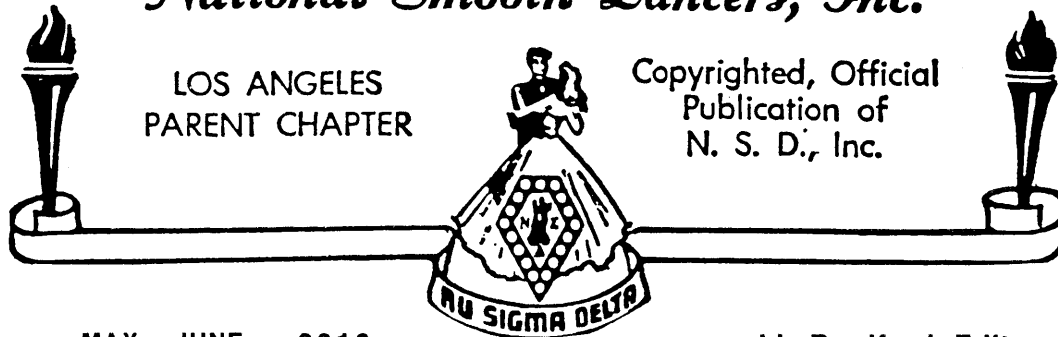


DANCE WHISPERS

National Smooth Dancers, Inc.



MAY - JUNE 2010

Liz Bradford, Editor

Under a Cherry Blossom Moon Haru Matsuri Spring Festival

HARU MATSURI SPRING FESTIVAL

Bakersfield carried out their Japanese theme throughout the Board of Directors Weekend event March 26-28. Upon arrival we were treated to a hospitality gathering featuring a buffet of delicious Japanese hors d'oeuvres and cookies. With open seating, it was an opportunity to meet and greet members of other chapters in an informal setting.

Friday night's "Sake Hop" was highlighted by a lavish production of entertainers all in authentic Japanese costumes. *There was singing and dancing and even some Sumo wrestlers.* The cast remained in costume for the first mixer. I got one of the wrestlers which was interesting.

It was a fun evening capped off with a lavish buffet at 11:00 P.M. in the Kyoto Palace Ballroom.

Saturday morning the business of the club was carried out at the meetings of the Board of Directors, Presidents and Dance Rules and the Queen's Reception.

Saturday afternoon was a casual dance with mixers and dance competitions at the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Saturday evening's formal dinner dance honored Bakersfield Queen-elect, Kimiko Johnson who had many friends and family members in attendance (one couple all the way from Japan).

The professional demonstrators Hugo Villanueva and Jessica McMorrow put on an entertaining four dance exhibition. Dan Goss joined them in judging the competitions later in the evening. Lyle Mills did his usual fine job as MC and Jan Mills was Scrutineer.

At the Sayanara Breakfast, speeches were made by Board Members of each chapter followed by presentation of awards to competition winners.

We thank Board Chairman, Steve Moore for his nice comments about Dance Whispers. And of course, special thanks to all of the Bakersfield members under Charlene Miller's chairmanship for putting in so much effort to insure that all of us attending had a marvelous time as usual.

The Golden Gate Chapter made a presentation to encourage all of us to "Leave your heart in San Francisco" when you attend the 2010 Convention September 3-6 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.



SPRING DANCE

Our Spring Dance on April 11 was a lively affair with live music provided by Dolores Moore. With her amplified keyboard and enthusiastic vocals she kept the dancers moving and even singing along occasionally.

Her tempos were mixed and included a couple of tag waltzes. During her intermission, Chuck Johnson ran a Paul Jones style N.S.D. mixer.

The Spring theme was carried out in the table decorations including pale green tablecloths and centerpieces of lovely pastel colored flowers from the Johnson collection. Susan Johnson took reservations and handled the door duties.

We had about ten guests from the San Gabriel Elks who were very good dancers and seemed to enjoy themselves. They did several line dances with many members joining in. We hope they will return.

At refreshment time we were treated to a delicious assortment of home baked cookies by Marjorie Lodwick, along with ice cream cups.

