter started with a Beginning Tango and an Intermediate Bolero. Our lessons continue to be an important function of our Club, by advancing ballroom dancing skills and by giving dancers an incentive to become NSD members. The popularity of the lessons has continued. The lessons are at 7:00pm for beginning steps and 8:05pm for intermediates. Every Monday evening at the Vista Senior Center. Experienced and new dancers are welcome. An affordable fee is charged for either one or both dances.

Los Angeles Chapter Officers

President	Tom Wells
Vice President	Chuck Johnson
Treasurer	Sandy Wells
Board Member	Chuck Johnson
Board Member	Craig Miller
Board Member	Judi Van Brocklin
Delegate	Victor Herzfeld
Corresponding Secretary	Judi Van Brocklin

Coronation - January 11, 2020

Recording Secretary	Shari Herzfeld
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Publicity	Chuck Johnson
Queen	Alice Mah Miller
Webmaster	Victor Hertzfeld/ Tom Wells

San Diego Chapter Officers

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Sunshine	Linda Hammerton

Coronation - March 2, 2019

Dance Rules	Patrick McGinness
Smooth Talk Editor	Amante Reyes
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Queen-Select	Alicia Quintero Alexander
Webmaster/Publicity	Liz Tarnove
Historian	Dave Saul

Palomar Chapter Officers

President	Frank Lombardi
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Treasurer	Peter Hanson
Board Member	Fred Deutsch
Corresponding Secretary	Mark Chapman
Recording Secretary	Penny Elliott
Social Chairman	Antonia Quinene and Stella Kanterakis
Ways & Means	Ira Gregory
Dance Class	Marsha Hanson

Coronation - July 13, 2019

Dance Rules	Penny Elliot
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Publicity	Darlene Drury
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Coronation - April 13, 2019

Dance Rules	Igor Tilinin
Dance Whispers Editor	Carl Chesbrough
Music Coordinator	Gordon Robinson
Queen	Elizabeth Li
Queen Elect	Rita Steed
Webmaster	Carl Chesbrough
Parliamentarian	Rita Parma

San Fernando Valley Chapter Officers

Coronation - August 31, 2019

President	Gee Gee Barden	Queen	Deanna Stanton/ Leanne Wong
Vice President	Andrea Gutman	Webmaster	Bill Steeber
Treasurer	John Wong	Equipment Manager	Frank Trapp
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Recording Secretary	Susan Potthoff	Front Desk Manager	Leanne Wong
Corresponding Secretary	Roberta LaZar	Marketing	Joan Robinson
Social Chairman	Andrea Gutman	Venue Liaison	Joan Robertson
Dance Rules	Joseph Hidalgo/ Les LaZar	Audio System	Mark Emanuelli
Dance Whispers Editor	Rachel Seward	Editing Assistance	Bobbi Mapstone
Membership	Bobbi Mapstone		

Bakersfield Chapter Officers

Coronation - March 23, 2019

President	Steve Peterson	Dance Rules	
Vice President	Kay Boyer	Dance Whispers Editor	Liora Malicdem
Treasurer	Jo Ann Georgio	Queen	Kay Boyer
Board Member	Ben Wilson	Queen-elect	Charlene Miller
Corresponding Secretary	Debbie Cadena	Delegates	Steve Rogers, Jeanette Steck
Recording Secretary	Lindy Livingston		
Social Chairman	JoAnn Georgio		

Visalia Chapter Officers

Coronation - May 18, 2019

President	David Bixler	Dance Rules	John Gutierrez
Vice President	Karl Richards	Dance Whispers Editor	Myra and Shane Nielsen
Treasurer	Shane Nielsen	Webmaster	Manuel Madril
Board Member	Paul Storey	Queen(s)	Sally Holden/Barbara Uichanco /Wendy Storey/
Corresponding Secretary	Myra Nielsen		Caryl Creason
Recording Secretary	Myra Nielsen		Carol Bixler
Social Chairman	Marivel Villareal	Sunshine	Joan Dewey
		Sgt of Arms	Garry Paden
		Historian	Greg Uichanco

Fresno Chapter Officers

Coronation - June 8, 2019

President	Carla Hartunian	Dance Rules	Kathy Constantino
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San Diego Smooth Dancers Coronation 2019

Ooh La La!

Honoring Queen-Elect

Alicia Quintero Alexander

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Champion Ballroom Academy
4255 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA 92123

- Champagne reception: 6 p.m.
- Coronation and Honor Dance: 6:30-7 p.m.
- Dinner and Dancing: 7-11 p.m.

Professional Entertainment

Coronation \$60 per person
Black Tie Optional

Hospitality: March 2 at Champion Ballroom
Academy 2-4 p.m.

Queen's Brunch - All Are Invited:
Sunday, March 3 at 9 a.m.
94th Aero Squadron, 8885 Balboa Ave,
San Diego, CA 92123

Accommodations may be made at Courtyard Marriott, 8651 Spectrum Center Blvd, San Diego 92123.
Call (888) 236-2427 or visit www.marriott.com/sancy for Reservations. Use Code SMD or mention San Diego Smooth Dancers for discounted room rate of \$119, valid if reservations are received by February 15, 2019.

