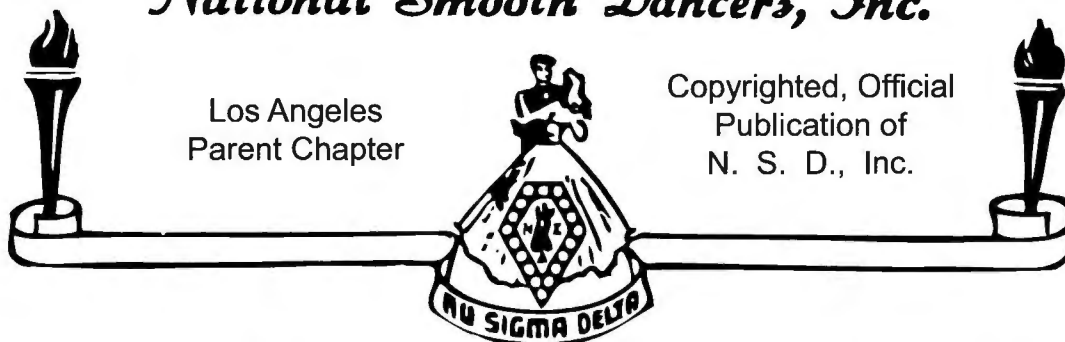


DANCE WHISPERS

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NATIONAL SMOOTH DANCERS FRESNO CHAPTER PROGRAM FOR STATE CONVENTION 2011

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NEPTUNE'S KINGDOM

"Under the sea" is the theme for the State Convention to be held in Fresno from September 2 to 5 at the Radisson Hotel, 2233 Ventura St. Fresno, CA 93721.

Steve Moore will be Chairman with Kevin Mc Cready as Co-chair. Kathy Sachse will be in charge of themes, décor, costumes and entertainment. Lynn Sanders has the important job as contest chairman and details for the convention packets.

Of course, all active Fresno members will also be contributing in many ways to the dauntless task of putting on a convention.

The program will begin Friday afternoon with Hospitality by Fresno featuring sea food delicacies. That night will be filled with fun, laughter and dancing.

Following the Saturday morning meetings and Gavel Club Brunch, the afternoon dance will start one and two star competitions. Saturday evening the highlight will be crowning of our new state Queen, Carla Hartunian. The formal dinner will have a choice of the salmon or pork entrees.

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FRIDAY-SEPTEMBER 2, 2011

1:00 - 5:00 PM	Registration & Contest Sign Up.....	Sequoia Ballroom
2:00 - 5:00 PM	Bounty of the Sea Hospitality.....	Sea World (Sequoia)
7:30 - 8:30 PM	Registration & Contest sign Up.....	Oyster Bay (Main Ballroom)
7:30 - 11:30 PM	Under the Sea.....	Oyster Bay (Main Ballroom)
11:30 PM	Hospitality (Visalia Chapter).....	Sea World (Sequoia)

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 3, 2011

8:00 - 12:00 noon	Registration & contest Sign Up.....	Main Ballroom
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Competitors Dance practice.....	Main Ballroom
8:30 - 10:00 AM	Board of directors Meeting.....	Aquarium (Board Room)
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Queens & Escorts Rehearsal.....	Main Ballroom
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Dance Rules Meeting.....	Dolphin Inn (Sierra)
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Competitors dance practice.....	Main Ballroom
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Gavel Club Branch.....	*\$35 Sea World (Sequoia)
12:45 - 1:45 PM	Dance Seminar.....	*\$5 Fish School (MB)
2:00 - 4:00 PM	Clama Cabana -Afternoon Dance.....	Clam Springs (MB)
6:00 - 11:30 PM	Coronation Ball.....	Neptunes Kingdom (MB)
6:00 PM	No host Cocktails	
6:30 PM	Royal Banquet	
8:00 PM	State Queens Regal Coronation	
8:30 PM	Professional performance	
8:45 PM	Three star American smooth Four star American smooth	
11:30 PM	Hospitality - Golden Gate chapter.....	Sea World (Sequoia)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

