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Queen Elect Joy Michaels

The third time will be the charm for Joy at her "Triple Crown Coronation" scheduled for Saturday, January 29 at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, 700 W. Huntington Drive, Monrovia.

Joy was born in Madison, Wisconsin but was educated in California. She graduated from Pasadena High School and U.C.L.A.

She is a legal secretary and is employed at a law firm in Century City. Reading and traveling are her hobbies besides dancing. She sometimes travels with her dance partner of 23 years, George Zimmerman who is also her perennial queen's escort, or with her son.

Joy and George are also active in square and round dancing and have encouraged other members to join NSD or come as guests to our special events.

When Joy first joined the club, she asked "How do you become Queen?" We said-"What office would you like to hold?" She took the office of recording secretary and since then has held it several times. She is now currently serving in that office.

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QUEEN'S CORONATION BALL

Honoring Queen-Elect

JOY MICHAELS

Saturday Evening January 29, 2011

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

700 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016

No Host Cocktails - 6:00 P.M. Dinner - 7:00 P.M.

Presentation of Queens - 6:30 P.M.

MUSIC BY DAVID MOORHOUSE

Dinner Dance - \$50.00 per person Semi-Formal

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ROOM RESERVATIONS

Out of town guests planning to attend the Los Angeles Chapter Coronation on January 29 should call as soon as possible to make hotel reservations (626) 357-5211. Ask for group sales desk. The NSD rate is 109.00 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.



SUNDAY BRUNCH

On Sunday January 30, 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.

Los Angeles Chapter Social Calendar

Saturday, January 29, 2011

Coronation Ball - Monrovia

Sunday, February 13 1:00 PM

Valentine Party - El Monte

Sunday, March 13 1:00 PM

St. Patrick's Dance - El Monte

Sunday, April 10 1:00 PM

Spring Dance - El Monte

Sunday, May 15 1:00 PM

Dance Party - El Monte

Coronation Ball

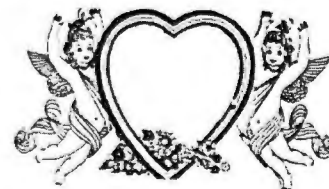
Our coronation Ball and Dinner Dance will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott at 700 W. Huntington Dr. Monrovia. We will be honoring Queen Elect Joy Michaels. Her theme is Triple Crown.

Saturday, January 29, 2011 is the date for this special event. We will enjoy dancing to music by David Moorhouse. Presentation of Queens will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner.

Cost of the dinner dance is \$50.00 per person. Send checks payable to NSD to Susan Johnson, 2328 Loma Vista St. Pasadena, CA 91104. Phone 626-794-1101.

This is a formal event calling for elegant evening attire.

Breakfast Sunday morning is \$20.00. Reservations are required.



Valentine Party

Sunday, February 13 is the date for our Sweetheart Dance to be held 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. Light refreshments will be served at 4:00 p.m.

The price for members and guests is \$12.00 per person. Checks should be made out to NSD and sent to Susan Johnson at the address shown above.

Red or pink dressy attire will be appropriate for this event.



Party Line ...By Liz

Chuck and Susan Johnson got more excitement on their Mexico cruise than they had bargained for on the carnival Splendor which lost all power off the coast of Mexico. They said most people took it good naturedly, but with no elevator service, it was hard on Chuck who has knee problems. There was no entertainment and they had limited food provided by the U.S. ships that came to the rescue. At least they got a refund and a free future cruise.

Over 200 people joined Jon Gatyas 4 day dance cruise to Catalina and Ensenada on the Carnival Paradise on December 6. The highlight of the trip was a tour and dance at the famous Casino Ballroom. The food and entertainment were excellent. Jon included some dance classes and arranged for extra dance sessions in almost every available floor space on the ship. It was great fun.

Shun and Dottie Ling hosted the Mission Senior Dancers and guests at a Christmas Party and Dance on December 17 at the San Gabriel Elks Lodge. Dance music and entertainment were provided by Dolores and Bob with lively tunes and mixers. A full turkey dinner was served.

Don and Jan Russell are cruising again on the RCI Oasis in the Caribbean.

Later this month I will be dancing across the Pacific Ocean to Hawaii and Tahiti on the Crystal Serenity. There will be 8 dance hosts. Don't know if I can keep up with that for 13 nights, but I will do my best. I'll have to miss our Coronation for the first time ever. Joy has some great plans in store.

