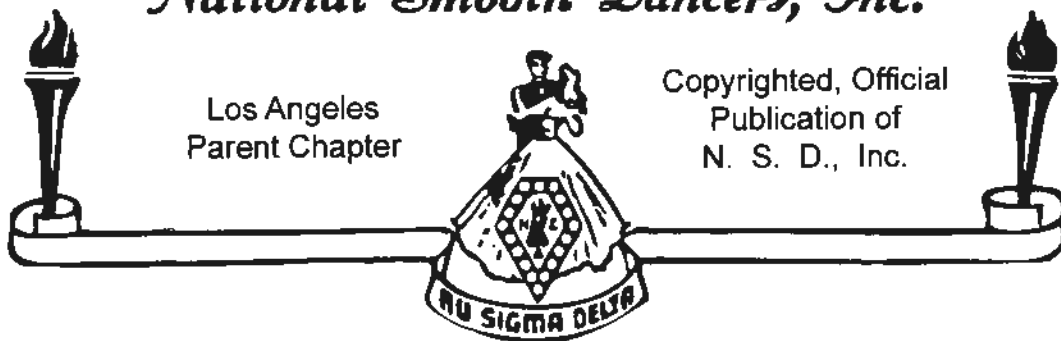


# DANCE WHISPERS

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**Los Angeles Chapter  
Social Calendar**  
Sunday, March 13, 1P.M.  
St. Patrick's, El Monte  
Sunday, April 10, 1P.M.  
Spring Dance, El Monte  
Sunday, May 15, 1P.M.  
Mexican Fiesta, El Monte  
Sunday, June 12, 1P.M.  
Summer Dance, El Monte  
Sunday, July 10, 1P.M.  
Red, White & Blue, El Monte

March - April 2011

Liz Bradford, Editor



## 2011 TRIPLE CROWN CORONATION

By Susan Lewis

On Saturday, January 29, at the Monrovia Courtyard by Marriott, we kicked off our Queen-elect Joy Michaels' Triple Crown Coronation with a progressive hospitality starting in the Johnsons' room with variety of croissant sandwiches, salads, chips and stuffed eggs.

Our guests progressed to the Lewises' room for wine and soft drinks and on to the Catterlins' room for a dessert buffet to put a cruise ship's chocolate night to shame. All of this thanks to the culinary expertise of Jan Russell, Rene Haight, Jodene Catterlin, Joy Michaels, Chris Lloyd, Susan Johnson and Susan Lewis. For all our beautiful queens, it was truly a fun party in progress.

The ballroom was decorated in keeping with our three-time queen's theme, each table having three jeweled crowns which surrounded blue LED "fountain" lights. The crowns were designed and constructed by our talented president, Chuck Johnson, with a little help from his workshop elves.

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## 2011 STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROGRAM

BAKERSFIELD - MARCH 25, 26, 27, 2011

MARRIOTT HOTEL

"SATIN & SPURS"

801 TRUXTON AVE., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301

### FRIDAY - MARCH 25

2:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
7:00 - Midnight

11:00 PM

Registration and Hospitality.....Restaurant  
Wild West Review \$60.00.....Ballroom  
Casual Attire  
Daikoku Restaurant Buffet.....Ballroom

### SATURDAY - MARCH 26

9:00 AM - 12 Noon  
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM  
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM  
11:00 AM - 12 Noon  
12 Noon - 1:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

7:00 PM

8:30 PM

9:00 PM

10:00 PM

Registration.....Ballroom Looby  
Contestants Dance Practice.....Ballroom  
Dance Rules Committee.....Belridge  
Presidents Meeting.....Harvest  
Board of Directors Meeting.....Hammons  
Dance Seminar \$5.00 At Door.....Ballroom  
Queen's Reception.....Hammons Room  
(Reigning Queens & Escorts)  
Rockin N Dude Ranch.....Ballroom  
Ranch Attire  
Contests: Senior Waltz & Social Swing  
Beginners Waltz & Cha Cha  
No Host Bar.....Ballroom  
City Slicker Ball \$80.00.....Ballroom  
Queen's Coronation Formal  
Dance Exhibition  
Contests: Intermediate Smooth & Std.  
Advanced Smooth & Standard,  
Champions Social Dancing

