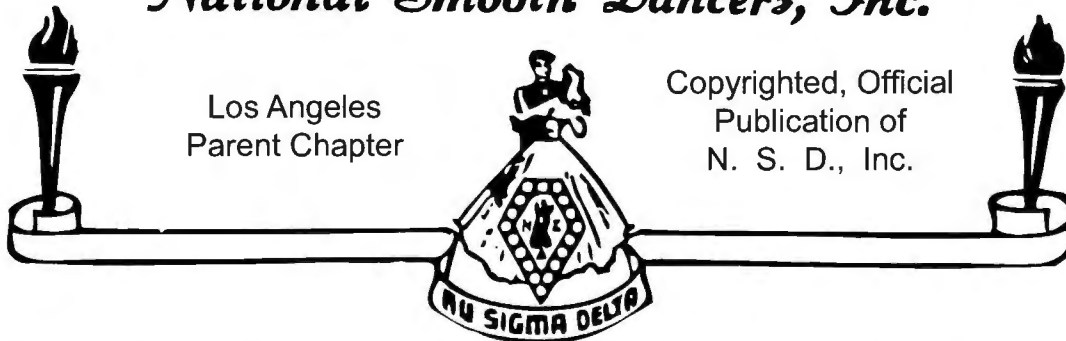


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IT'S CONVENTION TIME!

By now you should be ready to leave for the start of the 2011 State Convention at the Radisson Hotel located in the heart of Fresno across from both Hwys 41 and 99 at 2223 Ventura Ave., starting on Friday, September 2.

Ready to welcome you will be Co-Chairmen, Steve Moore and Kevin McCreedy (his 4th time in this position.)

They will be joined by newly elected State Queen, Carla Hartunian, Kathy Sachse, Lynn Sanders and all of the Fresno members who have been working so hard for months to put this program together for us.

You can expect a bountiful afternoon Hospitality where you will be greeted by sea critters as you feast upon shrimp, crab and other delicacies.

At low tide, you will begin your first adventure at Oyster Bay where King Neptune will gather his subjects to join in the fun, laughter and dancing.

Saturday afternoon, join

the Mermaids at the Clama Cabana for an afternoon of dancing and the first of the dance contests.

In the evening the first formal event will be the State Queen's Coronation followed by a delicious dinner. Contests will continue followed by a professional show.

Dancing will continue Sunday afternoon and evening with another professional performance.

Each evening is followed by hospitalities hosted by Visalia, Golden Gate and the San Fernando Valley.

You will wash ashore Monday morning in time to say goodbyes at the farewell breakfast.

Our sincere thanks to all of the Fresno Chapter members for putting on this wonderful convention.

Stay tuned for the next issue to read all about the happenings and contest winners.



CORONATION

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 4, 2012 for the Los Angeles Chapter Queen's Coronation.

This is a first for February, but there was not a January date available at the Courtyard by Marriott in Monrovia where our Coronations have been held for the past several years. It is a lovely venue and a good size to accommodate this event.

Our queen-elect is Lesley Scott who is looking forward to representing the Los Angeles Chapter throughout the year.

Allan Scott is one of the earliest NSD members ever. He joined the San Diego Chapter in 1947.

BLACK & WHITE BALL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2010

1:30-4:30pm Refreshments 3:45pm

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Live Music by Dolores Moore
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Los Angeles Chapter Social Calendar

- 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
- Sunday, Jan. 15.....1P.M.
El Monte
- Sunday, Feb. 4.....1P.M.
Coronation-Monrovia

BACK TO SCHOOL

Our September date has been changed to the third Sunday—the 18th and will have a "Back to School theme."

The business meeting will begin at 1:00pm followed by a dance lesson and general dancing. Dress will be casual.

The lunch break will be about 3:45 and no doubt will include sandwiches and cookies.

The price is \$12.00 for members and guests. Checks should be made payable to NSD and sent to Jan Russell, 7947 Kingbee St., Downey, CA 90240. Phone (562) 861-3870.

Liz Bradford will be playing Ray's music. It should be a fun event.