We miss Ken and Esther Meyer. They are getting out very little. Esther says they are mainly occupied by staying alive.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

WESTERN HOE-DOWN

On November 14, we saddled up and headed to the old corral in El Monte to enjoy our Western party. Susan Lewis and Jodene Catterlin got us in the mood with tables decorated with red and white checked cloths and long sprays of vines and yellow flowers.

In Chuck Johnson's absence, vice President Kyle Catterlin conducted the business meeting.

After that we had a fun dance lesson by Susan and Roger Lewis in the cowboy Cha Cha. They broke it down into various patterns, then put it all together practicing with couples in a circle. It was lively and entertaining.

Susan then continued her music with a Fox Trot and waltz mixer. We greatly appreciated her efforts in putting this program together.

For refreshments, Jodene served miniature croissant ham and chesse sandwiches she had made and in honor of Allan Scott's birthday, Lesley had baked two cakes - a triple chocolate and a lemon rum bundt cake. They danced to Happy Birthday in a samba tempo. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.



STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

January 29, 2011
Los Angeles Coronation

March 5, 2011
San Diego Coronation

March 25, 25, 27, 2011
Bakersfield Board Meeting
and Coronation

April 9, 2011
San Francisco Coronation

May 21, 2011
Visalia Coronation

June 4, 2011
Fresno Coronation

July 16, 2011
Palomar Coronation

September 2-5, 2011
State Convention and
Coronation-Fresno

CHRISTMAS PARTY



For our Christmas Dance on December 5, the tables were festive with green tablecloths, miniature good trees, wreaths and pine cones. A nice crowd attended in their colorful dresses and jackets.

At the business meeting it was reported that we would elect a slate of new officers in July, so all incumbents will continue until then.

For the dance lesson, Roger and Susan Lewis reviewed the steps for the cowboy Cha Cha - a fun circle dance.

Chuck Johnson played Christmas themed music covering all tempos. He ran a "Candy Cane" mixer tag dance with participants donating to the fund for our charity. Between the proceeds from the dance and other donations from members, we raised about \$500.00 for the Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services.

Jodene Catterlin and Susan Johnson were in charge of the Pot Luck Supper with tables loaded with sliced ham and pork along with yams, noodles and casseroles and assorted salads and desserts. No one left hungry.

It was a delightful afternoon.

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She always wanted to be Queen. While attending Pasadena City College, she tried out for Rose Queen.

Joy and George are wonderful ambassadors for the Los Angeles Chapter attending as many Coronations throughout the state as possible. Due to surgeries, she is not always able to dance, so George plays Sir Dancelot with as many single ladies as he can. We wish her a happy reign.

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SAN FERNANDO

Mark Emanuelli, Guest Editor

Happy New Year NSD! The San Fernando Valley Chapter hopes that you have been safe and joyful!

The SFV year end activities kicked off with the grand coronation of our new Queen, Roberta LaZar! We all had a GREAT time dancing, and enjoyed the phenomenal performances by Les & Roberta during her Royal Dance, the honor Dance from the SFV Formation Team, and the professional showcase piece from Arteme Orkunev and partner. The Sunday Farewell Breakfast at the Warner Center Marriott was absolutely splendid – we enjoyed our meal al fresco on the patio, with the heaters on to balance a slight chill in the air – it was wonderful.

Our next activity was the election of an officer board to lead the club into 2011. While we only got limited volunteers, we do have a full board for 2011.

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2012 CONVENTION

We know that many have been looking forward to our board decision on a venue for Convention in 2012. While we have not yet completed the contract – we are deep in negotiations with the JW Marriott in Palm Desert, and barring a complete failure of negotiations, this WILL be the venue for the 2012 Convention. We are all VERY excited to return to this 5-star facility which we all enjoyed so much in 2005, and are completely sure that you too will enjoy it again. More information will be available as we go to the board meeting in March, and we are looking forward to showcasing our upcoming event at the closing ceremonies of the 2011 Convention in Fresno.

Lastly, if you are in the neighborhood, come on down and join us for one of our monthly dances. Our January Dance will held on Feb. 5th. The Hollywood Academy continues its transformation, with new mirrors and more walled in spaces – making each trip to the studio like going to a brand new event. Keep up to date with our schedule at www.nsdsvf.org Any NSD member from ANY chapter always pays our member prices.

OK – next to lastly – this will be my last personal writing as Whispers Editor, as I will be climbing back into the saddle as president in 2011. Joan Robinson will be writing for us in 2011, and I know that you will enjoy her pieces as much as you have mine! See you all at Boards!