### SUNDAY - MARCH 27

9:00 AM - 12:00

Breakfast Happy Trails \$30.00.....Ballroom  
Speeches, Awards & Drawing

PACKAGE DEAL: \$145.00 Per Person if Postmarked by March 15, 2011 (\$165.00 thereafter) Mail Package reservations to: Bakersfield Smooth Dancers; Frances Hein 6302 Broadmoor Ct. Bakersfield, CA 93306 (661) 871-3270

HOTEL: Marriott Hotel 801 Truxtun Ave. Bakersfield 93301. (800) 267-3983. Special rates for Smooth Dancers offered prior to March 12, 2010 \$98.00 + tax. Contestants required to have a package deal and must be amateur NSD member.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING; Charlene Miller, 2600 Barrington #15 Bakersfield, CA 93309 (661) 831-0877. Contest Chairman: Larry Johnson (661) 399-4824

## St. Patrick's Dance

"Wearin' of the Green" will be appropriate for our St. Patrick's Day Dance on Sunday, March 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. 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 payable to NSD and sent to Chris Lloyd, 6248 Hellman Ave., Alta Loma, CA 91701. Phone (909) 945-2869.



## MAD HATTERS

## SPRING DANCE

The theme for this year's Spring Dance will be "Mad Hatter's Ball and Tea Dance". Use your imagination for hats that may be pretty, funny, or outrageous!

Following the business meeting at 1:00 P.M. there will be a dance lesson. Dancing will begin after the lively music of Dolores Moore and her amplified keyboard.

The price for members and guests is \$12.00 per person. Make checks payable to NSD and send to Renee Haight, 404 Prospect St. Newport Beach, CA 92663. Phone (949) 574-2350.

"High Tea" will be served at 4:00 P.M. Dressy attire will be appropriate.



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Coronation began as each queen and her escort entered the ballroom, announced by Roger Lewis, to the music of David Moorhouse who played dance music throughout the evening. The queen's flowers were presented by her sister, Diane Maez, and the crown was carried by Susan Lewis.

After the crowning of Queen Joy by Queen Jodene, Queen Joy did a sizzling West Coast Swing with her partner Preston Scales. This was a real crowd pleaser with lots of snappy moves.

Dinner consisted of a mixed-green salad, chicken piccata, mashed potatoes and green beans, ending with a luscious lemon cake atop raspberry sauce.

After two mixers, the cha cha-rumba exhibition was performed by Keith Beaty and Valeriya Mikhed of the Valley Rhythm Room in Sherman Oaks. Though short on age, 18 and 20, they are long on talent and very hot and spicy with bodies by Gumby.

Queen Joy had approximately 30 of her round dancing friends present. And as David Moorhouse cued the dances, they gave us a lovely demonstration of their talent with waltzes, a jive and a cha cha.

There were 99 people in attendance including the queen's family.

Sunday morning, we gathered for a farewell breakfast buffet in the hotel library for our outgoing Queen Jodene who was presented with a beautiful silver crown necklace by Queen Joy. The gift had been miraculously procured and then beautifully wrapped by Renee Haight.

We are all very appreciative of Jodene and Kyle's two-year regin, representing our chapter so beautifully and selflessly.

Our president and social chairman, Chuck and Susan Johnson, were in charge of the entire event, taking reservations, making hotel arrangements, centerpieces, coordinating the hospitality, printing flyers and program and being our general overseers. We are thankful for all their hard work and that they are both retired now.



**VALENTINE'S DAY**

For our Sweet Heart's Dance on Sunday, February 13, the El Monte Senior Center was decorated with red tablecloths and giant helium filled red heart balloons on the tables courtesy of Chuck Johnson.

After the business meeting, we were treated to a rumba lesson by Chuck and Susan Johnson.

Dancing to Ray Bradford's music played by Liz followed. The program included many romantic love songs as well as several rumbas to practice our new steps from the lesson. There was a Paul Jones Fox Trot mixer as well as a Waterfall Waltz mixer starting with "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Five people were celebrating February birthdays - Kyle Catterlin, Susan Lewis, Chris Lloyd, Marion Scholtz and George Zimmerman. They provided a beautiful decorated cake for refreshments. Our two Susans did kitchen duty.

It was a lively fun afternoon.

