

*National Smooth Dancers*  
***Dance Whispers***  
*April 2025*

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**2025 Coronation Central:** The Visalia Coronation will be May 17, followed by the Fresno Coronation June 21. The year ends with Palomar (Oct 4) and San Fernando Valley (Nov 1) Coronations.

**2025 Convention:** Golden Gate State Convention: August 29 to September 1.

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



**Publishing Editor**  
Carl Chesbrough

Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,

The 2025 coronations are off to a great start. The San Diego Coronation was March 1, 2025. Followed by the wonderful (and pink) Bakersfield Barbie Dream Ball dance weekend March 28-30. The next coronations are Visalia on May 17, followed by Fresno on Jun 21. As a reminder, the Golden Gate chapter will not be hosting a Coronation as we get ready for our 75 year Diamond Jubilee over the Labor Day weekend. Registration is now open!

**Personal Update:** I will be through seven of my eight cycles of taking chemo medicine. My side effects continue to be mild. I really enjoyed the Bakersfield Barbie Dream Ball, as that was at the end of my week off. It was great to see everyone in Bakersfield, and the well wishes from so many people. Having an update every two months is not very often, but I am looking forward to being done with the medication. At the time of the next Dance Whispers, I will have been done for oave a month.

**New in this issue:** At our editor's meeting in Bakersfield, I floated the idea of adding a section called "Cruise Central". There are many members of NSD that enjoy cruises. Elizabeth and I were on a cruise with our dance instructor, and bumped into a group from Fresno and Visalia.

The idea behind the Cruise Central section is to allow people to know where others from NSD are cruising. It may give people a chance to join other NSD dancers on a cruise. More dancers may make it easier to find good places to dance on the ship.

Take a look at the Cruise Central and give your editor (or myself) your feedback. Should we add travel agent info? Would a contact name be good to be included? Anything else that may be good to be included? Should there be a section for destination of interest, to allow people to indicate where they are interested in going. I expect to have this evolve over a few publications, so any feedback would be helpful.

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

-Carl Chesbrough, Publishing Editor.



**Bakersfield Smooth Dancers News  
by Christine Conrad**

**Barbie Dream Ball**

Congratulations to Debi Cadena, our new chapter queen!



From the “Malibu Beach Party” to the “Farewell to Barbie Land” breakfast, we hope you had a wonderful time!

Thank you to all the members that worked so hard to make this weekend such a success. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next event.

**Friday Night Dances**

We continue to hold dances every Friday night at the Fairfax Grange from 7:00 to 9:00 pm with a cost of only \$10 per person.

**Weekly Lessons at the Grange**

Mondays - Franco Peraza, please see attached flyer.

Tuesdays - Josh Harless is offering beginning Hustle lessons starting at 6:00 pm and Intermediate Tango lessons starting at 7:00 pm.









## Visalia Smooth Dancers News by Lew Griswold

### Visalia takes Salsa performance to Bakersfield

Our 14-member Visalia dance team performed a salsa routine at Bakersfield's mid-year event to the tune of "Dance the Night" by Dua Lupa. Dance instructor Franco Peraza was both choreographer and performer – he filled a sudden vacancy.

Some dancers were obliged to master clever dance techniques because a couple of leaders were assigned two followers each. Hats off to David Bixler and Stan Medina, and Carol Bixler, Somjai Cochran, Kristine Lewis and Sally Bailey. Slick moves indeed.

Others on the formation team: Lew Griswold, Kelly Dafonte, Greg and Barbara Uichanco, Margaret Moholt, Tim Inouye, Laura Encinas and Franco Peraza (filling in).

Many clubs performed showcase dance routines. Showcase routines allow club members to participate and perform yet there's no scoring or voting to worry about. All the performances were vastly entertaining.

### Greg and Barbara Uichanco drive 'Barbie Car'

"Barbie Dream Ball" was the theme of the Bakersfield gathering.

Barbara and Greg Uichanco performed a super cute dance routine involving a pink Barbie Car to the tune of "Barbie Girl" by Aqua. They executed the routine – choreographed by Franco Peraza – with style and enthusiasm. Bravo!



Greg and Barbara Uichanco and Franco Peraza pilot a Barbie Car in Bakersfield.



Greg and Barbara Uichanco celebrate with Margaret Moholt after performing their Barbie dance routine at Visalia's dance in April.

Greg and Barbara Uichanco perform their Barbie dance routine in Bakersfield.



The Visalia dance team included Margaret Moholt, Tim Inouye, David Bixler, Carol Bixler, Sally Bailey, Stan Medina, Kristine Lewis, Barbara Uichanco, Greg Uichanco, Kelly Dafonte and Lew Griswold.