BLACK AND WHITE BALL

Our annual Black and White Ball will be held on Sunday, October 9 at the El Monte Senior Center. The business meeting will begin at 1:00pm followed by general dancing.

Live music for dancing will be provided by Dolores Moore who is very entertaining and will play any requests.

The price is \$12.00 per person, make checks payable to NSD and send to Susan Johnson, 2328 Loma Vista St. Pasadena, CA 91104, Phone (626) 794-1101.



Party Line ...By Liz

We were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Barbara Schultz following a major stroke. Barbara was a devout Mormon and did not dance on Sundays, but she came to NSD events whenever possible and liked to keep up with what was happening. Our sympathy to her family.

My partner, Roger Seastedt and I enjoyed a cruise on the Crystal Symphony to Alaska. Having been there 40 years ago, I was amazed at how much the Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau had receded. We took the scenic narrow gauge train ride in Skagway and toured Ketchikan and Sitka. There was much dancing, great shows and of course lots of wonderful food. We also played bridge. The Butchart Gardens in Victoria were spectacular as always.

Andy Anderson celebrated his 95th birthday with a party at the Glendale Moose with the danceable music of Linda Herman.

Shun and Dottie Ling are taking a seven day Pacific Coast cruise on the Sapphire Princess calling on San Diego, Santa Barbara and San Francisco. Eleanor Terry is joining them.

Bea Gaspar enjoyed an outing of the Red Hat Society to the Adobe House for lunch and a tour of the gardens. She had to miss our Luau when she hit her eye on a corner of a cabinet. She was lucky to get immediate medical help and it appears there is no permanent damage.

In October, Joy Michaels is taking her son to Spain to look up his heritage. She and her sister married brothers and she will be going as well.

Chuck and Susan Johnson will each be attending separate weddings on 9/10/11. Susan will go to Lake Tahoe for her nephew's ceremony while Chuck goes to Colorado for his sister's nuptials.

The Catterlins grandson has been accepted into the

Marine Corps Air Force. On their cruise from England to Russia they taught ballroom dancing on the Jewel of the Seas twice a day on 4 days at sea.

Ken Scholtz is a member of the Oceanaries—a barbership chorus. They perform at various churches usually at an "Ice Cream Social" He had to miss our August meeting and dance, but Marion came since she is our Secretary.

Our thanks to George Camilton who set up our website three years ago and has been our webmaster ever since.

Our new members, Tom and Sandy Wells have a busy summer with travel to Mammoth, Lake Tahoe, Connecticut for a wedding and a cruise to Venice and the Greek Isles on the Norwegian Jade.

The phone number for Victor Lee and Debby Ku in the roster is incorrect. It should be (626) 285-8787.

Gordon and Marjorie Lodwick have moved into a retirement home. New address – 1551 E. Chevy Chase Dr. #213 Glendale, CA 91206. They are enjoying it and say it is almost like a hotel.

Queen Joy Michaels belongs to a group called "Senior Smiles". They visit people in nursing homes.

PATRIOTIC DANCE

The theme for our July 10 dance party was red, white and blue. It was carried out in the table decorations by tablecloths and flowers arranged by Susan Johnson.

A nice turnout was enhanced by seven guests: Frank and Gladys Donyes, Jack and Filomina Campbell, Jude and Helen Chan and Walter Lee. We hope they will return and possibly become members.

New officers were installed - President, Kyle Catterlin, Vice-President, Don Haight, Recording Secretary - Marion Scholtz, Corresponding Secretary - Jodene Catterlin, Social Chairman - Susan Johnson and board members Chuck Johnson and Joy Michaels.

After the meeting, we had a dance lesson with some intricate

waltz patterns by the Johnsons.

Susan Lewis provided danceable music with many summertime themed tunes and two lively mixers.

Liz Bradford handled refreshments for the High Tea of finger sandwiches, chips and miniature cup cake, turnovers and cookies. A good time was had by all



HAWAIIAN PARTY

August 14 was the date for our Hawaiian themed dance party at El Monte Senior Center.