Many thanks to our new members, Debbie Ku, for jumping right in and coordinating the queens' line-up and Victor Lee for escorting Queen Terry Ghianni, and to all our chapter queens, our state queen, family and guests in attendance.

We hope that everyone enjoyed this event as much as the Los Angeles Chapter enjoyed hosting it. We are a very compatible group of dancers who love to work together in the furtherance of ballroom dancing. Until we see all of you at the San Diego Coronation of Mary King on Saturday, March 5, 2011, don't let your dance shoes cool off.

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

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY**

**OUR NEW YEAR'S DAY DANCE....**

...WAS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS. Because the first Saturday of January fell on January 1st, the SFV members voted to keep our dance on our usual day. Well, apparently, the world wanted to go dancing on January 1st and we had a sold out event. Sometimes it pays not to shy away from holidays. So, just remember that our dances are always on the 1st Saturday (except for Convention, of course) and do come and visit us some time. You will be awarded our member's price of \$10.00. Cut that in half if you attend the business meeting.

Our studio in Van Nuys is 5,000 square feet, with the main floor at 3,000 square feet, plus a smaller practice floor behind the tables for those who don't like to dance in the limelight.

Marc Emanuelli and I decided to switch positions this year (Board to Prez, and vice versa) to change it up a little and this time is the first year in many that we have a Whispers Editor. I don't know why Mark preferred to be "acting" for five years or so. I think he hoped a volunteer would step forward. Hmm... well, we ALL know that rarely happens.

**CONVENTION 2012**

You voted, you got it. The beautiful 5-star JW Marriott in Palm Desert will be the place to host our NSD Convention that year. As past president, I would like to thank all the chapter for offering us assistance in throwing this amazing event. We would not have done it if you hadn't graciously stepped forward to bail us out. Mark has new ideas for us to implement. Although Mark and I are supposed to co-chair, he is so full of enthusiasm and excitement about the convention I have to keep reminding him that I'm here to help also!

We are very grateful, seriously, for the time commitment he gave the club to help us in our difficult decision making. It's so rare when you have two hotels fighting over you.

It made the decision even more time-consuming than normal. In the end, we were able to make the best choice for the majority of you as the Flagship of the Marriott chain kept giving us deals and concessions to bring the price down to our normal range.



### Mark Emanuelli

So From Our New Prez... a little news from the wandering Emanuelli's:

Mark & Sally Emanuelli spent the holidays abroad, bringing their children, Juliana & Johnny, to visit their grandparents and family in Taiwan. They had an eye-opening time spending Christmas in another country, and wrapped it up with the huge New Year's Celebration - as Taiwan celebrates its 100th year of being a republic during 2011. They had a lot of fun, and got to experience the Taipei International Flora Expo - which will only be open through April of 2011. They also went to play at local parks, saw penguins at the Taipei Zoo, made clay bowls at a pottery shop, and even milked cows at a dairy! Mark picked up a new food dish that he enjoys - Taiwanese Beef Noodle soup, while Sally got to catch up with her friends from grade school. And all got to meet and play with the newest family - Sally's brother's twin boys! - 6 months old!

### Queen's Update

Les and I have been keeping busy since my Coronation in November. A week after the event we headed to India for what one person called my

"Queenymoon". After two days of touring in Delhi, we settled into our regal cabin on board the "Royal Rajasthan Palace on Wheels". We spent a week on board while we journeyed through fascinating Rajasthan.

After returning home, dancing once again dominated our time. We took part in two Arthur Murray Showcases in addition to our normal lessons and social dancing.

I was very excited to attend the Los Angeles Chapter Coronation honoring their new queen Joy Michaels. This was the first Coronation I have attended as Queen and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was fun meeting people and getting better acquainted with the Queens from the other chapters at the hospitality and during the evening dancing.

The Coronation featured a fun west-coast swing dance by Queen Joy and a Latin professional honor dance. There were also a series of ballroom round dances. Although I had previously heard about this form of ballroom dancing before, I had never actually seen it performed. I am looking forward to attending my next event, San Diego Chapter coronation in early March.