### Monthly dances update

April's dance social was held on the first Saturday of the month instead of the usual second Saturday.

"We had a nice energetic crowd," club President Stan Medina said. About 45 people attended, including guests.

Franco Peraza gave an intermediate tango lesson. Dean Levitan offered a Jerusalema line dance lesson. (Check YouTube for "Jerusalema" if you are not familiar with this one.)

Meanwhile, Barbara and Greg reprised their Bakersfield dance routine to acclaim, again using their little pink Barbie Car. "Greg and Barbara delivered an outstanding performance. When they danced, I watched the audience – everyone was dazzled by their talent," Margaret Moholt said. "A truly well-done performance."

"The Oscars" was the March dance theme.

In February, Bobby and Stacie Gabijan performed a dance routine choreographed by Susan Morelock to the tune of "Bang Bang".



The Oscars was the theme of the March dance.

### Visalia Coronation May 17

Visalia coronation will be held May 17. The cost is \$70 and includes dinner. Registrations are due to Linda Gutierrez by May 7. The flyer is attached and on both the NSD and VSD websites. Queen Margaret Moholt will be succeeded by Queen-elect Laura Encinas.

**Fresno Smooth Dancers News**  
**by Leslie Rouse**

**Fresno's 2025 Queen Elect is Cindy Wegermann**

I started my dance adventure rather late in life with one modest goal. I wanted to be able to waltz at my 50th birthday party. Here I am, twenty some years later, hooked on every kind of ballroom dance; the addiction we all know and love so well. As a special BONUS I've gained a wonderful dance family to add to my and Henry's own blended one.



Henry's daughter Jennifer, her husband Rick, and grandson Robert live in Oregon. Granddaughter, Samantha and her husband, Peter, live a few hours away, just over the border in Idaho. We enjoy visiting when we can which is not as often as we would like. I

feel very fortunate to have my sons nearby in Fresno. Both of my sons have been persuaded to attend dance events on occasion. My older son, Chris, took ballroom dancing at college years ago. The foundation is there. More recently my younger son, Patrick, and his bride, Rebeka, waltzed at their wedding. You never know when those early planted seeds may sprout.

Although I am a Fresno "lifer", I have a sense of curiosity that has led me to a number of other interesting places and experiences. Some of the highlights include a solo trip to southeast Asia on a tropical fish buying expedition and rafting through the Grand Canyon with family and friends. I have also provided audiology services in Mexico with the "Flying Doctors," learned to fly airplanes myself and jumped out of perfectly good ones!

In recent years, my husband Henry and I have made several trips to Brazil, the country where he was born. We've shared swimming with giant sea turtles and sharks(!) in the ocean. We have snorkeled for miles in crystal clear rivers full of colorful fish. We've explored an amethyst mine and taken a boat on a mission trip up the Paraguay River to Bolivia. We caught and ate piranha all along the way of the mission trip. How's that for turning the tables?!

A sense of adventure must run in the family. My coronation theme was inspired by my Great Aunt Marie who was a well known lady lion tamer in the early 1900's. That career ended after she was seriously injured during a performance. Despite that misfortune, she never lost her theatrical sparkle – from her curly blonde hair, Parisian style makeup and bright blue eyes to her just-as-bright personality. I recall how she used to exclaim over me and my four siblings that we were the "best children" she had ever met. Her saying it

made it so. That was some lion tamer magic for sure!

As fun and exciting as grand adventures are, truly some of my greatest pleasures are spending time with family – which now includes a baby grandson, Finn! I also enjoy my garden, playing ukulele, singing and, of course, ballroom dancing!

Cindy Wegermann

2025 FSD Queen Elect

**Queen Oralia's Mardi Gras Party**



Queen Oralia loves to throw a good party, and she did just that. As soon as people walked in, you could hear compliments about her decorations. They were talking about the colorful tables, the lit streetlamps, and my favorite, those gorgeous tall martini glass centerpieces filled with beads, lights and feathers. She also had several murals for photo ops. To top it off, she even bought Mardi Gras t-

shirts she let the Committee use so we could all be in theme.

Rei Marquez taught a West Coast Swing lesson. He gave tips and technique and kept everyone dancing for an hour. By the time his lesson was over, everyone was hungry and headed for something to eat.

With many thanks to Queen Oralia, and the generosity of our Club Members and Friends, the table was full of good food for all to enjoy. The line was long but Queen Oralia was prepared. She made three different types of Jambalaya, spicy, mild and no shrimp. I've never had Jambalaya before, so I tried the mild. It was delicious. I said, "Yes, more please."