It was a delightful way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Social Calendar Los Angeles Chapter

Sunday, May 21:00 PM
Mexican Fiesta - El Monte
Sunday, June 131:00 PM
Summer Dance - El Monte
Sunday, July 111:00 PM
Tea Dance - El Monte
Sunday, August 81:00 PM
Hawaiian Party - El Monte
Friday, September 3-6
Convention - San Francisco

MEXICAN FIESTA

Because of Mother's Day, we will hold our May Dance on Sunday, May 2 at the El Monte Senior Center, 3120 Tyler Ave., El Monte.

Due to the proximity of "Cinco de Mayo" our theme will be a Mexican Fiesta. The business meeting will start at 1:00 P.M. followed by a dance lesson and general dancing.

Light refreshments will be served about 3:45. Price for members and guests is \$12.00. Please make checks payable to NSD and send to: Joy Michaels 9837 Tabor St. #15 Los Angeles, CA 90034 (310) 838-2341.

Get out those Mexican dresses and shirts you have picked up on your cruises.

JUNE DANCE

With summer just around the corner we will hold our dance on Sunday, June 13 at the El Monte Senior Center, 3120 Tyler Ave. in El Monte.

The business meeting will start at 1:00 P.M. followed by a dance lesson and general dancing with music by Ken Scholz. The price is \$12.00 a person for members and guests. Make checks payable to NSD and send to: Chris Lloyd, 6248 Hellman Ave. Alta Loma, CA 91701. (909) 945-2869.

Cool and comfortable cottons will be appropriate dress.

JULY DATE

Our traditional July date is our Installation Tea Dance on Sunday, July 11 in El Monte. Red, white and blue will be the color theme.



*Party Line
...by Liz*

Tina Falbo and Jane Pistole danced their way through the Panama Canal from Miami to Los Angeles on the Crystal Symphony.

Roger and Susan Lewis headed for Delaware at the height of the snow storms a few days before their granddaughter's wedding. The weather cleared and with much preplanning, everything went off beautifully. They enjoyed visiting with all of their family.

We were sorry to hear that Don Russell fell off a ladder and injured his back. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Gordon Lodwick had a nice write-up in his local paper about his woodworking hobby. He has hand carved many life size horse figures as well as other woodworking extras around their house.

Our sympathy to Chuck and Susan Johnson on the passing of their 16 year old poodle, Alex. He had always been a fixture at meetings held at their home and was their baby.

Several couples attended the lovely San Diego Coronation including the Catterlins, Lloyds, Russells, Johnsons, Camiltons, Hights and George Zimmerman and Joy Michaels.

In competitions held in Cypress and sponsored by the USA Dance Orange County, Ken and Marion Scholz won two first places and four second place awards.

It was nice to hear from John Martin. He took the IRS and won his case! Our best wishes as he continues to take care of Jeanie who is in a wheelchair.

Adelpha Rosa suffered cuts and bruises in an accident that totaled her car. She was hit making a U-turn. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Dottie Mouri fell and broke some ribs. We hope she is getting better and that we will see her soon. It was nice that Dick came to our Spring Dance.

Tina Van Zandt's grandson has been promoted to full Commander at the Pentagon. Very impressive.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome as new members, Victor Lee and Debbie Ku. They have been married for 27 years and have one daughter, Victoria, who is a nurse.

Together they operate an import/export business and travel to China often. Among others, they provide lighting for Marriott Hotels and furniture to Mexico.

Their main hobby is dancing and they hope to be able to do some teaching on cruise ships. They are a delightful couple.

Their address is 9902 Howland Dr. Temple City, CA 91780. Phone (626) 285-8787. They are members of the San Gabriel Elks.

They were sponsored by Chuck and Susan Johnson and Virginia Morrow.

**I Love a Rainy Day
By Chuck Johnson**

On a recent rainy weekend we traveled to San Diego for the Coronation of Queen Terry Ghianni. We arrived at the motel (a new one for us) at about 2:30 PM. The San Diego Hospitality committee met us in a very nice large lounge and served great sandwiches, fruit, desserts and libations.

