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Liz Bradford, Editor



Jodene Catterlin

QUEEN'S MESSAGE "Dance and be Happy"

What an exciting year this has been - starting with being crowned L. A. Chapter Queen in January 2009, continuing through September when I became State Queen.

My first visit as State Queen was attendance at the San Fernando Valley Chapter "Dancing with the Stars" event which began with hospitality at a member's home, followed by dinner and a Reigning Queen's dance. We danced through the evening to a terrific DJ.

I look forward to the honor of having the Reigning Queens presented to me as State Queen and Chapter Queen in January during a Mardi Gras Celebration, and hope that everyone will be able to attend and share in the fun.

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QUEEN'S DINNER DANCE "MARDI GRAS"

Honoring State Queen

JODENE CATTERLIN

Saturday Evening, January 30, 2010

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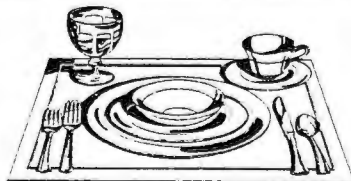
700 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91106

*No Host Cocktails - 6:00 P.M. Dinner - 7:00 P.M.
Presentation of Queens - 6:30 P.M.
Professional Latin Exhibition - 9:30 P.M.
Elena Krifuks and Maks Kapitanchuck*

MUSIC BY DAVID MOORHOUSE

Dinner Dance - \$50.00 per person Semi-Formal

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SUNDAY BRUNCH

On Sunday January 31, reigning queens, escorts and other hotel guests will meet at 9:00 A.M. for a buffet breakfast in a separate section of the coffee shop adjacent to the lobby. The price is \$20.00.

Reservations are required by January 25. Send to Susan Johnson along with dinner reservations.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Out of town guests planning to attend the Los Angeles Chapter Dinner Dance on January 30 should call as soon as possible to make hotel reservations (626) 357-5211. Ask for group sales desk. The NSD rate is \$89.00 plus tax.

Hospitality will be from 2:30 to 4:00 P.M. Check front desk for location.

The hotel is located off the 210 freeway (near the 605 Fwy) 5 miles east of Pasadena. Exit the 210 freeway at Huntington Drive off ramp and make a left turn. The hotel is immediately to the right. There is free parking.

Social Calendar Los Angeles Chapter

Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010
Queen's Ball.....Monrovia
Sunday, February 14 1:00 ..PM
Valentine Party - El Monte
Sunday, March 141:00 PM
St. Patricks Dance- El Monte
Sunday, April 111:30 PM
Spring Dance - El Monte
Sunday, May 21:00 PM
May Dance - El Monte
Sunday, June 131:00 PM
Summer Dance - El Monte

MARDI GRAS

On Saturday, January 30, 2010 we will hold our Queen's Dinner Dance with a Mardi Gras theme. It will be held at the elegant Courtyard by Marriott in Monrovia.

The Queen's presentation will honor State Queen Jodene Catterlin. It will take place at 6:30 P.M. followed by the dinner. At 9:30 there will be a 3 dance Latin Exhibition by Elena Krifuks and Maks Kapitanchuck.

The cost of the dinner dance is \$50.00. Send checks payable to NSD to Susan Johnson, 2328 Loma Vista St., Pasadena, CA 91104 by January 23.

Mardi Gras colors are purple, green and gold. This is a formal event with gentlemen requested to wear tuxedo or dark suit and tie. Ladies may use their imagination.



VALENTINE DANCE

Sunday, February 14 is the date for our Valentine Party to be held at the El Monte Senior Center, 3120 Tyler Ave. In El Monte. A short business meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M. followed by a dance lesson and general dancing. Light refreshments will be served about 4:00 P.M.

The price for members and guests is \$12.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to NSD and sent to Susan Johnson.

Combinations of red and or pink will be appropriate.



Party Line ...by Liz

I enjoyed a cruise up the Hudson River from New York City on the 100 passenger American Spirit. There was no dancing but beautiful scenery of fall foliage.

The food was great and we toured several historic homes including FDR's Hyde Park.

Don and Jan Russell flew to Quebec where it was snowing to board the Crown Princess for a cruise down the Canadian and East Coast of the United States.

It was wonderful to have Joy Michaels back with us in November - looking fabulous and even dancing a little. She and George enjoyed a jazz festival in San Diego where they met several SDSD members.