For dessert she had several King's Cakes with babies in them and a prize for those that found one. But she cautioned people not to eat the babies. After all, we are civilized people. Our lovely Linda Bennett found a baby and was awarded with a special prize.

And it wouldn't be a Mardi Gras party without a parasol parade. Queen Oralia asked David to play, "When the Saints Go Marching In." As the music played, and people danced around the room, it was easy to see everyone was having a wonderful time.

Job well done Queen Oralia. Makes me wonder, will she go for three years in a row? Only time will tell.

Nancy Cargill





## Golden Gate Smooth Dancers News by Jerry Bowes

### Home Games: GGSD Monthly Dances

Our March 9th dance had the theme of Mardi Gras. A single time swing lesson was provided by Peter Ng.

Our April 13th dance will have the theme April in Paris. We will be having a Foxtrot lesson from James Kleinrath.

On April 27th, we will be enjoying our chapter annual 'Members Appreciation Brunch'. We will spend several hours at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco having food, fellowship, honoring several of our members with achievement and service awards, and getting some rich time to actually have conversation uninterrupted by the urge to dance every 4 minutes.

### Away Games: San Diego, Bakersfield Coronations

San Diego: March 1, Welcome The Royal Triumvirate

Four members of Golden Gate attended the San Diego Coronation as the mantle of reigning queen Victoria Voro passed to the 'Sister Queens': Shirley McCloskey, Alicia Quintero Alexander, and Lou Reyes. If there is ever any question about the flexibility



and generosity of the women who choose to be queens, seeing three former queens step up to share the ceremonial leadership, even one of them from her home in Idaho, says look no further than the San Diego royal court. This event had a very special sweetness for both Queen Lynn and her escort Jerry. Queen Lynn and Queen Shirley have been very close friends for decades and have adventured and cruised together to Europe and up and down California. For Jerry, during a lull in the proceedings, he walked into a garage across the parking lot and just happened to be talking to one of the Aardemo/Braun Team (holders of several world land speed records) working on their latest candidate for another world top land speed record. Dancing is fun, but talking to a member of the world's land speed record holder team was a techie delight.



Bakersfield: March 29, Welcome Queen Debi Cadena

Thirteen members of Golden Gate attended the Coronation and the semi-annual business meeting of NSD in Bakersfield. The Coronation theme was 'Barbie' and you have never seen so much pink in one place at one time. The GGSD contingent had the added pleasure of a chapter dinner at Black Angus on the Friday evening just before the first evening dance started. We performed our Diamond Jubilee presentation

to entice anyone who hasn't seen it to make sure you sign up and come to our 75th Anniversary convention. Go to <https://goldengatedancers.org/convention-registration> and sign up now!





## More Golden Gate Smooth Dancers News Goings of the Queen

Queen Lynn, finding ocean cruises with good ballrooms and dancing to be quite agreeable has been inquiring on possibilities for dance cruises this summer. The Queen has been on cruises where one knows few people and finds them less pleasing than being with a group of friends.

In planning for her summer Coronation visits, upon inquiring about the unusual change of date of the Fresno Coronation, the Queen learned that it is due to a large portion of the chapter going on a Princess cruise that would conflict with the typical first week of June date.

Further inquiry revealed the attendees would include many of the Queen's long time Fresno friends and her very first dance instructor ...and... that it had room for Queen Lynn and her consort! This revelation has blessed the Queen with a trifecta of good fortune, delight, and anticipation!

Queen Lynn, a dual citizen of the Fresno (where she 'grew up' into dancing) and Golden Gate chapters will be spending 11 days as a member of a 65 member dance cruise with her Fresno friends and dance partner consort on an excursion to Alaska; the thought of all of these at one time she finds most pleasing. She will be enjoying Fresno fellowship and all the dancing she can manage to set the tone of appreciation and blessing of her good fortune that she will bring to and share during her visit to Fresno's Coronation soon after she returns.

## Conversations with the Queen Elect

Vera Harvey, the Queen Elect for Golden Gate and NSD State Queen has a wealth of experience as a dancer, an NSD Queen, and a chapter board member. Her dance background is rich with west coast swing, ballroom, and team performance experience. The author is especially appreciative that our meeting each other in sibling performance teams under Stephen and Debbie Cullip was the beginning of my membership in the NSD family. For those who have not (yet) been NSD Queens or who know little about it, I asked Vera to share some of her perspectives of being Queen and how approaching being State Queen differs from her prior reign as Chapter Queen. Here is her response from the first of our two part interview.