8:00 - 12:00 noon	Competitors Dance Practice.....	Main Ballroom
8:30 - 9:45 AM	Delegates Meeting.....	Sea World (Sequoia)
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Editors & Social Chairs Meeting.....	Aquarium Board
10:45 - 12:30 PM	Crown Circle Brunch.....	*\$35.00 Sea World
12:45 - 1:45 PM	Dance Seminar Smooth.....	*\$5.00 Main Ballroom
2:00 - 4:30 PM	Crab Crawl.....	Crab Trap (MB)

2:15 PM	1 & 2 Star Contests
4:30 PM	Sea Horse Optional Buffet.....
6:30 - 11:00 PM	Coral Groves Formal Dance.....
11:00 PM	Professional Performance
11:30 PM	Hospitality hosted by San Fernando Valley

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2011

9:00 AM	Presentation by SFV for 2012 Convention Buffet Breakfast & Awards
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*Denote event not included in package price of 155.00 by August 1. 165.00 thereafter. All contestants must be NSD members and must purchase package plan. Make checks payable to FRESNO SMOOTH DANCERS. Send to Cissy Vigen' 5056 No. Van Ness Blvd. Fresno, CA 93711. PLEASE MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS BY August 12. (559)268-2011 ask for National Smooth Dancers group rate.

**Los Angeles Chapter
Social Calendar**
 Sunday, July 10, 1P.M.
 Red, White & Blue
 El Monte
 Sunday, August 14.....1P.M.
 Hawaiian Party
 Sunday, Sept. 18, 1P.M.
 School Days
 Sunday, Oct. 9.....1P.M.
 Black & White Ball
 Sunday, Nov. 13.....1P.M.
 Thanksgiving
 Sunday, Dec. 18.....1P.M.
 Christmas Party



TEA DANCE

On Sunday July 10. We will have our annual Red, White and Blue theme at our installation Tea Dance at El Monte Senior Center, 3120 Tyler Ave, El Monte.

The meeting will start at 1:00 pm followed By a dance lesson and general dancing.

Light refreshments will be served about 3:45 pm. The price is \$12.00 for members and guests. Reservations should be made by July 8.

Checks should be made payable to NSD and sent to Susan Johnson, 2328 Loma Vista Pasadena CA. Phone (626) 794-1101.

HAWAIIAN PARTY

Our August Dance will be a Hawaiian theme and will be held on Sunday August 14 at El Monte Senior Center.

The business meeting will begin at 1:00pm. There will be a dance lesson with general dancing to follow

At about 3:45pm light refreshments will be served. The price for members and guests is \$12.00 per person

Make checks payable to NSD and send to Susan Johnson at address above by August 11th. Our monthly dances are always fun. We need the support of all our members and guests are welcomed.

Hawaiian style dress is encouraged.



Party Line ...By Liz

Tina Falbo and Jane Pistole enjoyed a cruise on the Crystal Symphony round trip from Los Angeles to Hawaii. They had fun dancing with the Ambassador hosts.

Queen Joy Micheals and George Zimmerman traveled to Burlington, Kansas to see a band performance of a group they had sponsored at the San Diego Jazz Festival.

We are saddened to report on the passing of Timothy Stocks who lost a four year battle against melanoma cancer. He had been Tina Van Zandt's partner.

Chuck and Susan Johnson celebrated their 37th Anniversary in May. They do a great job with post card flyers of our coming events.

We have missed the Rohloffs. I had a nice chat with Gaylord. They are keeping very busy, still taking dance lessons, but they have not competed for some time. Their oldest son and family have moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, so that will mean traveling there. Lorraine had an art show in Ventura. Gaylord sometimes subs for the leader of an 18 piece band in the San Fernando Valley. They also hosted a picnic to raise funds for animal rescue. We hope to see them soon.

Several members were sick and missed our June party including Chris Lloyd, Rene Haight, Allan Scott and frequent guests Frank and Gladys Donyes.

Donna Bilotta has undergone brain surgery, but is doing well and making a good recovery.

Margie Bradstock's address is incorrect in the roster. It is 3336 Brace Canyon Rd, Burbank 91504. Phone (818) 842-6438.

Chris Lloyd was hospitalized for a few days leaving Gordon to fend for himself. He managed okay, though.