Never Stop Dancing!

BAKERSFIELD

Rosie Munoz, Editor

PRESIDENT'S BALL

This annual event will be held on Saturday, Jan 22, at the Rasmussen Center. Members are free, couples \$25 and single guests \$15. Formal attire is requested.

CHRISTMAS DANCE

The theme was "Santa's Workshop". Thanks to everyone who brought toys to be donated to the local Ronald McDonald House.

The most improved dance couple for 2010 were Phil and Susan Kimbrell who have been members for three years. The most improved female is Susan Salvucci who is usually present for our lessons and dances. Dwight Rollins is the most improved male and you can usually find him on the dance floor.

In the spotlight for the evening were Larry and Kim Johnson, Bob and Wendy Wilson. The Team Formation group presented an elegant waltz that was choreographed by Dan Goss some years ago.

AUTUMN GOLD

November dance was hosted by Tony and Wen-Shi Rodriguez. Our awesome committee worked well together, had fun and got the job done.

Our spotlight dancers were Peggy Amato and James Messner dancing a waltz, and Dawn Durkee and Dwight Rollins dancing a foxtrot.

SPOOKTACULAR DANCE

For our October dance, Bill Landry was our Master of Final Rites. Music for the evening was by Deadman Dennis Acosta of the Targets.

The mood this year was not as spooky, and the attendance was not at its high. Those who were there had fun.

The outcome of the costume contest went something like this. Best female costume was won by Kathryn Shepard who was dressed as a body

guard (G man). Kim and Larry Johnson won as best couple dressed up in Japanese garb. The most creative was Susan Kimbrell who was dressed as a casino maid, and the most regal was Antje Huckenbeck. I think that anyone who takes the time to dress up in the spirit of Halloween is a winner.

IN MEMORY

Tom McHale was an outstanding member and was BSD President in 1997. Our condolences to his wife Donna and family.

Wayne Chapman had recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Over two dozen members of BSD were present. It was nice sharing cake and ice cream with Wayne. It is with great sadness to hear that he suffered complications after his foot surgery. Our sympathy goes out to Dorothy and family.

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Visalia NSD

On October 16th, we celebrated Visalia NSD's 35th anniversary. Our dance committee consisted of the Bixlers, Dolans, Storeys, Dorothy Sims and the Moholts. Greg Uichanco was the music man. Carol designed the decorations, put them together and transformed our hall into a picture of grace and elegance. Happy Cooker catered for us for the first time and everyone was pleased with the food. We had two of the best entertainers in the valley. Wendy and Ben Wilson performed for us. It has been wonderful to witness this young couple grow from talented social dancers to semi-professional level performers. At the ball, the club honored our first Chapter Queen, Stella Yocum and the social heart of our club, Lillian Lewis.

We had our Christmas dance on the 6th of December at the Sons of Italy Lodge. The Dolans were committee chair. Each table was dressed with fine china, crystal and center pieces to match the theme of White Christmas. There were multiple high lights; The first was Mathew Lott being honored as a life time member. The following awards were presented: David Bixler-Most Improved Male dancer; Domi Avila-Most Improved Female Dancer; Greg Uichanco and Barbara Porter-Most Improved Couple; Nancy Cargill was the recipient of the Achievement Award.

Our entertainment was a showcase by rhythm Champions Carolina and Felipe Telona. They wowed all of us with the musicality and athleticism of their Rhythm routine. Amazing performance!

Congratulations to Grandma and Grandpa Dolan on their 8th grandchild, a little girl Karen Jensen's hip surgery was successful and she will be dancing through rehabilitation then dancing with us. Jim Renfro is recovering from back surgery held on November 15. We wish him well.

Kudos to the following Visalia members who performed in Studio 65's "Fantastic" Fall Curtain Call: David and Carol Bixler, Bill and Lona Dolan, Tom and Sue Giampietro, Domie Aville and Greg Uichanco and Barbara Porter.

Kudos to Dean Levitan who's VIP took home the first place trophy in the Symphony Fund Raiser "Dancing with the VIP's". His partner was Kathleen Remillard and they performed a sassysamba. The Dolans, Cheryl Levitan and David Bixler were the other members who participated in the fund raising dance with local VIPs. Their participation generated a lot of money for the Tulare County Symphony.