The tables were gaily decorated with miniature palm trees and pineapples arranged by Social Chairman, Susan Johnson. Our newly elected President, Kyle Catterlin conducted the business meeting. This was followed by a dance lesson by Chuck and Susan, reviewing last month's waltz and adding a lively swing pattern.

Chuck played the music for dancing with many island themes among the programmed CD's. There was also a line dance to Elvira and the usual Fox Trot and Waltz mixers.

Several people had to cancel because of illness so that left more food for the rest of us to enjoy including the Johnson's special seafood and chicken salad sandwiches with chips, lemon bundt cake and large cookies. Filling out the buffet was a big bowl of fresh fruit brought by Renee Haight. It was a delightful afternoon.

RETIREMENT

Our honorary member, John Morton was honored on his retirement with a gala event held at the Westmor Ballroom in Los Angeles. Our chapter met there for many years and enjoyed the huge wood floor and central location in Los Angeles. John was a friend and teacher to many of us. He has been inducted into the National Dance Hall of Fame.

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

November 5, 2011
Valley Coronation

February 4, 2012
Los Angeles Coronation

It is August 14th as I write this. I spent yesterday watching my first grandson, Alexander Michael Griffith being born. Would you believe a red head like me? 9lbs 1oz. As I was reveling in all this wonder of life and glory, the true meaning of life hit me. OMG. The Whispers article is due tomorrow. I'm out of town. What to do? How to deal with it? Would Liz REALLY forgive me under the circumstances? Oh heck. What was she telling me again? Double spacing? Bigger writing? Would my chapter forgive me for not turning in an article? Sorry Liz. I promise to do better next time as I'm fighting this new version of Word.

So good news for us and bad news for my daughter. Obviously, the hospital loved Alex so much they wanted to keep him for another couple of days. I was therefore off the grandmotherly hook. I raced home to do the right thing for my club. No, it's just not me. It's all of us who read the Whispers. We are all dedicated lovers of our club and dancing. So, the day was saved and tonight I heard word that baby Alex is doing better and will be able to go home in two days.



ANNIVERSARY

OOOPSIE... I was so enthralled with writing about our 50th Anniversary party on June 4th, that I had the number 50 engrained in my brain. So truly and honestly, our Queen Roberta and her husband, Les, did not really celebrate their own 50th wedding anniversary last month. They are much too young for that. They would have had to be married as children. Sorry Les and Roberta. Happy 25th instead. And what a party they threw. They included all the SFV board members and hard workers in their guest list. The DJ music was excellent. The dinner was superb and the open bar greatly appreciated by all. Naturally, there was a large dance floor and we made

sure it did not go to waste. Les and Roberta, we can't wait for the real 50th!

We are looking forward to re-crowning Roberta at our Coronation on November 5th. For those who have not attended our Coronations, we throw a wonderful hospitality reception at the LaZar's beautiful home. This year, we will also be holding a champagne breakfast affair at their home also, beautiful catered. You should try to join us. We have a great time.

We are all looking forward to seeing you in Fresno and are preparing a fun skit to entertain you at breakfast. Yes, it will be the San Fernando Valley's turn to present to you, once again, the 2012 convention at the five star J.W. Marriott Hotel in Palm Desert. I can't say how much we are looking forward to all the dedicated hard work that is ahead of us. (All right. LOL. But it will be worth it.)

Editor's Note: For all of you computer illiterates LOL stands for laugh out loud (I learned that from my grandchildren) I always thought it stood for little old ladies.

CONTRIBUTION

It was very special to us when one of our members, Ray Kong, decided to contribute a nice little donation to beef up our dance coffers. He has not yet attended either Board Meeting or Convention so we hope to encourage him to do so at our convention next year. Thank you Ray.

Mark (our President) and Sally Emanuelli (First Lady) spent a week in "civilization detox" with their children, Juliana (now six) and Johnny (now four) at their annual campsite in the Sequoia's. They had another fun year, swimming in the creek, fishing (but didn't catch anything - AGAIN) and kayaking—and oh yeah—and S'mores. I think too many of us remember the S'mores? Upon returning to civilization, Sally's car of 10 years decided to throw a tantrum (and a transmission.) Sally is now the proud owner of a 2011 Toyota Prius. We haven't told Mark yet how much she paid to the transmission saboteurs. You know, a woman's got to do what she's got to do.