"I was sworn in as a member of GGSD on March 3, 2014 and on April 8, 2017 I was crowned GGSD Queen. My sister queens were anxious to share their advice and experiences and I was overwhelmed with so much excitement! Now, having been Chapter Queen and one of the GGSD Crown Circle Queens, I understand that excitement and I am now ready to dust off my tiara and get on the road to our sister chapters! Being given the honor of "State Queen", is thrilling beyond belief! I am so blessed, humbled, and excited all at the same time and I look forward to sharing more thoughts in the next "Whispers" in anticipation of GGSD Convention where I will be crowned for my next NSD Queen Adventure!"

**Save the Date,  
Labor Day 2025!  
You won't want to miss this!**



## San Fernando Valley Smooth Dancers News by Mark Emanuelli

Greetings, Smooth Dancers — We hope that Spring is treating you well!

### San Fernando Valley Dance Calendar:

We hope that dancing is always on your calendar, as well as travels. When your travels bring you to the Los Angeles area, we hope that you will look up us and our friends:



Sun Apr 20 – Members Meeting and Tea Dance – 1pm @ Hollywood Academy\*

\* (tentative due to Easter Sunday)

Sun Apr 27 – USA Dance Social @ Veteran's Memorial Auditorium

Sat May 03 – Monthly Social – 7pm @ Hollywood Academy

Sun May 13 – Members Meeting and Tea Dance – 1pm @ Hollywood Academy

Sun May 27 – USA Dance Social @ Veteran's Memorial Auditorium

Sat Jun 07 – Monthly Social – 7pm @ Hollywood Academy

Sun Jun 15 – Members Meeting and Tea Dance – 1pm @ Hollywood Academy



### Memorable Coronation Experiences from Queen Rachel Seward

An enchanting evening of Silvery Moonlight set the stage



for the crowning of three extraordinary ladies of the San Diego chapter, creating an atmosphere of elegance and grace that was truly unforgettable.

### Here's a bit more about the

### San Diego Silvery Moonlight Coronation

The Champion Ballroom Academy was the majestic setting for the Coronation of Shirley McCloskey, Alicia Quintero Alexander, and Lou Reyes. The ballroom was a spectacle of silvery, black, and white glitter, showcasing the unique and awe-inspiring artistry of Bakersfield chapter member Deborah Cadena and the gorgeous Crown gifted by Queen Alicia as the backdrop for the Coronation ceremony.

As the San Fernando Valley chapter queen, I felt royal as I wore my new white gown and jewels for the first time. The evening started with a glass of champagne at the welcome reception and the crowing of a lovely trio of women who have been outstanding contributors to the San Diego chapter. Each of them has left an indelible mark with their unique contributions. Frank Lacson was my escort, making my night all the more special. Dancing with him was like a dream (like SFV Chapter members feel when dancing with John Wong). The coronation ceremony included a fabulous Honor Dance and a Tango performance by Jennifer and Frank Lacson.



Following the Coronation, all enjoyed a delightful buffet dinner and dancing. On behalf of the SFV Chapter and as the reigning chapter Queens I congratulate the lovely San Diego trio of Queens on their Coronation and look forward to sharing many memorable moments with each of you during my year. I am excited about the journey we will embark on together. May your lunar glow all year!

### BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday to our birthday dancers:

APR: Sam Rozenman, Judy Hernand, Ann Segal, and GeeGee Barden

MAY: Sally Emanuelli, Ann Simmons, John Wong, and Bill Morey.



## More San Fernando Valley Smooth Dancers News

The Bakersfield Chapter was host to Queen Deborah Cadena's Barbieland Ball. This theme was perfect for her vibrant and caring personality and the crowning of a new chapter queen.



Here's every can't-miss detail about the Barbieland Ball and **Coronation of Queen Deborah Cadena**:

The Hilton Doubletree Hotel and its famous warm chocolate chip cookies were the perfect setting for this Barbie and Ken reunion. The Barbie pink balloon entrance set the stage for a fun-filled weekend of celebrations and dancing reminiscent of the movie Barbie.

Queen Deborah Cadena was stunning and smiling from her afternoon welcome reception to her crowing and formal dinner setting with just the right tablescape ambiance for her Barbie theme. Her Coronation featured spotlight dances and chapter performances, including our SFV "Dance The Night" group performance choreographed by Leanne Wong. Everyone could see the joy in Queen Deborah's waltz with her instructor, Franco. It was a lovely show dance performance. The variety of performances over this special dance weekend gave everyone something to enjoy. Throughout the weekend, many Barbie beauties were in Barbie Pink costumes, and all the Kens were ready to dance and enjoy the beautiful Barbies.