The Tulare Volunteer Bureau awarded the "Volunteer of the Year Award" to our Bernice Orr. Bernice volunteered over 4,000 hours at the Tulare Historical Museum. She is almost a permanent feature of the museum. Her daughter Mary Ruth, friends and neighbors attended the award luncheon to honor her.

Lotti Carr and the Dolans are on the way to Las Vegas to compete in the Winter Classic. We wish them luck.

Monthly social at Exeter memorial Hall:

Jan 8th and Feb 19th

Monthly tea dance at Odd Fellow Hall:

Jan 23rd and Feb 27th

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QUEEN'S REPORT

Kathy Constantino

We attended the San Fernando Valley's "Royal" Coronation honoring Queen-elect Roberta LaZar. The festivities began with a wine and chesse reception hosted at the home of Roberta and her husband, Les. Their home was lovely and featured the most incredible display of rocks, minerals, and gemstones they collected on their travels. We were delighted to have Kathy Sachse and Kevin McCready also there to represent our chapter.

The Coronation was held at the Hollywood Dance Academy. Roberta and Les did a terrific waltz to the song "Dance Me to the End of Love". Which was the theme of the evening.

The Queen's honor dance featured the SFV's formation team performing an energetic quick-step/jitterbug number.

Sunday morning we attended the Queen's farewell breakfast honoring Sally Emanuelli and Joan Robinson for their outstanding job of representing their chapter this past year. After many hugs and farewells we hit the road for Fresno with memories of a great weekend. "It's good to be Queen".

APPOINTEES

In addition to the members listed as officers we would like to acknowledge and thank the following for also serving. Sarah Vigen, Music Chair, Nancy Palazzo, Historian, Dolores Reed, Sunshine and Lorraine Tilton, Webmaster.

CONVENTION CORNER

As you probably know Fresno is hosting the 2011 State convention. During the next few editions of the Whispers either Steve Moore, our convention Chairman, or myself as convention co-chair will be keeping you informed about the happenings we have planned. We are preparing the packages to be distributed at the State Board meeting at the end of March. At this time we can tell you that the package price will be \$155.00 and the hotel rate is \$114.00 plus tax. Parking is free.

As a reminder to those who are interested in competing, in order to be eligible you must be listed in the chapter rosters that are given to the chairman of the State Board in March. So don't forget to renew your membership on time.

TRAVELOGUE

David and Erna Bonetta, our members and known to many as purveyors of dance shoes at the Boards or Conventions had a unique travel experience. Erna was a native of Aschaffenburg, Germany. They traveled to her hometown and attended the wedding of her Cousin's grandson. There are some interesting customs that are associated with the wedding. The first took place the night before the ceremony. The groomsmen and bridesmaids came to the house's cement courtyard and broke the old dishes. The bride and groom were required to clean up. It is a lesson to them that they must work together.

The day of the wedding started with picture taking. At 11:00 in the morning the guests gathered in the pavilion for the ceremony. Following the ceremony there was a small reception which included a champagne punch, beer, wine and snacks. At 2:00 p.m. they went to the hall for dinner, dancing and anything they wanted to drink. Erna left the party at 3 o'clock in the morning and the party was still going on. Talk about party!

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Golden Gate Chapter By William Hage

The Browns, Phil and Maurine, are very fortunate to have taken a wonderful trip starting in Budapest, dancing their way up the Danube visiting Linz, Vienna and ending in the beautiful city of Prague. Of course when we say dancing, we're talking about the postage stamp sized floors they have on river boats. But Phil and Maurine got up and danced, many times just by themselves, and soon everyone on the ship was recognizing them as Fred and Ginger! Apparently going through different airports with multiple security checks has not gotten any easier. And on the last lap home the two of them were up 27 hours straight. Nonetheless Phil says it was a good trip. Phil also regrets to advise us that after 10 years of picture taking for our chapter affairs, he wishes to turn this position over to someone else. This is quite a loss to us as Phil has been the originator of many exquisite portraits of our members and provided us with mementos of many happy occasions.

Our October 10th dance was beset by scheduling problems as our usual venue, the So. San Francisco Municipal dance floor was also reserved for a wedding in mid-afternoon. Our president Elena Malta spoke to the Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, a gentleman named John Wong who promptly arranged for us to hold our dance in another building several blocks away, and had his staff assist us in loading and moving the sound system and refreshments. In addition to Elena's yeoman work in this respect, Barbara Crawford stayed at the old location to direct our members and guests to the temporary location. And the dance and the catered dinner went on almost as if nothing was unusual. Now that is leadership!