After our fill of food and visiting, we walked across the courtyard to our room where we put our feet up. We got ready for the nights events and reviewed the Map quest once again as we always get lost going to Champion Ballroom. I don't know why, it seems to be a mental block. Even with all the maps and reviewing, we didn't somehow follow the maps but got there anyway.

With the light rain falling we walked into the ballroom where they announced they needed more people for the Jack and Jill. Chuck Johnson was conscripted to this position.

The coronation went off without a hitch; Scarlet Ribbons festooned the tables, arch and the programs. Dinner was served after pictures were taken and our table was one of the first to be called! Dinner was sliced roast beef and chicken breasts with lots of great salads.



ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

Green was the theme on March 14 for our St. Patrick's Party at the El Monte Senior Center on March 14.

The Johnsons had decorated the tables with large shamrocks made of green foil. Chuck had picked them up at a 99 cent store. They were very effective.

At the meeting, we formally initiated new members Steve Olowiany, Victor Lee and Debbie Ku.

After the meeting the Johnsons conducted a well participated dance class in Freestyle or One Step Fox Trot - a very versatile and fun tempo to dance.

Chuck played the music with many Irish theme titles and a Fox Trot and Waltz mixer in a promenade format. Very enjoyable.

In honor of Joy Michael's birthday, George brought a beautifully decorated cake with a delicious lemon filling which was served at the end of the dancing - a fitting climax to a lovely affair.

14 people from LA showed up to support Queen Terry. The Jack and Jill went off without any of LA people winning, but we had a good time.

The exhibition by Linda Gu and Jim Drysdale was terrific. The mixers were great and we all got to dance with some great dancers.

After the dance, we again checked our maps and journeyed back to the motel. It poured while we were trying to find the correct exit but eventually made it back and crashed. We had to be home early, so were unable to stay for the breakfast but we really enjoyed the weekend away from home.

DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue of Dance Whispers is June 15. Send copy to Liz Bradford 9904 Nortain Ave. Downey, CA 90240.(562) 928-5505 or FAX (562) 927-2858.

**BAKERSFIELD
CONTEST WINNERS**

Dance of Champions

1. Igor & Nadia Tilinin
San Francisco
2. Bill & Lana Dolan
Visalia
3. M. DiFilippo & M. Willette
San Diego

Advanced Std. 3 Dance

1. M. DiFilippo & M. Willette
San Diego
2. Frank Trapp & Keiko Isshiki
San Fernando Valley
3. Brian Yip & Joan Robinson
San Fernando Valley

Adv. Smooth 2 Dance

1. M. DiFilippo & M. Willette
San Diego
2. Ben & Wendy Wilson
Bakersfield
3. M. Cowlishaw & B. Gettig
San Diego

Intermed. Std. 2 Dance

1. Brian Yip & Joan Robinson
San Fernando Valley
2. Frank Trapp & Keiko Isshiki
San Fernando Valley
3. Gordon & Sue Robinson
San Francisco

Interme. Smooth 2 Dance

1. M. DiFilippo & M. Willette
San Diego
2. M. Cowlishaw & B. Gettig
San Diego
3. G. Uichanco & Barbar Porter
Visalia

Beginners Waltz

1. TG Thomas & Dawn Durkee
Bakersfield
2. Bill Morey & Gee Gee Barden
San Fernando Valley
3. George & Miriam Mozes
Palomar

Beginners Cha Cha

1. TG Thomas & Dawn Durkee
Bakersfield
2. M. Cowlishaw & B. Gettig
San Diego
3. Bill Morey & Gee Gee Barden
San Fernando Valley

Senior Waltz

1. Don & Joyce Radesky
Palomar
2. A. Montalto & A. Tutti
San Diego
3. Carmine Bua & S. McClosky
San Diego

Social Swing

1. Bill & Lana Dolan
Visalia
2. M. DiFilippo & M. Willette
San Diego
3. TG Thomas & Dawn Durkee
Bakersfield

BAKERSFIELD

Rosie Munoz, Editor

SAN FERNANDO

Mark Emanuelli, Guest Editor

2010 BOARDS

On Friday evening, March 26, we were transported to a village in Japan where we witnessed a spectacular event. Wow, the question that's buzzing around is if BSD can top that production. Positively "yes" as long as we have the leadership, choreographers and the volunteers. Thank you San Fernando chapter for teaching us the "tanko bushi" line dance. It was different but fun.