As we go to press we learned that Jeanie Martin has died. Our thoughts are with John who took such good care of her for so long.

NEW MEMBERS

Tom and Sandy Sticco-Wells

Tom and Sandy have been married for 27 years. They first started taking dance lessons so they wouldn't embarrass themselves at their wedding reception. They've been dancing ever since.

Sandy has been retired for 2 years. She volunteers at the Bob Hope's Hollywood USO. Much to Tom's surprise, Sandy cooks, makes sandwiches and overall stays in the kitchen assisting our military in eating Italian style. (Tom is the cook at home). She is an active member of the Garibaldina Society and has been known to win occasionally at Bocce. Her hobbies, besides dancing, are shopping, gardening, traveling back to Italy and taking care of three felines.

Tom is an independent school yearbook publisher. His hobbies, besides dancing, are photography, snow skiing, cooking, traveling, and working around the house (Honey-do-list).

Tom and Sandy were sponsored by Victor Lee and Debbie Ku and Ken and Marion Scholtz. They are a welcome addition to the Los Angeles Chapter.

CINCO DE MAYO

"Mexican Hat Dance" was the theme for our May 15 dance party at the El Monte Senior Center.

Jodene Catterlin brought large sombreros for the tables and Susan Johnson provided chips and salsa to snack on.

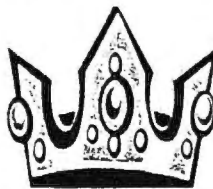
Following a short business meeting, we were treated to a waltz line dance lesson by Victor Lee and Debbie Ku. Tom and Sandy wells were initiated as new members.

Chuck Johnson played the music for general dancing featuring songs of all tempos with Mexican titles. He included two mixers - a waltz and a fox trot.

At refreshment time, we were treated to croissant sandwiches of turkey, roast beef and ham along with assorted chips, thanks to the efforts of Chuck and Susan Johnson.

It was nice to have Len Vanderhoof and Martha Rhodes from the Valley Chapter as visitors.

A CROWNING EVENT



On Sunday, June 12, Social Chairman Susan Johnson, assisted by our out-going President Chuck Johnson chaired our regular 2nd Sunday Dance Party.

The theme was mainly to use the decorations from our last Coronation of Joy Micheals. Tables had blue tablecloths and decorated crowns of many colors. Left from the previous night's party with a Western theme were several large cactus plants. Chuck ingeniously removed the straw hats and replaced them with crowns!

At the Business meeting, we elected a slate of officers to serve for the next year. Victor Lee will be our 5th delegate.

Several members had to call in sick, so the rest of us enjoyed lots of Seafood salad and chicken sandwiches made by the Johnsons and assorted cupcakes and chips.

Chuck Johnson played danceable tunes and mixers for our enjoyment. The afternoon was fun for all who attended.

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Sunday morning will have more meetings, the Crown Circle Luncheon and afternoon dance with more contests.

An optional buffet is offered for \$35.00.

Sunday evening is another formal event featuring the highest level of competitions and professional performances. The weekend will wrap up with the farewell breakfast and awards Monday morning.

The Package including all activities except as noted, will be \$155.00 until August 1. Those who book their package and hotel reservations by July 15 will be included in a drawing for a one night complimentary room. After August 1, the package price will be \$165.00.

Hotel reservations may be made by filling out a form included with the package information, or by calling (559)268-1000 by August 12. After that date. Reservations will be available at a higher rate subject to availability.

The Fresno chapter is working hard to put on an enjoyable weekend for us. All chapter members are encouraged to lend their support by attending.

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State Convention and
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November 5, 2011
Valley Coronation

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SAN FERNANDO

Joan Robinson, Editor

June 2011 marked the 50th Anniversary of the creation of the San Fernando Valley Smooth Dancers. And what a party we had on June 4th.