Elena & Joe Malta

This is Elena's last term as President and the person who will be elected to replace her will have some big shoes, figuratively speaking, to fill. She took the Club through all the years' preparation and the practice for the many Convention events and managed to keep all the volunteers working together and communicating with each other and put on a very successful Convention. After the Convention was all over, our President, Elena arranged a Thank You luncheon at the Verdi Club for all the participants, and handed out generous tokens for a restaurant lunch or dinner to all the individuals that worked on the Convention. Thank you, Madame President. Now we can relax for another seven years until it is our turn again.

Gabrielle von Stephens sent me the following delightful item: "Our Chapter's kind people; Having had water run into my bathroom windows last winter, I asked Chuck Talmadge who is a contractor come and take a look at it and perhaps remove a lattice structure which is attached to the roof. Liz and Chuck came all the way to Sonoma last Saturday, and Chuck, upon climbing on my roof, decided to clean the gutters which he thought were the problem. When the big storm came on Sunday, there was no water running into my widows as he had predicted. All of you will have a chance to meet this wonderful husband of our newly nominated Queen Liz next year at Coronation.

Angels in our chapter abound and have come to my rescue on other occasions. I am continuously astounded at the goodness in our Chapter's kind of people, and so many of the ills of the world would go away if more people would act out of kindness and be a little more conscious of the needs of others. I thank God for bringing me to this group." Wow! What a wonderful sentiment; thank you Gabrielle.

Joe Malta just returned from a trip to the Holy Land with a group from his parish visiting the sacred Christian sites and walking in the footsteps of Jesus. He also found time to go swimming in the Dead Sea. He went to Tabgha where Jesus conducted the miracle of the loaves and fishes, feeding the multitudes and also visited the Wailing Wall, and many, many more unforgettable biblical sites. He was told that Jerusalem was destroyed 13 times and rebuilt, all the time preserving the Christian holy sites. Joe also endeared himself to all the parishioners in his group by assisting them with their baggage and helping in many other ways. But then, that's big, lovable Joe.

Rosa and Les Lin, our Sergeant at Arms, along with your Editor and his Elizabeth went to the De Young Museum to enjoy Van Gogh, Gauguin and Cezanne Post-Impressionist Exhibition. Besides being overwhelmed by the crowds, the art work was unbelievably beautiful, each more interesting than the one before. And after an hour or two of examining each and every exhibit, we found the Café and rested out tootsies while we warmed ourselves with some Latte and strong coffee and other goodies, thanks to Le. Then we went to our home where we rested some more and went to dinner at the Jae Dragon to complete a perfect day.

Bob Fragomeni advises that his doctor does not want him to exert himself yet, and certainly does not want him to even think about dancing. I asked him about his diet and he told me that Rosalie keeps feeding him spaghetti,

which he says is even better than chicken soup for a sick Italian. Thank goodness for Rosalie, and for Bob's sense of humor. How can you not love them?

I would like to welcome Gabrielle Von Stephens as our new Editor and to wish her well. She is a very dynamic personality who will bring a new sense of excitement to these pages. Thank you and keep dancing!



Gabrielle Von Stephens

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Some of you may remember that about a year ago I reported on the grand party we threw for Marie Moore on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Now I must report that she left us, in October, just one week prior to reaching what would have been her 101st birthday. Linda Eddy, who was like a daughter to Marie in the way she brought her to socials and looked after her, found her weak but conscious on the floor of Marie's home on Monday October 25th. Linda had Marie transported to the hospital, where she was admitted for observation. Marie spoke with one of her nurses at about 2:00 on Wednesday morning, and then she passed quietly away. So far as we know Marie only had a single surviving nephew, who recently had remained in weekly contact with both Marie and Linda by phone, and who flew in alone to San Diego to make the necessary arrangements at the end. He was not alone, though, at the funeral: Marie's final social was well attended on November 3rd by 25 to 30 of her NSD family, who gathered to give her a fond farewell. At the pastor's invitation we all sang "Happy Birthday" to her, and several of us got up to share some happy anecdotes of our oldest active San Diego Smooth Dancer.