Bea Gaspaar has had a long recovery from her hip surgery. She has joined the "Red Hat Society" and along with Joy attended a fun Christmas party.

Kyle and Jodene Catterlin cruised to the Mexican Riviera on the Mariner of the Seas. They had been asked to teach a dance class.



Dancing With the Stars

I was pleased to attend an event sponsored by two of the professionals from "Dancing with the Stars" - Jonathan Roberts and his wife Anna Trebunskaya. They have recently opened a dance studio in Hermosa Beach.

On December 3, they hosted a "Winter Gala" featuring a showcase of their teachers and students. The dances covered the whole spectrum from Jive to Paso Doble. There were many friends and family members including the Catterlins in attendance which made for a very enthusiastic audience.

The show was highlighted by two exciting Latin dances by Elena Krifuks and Maks Kapitanchuck and a beautiful waltz by Jonathan and Anna.

NEW MEMBER

We are pleased to have welcomed Steve Olowiany as a new member of the Los Angeles Chapter. He lives in Burbank and dances at the Joslyn Center where he met his partner, Tina Van Zandt.

Steve is a retired C.P.A. Following a heart attack he eventually had a heart transplant. He is active in Donor Awareness events, including a foot race, golf tournament and a walk on the mall at Washington, D.C.

He took up dancing about two years ago. He enjoys playing golf and is a member of the Elks and Moose.

Steve was sponsored by Tina, Kyle Catterlin and Shun Ling.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

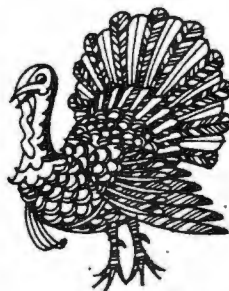
On Sunday, December 13, the El Monte Senior Center took on a festive atmosphere with decorative Christmas figures from Jodene Catterlin. Susan Johnson took the reservations and greeted guests at the door.

At a brief business meeting we elected officers for the coming year. They are President-Chuck Johnson, Treasurer - George Zimmerman, Social Chairman - Susan Johnson and Board Member - Roger Lewis.

After the meeting a Tango lesson was given by Ken and Marion Scholtz. Chuck played music for dancing with, of course, a Christmas theme. A tag dance "Candy Cane" mixer raised money for our charity - the Hathaway - Sycamore Children and Family Services.

Jodene Catterlin was in charge of the pot luck supper which followed. Baked ham was provided augmented with all of the delicious side dishes and desserts by the members.

It was a festive and fun event for all who attended.



TURKEY TROT

Our Thanksgiving Dance was held in El Monte on November 8. Lazy is not a word to describe our two Susans who did a great job of putting on this event. Susan Johnson decorated the tables with long streamers of colorful fall foliage leaves and small metal lanterns.

Susan Lewis programmed the music with an "At the Movies" theme with a fun game of guessing the movie identified with each song. Prizes were See's chocolates. She also had two mixers and line dances.

After a short business meeting, Chuck and Susan Johnson gave a waltz lesson. Later, Susan served assorted pies including pumpkin, Dutch apple and peach. She donated the pies in honor of Chuck's birthday.

Several guests attended including Tina Van Zandt's partner, Steve Olowiany who is a prospective member.

It was a delightful party - always a pleasure to dance on the big, beautiful wood dance floor at the Senior Center.

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My special thanks to all of my L.A. Chapter friends, with a particular thank you to my escort/husband Kyle, and my family for traveling South for my special events. It was a unique thrill for me that my family from Monterey sang the benediction at my State Coronation.

The LA Chapter has been blessed with the membership of Lorraine and Gaylord Rohloff, past Four-Star Champions, who performed the honor dances at both of my Coronations.

I am looking forward to visiting all the chapters as State Queen and being with all the friends that I have made, and making many more new friends.

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Saturday, January 30, 2010
Los Angeles

Queen's Dinner Dance

February 7, 2010

San Diego Coronation

March 26-28, 2010

Board Meeting Bakersfield

April 10, 2010

Golden Gate Coronation

May 15, 2010

Visalia Coronation

June 5, 2010

Fresno Coronation

July 10, 2010

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September 3-6, 2010

State Convention

San Francisco

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SAN FERNANDO

Mark Emanuelli, Guest Editor

Season's Greetings, NSD. We hope that you and yours have had a joyous and wonderful Holiday Season.