Saturday evening her majesty, Kim Johnson, was crowned. Kim and Larry entertained us with a beautiful waltz. Dance exhibition by Hugo Villanueva and Jessica McMorrow was excellent. Dance competition couples were also very entertaining.

In the Beginners category of the dance competition, TG Thomas and Dawn Durkee placed first in the Waltz and Cha Cha, and third in the Social Swing. Ben and Wendy Wilson took second place in the Advanced Three Star.



FAREWELL

By Jill Calcaterra

This has been a wonderful year of dancing and friendship. How could I ever try and thank each of you individually. To all of my "Queens" throughout the year, you have been great. Thank you all for your hugs and laughs, and of course your elegance. I now pass the crown to her majesty, Kim Johnson, and bid her a grand year ahead.

FYI

BSD have many talented members. One in particular I find very interesting. She is quiet and humble, and once you get to know her you'll love her. She recently took part in coordinating our recent Friday evening production of our 2010 State Board. A great dancer, she takes time to teach those who want help. Anna Fourie is an accountant here in Kern Co.

Background

Anna was born in Namibia, South Africa. Growing up on a sheep farm near Keetmanshoop, the family lived off the land. In school she participated in choir, the debate team, folk dancing team, gymnastics team, net ball team, and track and field. She was active in church activities and Christian youth groups.

Anna attended Pretoria University for four years. She qualified as a School Teacher with Economics, Accounting and Theory of Education. She represented the University in net ball.

Marriage

In October 1978 Anna married Ben and started working as a school teacher. Later they moved to Johannesburg where Anna took up accounting. She moved back to Pretoria and worked as an Accountant. Anna joined a Fred Astaire studio and the instructor set the bar very high.

All the effort paid off when she won trophies during championships.

Diversity

Anna entered a diversity visa program on the internet in October 2000 and was lucky to win a green card. Over 10 million applicants worldwide took part and 100,000 green cards were issued. Ben and Anna decided to spend the rest of their lives in America so they sold their home, cars, electronics, and shipped the furniture to USA. They became citizens in August 2007. Congratulations Anna and Ben.

Happy Spring from all of us here in the San Fernando Valley! I hope you are all cleaning up from the confines of winter, and judging from the attendance at the Bakersfield Board meeting - WOW - you have all been practicing indoors and waiting to dance!

Most important to us at this report is that SFV continues to grow and is achieving success at our monthly social dances at "Hollywood Academy". We keep trying new things, and people keep coming back - so we think that we're doing something right. Attendance is up, due to a wonderful variety of music, a big floor, lots of fun people, and some super-advertising from the board. We've been privileged to enjoy some wonderful special dance performances, and recently enjoyed an outstanding Argentine Tango from Edna Coe and Michael Donovan. If you are in town, please join us on our dances the first Saturday of every month. www.nsdsvf.org Any NSD member from any chapter always pay the MEMBER prices.

From a quick Board/Queen's Dancers' report - what a GREAT time we had at Boards! I, personally, missed the Friday night show, (due to dropping off kids at grandparents), which included the SFV Smooth Dancers' formation team at the end of a grand extravaganza consisting of large numbers of participants in beautifully choreographed routines by the Bakersfield chapter, was a hit of the weekend. We were all thrilled that the team's Japanese folk dance routine was so well received. I've also heard that the Bakersfield dancers were pretty fabulous! And I hope that you all stayed to see the competitions ... and the professional dancers...and the coronation of Her Royal Majesty Kimiko Johnson! By the way - how about those SFV competitive dancers? Our group is one scrappy little team!