The weekend included another special moment for all chapter Queens—the Crown Circle Luncheon. The setting was elegant and welcoming, and it was Queen Deborah's first Crown Circle gathering.

I thank my escort, Sherry Thomas, who took extra care wheeling me from the lobby in my wheelchair to the ballroom entrance and helping me walk to honor the outgoing Queen Jeannette. I fractured my right foot and was unable to walk in my sparkly shoes. This accident did not keep us from enjoying the Queen's waltz and grooving to "Dancing Queen" as we exited the ball-

room, nor did this accident keep me from joining the SFV chapter spotlight group dance from my wheelchair.

The Barbieland Ball was a night of pure fun and dazzle. From the glamorous decorations to the lively atmosphere, we were fully immersed in a night of Barbie magic. The event was a testament to the joy and entertainment that Queen Deborah and her team brought to the Bakersfield NSD chapter. Congratulations, Queen Deborah! Enjoy the magic of your year!

As SFV Chapter Queen, I have had my Coronation experiences filled with joy and gratitude.

Queen Deborah and I share the love of decorating events and executing their aesthetic and atmosphere. She outdid herself on this night, and I congratulate her on receiving this honor as Queen of her Bakersfield NSD chapter. I wish her a year of joy and dance.

### President's Notes From Barbie's Dream Ball

It was a great (and very pink) weekend of dancing with over 200 members of National Smooth Dancers at the Bakersfield Event. I'm sure that the Bakersfield chapter will have the most to share, I simply wanted to thank the 22 San Fernando Valley Chapter members who joined in the fun – dressing up, dancing, and even joining in the showcase events.

A special shoutout to Leanne Wong, who revised our group dance at the last minute so that our injured Queen could still participate when we hit the floor in "Barbie and Ken Strut the Catwalk" with style! SFV brought a whole new attitude to the showcase floor and the audience went wild! Especially when our two Kens shared pink bandanas.

Our group coordinator, Leanne, had this to say "Way to go performance group! I am really proud of my dancers! Looking forward to what we can do at the Golden Gate convention."

See you on the dance floor!

- SFV Smooth Dancers





## Palomar Smooth Dancers News by Chris Bernardo

### San Diego's Beautiful Coronation

A note from Palomar Queen Debbie Atherton

Palomar members had a great showing at San Diego's beautiful Coronation! We all had so much fun gathering together for the Crowning of the 3 Queens who will share duties this upcoming year – Congratulations to Queen Alicia Quintero Alexander, Queen Shirley McCloskey and Queen Lou Reyes. They all did a lot of work and preparations setting up the room and a lovely buffet dinner! We enjoyed the Rumba they performed so beautifully together too. The breakfast the next morning was a great gathering – thank you! We look forward to Bakersfield's weekend March 28th to 30th.

### Bakersfield's Barbie Dream Ball

Thank you, Bakersfield, for another wonderful and fun filled weekend! We all enjoyed every minute! Our Performance team – lead by Marsha Hansen – exhibited a great Paso Doble routine. We were so proud!



The Coronation of their new Queen, Debi Cadena was beautiful along with her gorgeous table settings. The Barbie theme, with PINK everywhere, was carried on throughout the entire weekend.

The theme was so much fun – especially the creative incredible “photo moment”

area – there was always a line to grab that special shot! Sunday's breakfast was highlighted by another glitzy performance by Golden Gate announcing their Diamond Jubilee for 2025 Convention weekend. Great entertainment weekend!



### Member Highlight - A Life Journey



Peggy Shu Chin Tsao was born in Shanghai, China but she grew up in Japan where her father's job took the family. After graduating from Canadian Academy in Kobe, Japan, she followed two of her three siblings to the US. In New York she attended SUNY Binghamton where she met and married husband, Len Lee. At Ohio

State University, Len completed his PHD and Peggy, taking her MA in Fine Arts. Peggy's first daughter, Vivian, was born during this period of graduate work.

In St. Louis, Missouri Len took a job at Monsanto company and Peggy began a professional career providing IT support for instructors. After retiring, they moved to San Diego in 2005, a city they had enjoyed while attending a conference earlier. A colleague of Len from work, Shine Chou, introduced them to Mark and Kao Chapman who in turn encouraged them to get involved with ballroom dancing! Len and Peggy joined the Palomar Smooth Dancers in 2008. The following year, Kao asked Peggy to accept the nomination as queen for Palomar so that they could travel together to the various chapters. Peggy accepted when Palomar asked her to represent the chapter and Mark Chapman choreographed their queen's dance.