Our yearly Coronation event "A Stardust Affair" was a truly nice event, with a great turnout from all of the Chapters and from the local dance community. We had a great time at the Wine & Cheese reception at the Lazar's home, who have a wonderful place with it's own practice studio and some stunning displays.

At the dance – we had a new table setup to generate a huge dance floor, ringing the edges with tables – and keeping almost 5000 sq. ft. for dancing. We had a fair crowd, just under 100, so we all had plenty of room. The queens from across NSD showed up and regally initiated our floor with the traditional Queen's Waltz. We had a great time dancing all evening to DJ James Woo's music, and enjoyed a really special Latin exhibition by Artemi Orkonev and his partner, who have just entered the Professional Latin scene in the USA and have only been dancing together for 4 weeks.

Sleeping in at the Airtel was a welcome break for those of us who normally have to travel home that night, and the brunch the following morning was a great way to wake up with our friends. I, for one, had a great time, and always enjoy spending time with my buddies in the ROWB.

Our monthly dances kicked back into the schedules, and while we've been out of the scene for a bit due to Convention and Coronations, we had a lively crowd at our December 5th Holiday Gala. We put out the special holiday munchies, and even invited in a special DJ – Mr. Mark Emanuelli – who programmed a wonderful night of music mixing the best of Ballroom, Latin, and Nightclub.

That about wraps up our 2009 and we hope that next

year is less eventful for Logistics, and more eventful for Dancing! Congratulations to the 2009 board.

Speaking of the Board – the 2010 Board for SFV will remain the same, except for the appointment of Brian Yip as our representative to Dance Rules. We want to thank Bill Steeber for his many years of representation, both from the Chapter and as the NSD Dance Rules Chairperson.

In 2010 – dancers will see some new plans for the SFV dances. We are booked at our current venue (The Hollywood Academy) for the entire year! Our updated 2010 schedule is already posted on our web site.

We have also instituted the following price restructuring.

Membership has been discounted to a real bargain at only \$24.00.

Non Member (Guest) donations will be increasing to \$14.00 per person.

Member rates continue at \$10.00 (All NSD memberships are valid – join us if you are in town).

Participating * "Active" members – pay only \$5.00.

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BAKERSFIELD

Rosie Munoz, Editor

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome four new members to BSD. They are John Caminiti, Joan Johnson, Barbara Norcross, and Dwight Rollins.

DANCE SOCIALS

On October 24 we had an "Oktoberfest Dance" with Claudine and Jim Kephart heading the committee. The evening was a bit strange because many were dressed in a peculiar fashion. Aha, it was in celebration of Halloween! First place winners were Steve Rogers and Jeanette Steck. Steve looked stunning dressed up as a Baron and Jeanette was gorgeous as Cleopatra. Her costume was an original since she made it herself. Second place was Kristen Chambers dressed up as Tinkerbelle. In third place was Henry Olivar and Dracula.

In the spotlight for the evening were *The Spooky Dancers* dancing the Cha Cha choreographed by Dawn Durkee. They were: Dawn Durkee and TG Thomas, Bong Anderson and Bruce Wendt, Kay Edeler and Mark Boyer.

Bakersfield Smooth Dancers were invited for a "Harvest Hoedown" by the Dancesteppers Club of Bakersfield on November 14. Barbara Bates, founder and president of Dancesteppers, is also a member of BSD. It was a fun evening dancing to music by Ted E. Bear Productions.

The November 22 dance theme was "Dancing With the Stars" There were two couples in the final dance-off. Steve and Rose Peterson danced to a three-in-one combo which included bolero, WC Swing, and night club two-step. Ben and Wendy Wilson danced a rumba. They dedicated their dance to Larry and Kim Johnson who inspired them.

Judges Bruce Wendt, Bernice Folle, and James Minyard declared it a tie giving both couples a perfect score of 10. Compliments to JoAnn Georgio

and her committee.

Our Christmas dance on December 12 was a tribute to "Santa's Workshop" Members of the Dancesteppers were invited as our guests. Our heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who brought an unwrapped toy to be donated to the local Ronald McDonald House.

Rose Peterson entertained us with four Christmas songs as we danced. She is a talented dancer and also sings quite beautifully.

The annual "Most Improved Dancers award was presented by Anna Fourie. Congratulations to Tony and Wen-Shi Rodriguez, Dawn Durkee, and Mark Boyer.