Champagne flowed, there was excellent food, and approximately 75 dancers attended to enjoy the evening's festivities. There were performances by SFV Formation Team, "Dance Now," and a pro-am by the studio pro, Artemi Okunev and Joan Robinson. The music was run by Mark Emanuelli. It was our first opportunity to give out the "Most Improved Dancers" Award since 2003. Taking the honors were Brian Yip, (Joan's dance partner at our competition), and Lily Chang, (she has attended many of our convention events as well). They performed an impromptu nightclub two-step for us. Our trophies' plaques, however, are now full so these trophies will be retired this year, and we'll be working on what will be appropriate for the NEXT 50 years of dancers.

Our formation team continues to perform around the state, invited back for a second year, they recently performed at "Dance Las Vegas," a special dinner dance was organized by two Japanese ballroom dance groups performing. Our team members wore their matching black tee shirts showing a silhouette of Japan in red and the character for "Hope" in white. Compliments were received both on the shirts, with requests made for info on where to buy them, and on the dance routine that the group performed later in the evening. Out team consists of Gee Barden, Bill Morey, James & Andrea Gutman, Bill Steeber, Barbara Greenlaw, Keiko Isshiki and Frank Trapp, all dedicated board members or ex board members. Whilst there, our troopers hiked in nearby Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, attended a show, viewed the dancing fountains at the Bellagio, and relaxed in the hotel's hot tub after the dance. I heard they also ate large wonderful buffet breakfasts but they didn't seem to have gained any weight upon their return. Joan Robinson, (oh, that's me, the editor) competed at the San Diego Dancesport Championships on June 11th in five international standard dances with my teacher,

David Moutrey. This was my first competition outside of the National Smooth Dancers and in the full bronze division, I placed 2nd in international standard waltz, foxtrot, quickstep, and tango, losing to the student of Victor Veyrasset (10 times US national champion). However, I placed first in the Viennese waltz. David and his wife, Lili, Champion Dancers, who have won the Hawaii Star Ball and who have been runners up for all the other balls, will be our professional showcase dancers, as well as our judges and instructions for the 2012 Convention. They plan to bring along some of their students and dance with us the entire weekend.

On Sunday, July 10th, our Queen, Roberta LaZar, and her husband, Les, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in grand style at the Sportsmen's Lodge. We look forward to congratulating them on this great achievement.

Our recording secretary, Gee Gee Barden, is currently part of a two person exhibition at "The Onion," the Sepulveda Unitarian Universalist Society where she is showing framed giclee prints of some of her watercolor paintings. The opening reception was held on May 22nd and it will run through July. We're very proud to have such a talented lady on our board.

We look forward to seeing everybody in Fresno and letting you know more about our own convention at the J.W. Marriott in Palm Desert 2012.

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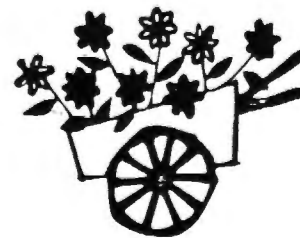
BAKERSFIELD

Dorothy Vaughan, Editor



JUNE DANCE

Our June dance, "Majestic Evening" will be held on June 25th from 7:00 to 10:30 pm at the Rasmussen Center, 115 East Roberts Lane. This will be a semi-formal dance, hosted by JoAnn Georgio and her committee. Remember, starting with this dance, members will pay \$5.00 per person and guests/singles will be \$15.00 and couples \$25.00. It should be a wonderful evening so plan on being there.



Our May dance, "April Showers bring May Flowers" was our 47th anniversary dance and a recognition to our chapter Queens. There were thirteen queens in attendance. It was hosted by Susan Salvucci and her great committee. It was a semi-formal affair. Steve Patterson was our master of ceremonies and Dennis Acosta was our "master of music". Two spotlight dances were performed by two of our past queens.

Karen and Bob Kandarin performed a beautiful Bolero and Sue and Bil Landry performed a lovely Waltz.

Queen Wendy and her husband Ben Wilson led off a great Fox trot and then other queens and their escorts joined them on the floor.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Our annual Gretchen Garretson award was presented to Elroy Lisenbee, a very deserving and long standing member of our club. There were 80 people in attendance. It was a wonderful dance enjoyed by all.