Queen Roberta LaZar

### SFV's FORMATION TEAM:

By Gee Gee Barden

Our "Dance Now" formation team continues in its fourth year with a busy schedule of practices, lessons, and performances. The four couple team, taught by Andre Fortin, consists of Keiko Isshiki, Frank Trapp, Andrea and James Gutman, Barbara Greenlaw, Bill Steeber, Gee Gee Barden, and Bill Morey. The team now has a repertoire of group and single numbers, and the development of new routines is ongoing. The group performed at a senior citizen facility in January, and the February schedule includes a nursing home, a retirement home, and a dance venue. Members of the team enjoy socializing together and have traveled to perform in Santa Barbara, Palm Springs, and Las Vegas, there joining with a dance group from Hawaii.



### QUEEN-ELECT WENDY WILSON

Wendy is excited to be the 2011 Queen for the Bakersfield Chapter. She and her husband Ben have fallen in love with dance and with NSD! They have been members since September 2006 and have taken private lessons with Robert Allgeyer since 2007. She and Ben have competed in American Smooth at the Bakersfield Boards and at NSD Conventions (Visalia, San Diego, and Los Angeles) up to the three star levels. She is honored to represent Bakersfield and looking forward to meeting many new friends within the other chapters.

Ben and Wendy have 3 children, Elizabeth, 10, Caleb, 8 and Philip, 6. Wendy has a teaching credential, but has chosen to be a Full-Time mom and home school her children. She also stays busy taking them to all of their many activities (ballet, piano lessons, band, gymnastics, Cub Scouts, AWANA, etc.) She volunteers time with church activities and tries to squeeze in time for her hobbies other than dance (digital scrapbooking, playing flute, and reading).

### BOARD MEETING

Our March Boards, Satin and Spurs is coming up the weekend of the 25th, 26th, and 27th, be sure and join us as Charlene always has planned an exciting weekend for us.

Our new queen, Wendy Wilson, will hold her coronation on Saturday evening, and it should be a beautiful and exciting evening.

The annual meeting will be held at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Bakersfield, 801 Truxtun Ave. Deadline for reservations is March 15, 2011. We hope to see all of you there.

### VALENTINE PARTY

Our February dance, 'Heart to Heart' will be held on Saturday, February 26th, at the Rasmussen Center. Members are free, couples \$25 and single guest \$15. It will be hosted by Margaret Hawkins and her committee. A fun evening is planned.

### FORMAL EVENT

Our annual President's Ball was held on January 22, at the Rasmussen Center. This is a formal affair. Peggy Amato and Jim Messner were co-chairs of this event. It was called 'Enhancing Dancing'! It was a wonderful evening! This dance honors our entire past President's, one of whom is Elroy Lisenbee, who will be turning 91! Here's to a lot more dancing Elroy!



### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our New Years Eve dance was attended by about 86 wonderful party goers, including guests from Visalia and, our wonderful dance instructors, Dan Goss, Robert Allgeyer, and Cindy Danner, Jeff Danner, Cindy's husband also seemed to be having a great time.

The beautiful table decorations were created by our own talented, Judy Evans. She used black tablecloths with silver disco balls, which rested on a silver sequined mat.

A delicious midnight buffet was served. Ken Silber spun the music and Larry Johnson was our master of ceremonies for the evening.

The committee was co-chaired by Susan Salvucci, Jill Calcaterra and Frances Hein. Jill somehow managed to break her arm and attended the dance with her "fashion accessory" a cast and a "sling". Here's to a speedy recovery Jill!



**Queen-Elect  
Dorothy Sims**

Dorothy was born in Arkansas and since the age of nine has lived in California. She graduated from East Bakersfield High School. It was during this time that she met and married her late-husband, Paul Sims. They were married for 48 years.

Dorothy is blessed with two daughters. Pamela is married to David and is a family/relationship counselor. They have three children: Devon, Blake and Laura, and four grandchildren: Taylor, Madrona, Landen and Alder. Dorothy's daughter Vickie teaches English at Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia and is married to Jerry. They have one daughter Ashley.

Before they began traveling for Paul's work, Dorothy worked in more than one medical office. Many travel opportunities were afforded to the Sims through Paul's work. They "danced" around them. Traveling has remained a favorite "hobby."

Now there is a new hobby - the magic of dance! Dorothy has had the dance "bug" since her jitterbug days in high school. She began her ballroom dance journey and joined Visalia Smooth dancers in 2006. She finds "A beautiful waltz is magical." Dorothy loves to dance and says, "I'm looking forward to the time of my life at my coronation."