Peggy and Len met many wonderful dancing friends during Peggy's year as Palomar's Queen and to this day they cherish their NSD friends they met! Peggy says that it's not just the dancing that changed her life. She has adopted a second family-- all her friends at PSD-- with whom she has participated in various projects preparing for conventions and coronations. She has also extended her family to include friends from sister chapter SDSD. Peggy also enjoyed her three years as Palomar's corresponding secretary. Now she still serves by checking in students every Monday night for dance classes. Promoting ballroom dancing has been a wonderful life journey!



## More Palomar Smooth Dancers News

**We have a famous artist in our midst**

### **Jack Ragland Wins Multiple Award**

Jack Ragland entered the winter show at the TVAL Art League Competition on February 18. He won a third place on "Duck Pond Paradise" acrylic and won multiple awards on "La Bicyclette" a painting he did earlier and only recently added the figure of the man in red jacket. The judge awarded both First Place and Best of Show and it was noted with People's Choice Award as well.







## Deborah Cadena

I was born in Carmichael, California, moved to Bakersfield as a small child. Lived in Bakersfield until I was 11, then moved to Phoenix, Arizona where I finished out school, then moved back to California where I met my husband, Joe. We married and raised our family. Joe and I divorced in 2000, but have remained best friends, as he is here tonight.

I have worked for Kern County in several departments to include the Department of Human Services, Sheriff's Department, Employers Training Resource, and now Public Works. I have been with Public Works for nearly 25 years.

I met my life partner (Danny) about the same time I found my forever job. Danny and I spend nearly all our time working and with family. Any extra time is spent in the dance world.

Now, after 7 years of becoming a part of this wonderful family of the Bakersfield Smooth Dancers, I am honored to have been chosen as their Queen for 2025. To be even further blessed, Franco Peraza, our professional instructor from Fresno has agreed to be my instructor, Escort and dance partner for tonight.

A very special Thank you to the Bakersfield Smooth Dancers for allowing me to represent you in 2025.





Visalia Smooth Dancers  
cordially invite you to a

# *Coronation Ball*

## *Wine and Roses*

Honoring Queen-Elect

*Laura Encinas*

Saturday  
May 17  
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Exeter Memorial Building  
324 N. Kaweah Ave.  
Exeter, CA 93221

*Hospitality* 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

*Champagne Reception* 6:00 p.m.

*Coronation Ceremony* 6:30 p.m.

*Dinner and Dancing* 7:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Honor Dance by Ben and Wendy Wilson

Exhibition by Tom Hicks and Amanda Hans

Hosts in Attendance

*Please call Kelly DaFonte at 559-906-1164 to reserve your host.*

See attached for Queen Farewell Brunch, dinner dance, meal reservation, and hotel information.



Hotel Reservations: Wyndham Hotel, 9000 W. Airport Dr., Visalia, 559-651-5000

Room Rate of \$99 + tax. Block code: 051725VIS, <https://tinyurl.com/visaliansd>

*Early Reservations Recommended*

Queen Farewell Brunch honoring Queen Margaret Moholt on Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
at the Wyndham Hotel. All are invited.

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

Dinner & Dance \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$70 each / Brunch \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 each / Total \_\_\_\_\_

Beef & Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



Fresno Smooth Dancers invites you to a night of  
**ELEGANCE and Whimsy**

# Under the Big Top

Coronation Ball for  
**Queen-Elect Cindy Wegermann**  
**Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**



Formal Ball	Holy Trinity Church	Hospitality 2-4 pm
6:00 pm Champagne Reception	2226 Ventura Ave	Reservations by June 6th
6:45 pm Coronation Ceremony	Fresno, CA	Doubletree Hotel
7:15 pm Dinner	Farewell Breakfast	2233 Ventura St.
8:00 pm General Dancing	Sunday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025	(559) 268-1000
And Entertainment	Doubletree International Café	"Smooth Dancers"
10:30 pm Last Waltzes	No Host	Rate \$169.00 + tax

**RSVP by June 15<sup>th</sup> -CKS payable to Fresno Smooth Dancers, Inc.**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sunday May 11th**



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



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



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**\$25.00 Admission**  
Includes

**1:30-2:30 PM**  
Cha Cha Lesson  
w/ Giovanni Leanza

**2:30-5:00 PM**  
Dancing

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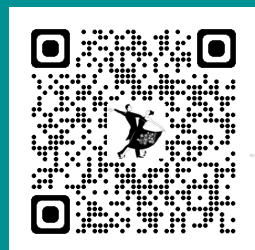
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# Golden Gate Smooth Dancers