Our April dance "Spring is in the Air" was a great success. From the moment we entered the ballroom, where we were greeted by yellow tablecloths, baskets of spring flowers on all the tables along with little Easter bunnies, we could tell spring was here in Bakersfield. The dance was hosted by Mark and Kay Boyer and a great committee. The music was by Ken Silber of our own Targets. During the evening, it was announced that Margaret Hawkins has been married to Richard Keith. Congratulations to the happy couple. There were 80 people in attendance and everyone seemed to have a good time.

MISSING

A final note, two of our lovely vases, used during our queen Wendy's coronation somehow "walked" away, and because we would like to use them again we would love for them to be returned.

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LUAU 2011

ALOHA! Put on your grass skirts, sarongs or Hawaiian shirts and hula your way to the Exeter Memorial Building for Visalia's Annual Luau on Saturday July 16! Doors open at 6:30 with a catered buffet dinner to be served at 7:00 p.m. followed by general dancing to the music of Cheryl Levitan from 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Hans & Vilya Kim are invited back for a repeat performance as Luau entertainment. Hans and Vilya are the young wonderful Fresno couple whose love of ballroom dance blossomed as they prepared for their wedding dance in 2007. In 2008, they began training for competition and are excellent in the Latin division at such events as USA Dance Nationals and the Cardinal Classic at Stanford University. They will be unveiling their new Latin Show Dances for us at the Luau!

Catered by the Wildflower Café in Exeter, the price is \$25 per person. Reservations are required (please by July 8th) and may be sent to June Aguet, 397 Valley View Dr., Exeter, CA 93221 (559) 592-4473).

"FEEL THE MAGIC OF DANCE"

"Feel the Magic of Dance", the coronation of Queen Dorothy Sims on May 21st, was an elegant evening of dinner and dancing that Queen Dorothy stated, "exceeded my greatest expectation!" The un-seasonally cool weather smiled on the gathering with a gentle breeze laced with the fragrance of roses blooming in the garden.

Our 127 guests, many from our sister NSD chapters especially Bakersfield and Fresno, were greeted by past-Queens and escorted to their tables.

Queen Dorothy chose to have the tables decorated with crystal vases of pastel pink rose nosegays in the center of a cloud of pink tulle and battery-powered votive candles. The visiting Reigning Queens each carried pastel pink roses which matched the center pieces.

Queen Dorothy was escorted by her friend, Joe Maciel and danced a beautiful queen's waltz with her instructor Dmitriy Kochkin. Queen Dorothy's family was included in the festivities with her daughters, granddaughters and son-in-law all participating in the coronation ceremony.

After a delicious dinner of almond chicken and local asparagus, caterer Elaine's Table at Tress Bien of Visalia titillated our palettes with an incredible Crème Brule in a Parisian chocolate cup!

We were fortunate to have our musicman, Vince Uichanco, play wonderful music that enticed us to the dance floor from every type of dance. Vince is a master music man.

The 2010 World and US American Smooth Dance Champions, Slawek Sochacki and Marzena Stachura were our featured professional entertainment and they did not disappoint! And a Tango which combined American and Argentine styles of perfection. Slawek and Marzena's dancing is breathtaking and they are an incredibly gracious pair of champions!

On Sunday, a beautiful Brunch at the Visalia Country Club was a lovely way to honor our out-going Queen, Nancy Cargill. The Visalia Chapter thanks Nancy for a job well done.

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CONVENTION

The time to register for convention is now. For the incentive prize drawing the registration date is July 15th. The prize is a one night stay at the Radisson. At the State Board meeting packages were passed out and some left with the board Member. If you need a form and use your computer you can get it on our website, www.fresnosmoothdancers.org. If you do not have a computer and need one call Kathy Sachse at (559) 435-5657. When you go onto our convention page there will be a direct link to the Radisson Hotel, where you can make reservations online.



QUEEN'S REPORT

Kathy Constantino

We attended the Visalia Coronation Ball of Queen-elect Dorothy Sims. Her theme was "Feel the Magic of Dance" and it was a magical time. We had a fun hospitality, complete with strawberry margaritas, yum! That evening we were delighted to be part of a beautiful coronation. Dorothy did the Queen's waltz with her instructor, Dmitriy Lochkin and Lotti Carr did a fun, lively honor dance with Dmitriy. Later in the evening we were entertained by the current US American Smooth Champions. We were swept away by their style and grace. What a treat! We had the Queen's farewell brunch at the Visalia Country Club. Nancy Cargill gave a heartwarming and clever tribute to her year as Queen.