I was happy to be part of an awesome committee chaired by Jerry and Christine Conrad. This team included Gail and Roy Scarazzo, Jan and Jeff Jackson, Joel and Seeta Brown, Gary Chambers, Joanie Ellis, Kate Roemmich, Ruth Reid, and David Woodle who was absent due to an illness.

Great music by the Targets, and our DJ for the evening was Dennis Acosta.

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CHRISTMAS DANCE By Bill Dolan

The Sons of Italy Hall could not have been more festively decorated with our Fairy Tale Christmas surrounding the entire floor. The stage was impressively decorated with a huge open book with the saying "Once upon a time, in a ballroom far, far away...and they danced happily ever after." Our generous members made sure the Christmas tree was filled with unwrapped toys for our annual charity drive spearheaded by Bernice Orr. It was a thrill to see our fellow chapters represented.

Members from Bakersfield, Fresno, Golden Gate, and San Diego graced us with their presence. Thank you to all who helped make sure the record crowd who came from far and near was filled with delight!

Congratulations to our award winners, Sue Giampietro our Most Improved Female, Steve Lansdowne our Most Improved Male, and Paul and Wendy Storey our Most Improved Couple as well as Bill and Lona Dolan as our Outstanding Achievement Award winners.

Our Professional Dancers, Randy and Viktorjia Dias, hailing from New Jersey and ranked 7th in the United States in the Open Professional, American Smooth Division amazed us with their breathtaking Showcase Pieces. An opening Viennese Waltz featured a cute flirtation beginning, (with Lona Dolan as the "other woman") which was fun and light. It seemed like they were floating in the air, just gliding across the dance floor. Next came a very jazzy and

sexy Fox Trot followed by a breathtaking Slow Waltz. For their finale, they performed a fiery, sultry Tango. All the dances were spectacular featuring complex moves and lifts keeping the audience in complete awe.

The evening finished with great general dancing. The music was an incredible mix put on by our music man Vince Uichanco. Congratulations to the entire Christmas Dance Committee, Bill and Lona Dolan, Chairs, Nancy Bailey, Dave and Carol Bixler, Nancy Cargill, Betty Cudmore, Steve and Linda Lansdowne, and Vince and Nellie Uichanco. And we would like to thank and acknowledge non-committee members who were there for any special needs such as Lotti Carr, Carolyn Richards, and Chriss Laursen to name a few. It is extraordinary help like this that insures a special event. Happy New Year everyone.

Bill and Lona Dolan

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Kathy Sachse

Our elected President for the coming year is no stranger to our chapter or to other state members. Kathy also served as president in 1988 and 2001. She also served as Board Member and President of the State Board. She was State Queen in 1992, Gavel Club Chair, Editor and Convention Co-Chair, Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

In 1999 Kathy was voted the highest honor given by the N.S.D.; the Presidents Gavel Club Award. We thank her for her continued service.

FANTASY BALL

Our first "Black Tie" event of 2010, the Fantasy Ball will be held on February 27th. It will be held at the Holy Trinity Armenian Church Social Hall with its wonderful permanent wood floor. We started using this venue in 2009 for our very successful Coronation Ball for Queen Ann. For more information check our website: www.fresnosmoothdancers.org or contact our Social Chair, Lorraine Tilton at (559) 227-9372.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

At the time of this writing we haven't had our Christmas Party. Our event will start with our champagne reception and be followed by a catered holiday dinner. During the evening we will install our officers and appointees for the year and of course dance the night away.

Our entertainment for the

evening will be performances by Sue Dowell, dancing with Dmitry Kockin and a performance by George and Norma Schmidt.

ANNIVERSARIES

One of our long time couples, Bill and Mary Hirata, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 12th. They are Americans of Japanese descent and were interred at the beginning of World War II. They met in the camp and their marriage took place in one of the barracks.

They celebrated with over 60 of the family members and friends at the Japanese American Museum in Southern California, where there is a replica of one of those barracks.

Another couple, David and Erna Bonetto, who own the Sunnyside Dept. Store and are one of our shoe vendors celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

We send our congratulations to both of these lovely couples.

OTHER NEWS

The paragraph above gives me a segway into my next subject. The Bonetto's daughter-in-law was the post-op nurse to Kathy Sachse, who had shoulder surgery on November 24th. Kathy separated her shoulder a year ago in a fall. After trying physical therapy for a year she found a surgeon with an excellent reputation. The surgery "went beautifully" according to the doctor.

We wish her a speedy recovery!