To attend the Coronation, please write your check to San Diego Smooth Dancers and mail to Shirley McCloskey at P.O. Box 927855 San Diego, CA 92192-7855 by February 23, 2019

Name(s) _____

Chapter (non-members leave blank) _____

Coronation/Buffer Dinner: ____ @ \$60 Queen's Brunch ____ @ \$39 Total Amount ____

For more information, please call Shirley McCloskey at (559) 281-5579 or Alicia Quintero Alexander at (619) 864-3100





Bakersfield Smooth Dancers
Presents

Once
Upon
A Time

Click or go to <http://www.nationalsmoothdancers.org/bakersfield.html> , to get all the information and registration forms.

March 22-24
Two Thousand and Nineteen

Bakersfield Smooth Dancers
2019 Board of Directors Meeting Event Registration

“Once Upon A Time”

March 22-24, 2019

Purchasor Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Attendee #1: _____ Attendee #2: _____

Chapter: _____ Chapter: _____

Attendee #1 Attendee #2

_____ _____ **Weekend Dance Package** \$169 per person _____

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

Friday Evening	Evening Dance & Competitions
Saturday Afternoon	Afternoon Dance & Competitions
Saturday Evening	Coronation Ceremony
	Formal Dinner, Dance & Competitions
	Professional Entertainment
Sunday Morning	Buffet Breakfast & Awards Ceremony

Individual Events

_____ _____ **Friday Evening Party Only** \$35.00 per person _____
Evening Dance & Competitions

_____ _____ **Saturday Afternoon Party Only** \$25.00 per person _____
Afternoon Dance & Competitions

_____ _____ **Saturday Evening Party** \$90.00 per person _____
Coronation Ceremony
Formal Dinner, Dance & Competitions
Professional Entertainment

_____ _____ **Sunday Morning Breakfast** \$40.00 per person _____
Buffet & Awards Ceremony

_____ _____ **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 _____

Attendee #2 Vegetarian _____

For special food allergy concerns, contact JoAnn Georgio.

CANCELLATIONS before March 13, 2019 will receive a prorated refund.
After March 13, 2019 - No Refunds can be made.

All Dancing, Meals and Meetings will be held at the
Bakersfield Marriott - 801 Truxtun Ave.

Make checks payable to:
Bakersfield Smooth Dancers.

Mail Event Registrations to:

JoAnn Georgio
14035 Rosedale Hwy. #10
Bakersfield, CA 93314

jgeorgio@bak.rr.com

GOLDEN GATE SMOOTH DANCERS, INC.
INVITES YOU TO OUR

PROM ROYALE

A CORONATION BALL
HONORING QUEEN-ELECT
RITA STEED

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019
CORONATION & BALL: \$95.00

FORMAL ATTIRE REQUESTED

Crowne Plaza Hotel

1221 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA 94404
Hotel Reservations: 1-888-233-9527
Ask for Golden Gate Smooth Dancers Rate

\$139.00+ Tax (King Room),
\$149.00+ Tax (Double Queen Room),

Online Booking:
<https://bookpasskey.com/go/GoldenGateSmoothDancer>

(Rate guaranteed until March 29, 2019)

Schedule of Events

2:00 PM-4:00 PM Hospitality Reception
(Hosted Beverages and Hors d'oeuvres,
Casual Attire)
5:30 PM Cocktail Reception (No Host)
5:30 PM Registration
6:30 PM Coronation Ceremony
7:30 PM Dinner
8:30 PM-11:30 PM Dancing

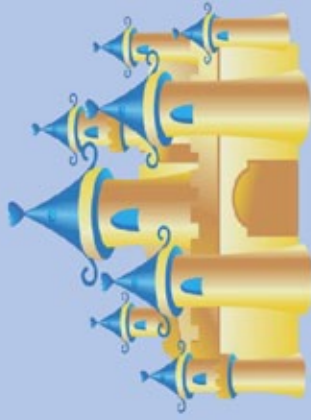
CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH: \$35.00

DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

LOCATION: CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
BAY VIEW ROOM

TIME: 9:00 AM

ATTIRE: HATS ENCOURAGED



Reservation form (Must be received by April 4th, 2019)

Please make checks payable to: Golden Gate Smooth Dancers

Mail to: Liz Talmadge

759 Grand Avenue

South San Francisco, CA 94080

Saturday, April 13th, 2019 Coronation Ball: Qty _____ x \$95.00= _____

Sunday, April 14th, 2019 Champagne Brunch: Qty _____ x \$35.00= _____

Total= _____

Entree selection(s): Prime Rib _____ Mahi Mahi _____

Butternut Squash Ravioli (Vegetarian) _____

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

For information and reservations, contact Liz Talmadge at (415) 265-7063 or liztalmadge24@aol.com. Please See Reverse Side for Registration Form.