One of Dorothy's favorite sayings is, "As novices we think we're entirely responsible for the way people treat us. I have long since learned that we are responsible only for the way we treat people."

Dorothy's Coronation, "Feel the Magic of Dance" Will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Exeter, CA. the weekend begins with a delicious Hospitality from 2:00-4:00 at the Best Western Motel, 805 S. Kaweah Dr. Exeter, CA, where rooms are available at the NSD rate of \$82.00 + tax. Call 1-800-205-6351 or 559-8118.

A champagne and wine reception will precede the coronation ceremony which will be followed by a sumptuous sit-down dinner. Greg Uichanco will provide the music for general dancing and mixers, and we will be entertained by professional dancers (to be announced).

The Queen's Farewell Breakfast will be held at 9:30 A.M. Sunday, May 22nd at Visalia Country Club, 625 Ranch Rd. Visalia Price for the elegant Brunch buffet is \$25.00 per person. For information call, Yvette Haworth at 559-561-3604.

### Coronation Schedule

Saturday  
Hospitality: 2:00 – 4:00pm  
Reception: 6:00pm  
Coronation 6:30pm

Thanks to Margaret Moholt for a terrific tenure as Whispers Editor. She is replaced by Yvette Haworth.

Please note two date changes: The March 27th Tea Dance has been cancelled due to Boards and the April Tea Dance is rescheduled to April 17th due to Easter. Tea dances are held at 4:00pm at Odd Fellows Hall in Visalia

VSD's regular Saturday night social dances will be on March 12th and April 9th at the Veteran's Memorial Bldg in Exeter. A dance lesson (at 6 pm) is followed by a potluck dinner (7:15) with dancing from 8-11:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 for guests.

### QUEEN'S REPORT

Kathy Constantino

We left a foggy, frigid Fresno to venture down to sunny Los Angeles. Our destination was their Coronation honoring Queen-elect Joy Michaels. The food was delicious and it was great visiting with friends from all over California. Many had tales to tell of recent vacations or of travels they were about to make.

That evening we attended the "Triple Crown" coronation and dinner. The tables were decorated with fiber optic centerpieces surrounded with three crowns. After the procession, Joy did her Queen's dance with professional dancer, Preston Scales. It was a very interesting, fun, sultry West Coast swing.

Later in the evening we were entertained by professional dancers, Keith Beaty and Valeriya Mikhed, with a cha-cha and a romantic rumba. Los Angeles also had a wonderful presentation of round dancing.

We were pleased that Fresno members Kathy Sachse, Kevin McCready, Rick and Myra Wenzel, (accompanied by their sister-in-law, Lynn, from Alaska) were part of the entourage.

All too soon it was time for the farewell breakfast. We hit the road off to foggy Fresno and friends that we can't beat. Once again it confirms in my mind; "It's good to be Queen!"

### CONVENTION CORNER

Steve Moore, Chairman

January and February 2011 found Fresno's Chapter convention committee members readying their assignments for the upcoming Labor Day weekend. We expect great excitement as we build momentum for the Neptune's Kingdom "Under the Sea" at the State Board meeting in Bakersfield, March 25-27. Our Convention Co-Chair, Kevin McCready, is busy preparing the printed packages to hand out at this event. Kevin has had many years of detailed expertise in guiding and directing us new comers in developing this convention. Meanwhile, producer/director Kathy Sachse is fine-tuning the themes, as well as the

décor, costumes and rallying the cast of characters in her usual up-beat tempo. Let's not forget that Kathy is filling the role of President at the same time folks. Yes, multi-tasking is still in vogue.

Lynn Sanders is our busy starfish readying the dance judges, competition guides, scrutineer and many other preparatory details for convention packets. So, Fresno NSD characters, let us get "washed ashore" and dry off listening to the "tail of the whale"- "just for the halibut" as we practice our musical roles in this underwater fantasy of fun! Thus spake King Neptune!

### OFFICER CHANGES

There is a change of address for Cissie Vigen, our Treasurer. The new address is 5056 North Van Ness Blvd., Fresno, Ca. 93711.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

Our January 3rd Sunday themed as "Winter Dancing", hosted by Carla Hartunian. On her committee were Sharon Crisp, Michael Mikhael and Steven Moore. The dance lessons were the Foxtrot & Bolero taught by Hugo Villanueva. The music was played by Sharon Crisp.