CORONATION

Queen Ann Phillips reported that "A Stardust Affair" was a very lovely formal dance that San Fernando Chapter had to replace a Coronation Ball.

Following dinner, dancing started with a Queens' dance honoring all chapter Queens and the two Queens, Joan Robinson and Sally Emanuelli, who will be representing San Fernando during 2010.

TRAVEL

George and Norma Schmidt spent time in Colorado with daughter Sandy's family and enjoyed watching their four grandchildren in their activities. They left Fresno in the high 90's and arrived in Colorado's snow still wearing their shorts.

Bob and Sue Dowell, with George and Norma enjoyed a 7 day cruise to Mexico.

George and Norma never stopped. After being home for 2 days, they were off to the Oregon coast and then to Portland to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter Debi and her family, including her husband Bruce and 3 grandsons.

Next they were off to Lake Havasu City, AZ to spend Christmas with daughter, Tammy and family.

My travels are much simpler. I left on December 11th to attend my 60th high school reunion in San Francisco.

IN MEMORY

Frank Kimura passed away in early December. Our sympathy to Helen and family. He will be missed.

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DOWN UNDER

Barbara Crawford left on November 10th on United for Australia to visit the families of two uncles and four cousins. She will be flying to Sydney, Coff Harbor, Brisbane, Perth and Kalgoorlie on both the east and west sides of Australia and plans to return in one months time. While we don't expect her to bring back a koala bear, we sincerely hope she returns with some lovely memories.

Ana and George Dayeh are celebrating the arrival of their fourth grandchild, a little baby named Lucija. They will then have two granddaughters and two grandsons. And you have never seen prouder grandparents, nor nicer people. We are so lucky to have these hardworking and loving members in our club.

2010 CONVENTION

Our Gabrielle Von Stephen refers to her organizational skills as "teutonic", meaning of course that underneath it all, she's really a pussycat. At the last planning session for the 2010 Convention, she disposed of the Queen's luncheon arrangements ably presented by Elizabeth Hage, Mary Crosat, Bea Chow and Barbara Cardinali. Also it was decided that for the Gavel Club luncheon we would have an alternate form of entertainment as arranged by Herb Chow and your editor. The meeting was held at Elena Malta's home and included a scrumptious home cooked dinner leaving everyone happily contented both with the results of the business meeting and with the delicious banquet, topped off with desserts lovingly prepared by Gabrielle, with the fruit plucked from her own trees.

Asako and Sam Chan returned from Las Vegas where they had a grand time and then they turned around and boarded the Sapphire Princess for a cruise to Mexico. Next they are leaving for a two week vacation to be in Puerto Vallarta, returning just

before Christmas. That will be their ninth trip this year. Then in the coming year they have already scheduled a trip to Southeast Asia.

Our former members Renee and Bernie Sinclair have sold their condominium, got rid of most of their furniture and moved into Sterling Court on El Camino in San Mateo, an assisted living facility. Bernie is a hale and hearty 90 and of course, Renee is much younger. Or slightly younger. Renee reports that the Staff makes a big fuss over them, but they would still enjoy hearing from you. The phone number is (650) 344-0976. Renee just spent 12 days in their infirmary being treated for a racing heart.

ELECTIONS

At our December meeting our Chapter had the annual election of Officers, and all our Officers were nominated and reelected. Bea Chow, a former Queen who has served with distinction in many capacities in our organization and Amy Ansaldi, an active member for the past several years were both nominated as Queen. Both have sweet personalities and are well qualified. It was a very tight race with Amy receiving the most votes. So now Amy will be our Queen-elect and will reign over our Convention next year. She and her husband are wonderful dancers and with their warm presence and easy manner will project an elegance which will reflect very favorably on the Golden Gate Chapter.

And on the subject of Queens our current Queen Sue Robinson delivers the most delightful reports on Gordon and her travels to other Chapters' Coronations. With her refined sense of humor and her delightful British manner of speaking, she manages to inform and entertain simultaneously on the personalities and happenings they encounter. We are very lucky to have them working so hard for our Chapter. They have a son Drew, who will

happily be visiting them over the holidays, brightening their Christmas, a very sweet present as it is when the family gets together.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

At our December dance, it was gratifying to see the large collection of stuffed animals and other toys waiting to be distributed to needy children, another new program initiated by our President, Elena Malta.

And speaking of the December dance, we had a very special performance put on by the loveliest group of ladies, our members, clad in elegant but somewhat revealing finery and to the melody from Chicago "All that Jazz". Emma Steed has choreographed a delightful, fun-filled performance.