This was one of the biggest Board meetings I've ever been to, and they're going to begin to rival our Labor Day Conventions at this rate.

Sally and I were disappointed that we missed the opening show - but a weekend without kids - WHEE! So, a quick note to all of you who take a turn to look after someone's children while they get a night or weekend to themselves - you are doing God's work to help maintain sanity and improve relationships in this world!

Once again, it's kind of a dull reporting month for your intrepid Guest Editor (although I've been doing this for two years, maybe I'll have to make it official this year...) But sometimes, no news is good news. Our venue issues are more day-to-day, and we are enjoying a strong working partnership with our group. Membership continues to grow, as does our die hard regulars who are starting to return now that the issues have settled down. We hope to see you all again soon! Enjoy this beautiful California Spring weather. We miss you all! Never Stop Dancing!

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FAREWELL MESSAGE By Queen Joan Dewey

I can't believe how quickly my year as reigning Queen for Visalia has passed. I have been treated royally and have enjoyed every coronation.

I was reluctant to accept being Queen for the second time after over twenty years, but I'm very glad I did. Renewing past acquaintances and meeting new friends in a very special organization has been very rewarding.

Thank you Visalia Chapter for the honor of representing you this past year. Thanks also to my travel companions Yvette Haworth, Lottie Carr, and Tom and Margaret Moholt for making my travels so much easier.

My best wishes go to Queen Elect Nancy Cargill as she accepts the honor of being the next Queen for Visalia.

BAKERSFIELD

What a wonderful weekend our club members had at Boards this year. Our hats are off to Bakersfield for their outstanding event. We were also proud of the beautiful performances of Bill and Lona Dolan who received a first in Social Swing and a second in the Dance of Champions and

also Greg Uichanco and Barbara Porter who received a third in Intermediate Smooth.

VISALIA SOCIAL

Our monthly social "Butterfly Kisses" held in Exeter April 10 was just a delightful way to welcome spring. Our hard working Nancy Cargill chaired the event and we had a nice crowd for Robert Allgeyer's waltz lesson. Greg Uichanco's music is so much fun to dance to and we all enjoyed our second favorite activity, eating away at our sumptuous potluck food.

UPCOMING EVENTS

"Just Imagine" is the theme for the Coronation Ball for Queen Elect Nancy Cargill to be held at the Exeter Memorial Building May 15th. A champagne reception will precede the event at 6:30 P.M. Mark and Andrea Novak will entertain. This cost is \$45.00 per person (after May 1st \$55.00). Please send your reservations to Lotti Carr 2805 E. Laura Ct., Visalia, CA 93292 or call (559) 732-1831.

"Memorial Day Flower Offering" will be the theme for our May tea dance held on May 23 at the Odd Fellows Hall. This dance is chaired by Shane Nielsen and Myra Pimentel.

"It's a Topsy Turvy Cat in the Hat Dance" kicks off the month of June on the 12th, coordinated by Linda and John Gutierrez and Nancy Cargill. In addition in June we have the monthly tea dance, "Beach Blanket Bingo" on June 27th spearheaded by Chriss and Don Laursen.

STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

May 15, 2010
Visalia Coronation
June 5, 2010
Fresno Coronation
July 10, 2010
Palomar Coronation
September 3-6, 2010
State Convention
San Francisco



Kathy Constantino 2010 QUEEN ELECT

We are pleased to announce that Kathy Constantino has been nominated and has agreed to serve as our Queen for 2010-11. The following is a short history of Kathy.

Kathy was born and raised in the town of Bay Village, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. She enjoyed boating, swimming, skiing, and dancing the "twist".

During high school she won an art contest that led to her deciding on her major in college. She graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with a BS in Art Education. Kathy started teaching Kindergarten in Fresno for 32 years!

Kathy met Rick when she took her dog to the Veterinarian to have it spayed. They have been married for 27 years. Rick Surprised Kathy with a Valentine present of dancing lessons! Soon they joined NSD and were introduced to a whole world of friends, travel, competition and exhibitions. They've had many opportunities to perform at NSD functions, benefit performances and for some very worthwhile charities. They were 4 Star American Smooth Champions 3 times.