So, back to baby world for me. Signing off, your SFV editor, and newly appointed Grandma Joan Robinson.

CONVENTION

The upcoming events for September include the state convention hosted by the Fresno Chapter this year. They have several events planned and it should be a lot of fun. The dance competitions, and the professional dancers, plus lots of dancing for us, what more could you ask for? Get your reservations in and plan on being there.



DANCING WITH THE STARS

Our September dance will be hosted by Rose and Steve Peterson. The tentative theme is "Dancing with the Stars". I love that theme! Our club has some wonderful stars in it so make sure you're there to shine! That's September 24th at the Rasmussen Center 115 East Roberts Lane from 7:00-10:30.



LOVE BOAT

On August 27, Paul and Irene Leong will be hosting, so we can dance the night away on board the "Smooth Dancers Love Boat". They have a wonderful committee on board to ensure us smooth sailing.

For our entertainment, two spotlight dancers are planned. The music by the Targets will ensure us a wonderful night of dancing. So don't miss the boat, mark your calendars now for August 27, from 7:00 to 10:30 at the Rasmussen Center 115 East Roberts Lane..

Our July dance was hosted by Norma Neil and a great committee. The dance featured a beach theme and was a wonderful place to be to chase away the "summertime blues." The music was put together by Ken Silber, who kept all in attendance, dancing through the evening.

FORMAL EVENT

In June, our dance featured a "Majestic Evening", This dance was hosted by JoAnn Georgio, and was a semi-formal function

BOARD PLANS

On a final note, our red-haired dynamo, Charlene Miller, who always has one foot dancing and the other running and dares us to keep up with her, has been busy organizing her committees for the March boards. She already has some of her packets available to handout to the other chapters at the state convention in Sept..

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ANNIVERSARY BALL

Visalia Chapter invites you all to celebrate its 36th years anniversary with an elegant evening of dining and dancing at the **"Black, White and Roses Anniversary Ball"** on October 15, 2011 at the Memorial Building in Exeter, California. Doors will open at 6:30pm for a hosted wine reception which will be followed at 7pm by a buffet dinner catered by The Happy Cookers. General dancing will begin at 8pm and continue until 11pm to the enticing and magical music provided by music man, Greg Uichanco.

Co-Chairs Sue Giampietro and Debbie Snyder are encouraging guests to dress in keeping with the black and white theme for this formal occasion. Attire is black-tie optional with a coat and tie required for the gentlemen.

Visalia Chapter members Lona and Bill Dolan will provide the evening's entertainment. Lona and Bill are the 2010 National Smooth Dancers Four Star Champions and also compete as amateurs at the Star Ball competitions.

Reservations are required by October 5, 2011. Price for the anniversary dinner and dance is \$35 per person for payments received before October 5 and \$45 on a space available basis for reservations received after October 5th. Mail reservations to Yvette Haworth, P.O. Box 672, Three Rivers, CA 93271 (559-561-3604). Call Sue at 559-733-7795 or Debbie at 559-924-7343 for additional information.

LUAU 2011

You could feel the tropical breeze and hear the beat of the Hawaiian drums in Exeter on July 16th when the Exelter Memorial Building was magically transformed into a tropical island with palm trees and lush greenery, a sparkling blue ocean with sandy beach, beautiful flowers and brightly colored parrots for the annual **Visalia Smooth Dancers Luau**. Once again the Visalia Luau Committee provided a spectacular atmosphere

reminiscent of a luau under the moonlight skies of Hawaii.

When the dancing began with more traditional dance rhythms, DJ Cheryl, who wasn't dancing due to foot surgery (yes again), had a steady stream of visitors to her tiki hut (built by David Bixler) to keep her company. Could it have been that she was pouring rum into that refreshing tropical punch that was so artfully crafted by June Aguet?.