FAREWELL MESSAGE

Queen Kathy Constantino it has truly been a wonderful year, an honor for me to represent Fresno as your "Dancing Queen". I have enjoyed my travels, the friends I've made, and will continue to cherish the memories. Thank you for your support and love

given to Rick and me during my reign. It is such fun to be part of an organization with people from all walks of life, coming together with the same goals of dancing and friendship. I will miss the dressing room frenzy of putting on our gowns before Coronation. I will miss trying to get all the Queens in the same spot at the same time for group pictures. I will especially miss the intimate moments we shared of laughter and friendship. My love and best wishes to Carla Hartunian. It is indeed "Good to be Queen".

Queen's Coronation

On June 4th we held the chapter's Coronation for Queen-elect Carla Rose Hartunian at the Holy Trinity Armenian Church Social Hall. Carla's theme was Champagne and Roses and Opera, and all were present during the evening. Carla had a longtime friend, Earl Myers, do the invocation before dinner. A man she had known since grade school, an opera singer, who sang the "Lords Prayer". It was wonderful.

Carla performed the Queen's Waltz with friend and instructor, Franco Peraza. The Honor dance was presented by Bob and Sue Dowell. Later in the evening Bill and Lona Dolan entertained us with two excellent dances and Earl Myers performed an operatic number during their costume change.

State Queen – Elect Carla Hartunian



Having been crowned Fresno's chapter Queen, Carla became the State Queen elect. Carla was born in Fresno, graduated from Roosevelt High School, Fresno City College and Fresno State University. Carla went on to receive her third credential and masters degree in School Administration.

She is currently the Principal at Heaton Elementary School. However; she is very pleased to announce that she is retiring on June 22nd, after 37 years of service. The most important things in her life are her loving family and her dear friends.

Carla is honored to be the Queen of the Fresno Chapter. She promises to be a warm and loving ambassador as she travels to each chapter's coronation and looks forward to making many new friends in NSD.

Monthly Specials

Our May 3rd Sunday was a "Fiesta" hosted by Lorraine Tilton and was assisted by Dennis Drew, Lorrie Navarro, Sharon Crisp, Lynn Sanders and Tony & Nancy Palazzo. June will be our Father's Day Celebration hosted by Jim & Janet Mitchell, with help from Dolores & Orié Reed, Kathy Sachse & Tahani Elhag. We thank them all!



Sunshine

Please keep in your thoughts David Bonetto. Many of you will know him as part of Sunnyside Department Store, a frequent vendor at the State board meetings and Conventions. He is battling a medical problem right now.

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With the arrival of Spring in June the moods of the citizens are finally becoming sunny and physical healing is aided by sunshine for some of our members. Getting to know our long time members: Mary and Ray Crosat. Mary met her best friend Ray, then 13 at her tender age of 11. She married the sweet "boy next door" and they will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary this year. Ray retired as a San Francisco Police Sergeant and Mary as a bookkeeper from the San Francisco Giants Baseball Team. Together they have 3 children, Kathie, retired Para Legal married to Don Baily, Bob, retired SF Police Sergeant, married to Nancy, and Raymond, in Plumbing Sales, married to Marty. They have six grand children and 7 great grandchildren. As they always loved to dance - Ray does a mean East Coast Swing, they were destined to meet with Rosalie and Bob at the SF Verdi Club and were invited to a Smooth dance, getting hooked from the first day. Being introduced to a fabulous club with wonderful members who will forever be part of their lives. Mary was elected queen in 2005 to represent our chapter, giving them a chance to travel down the Avenue of the queens (HWY 5) to visit with all our other chapters, creating and maintaining many friendships. They will always hold a special bond with Bob Fragomeni and Rosalie Wolf and are grateful for their guidance.

Rosalie Wolf

(contributed by Elena Malta)
In addition to introducing our long time members, we have a special tribute to Rosalie Wolf who just recently retired as Social chair after "40 years" of service. After loosing her only son to an accident while in the service, Rosalie started working at the well known Fragomeni Brothers deli, where she met Bob and his family and was instantly in love.