## Presents

# DIAMOND JUBILEE

*...celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Golden Gate Smooth Dancers!*

## *A Diamond Themed, Dance-Filled Weekend*

*August 29th-September 1st, 2025 at the San Francisco Marriott Waterfront Hotel*

### **Weekend Package Includes:**

- All 5 Dance Events, Friday Buffet Dinner, Saturday Formal Dinner, & Monday Breakfast
- Jack and Jill events!
- Three Hospitality After-Parties with Complimentary Wine, Soft Drinks and Snacks
- Professional Showcases & Other Dance Entertainment
- Early Bird Special Price \$270.00 before June 15, 2025 (\$290.00 thereafter)
- Single Event Options also Available-See Registration Form

### **Hotel Reservations:**

- San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel (650) 692-9100 or (800) 228-9290  
Must mention "National Smooth Dancers" to receive group rate
- Online booking link:
- <https://book.passkey.com/go/smoothdancers>
- \$150 per night (valid until August 7<sup>th</sup>)
- \$10.00 reduced daily parking rate



For more information contact:  
Rita Parma (650) 244-2402  
[rita.parms51@gmail.com](mailto:rita.parms51@gmail.com)







# Diamond Jubilee



...celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Golden Gate Smooth Dancers!

**2025 NSD CONVENTION August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Package and Ticket Registration**

**For Online Registration go to: [www.goldengatedancers.org](http://www.goldengatedancers.org)**

	Attendee 1	Attendee 2
Name		
Address		
City		
State/Zip		
Phone Number		
E-mail		

## ORDER

QTY EVENT SELECTIONS

_____	Full Package Plans @ \$270 each ( <u>\$290 after June 15, 2025</u> ) (Includes admission to Fri Night buffet dinner and dance party, Sat and Sun Afternoon dance parties, Sat Night Coronation dinner dance and Pro show, Sun Night dance party and Pro show, and Mon Morning breakfast)	_____
_____	"Brilliant Diamond Package" @ \$340 each ( <u>only available through June 15, 2025</u> ) (In addition to Full Package plan above, includes Commemorative T-shirt, Custom Ballroom Dancers Name Badge, 4 Dance Seminars, 1 additional entry for free base package drawing, 5 raffle tickets for Diamond Jubilee Raffle)	_____
_____	Dance Seminar Saturday (2 seminars - \$5 / person / seminar)	_____
_____	Dance Seminar Sunday (2 seminars - \$5 / person / seminar)	_____
_____	Single Event Tickets as shown on reverse side (please place total here)	_____
_____	Commemorative Merchandise Pre-Order (please place total here)	_____
_____	Name Badge Pre-Order (please place total here)	_____

## Saturday Night Dinner Selection

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:**

## Notes Regarding Special Dietary Needs:

## Make checks payable to Golden Gate Smooth Dancers and mail with this form to:

Rita Parma, 251 Wicklow Dr., So San Francisco, CA 94080. For questions, call (650) 455-2402 or email [rita.parma51@gmail.com](mailto:rita.parma51@gmail.com) An email acknowledgement will be sent within 10 days of receiving your registration. Please contact Rita Parma if you do not receive your acknowledgement.

## Restrictions/Refunds/Important Dates:

- June 15, 2025: Early Bird Package Plan Deadline (rate of \$270 & entered for a chance at a free 2025 Convention Package); Package Plan increases to \$290 after June 15<sup>th</sup>
- August 15, 2025: Prorated Refund deadline (Meals will be deducted from any refunds requested after August 15<sup>th</sup>)
- August 26, 2025: Refund deadline (No refunds will be made after August 26, 2025)



## 2025 NSD CONVENTION SINGLE EVENT TICKETS

Date	Time	Event	Price	Order Qty	Total Cost (Price x Qty)
Friday, August 29	7:30 - 11:30 pm	<b><i>Shine Bright Like a Diamond</i></b> 80's Neon Dance Party	\$45		
Saturday, August 30	2:00 - 4:30 pm	<b><i>Diamond Head Luau</i></b> with competitions	\$40		
Saturday, August 30	6:00 - 11:30 pm	<b><i>Diamonds are Forever</i></b> Including Coronation, formal dinner, pro dance show and competitions	\$110		
Sunday, August 31	2:00 - 5:00 pm	<b><i>Diamond Heist</i></b> with competitions	\$40		
Sunday, August 31	7:00 - 11:30 pm	<b><i>Denim &amp; Diamonds</i></b> Including pro dance show and competitions	\$65		
Monday, September 1	9:00 - 11:30 am	<b><i>On the Diamond - Farewell Breakfast</i></b>	\$50		