What luau would be complete without dancing entertainment? Although there were no "grass skirts", the audience was delighted by the exhibition of Hans & Vilya Kam. This young Fresno couple, who in 2008 began competing in the Latin division at such events as USA Dance Nationals and the Cardinal Classic. at Stanford University, unveiled their new Latin Show Dances -- a rumba, cha cha and, following a costume change, a spirited and energetic jive!!

All the solo wahinis (that's ladies in Hawaiian) asked me to thank Dean Levitan who spent the evening graciously dancing with as many ladies as possible. This year's Luau Committee provided the perfect blend of plenty of good food, a beautiful setting, good friends, wonderful dancing and memories of a terrific night in the tropics!!! All that was missing was the scent of plumeria in the air!!

HATS OFF to Steve Moore, Kathy Sachse and the entire Fresno chapter for a wonderful "Under the Sea" adventure into Neptune's Kingdom" at the 2011 Convention.

Congratulations to the beautiful Carla Hartunian, as she embarks on her reign as State Queen. You will be seeing a lot of Queen Carla as she visits the various chapters this year.

CONVENTION

By the time you receive this issue of the Whispers our convention will be over. We hope that you all enjoyed it and we want to thank all of you who attended. We especially want to thank the chapters who hosted our hospitalities, Visalia, Golden Gate, and San Fernando Valley. We thank all of the Fresno members who assisted in the preparation and presentation of this event.

QUEEN'S REPORT

Carla Rose Hartunian

I had the honor to travel to Palomar Chapter's Coronation Ball. The theme was Faraway Places, the coronation of Queen Miriam Mozes. Before the coronation started a spectacular Power Point of faraway places all over the world was shown to get us in the mood. Miriam's handsome son, Avi carried her crown during the ceremony. Outgoing Queen Marsha Hanson crowned Queen Miriam.

George Mozes greeted and thanked everyone for coming. He told the audience that the Queen's dance was a special dance from a far away country, for broken bones and sore joints. When the music started, Queen Miriam and George performed a beautiful Waltz. The entertainment was provided by Bill Steeber and graceful Barbara Greenlaw. The highlight of the evening was when the Palomar Folk Dancers performed four different Folk dances from all over the world.

Sunday, we had a wonderful, delicious brunch for the outgoing Queen Marsha at the beautiful Shadow Ridge Country Club in Vista. Being at the country club was a wonderful, relaxing way to end a wonderful weekend. Queen Marsha will be missed in the crown circle. She is a very special and caring person.

Another Fresno couple accompanied me to Palomar. Mike Moyle and Pat Taniguchi not only enjoyed the coronation, but also the golf outing.

TRIBUTE

Kathy Sachse, Carla Hartunian and I traveled to the Golden Gate Chapter's June

Tribute to Bob Fragomeni, their "God Father". Bob, though under the guidance of Hospice, was able to attend. We were able to meet many of his family members, and, of course, Rosalie Wolf was there. There were close to 125 people who attended. It was wonderful to get a chance to talk with Bob and let him know of our love and respect for him.

Unfortunately, Bob has since passed. The three of us, joined by Lotti Carr of Visalia, traveled to San Francisco to attend the "Celebration of Life Mass" at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. His family hosted a reception at the Verdi Club after returning from the Italian Cemetery in Colma.

Bob will be greatly missed both by his family, Rosalie, his Chapter and by all of NSD.

CHAPTER ACITIVITIES

Our Coronation was followed on June 19th with a celebration of Father's Day. It was hosted by Jim & Janet Mitchell and the committee of Orié & Dolores Reed, Kathy Sachse and Tahani Elhag. Music was provided by Sarah Vigen. Lessons in Foxtrot and Mambo were taught by Hugo Villanueva.

July 17th was "An All American Celebration", hosted by Stella Ruckman and Linda Bennett. Their committee included Kathy Sachse, Tahani Elhag & Janice Kebo.

August 21 was themed for the season, "Hot Summer Nights" and was hosted by Patricia Ramirez. Her committee was George & Norma Schmidt, Michael Mikhael, Lorraine Tilton and Cissie Vigen. The music was played by Sharon Crisp.