Joe Malta, who delivered cheese to the deli was always treated to a sandwich for his route, so he would not starve. After Rosalie met Elena a fast friendship developed and they saw many theater productions together as well as traveled on 15 cruises.

Rosalie and Bob invited them to come to a dance at the Golden Gate chapter of Smooth dancers on Valencia street. Though at first intimidated, they got hooked, like all of us.

Rosalie and Bob enjoyed practice and taking lessons for many years and competed winning lots of trophies, while delighting the audience with their beautiful dancing.

Bob started cooking for the Sunday dances and it's said he made the best Rotisserie chicken in the world. Rosalie was Queen three times, 1975, 1982 and State Queen in 1990. She was instrumental in bringing in many new members to the organization, while accommodating and pleasing everyone's request for seating arrangements at the Sunday dances. NSD being a huge part of her life, Rosalie always made the Board of Directors meetings in Bakersfield and only missed one convention in all these years. We affectionately call her the " God Mother " of our chapter.

Contribution by Rita Parma:

We are saddened to report the death of Margaret Crager on May 26, 2011. After graduating from college, Margaret taught Math, Science and Physical Education. She was a member of the US Navy WAVES and later became a civil service employee of the US Corp of Army Engineers. Margaret also served as representative of the Beta Sigma Phi International Cultural Sorority and had the opportunity to travel throughout the United States and Western Canada.

As counselor for the Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, she worked with families from different tribes providing them with access to educational programs, employment and housing.

Margaret Crager, along with her predeceased husband, Charles, were long-time members of National Smooth Dancers, first with the now defunct San Jose Chapter and later as members of Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, Inc. Margaret served as Queen for the San Jose Chapter and became an honorary member of the Golden Gate Chapter.

Margaret was an independent woman of high standards and complete integrity. She participated with enthusiasm in club activities and remained active in her church, book club and enjoyed dancing well into her nineties. Margaret will be missed, but will continue to live in the minds of those she so lovingly touched.

NEW MEMBERS

I would also like to welcome our new members without whom this lovely organization could not continue: Patrick Jude, Carl Chesbrough, Elizabeth Li, Boris and Shulamit Rabinovich.

We sincerely hope you will enjoy your participation in our organization and encourage many of your friends to come join us for our Sunday dances and to become members as well.

In July we will have the good fortune to have our dance lesson taught by Bill Milner, the pro who entertained us with his amazing dancing at our convention and again in Bakersfield.

Stay well and happy and dance, dance, dance. Yours, grammatically incorrect. Gabrielle vonStephens, editor.

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Lifetime Members

Anne and Dave Saul were approved for Lifetime member status. Dave edited Smooth talk newsletter for over 15 years. Anne represented our chapter as a beautiful Queen in 2001. Anne and Dave are also faithful attendees of our socials, dance classes, and business meetings and supporters of all things NSD.

New Member

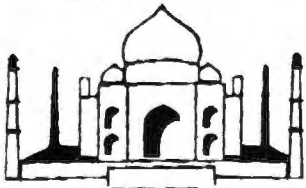
Olga Aleshin is the Chapter's newest member. Welcome Olga!

Showcase Winner

At Champion Ballroom's 21st Anniversary Showcase on May 21st, Sandy Long performed a foxtrot, swing, soft shoe and jive medley with her professional partner. With a score of 99, she won the top solo award for the day and then performed in the evening program.

Congratulations Sandy!

Taj Mahal



Terry's Travels

by: Terry Ghianni

"I just got back from India and Nepal. Both countries are absolutely fascinating. Finally saw the Taj Mahal and was lucky enough to see a Bengal tiger in the wild. Had fun riding a camel and an Indian elephant! In Nepal, I saw Mt. Everest from a small plane. The thrills of a lifetime! (Now I am getting ready for Africa in August.)"

Mexican Fiesta



Polly McDonald hosted May's Cinco de Mayo social and it was fun, colorful success. Ann Vutisaksatit was the DJ.