Kathy enjoys watercolor painting, Zumba (a Latin dance workout) reading and her adorable French Poodle, "Chloe". Chloe was a retirement gift from Rick. Kathy volunteers at her former school by doing the choreography and teaching dance for the Drama club presentation each year.

They have two children, Scott

and Christina, and two precious grandchildren, the lights of their eyes. Rick and Kathy enjoy traveling, especially their trips to China, Peru and Australia. They enjoy going to plays and musicals, thus the theme "Dancing Queen" from the musical "Momma Mia", one of their favorites.

FANTASY BALL

On Saturday, February 27th we had our Fantasy Ball at the Holy Trinity Armenian Church Social Hall. The tables were decorated beautifully with Hurricane Lamps with wine colored candles and pink and wine colored flowers. Thank you Kathy Sachse. Our Music Chair, Sarah Vigen, played the dance music. We thank Lorraine Tilton, our Social Chair, for overseeing the event.

The highlight of the evening was the exciting performance by Mark and Andrea Nelson-Novak, who are the owners of Bay West Dance Studios in Fresno and San Rafael.

CORONATION

Our Coronation Ball will be held on June 5, 2010 at the Holy Trinity Armenian Church Social Hall 2225 Ventura St., Fresno. There will be a reception in the Social Hall from 2 to 4 PM and the Coronation will start with a champagne reception at 6:00 PM, Coronation ceremony at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00.

Hotel arrangements have been made at the Ramada University Hotel. A special rate of \$78.00 plus tax. Mention Fresno Smooth Dancers when making reservations. Phone (559) 224-4040.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We regret to announce the loss of one of our former Queens, Doris Bowling. Doris was our third Queen serving in 1988. Our sympathy and prayers to her family who include our President, Kathy Sachse.

Our sympathy to Myra Wenzel on the loss of her mother. and Lorrie Navarro on the loss of her father.

GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER

William Hage, Editor

It is with great reluctance that we say adieu to our Queen Sue Robinson's reign. She brought good humor, vitality and a precious humanity to us and to all those she and her loving escort and husband came into contact with and became instant friends. Her photo and farewell follow:



Sue Robinson

What an incredible year it has been from the first idea of being Queen, to the unbelievable luncheon hosted by Rosa Lin, the planning and preparation for the Coronation and the Breakfast, participation in all the other Chapter's Coronations, and now preparations for the Coronation of Golden Gate Chapter's Queen-elect, Amy Ansaldi.

The warm welcomes, the royal treatment, the host of new friends made, and the different traditions at each Coronation was wonderful. The camaraderie between the Queens and the Escorts is yet another marvelous phenomenon and is something I will never forget.

I am so honored to have been given this opportunity to represent Golden Gate Chapter. Thank you to each and every member for your help and support. I would also like to thank my wonderful escort, husband and best friend, Gordon for his continuous support and patience.

I look forward to Amy's Coronation and watching her begin this marvelous experience as once a Queen, always a Queen! Cheers!

Queen Sue

And now a message from our glamorous new queen.

As a young girl growing up in San Diego, I used to love to watch the pairs figure skating on television. Since I never learned to properly ice skate, I tucked away this dream of mine in the corner of my mind with all the other novelties of childhood that are put on hold when real life comes knocking at the door. Soon it was time for college and during that time I took a couple of ballroom dancing classes on a whim and I enjoyed them. A seed had been planted, but again life was calling. After college I moved to San Francisco where I sought work in advertising or public relations and promptly got a job in finance. How on earth did this girl who loved drama, and writing, and creativity, and fashion, and hated math and getting up early end up working in an industry that is all about numbers and facts, where the day begins at 6:00 A.M. But I had found a place where I could challenge myself to learn new things, where I could use my creativity to think outside the box. Immersing myself in this new world, something was still missing until one day I picked up the phone and called Arthur Murrays.