Along with losing Marie, our San Diego Chapter is currently suffering through another loss of a different-and as we hope, short-term-nature, but one which is none-the-less very difficult for us. Those of you who attended the Golden Gate Convention may remember seeing Carmine Bua, one of our chapter's newest competitors. Since joining our chapter, he has been a source of constant energy within our club, practicing for competitions and performances, coordinating chapter movie nights, keeping us on our toes at meetings, and even running for chapter president. Sadly, Carmine recently suffered a severe stroke, and he has been in the process of slow and difficult recovery since then. His lovely wife Susan has been beside him constantly throughout his stay at the hospital and now on his return home for the rigorous therapy he will need to go through. Susan has faithfully kept us informed of Carmine's progress, and we

miss them both very much in our classes and at our socials. Our thoughts are with them constantly, and we hope very much for Carmine's quick recovery and for their eventual return to us. Heal speedily, Carmine!



CHRISTMAS DANCE

Our Christmas party was very successful, as all of our socials have been under the skillful planning and coordination of our social committee: Ann Meador, Patricia DiSessa, Kay Ryan, and Caron Schattel. Along with the hearty turkey dinner they provided and a number of great desserts, we had some outstanding music to dance to, provided by Jacky Yu's excellent work as our DJ. Chuck DiSessa also did a fine job organizing a showcase of about a dozen performances by various couples in the chapter, along with several Pro-Am performances. The chapter's formation class enhanced the showcase greatly with a Viennese Waltz and a Cha-Cha, both of which were very nicely done and which added greatly to the holiday atmosphere. Our chapter truly owes a great deal to those members who routinely put so much effort into our social events, especially during the holidays!

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"I wish to sincerely thank all of my fellow officers, all of my appointed officers, and all of my fellow members who have made 2010 a successful year for our chapter." Stated outgoing President Duane Thornton as he closed his last meeting. One measure of this success was the improvement in attendance at the monthly meetings, which was Duane's chief objective upon taking office, also satisfying for him was to be able to turn the reins over to the able hands of Peter Hanson.

QUEEN'S REPORT

Queen Marsha Hanson and husband Peter enjoyed their trip to San Fernando Valley for the SFV Coronation. Queen Roberta Lazar and her husband Les opened their beautiful home for hospitality; everyone was impressed with their fantastic collection of gems from around the world. At the Coronation, Queen Roberta and husband Les performed a lovely Queen's dance and the San Fernando Valley Formation Team wowed the audience with an energetic honor dance which included exciting lifts and tricks. Said Queen Marsha, "the SFV members were great hosts for a wonderful weekend."

SOCIALS

The October Social turned out to be a great Spookfest. Costumes were optional with members showing great creativity with characters from Julius Caesar to Abraham Lincoln, including the well known spook Dracula. Dance partners Debbie Kincaid and Don Hubbard won the pairs competition with their portrayal of the Wicked Witch of the West and the Grim Reaper. The festivities were well hosted by Amiel and Dana Sharon, with music provided by Joyce Radesky.

The Thanksgiving Social was a culinary delight. Over 60 dancers turned out for festivities that included two turkeys cooked by Mariam Mozes. Hosts Merlin Woesner and Helen Kerger provided the organization for the potluck, to which members brought a substantial amount of delicious food. Events included a fox trot lesson by Mark Chapman, and a fox trot mixer.

Our sincere thanks go to George and Miriam Mozes. It is through their efforts that the Socials are such a success. Whatever needs to be done, George and Miriam do it.

In addition, they teach the Monday night lessons at the Vista Senior Center which continues to support ballroom dancing in the community as well as bringing new members into our club.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Vista resident Martha Evans, a recently retired foreign language professor at Palomar College. She graduated from San Diego High School, attended Pomona College and received a Masters degree from San Diego State. She is well traveled and started the student 'credit for travel' program at Palomar, some 30 years ago. Her work for cultural and language study has taken her to Mexico, Spain, Cuba, Peru, Argentina, Portugal and France. Martha enjoys dancing, and when asked if on her recent trip to Buenos Aires she was able to do the tango, she replied, "Not with 24 students to keep track of I wasn't."

Debbie Kincaid was born and raised in Glendale, CA. Her claim to fame is that she is a third generation Californian; having a grandfather that was born in California in 1889. Recently she moved to Fallbrook and began investigating how to continue her favorite hobby, dancing. This led her to the Smooth Dancers lessons in Vista, "I immediately felt at home with the Palomar Smooth Dancers." She said, "I wasted no time in joining the club." Other hobbies include traveling and cooking. She has traveled extensively in Europe, and included Ireland, England, and Turkey in her visits. She enjoys fine cooking and researches special wines and chesses to go with her meals.

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