February had a theme of "A Real Western Yahoo!!" That event was hosted by George & Norma Schmidt, with help from Jag & Brigitte Singh and Helen Weber. The dance Lesson was the Night Club 2 Step and the Rumba taught by Franco Peraza. The music was played by Kathy Sachse.

March 20th will be our St. Patrick's Celebration which I will host with my Irish lassies, Kathy O' Sachse, Ginna O' Bearden, Linda O' Bennett, Patty O' Harris and Stella O' Ruckman. The lessons will be the Tango & the West Coast swing taught by Hugo Villanueva. Music will be played by Dennis Drew.

April 17th will be hosted by Cissie Vigen, with Music played by Sarah Vigen. The lessons will be taught by Dmitriy Kochkin. They will be the Meringue & the Quick Step.

We thank all those who contribute their time and effort to make our events successful.

# GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER

Gabrielle Von Stephens, Editor

In thinking about what to write as the new editor for our chapter I came up with the idea of reintroducing our long time members. It occurred to me that us "newer" members (including me) don't really know much about the people of our dance family who have been in our business topics and at the dances, well, we just dance. Whereas we introduce all our new members in great detail, we are mostly in the dark as to some worthwhile and very interesting details about our long time members. No, I will not make this a gossip column (though this might be fun too), but rather will ask each of our members (alphabetically) to write a little about what besides dancing makes their heart sing and what would they like the rest of us to know about them. I think I might be able to feature two members each time.

As I was not able to attend, due to a nasty flu bug, our sweet queen Amy Ansaldi told me about our New Years dance, which was a spectacular elegant event, as is the case most every year.

We were delighted to have June Long back with us and seeing Rosalie Wolf and Bob Fragomeni all decked out and looking their very best was a joy to observe. The ballroom looked very elegant with tall black vases filled with red Ostrich feathers crowning each table covered with a white table cloth and black napkins (love black napkins when I am wearing red lipstick). The food was very good and we were treated to an open bar. Amy and Dan reprised their dance from her State coronation: "Stepping out with my baby" to everyone's delight.

Bob Fragomeni proposed a toast to the year gone by and the year ahead, while in the spirit of the season everyone donned festive New Years hats and had noisemakers. Hugs and kisses, champagne and good wishes for 2011 filled the ballroom.

Many of our chapter members have been ill with various nasty viruses, falls and other ailments. I am happy to report that all are on the mend and most are recovered completely. It's a resilient bunch these great people in our chapter and Bill Hage was right, it's possibly all the spaghetti they eat (no it's not the whole wheat version), though I also have heard about a Chinese dish called "Zook", lovely Elizabeth Hage eats to come back to dancing soon. Flavored with 1000 year eggs (where do they keep them???) it comes in different flavors and is said to be very tasty.

Well, since I started this quest on our long time members, I received the most fascinating entry from our own John Anzalone. Personally knowing him only as Elena Malta's cousin and one of the hardest working members in the club, always setting up and tearing down at our dances and dinners. His story is so fascinating that he will take all my "members space" for this month. I think you will enjoy it.

## Here is his story:

Born and raised in SF as one of the Borelli's and Elena Malta's first cousin (he thinks of her as a sister) John early on realized that SF was just too darn cold for him. Wanting to stay in the US (smart decision) he chose the Hawaiian Islands with no job and no place to live waiting for him.

After arriving in Waikiki he managed to land a job during the holidays selling "Happy Cake", a Hawaiian fruitcake made of coconut, pineapple and Macadamia nuts, and took the business to new heights creating a mail order business selling "Happy Cakes" all over the country.

Additionally he solicited work at the big hotels reweaving their beach chairs, which turned into another huge success for John. (Seeing a need and filling it!) Next he landed a job on Hawaii 5-0, imagine!!

Working with CBS to the end of the series as a stand in, doing two bit parts, but always as the bad guy. He got to drive fast cars, motor bikes, danced in discos and became a stand-in for Hollywood guest stars (let's rent some of those shows and find John).

Privately he was interested in small antiques and started importing them from France, Belgium and England as well as Rattan furniture from the Philippines, then renting them to the set of Hawaii 5-0, several large hotels on the island and his own unique shop.