Polly would like to thank all of her many helpers, especially Ben Kao and Mark Chapman, Jim Drysdale and Nancy Ross, Glenn Thomson and Carol Milne, and Amy Liu and Mike Lin. The social on June 4th was themed "Big band Sounds". Judy and Vern Miranda hosted the party, with Mike Cowlshaw DJ-ing. Guests came attired in the spirit of the era, as flappers, gangsters and molls, and a Zoot Suit too! It was great fun.

Upcoming Classes

Classes slated for July and August are International Waltz and International Foxtrot, to be taught by Scott Dodson.

Fresno Bus

The club is leasing a bus to go to the September Convention in Fresno. The bus will leave Friday morning (9-2-11) and return Monday (9-5-11) after the breakfast. The cost is \$50 per person. There will be snacks and drinks, fun and companionship, sing-alongs (led by our Chuck) and jokes galore. Please send your checks to Kay Ryan, 4303 Coronado Avenue, San Diego, CA 92107 or give your check to Kay at the Business Meeting. We will open seating up to our fellow dancers from Palomar on June 1st.

2011 Team Match

Want to be a competition without the pressure and expensive costumes? Try the annual NSD team match. It takes place on the first evening of the convention in Fresno (September 2nd). Cathy O'Harra will coordinate this year's team for San Diego. Contact Cathy to be on the team!

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QUEEN ELECT MIRIAM MOZES



Our new Queen, Miriam Mozes was born in Poland. She trained and worked as a pharmacist there until immigrating to the United States. Miriam met her husband, George in 1970, (on a blind date). It must have been love at first sight because they were married a year later.

They began Ballroom dancing while residing in Chicago. They moved to Vista in 1993 and due to business, two children to raise and other obligations, were unable to give dancing their full attention. However, "the dancing bug bit" said George, and they joined the Palomar Chapter in 2000. Since that time, Miriam and George have been a driving force behind Palomar, with Miriam serving as Queen in 2003 & 2008, and George as president in 2003 & 2005.

They have taught ballroom classes since 2007; these classes, sponsored by Palomar SD have resulted in the acquisition of many new members. Miriam also supervises the organization of the Sunday "Dance Socials" held each month. When asked about serving a third term as Queen, she said "Great". When questioned further she replied "I love to serve the Palomar group, although we are a small chapter, we are a great chapter." Consensus of the membership is that under Miriam's guidance, Palomar Chapter will remain a great Chapter.

Queen's Luncheon

This year's Queen's Luncheon was held at Mimi's in Carlsbad and hosted by former queen Dana Sharon. Fifteen former queens gathered for the affair and each of the fifteen was given a different gift. The main topic of conversation was the most memorable events which happened in their respective reigns.

Coronation

Coronation co-sponsors Eckhard Aschke and Ssook Choi are busy preparing for the queens and friends from the

fellow NSD chapters who will help celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elect Miriam Mozes. Entertainment will be provided by Bill Steener and Barbara Greenlaw. Outgoing Queen Marsha Hanson has been preparing two dozen of the local members for a folk dance demonstration that will be included in the entertainment. Miriam's theme "Far Away Places" will be reflected in Marsha's selection of four ethnic dances from four different "far away places". Last Call For Reservations. This is the last call for the Coronation on July 16th. Call Ralph Anderson at (762) 761-1138.

New Members

Welcome to new members Melinda and Joe Letty. Residents of Vista, the Letty's have lived in the San Diego area for 8 years. Joe, a retired pipe fitter, is now employed by the Wild Animal Park. Melinda has worked 28 years as a medical coder and is now employed in that capacity at Camp Pendleton. Enthused by "Dancing with the Stars", and a developed interest in dancing led them to the Monday, Palomar SD lessons. Hobbies include tending a special garden whose main function is to restore ailing plants to good health. This requires visits to estate sales which is another of their interests.

State Convention 2011

The National Smooth Dancers 2011 Convention will be hosted by the Fresno Chapter September 2-5, 2011. The theme is Neptune's Kingdom "Under the Sea". There will be entertainment, dancing, competition and the celebration of the New State Queen. For forms for the Convention contact Ssook Choi (858) 437-1958

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