Our New Years Eve Formal Dance will be even grander this year with a special dance presentation followed by a very special banquet served by white clad waiters. And of course, the Champagne will be served at 11:00 to cap off what promises to be another fabulous event and year for our Chapter.

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Terry Ghianni

This month I am pleased to announce that Terry Ghianni will be representing the San Diego Chapter of NSD as our new Queen, beginning with her Coronation on March 6. Kao and I have known Terry for several years, having met and danced with her for the first time in a formation performance of a very jazzy "Santa Clause is Coming to Town" swing routine several holiday seasons ago. We are excited that Terry will be our Queen for 2010, we hope that many of our friends from all the chapters will be able to travel down to San Diego in March for her coronation. Terry sent me a history for herself in words that are so well written I haven't bothered to edit them; in her own words, then, here is our Queen-elect Terry Ghianni!

"I started taking dance lessons when I was 6 years old. I took ballet lessons and was, at a young age, dancing *en pointe* in toe shoes. I danced my teen years away to Elvis, the Big Bopper and Fats Domino at all the school dances. What fun!!

After high school, I married and had two wonderful children (and now four grandsons!) I really enjoyed those years raising my family. I went on to nursing school at SDSU then started another career helping to deliver babies as a labor and delivery nurse. I recently retired, but only after many

memorable years of joy and fulfillment as an RN.

As luck would have it, twelve years ago I was preparing for my Bronze Medal dance exams when I met the most amazing bunch of people; all the San Diego Smooth dancers in my class. They invited me to their socials and I knew at once I had found a dance home. It was 1998. That year I attended my first SDDS coronation and wildly dreamed that maybe someday, someday, I would be able to become Queen and wear the crown. Now, unbelievably, that dream is finally coming true.

My goal is to represent SDDS and ballroom dancing with all of the enthusiasm and passion that we all feel for the art of dance. I am looking forward to greeting many of you at the upcoming SDDS Coronation weekend. Happy Dancing!"

I know our past queens are already busy planning a wonderful party for Terry's coronation, and we're all looking forward to seeing as many of our NSD friends as possible. So, whether you already know Terry now or have yet to have the pleasure, please plan on joining us in March as Queen Kao passes the crown to Terry!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all our friends, old and new, we wish you a happy and healthy New Year. Looking back at 2009, it was a very successful year for Palomar and we would be remiss not to take this opportunity to thank George and Miriam Mozes for all they contribute. They work diligently every month to make our dance socials such delightful affairs and in particular, Miriam's Thanksgiving turkey was a gourmet treat. They also dedicate each Monday evening to teaching the beginners' class at the Vista Senior Center and this is not only a good source of new members but they always make it great fun. Miriam and George, you are the best and we thank you most warmly for all your good work. You are indeed the heart of our chapter.

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE

In September, Joyce and Don Radesky had VIP tickets to see "So you Think you Can Dance" at the Qualcomm Theater in San Diego. They were most impressed with the beautiful decor and marble floors and columns. At the opening VIP Reception they were regaled with wine and delicious finger food. Next they enjoyed the spectacular dancing from front row seats and after the show they attended another party with more wine and luscious desserts where they also had the opportunity to mingle with all the stars.

SENIOR OLYMPICS

Following that extravaganza, Joyce and Don attended the Senior Olympic Ballroom Dance Championships in Anaheim in November. The competitions were awesome with as many as 7 couples in each, which meant that competitors had to use their floor craft to the utmost level. Congratulations Joyce and Don for dancing your way to 4 gold medals in American Rhythm, American Rhythm-Swing and Bolero, Waltz/Fox Trot and the Championship Waltz/FT/Tango.

CORONATION

It's official! The Coronation of Palomar queen-elect Patricia Roesti will be held on July 10, 2010 at the Ocean Hills Country Club. More details to follow in the next "Dance Whispers".

DANCE SOCIAL

Please remember that there is a change of format and our next dance social on Sunday, January 24, will commence with a lesson at 6:00 P.M. There will be general dancing from 7:00 P.M. to 9:45 P.M. and during that time snacks, dessert, coffee and tea will be available. Our hosts will be Helen Kerger and Donna and Duane Thornton.

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Our sincere thanks to you all for volunteering your time.

Very special thanks to our Sue Takemoto for a terrific job as Recording Secretary for so many years.

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