Today John enjoys spending his winters in Hawaii selling antiques, but I am told he takes very good care of his mom who still lives in California. Since I just saw him at our meeting this last Monday, I know he is very cold, but his mom is very lucky. As are all of us who get to enjoy his generous way of being a member in this wonderful club. Thank you John Anzalone, we are glad we know a little more about you. A change took place at our chapter when Nadia Tillinin gave up her position as our web master to David Robb's lovely wife Mihaela.

We are excited to visit our newly revised website in the near future and thank Nadia for all the work she has put into maintaining the site for so many years. This change freed Nadia up to explore many other rewarding volunteer opportunities within our chapter.



Queen Elect  
Elizabeth (Liz) Talmadge:



I was born and raised in San Francisco and first met my husband Chuck when I was only 12 (no we did not get married right away) Now married for 37 years we were introduced to Ballroom dancing and NSD by Ana and George Dayeh who encouraged us to take lessons, which has resulted in hours of joyful dancing and the many new friendships we have formed within the Golden Gate chapter.

I am a general contractor for 20 years now, with my sweet husband doing all the technical on our home retrofitting and miscellaneous home repairs business.

Together we have 4 children and 4 grandchildren and enjoy travel, dancing, reading, exercising and driving. My coronation theme will be "An Evening at the Tara Plantation" and after choosing my theme, Gordon Robinson informed me that he discovered that the Tara Home Prop from the movie "Gone with the wind" was purchased by a "Betty Talmadge" for her restaurant in the south. Serendipity at work, I guess it was meant to be.

I feel very fortunate to have been elected queen for our chapter and look forward to driving to all the other chapters, meeting the chapter members as well as all former and newly elected queens and becoming part of the crown circle. Queen elect Elizabeth (Liz) Talmadge

Look forward to the travel stories of our members and a tribute to our "God Mother" Rosalie Wolf in our next edition.

Your, grammatically incorrect,  
Gabrielle Von Stephens,  
Editor.

# SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Mark Chapman, Editor



Mary King

This month I have the honor of introducing the lovely lady whom we will crown as our 2011 Chapter Queen in San Diego, Mary King. I asked Mary to put together a few sentences about herself that I could share with you, so here she is in her own words:

"Greetings to all my fellow smooth dancers. I'm sitting here thinking of a few anecdotes from my life to share with you, but first I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the San Diego Chapter for electing me as their Queen for this year. I am so looking forward to this fun adventure.

"I'm a California Girl: I love living on the beach, walking on the shore and generally being outside. I was raised in Pasadena, California, where I attended Washington Junior High, Pasadena High School, and Pasadena City College.

Like all of the girls in Pasadena, I wanted to be Rose Queen. I actually made it all the way to the end of the competition, being eliminated only at the choosing of the court. Now, with this new chance in NSD, I finally get to be the dancing Queen for our San Diego Chapter!

After Pasadena City College, I gave up my original idea of transferring to USC, choosing instead to join American Airlines as a stewardess. (As it turned out, I did eventually send my daughter to USC.)

I accomplished many special projects with American Airlines: I did PR work, I introduced their new uniforms, and worked charter flights, as well as working general flights. I loved flying and traveling, and I kept flying until I married and had two children. I was married for almost thirty years, until my husband passed away unexpectedly.

I have four grandchildren two boys and two girls; one of the girls has Down Syndrome. What a blessing they all are to me!

"One of my passions is working with children with disabilities. I also love horses, and combine these two passions of my life by teaching children to ride. When a child is on a horse it gives them the same sense of motion we feel when we dance, with the smooth movement of muscle and the grace and poise of good balance. I believe the freedom we enjoy on the dance floor is the same that a child feels riding a horse. Riding a horse is a dance of love."

"I have been dancing for three years, going on four. I use the opportunity of SDSD Sunday night dance classes to study the many different dances. We have wonderful teachers, and we all have a lot of fun every Sunday. I love to see the returning dancers and their steady progress, and I love it especially when our experienced dancers join us and give us the perfect lead we gals need to enjoy the dance more. I am looking forward to competing when I am ready. I look forward to the year ahead, meeting the other Queens and seeing my fellow Smooth Dancers. I know it will be a wonderful year and one that I will remember for the rest of my life."