### SPECIAL EVENT TICKETS      (Dance Seminar Tickets Can also be purchased at the door)

Saturday, August 30	11:35am - 12:25 pm	<b><i>Dance Seminar #1</i></b>	\$5		
Saturday, August 30	1:00 - 1:50 pm	<b><i>Dance Seminar #2</i></b>	\$5		
Sunday, August 31	11:35am - 12:25 pm	<b><i>Dance Seminar #3</i></b>	\$5		
Sunday, August 31	1:00 - 1:50 pm	<b><i>Dance Seminar #4</i></b>	\$5		

Total of single event tickets purchased (Please transfer this total on the reverse side of this form under the heading "Single Event Tickets")

**TOTAL:**

Cancellations after August 15, 2025 will receive a pro-rated refund. No refunds will be made after August 26, 2025.



## **Purchase Your Custom Ballroom Dancers Name Badge**

*We are offering the opportunity to purchase your own custom ballroom dancers name badge!*



- The name badge is 2.5" wide and 3" tall, made of durable plastic, comes with a magnetic attachment and will be die-cut to the shape of the ballroom couple.
- The cost per name badge is \$23\*. Please add the number of name badges ordered and the total amount due to your Convention Registration form and include it in your total Convention payment.
- Please return this form with your Convention Registration and indicate:

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

- **Orders Must Be Placed by July 28<sup>th</sup>** to receive your name badge with your Welcome Packet at Registration.

\*For those purchasing the "Brilliant Diamond" Package, the cost of your name badge is included

# Order Your

## *Diamond Jubilee*

### 2025 NSD State Convention Commemorative Merchandise

...and Make the Memories of this Fantastic Weekend Last a Lifetime!

A) T-Shirt

B) Poly-Canvas Tote Bag with Zipper

C) Canvas Tote Bag



*Pre-Order and Receive with Your Convention Welcome Packet!*



Name(s):								
Product	Quantity	Small	Medium	Large	XL	XXL	Price	Total
A) T-Shirt*								
Unisex Size							\$35	
B) Poly Canvas Tote Bag							\$45	
C) Canvas Tote Bag							\$45	

**Grand Total = \$**

- Transfer Grand Total Amount to the Convention Registration Form
- Return this Form when you mail your Convention Registration
- **Orders Must Be Placed by July 28<sup>th</sup>** to receive your Commemorative Merchandise with your Welcome Packet at Registration
- A limited amount of merchandise will be available for purchase on site

\*For those purchasing the “Brilliant Diamond” Package, we will reach out to get your T-Shirt size





# DIAMOND JUBILEE

August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*“Shine Bright Like a Diamond 80’s Neon Dance Party”*

August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*“Diamond Head Luau”*

*“Diamonds are Forever Coronation”*

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

*“Diamond Heist”*

*“Denim and Diamonds”*

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

*“On the Diamond ”Farewell Breakfast*



## GOLDEN GATE SMOOTH DANCERS



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2025



Register online at: [www.goldengatedancers.org](http://www.goldengatedancers.org)

# Samba & Country Two Step Starting Monday, May 7, 2025



DANCE CLASSES  
FAIRFAX GRANGE  
4 FAIRFAX ROAD

\$60 (ONE CLASS)

\$100 (TWO CLASSES)

5 WEEK SERIES

**EVERY MONDAY**

6:30-7:30 & 7:30-8:30

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# Cruise Central

## A Collection of Upcoming Cruises from NSD Members

Many of our National Smooth Dancers members love to cruise. In Fresno's case, they changed their coronation weekend to later in June as many people had booked a cruise to Alaska. Golden Gate Queen Lynn found out and was able to join the festivities. I got some positive feedback about adding information about upcoming cruises that have been booked by NSD members. Some may not be an organized group dance cruise, but if you are interested in the destination, it may be good to know others on a cruise. Maybe it will turn into an unofficial dance cruise. Reach out to your Dance Whispers editor, or myself, if you are interested in any of the cruises. Also, if you want to see more detail in future DW editions, let us know.

Cruise Line/Ship	Start/End Date	Departure/ Arrival Port	Destination	Chapter	Notes
Island Princess	June 24, 2025 July 4, 2025	NY City / NY City	Canada, New England	Golden Gate	
Ruby Princess	Sept 24, 2025 Oct 5, 2025	SF / SF	Mexican Rivera	Golden Gate	Dance Group
Celebrity Silhouette	Nov 15, 2025 Nov 23, 2025	Fort Lauderdale/ Fort Lauderdale	ABC Islands (Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao)	Golden Gate	