I was meeting new and interesting people, my kind of people, and a new kind of world. I began to spend a good amount of time with a fellow dancer, Dan, who is sweet, shy and handsome and soon became the most important person in my life.

We sought out dancing opportunities and when we were introduced to Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, it was obvious from the first day that we had stumbled into a gold mine. So when we were asked to become members, we did not hesitate. Then on December 1, 2007 when Dan and I became husband and wife, beaming from across the hotel ballroom was our Golden Gate family, exactly where they belonged!

Now as I embark upon the great honor of representing the Golden Gate Chapter as Queen, I am very happy that I can give back to the wonderful people who adopted Dan and me as one of their own. I proudly take my place in line behind all of the extraordinary women who have gone before me in this role. These are women whom I respect, admire and adore. To them I say thank you for being such wonderful role models and for giving me such great support.

This new world that has opened up to me when I began to dance has given me so much fulfillment. I now know that as I watched those ice skaters gliding across the floor as a wide eyed child, I was seeing my future. My ice is a hardwood ballroom floor and as Dan and I twirl around the floor together, the little girl inside is giggling with delight.



Queen Amy Ansaldi

Amy's Coronation was held at the Crowne Plaza in Foster City on Saturday, April 10th to the theme "An Evening at the Moulin Rouge". A grand red windmill some 15 feet tall at the entrance to the ballroom was designed and built by the Chuck Talmadge/George Dayeh Heavy Construction Company, and it was a knockout. There was even a window toward the top of the tower with Queen Amy looking out at us. After the dance, Chuck was to deliver the red windmill to Amy's home across the bay in Alameda. Les Lin, Floyd Parma and Dan Ansaldi with periodic verbal assistance from their room-

mates assembled a full moon shaped arch some eight feet tall supported on each side with a likeness of the Eiffel Tower and capped with An Evening at the Moulin Rouge. Les outlined the arch with little tiny lights producing a spectacular effect in the low ballroom lighting. And Les stored the arch for several weeks until the Coronation in his and Rosa's living room. Queen Amy was seated on a golden chair with a red plush cushion against a shimmering red curtain backdrop.

Amy and Dan performed a sizzling Queen's Dance, so romantic, oblivious to all around them, that obviously had required days of preparation and we applauded until our hands were sore. June Long was at her usual best as Mistress of Ceremonies.

We were all very happy to see both Rosalie Wolf and Bob Fragomeni at the Coronation having a wonderful time. The previous month dear Rosalie contracted pneumonia and was taken to Mills-Peninsula Hospital. When Elizabeth and I visited her there she was sitting up in a private room full of flowers just as gracious, and strong, as ever, impatient to be back home. We are so fortunate to have her back.

We can't leave without reminding you of the State Convention to be held on September 3rd to the 6th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1221 Chess Drive in Foster City (650) 570-5700 to the theme of "Leave your Heart in San Francisco". The highlight of the Convention is likely to be the Alcatraz Dance Group under the direction of Emma Steed, who surely knows the way to a man's heart! Also there will be elegant dance competitions, the Crown Circle Champagne Brunch and the Coronation of the State Queen. Also the Team Match competition, SoMa Salsa, the High Society Queen's Ball, Union Square (shopping) Escapades and best costume.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Mark Chapman, Editor

It's always a pleasure to begin my May/June article by thanking Bakersfield for another relaxing weekend of dancing and socializing with friends at the Boards, and by congratulating Charlene Miller for yet one more outstanding success in putting together a memorable mini-convention. The Friday evening show was again, as always, a delight to witness, and this year was especially meaningful because the activities went beyond simply setting a party atmosphere or recalling a moment from a semi-legendary or distant past. This year Charlene's artistic efforts really seemed to tap into another culture in a meaningful way. Japanese traditions were well captured in both the martial tableaux and the seemingly authentic moon festival dancing; additionally, Japanese cuisine was nicely represented in our meals. Out thanks go to Charlene for a truly peasant and enjoyable weekend.