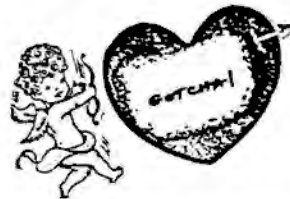
We all welcome Mary as our Queen in 2011, and we appreciate the energy she will be putting into representing us at all the other chapters.

I would now like to take a few words to thank everyone who has read my articles in Dance Whispers the past three years. Writing for the San Diego chapter has been a wonderful experience, and I have been honored to record the lives and dance adventures of so many of our members, some of whom are now gone.

I want to give a special thanks to Liz Bradford being such a fine editor: although the task she faces every two months in compiling this newsletter must truly be overwhelming, she does a magnificent job getting all our articles typeset and published. She has been very conscientious and attentive to my requests, and she has been available whenever I needed assistance or information. Thank you for making this such a good experience for me Liz! Kao and I are looking forward to the Boards in March. It will be good to hang out again with so many friends whom we haven't seen in over a year. There will be much to do in the Rules Committee, as well, so please be sure each of your chapters is well represented. See you all in Bakersfield!

# PALOMAR

Don Hubbard, Editor



## VALENTINES DANCE

Sixteen Palomar Smooth Dancers traveled to the San Diego Chapter's Valentine Dance. A good time was had by all; activities included a variety of dances, three mixers, show time, and an excellent dinner. Our thanks go to Chuck and Patricia DiSessa, Anthony and Barbara Wood for the special consideration given to the Palomar Dancers. We also thank Brenda Gettig for the email fliers that made this intergroup social possible.

## QUEEN'S REPORT

Queen Marsha Hanson and husband Peter enjoyed the Los Angeles Chapter's Coronation last month. Three time Queen Joy Michaels' theme was "Triple Crown". The hospitality was innovative with each course of the meal served in a different room of the Hotel. Queen Joy performed her Ceremonial Waltz and an exciting West Coast Swing with her dance instructor.

A performance of two Latin Dances by Keith Beatty and Valeriye Mikhed, as well as four round dances by several of the Chapter's couples provided exiting entertainment.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Jack and Marilee Ragland, residents of Fallbrook, Jack and Marilee are both artists. Jack was a professor and head of the art department for twelve years at Simpson College in Iowa. On leave from Simpson, Jack studied one year in Vienna. His work is hanging in museums in both Europe and America. Marilee has taught in public school for 35 years. She remains active by giving workshops. The Raglands have been dancing for several years and said, "The Palomar Smooth Dancers have broadened our horizons."

## CHRISTMAS DANCE

The Palomar Smooth Dancers' Christmas Dance was a great success. Hosted by George and Miriam Mozes, a delicious dinner was catered.

George was an entertaining Master of ceremonies and Joyce Radesky arranged an excellent score of dance music. Thirty members of the San Diego chapter joined the festivities. Their Formation Teams put on a precision dance. The show continued with a waltz by Duane and Donna Thorton, a night club two step by Peter and Marsha Hanson, a Viennese waltz and tango combination by Mark and Kao Chapman and a foxtrot by Chuck DiSessa and Kathy O'Hara. Our thanks go to Peggy Lee and Anthony Wood for providing for the invitations. Also to the Chapmans who continue to help us boost our Socials attendance.



## CRUISES

Adrienne and Sam Curiale completed a fifteen day Panama Canal Cruise last week. The "pleasantries" included two theatres with a new show every evening, three lounges for dancing, group activities and excellent food. The all day transit through the canal was an exciting experience. When asked if she and Sam could recommend the excursion, Adrienne replied, "The trip far exceeded our expectations and we arrived home fully pampered and rested and happy at all we were able to see and do."

Peter and Marsha Hanson took a one week Caribbean cruise that included Puerto Rico, St. Thomas and St. Marten. They enjoyed particularly the "Old Town" of San Jose.

Shows included a "cirque" and several musicals.

Don Hubbard cruised the "Mexican Riviera" via Holland America. Somehow, Don never got off the ship, between dancing 2 1/2 hours every night, dance lessons, spa and gym, haute cuisine, and musical shows, he never found the time. When asked about his cruise experience he replied, "The only casualty was my waistline."