As usual, we had our Dance Rules Committee meeting at the Boards, and I am going to use some of my newsletter space in this issue to report on a couple of the issues we covered, which I feel are important and worth presenting for all. For some time I have been concerned about the format of the "Ineligibility List" for our competitions, because I believe it has been difficult to use the list in determining whether a couple was eligible to dance in a given event. Using official score sheets from the past decade, I created a spreadsheet that displays up to five couples in each event for every convention; each year's convention is contained on a separate tab in the spreadsheet. Using this information, I created a more compact ineligibility list, which is also contained in the spreadsheet. Since I believe it is vital that everyone on the rules Committee know how to explain the "Ineligibility List" to

anyone in their chapter, I presented the spreadsheet at our meeting, where I believe it was well received and understood. I am going to create a PDF file from the spreadsheet that each chapter will be able to post on its website, as desired.

During this meeting, I also had the task of selecting a committee member to represent me as the committee chair during the Golden Gate 2010 Convention, since unfortunately Kao and I will be unable to attend the convention this year. Linda Gutierrez graciously accepted my request that she serve in this capacity, and I know that she will do an excellent job in my stead.

Another important topic came up in our meeting: It was suggested that our club might wish to modify the rules in order to allow for a 5-Star International Standard competition. I felt that this idea had great merit, but I suggested that we also consider adding 4-Star levels to both the Latin and Rhythm competitions.

Social Chairmen

Turning to the home front in San Diego, I want to congratulate three very special ladies in our chapter. We were unable to elect anyone to our chapter's social chair position at the beginning of the year to fill the vacuum left when Melissa stepped down after her excellent two year stint. In order to ensure the continued success and quality of our monthly socials, Ann Meador, Patricia DiSessa and Kay Ryan stepped up to the plate to share the responsibilities of the social chair. As our Chapter's "Three Musketeers", these ladies did a wonderful job putting on our "sock hop" social for April, complete with 45's and lp's as perfect table settings. Thank you, dear ladies, for your teamwork and tireless contributions to our Chapter's social events. We hope that many of our NSD friends will join us for upcoming socials.

PALOMAR

Don Hubbard, Editor

QUEEN PEGGY LEE'S FAREWELL REPORT



Peggy Lee

What a wonderful year this has been! My life has been enriched by the warm friendship of many NSD members. My husband Len and I are inspired by the many superb NSD dancers that we have seen at coronations and conventions

To all members of the Palomar Chapter, thank you for offering me this opportunity to serve you as ambassador. To my sister Queens from all chapters, I hope that our friendship continues to grow for many years to come, a Queen is always a Queen. As I exit my position, I will carry many special memories with me.

BOARD MEETING

Our warmest congratulations to the Bakersfield Chapter for the magnificent job of putting on the Board Meeting. We enjoyed the entire meeting beginning with the wonderful hospitality Friday afternoon continuing through the wrap up on Sunday.

The cuisine was excellent; the show was a marvel with special costumes with over fifty members participating. Congratulations to four of our members who were winners in the dance competition. Miriam and George Moses took third place in the beginners waltz; Joyce and Don Radesky won first place honors in the Senior Waltz.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members Joseph and Nancy Que of Oceanside. Originally from San Francisco, Joseph and Nancy moved south in 1996. Joseph is an electrical engineer at Endeveco Corporation in San Juan Capistrano, Nancy is employed in product assembly at Elmec Corporation in Oceanside. Joseph and Nancy have recently celebrated their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary and have danced socially for five years.

PALOMAR CORONATION

The Palomar Smooth Dancers 2010 Coronation Ball will be held July 10, 2010 at the Ocean Hills Country Club, Oceanside. It will honor Queen Elect Patricia Roesti, who has chosen the theme "Dancing with the Stars with Joy". Bill and Lona Dolan will put on a demonstration. Tickets will be \$45.00 for the dinner, \$20.00 for Farewell Breakfast on Sunday.

For information and reservations please contact Ralph Anderson, 1913 Vineyard Ave., Vista, CA 92081. (760) 727-8180. Please RSVP by July 1, 2010.

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