Sept is National Ballroom Month and that will be the theme on the 18th and will be hosted by Kathy Sachse. The music will be played by Dennis Drew. Dan Goss will be teaching lessons in the Waltz and Swing. We will have additional entertainment provided by young people from Cynthia Merrill's School of Dance.

On October 16th Kathy will host our 3rd Sunday Social with the music played by Kathy Sachse. Our dance lessons will be Foxtrot and Bolero taught by Dan Goss.

MEMBER NEWS

Good wishes go out to Orie Reed, who has a broken hip. He has had a replacement done and seems to be healing well. David Bonetto is home from the hospital and the treatment he received seems to be very helpful. our best wishes go to Lorrie Navarro and Dennis Drew who are now Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Drew.

Our condolences go out to Sharon Crisp who lost her father.

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It is with great sadness that I have to tell you about the passing of our chapters "God Father" **Bob Fragomeni** on July 9th.

At our June 12th dance we had decided to honor Bob and invited his and Rosalie's family to attend. Bob's brother Buddy with his friend Violet, his brother Ed with wife Diane attended, as well as Rosalie's grandson Ed with care giver. It was a grand affair with great food, wonderful music and lots of kissing and hugging. Bea Chow did a beautiful, soulful Hawaiian dance, called "PUA CARNATION", for Bob and a fabulous cake was cut in honor of our beloved Bob.

Bob loved all the attention bestowed on him and I believe I even saw a little tear slide down his cheek.

A Rosary was held for Bob the evening of July 14th, with the funeral following the next day at a beautiful Church in San Francisco, where not one empty seat could be found, followed by the burial at the Italian Cemetery in Colma. We gathered for a truly Italian feast at the Verdi Club to remember our friend.

Kathy Sachse, Kevin McCready and Queen Carla Hartunian came as far as Fresno and Lotti Carr all the way from Visalia to honor Bob.

Here is an excerpt from a talk given by Joe Malta at the Rosary for his "special friend" which expresses some of the best of what can be said: "Bob was my special friend, my third brother. A world traveler who would go out of his way with a kind deed, an extra hand, starting conversations with strangers, making friends everywhere he went. On a bus in Kosovo filled with people who did not like each other, Bob managed to find a large Salami in an awful smelling butcher shop, along with some bread. He passed it out to the people on the bus, turning the ride into a party

where everyone shared their wine, their fruit, their songs. A possible miserable 1 1/2 hour bus ride turned positive through his initiative.

Bob loved his food. Just remember all the great meals you had that he organized the food for, at one of the affairs at the Verdi Club or an NSD event. But no matter how much he ate, he always left room for dessert. "THE BEST IS YET TO COME" was the motto he lived by and he loved his desserts. It is my belief that Bob was called to heaven to organize the parties and food up there. Thank you Bob for your example, looking forward to attending one of those parties with you again...."

We all miss you terribly as do all the ferret kitties, you fed and provided medical care for. Till we meet again.

Rosalie asked me to thank all of you for the outpouring of love, through cards, letters, flowers and services in his honor. She just knows he is tickled pink at all his attention.

On a little lighter note, our dear Alda Tomera stepped out of bed one night, forgetting to use her cane and promptly fell, hurt her hip and broke her arm once again. Irene Borelli, her close friend and neighbor told me that she is healing well and will soon be at our functions again.

And on an even lighter note and happy one at that, I was informed that Elena and Joe's daughter Debbie on vacation in Rome with her boyfriend, received a formal on the knee proposal for marriage and happily accepted.

They set the date for September 23rd and plan to wed in Rome, with a honeymoon in Paris. Does it get any more romantic than that? You gotta love those italians for keeping romance alive. Elena and Joe, as well as the groom's mother will be in Rome for the wedding.

Getting to know our long time members: Barbara and Ben Cardinali. Ben grew up in San Francisco and while attending Commerce High School he became interested in Sports, playing Baseball and Football and received the "AllCity" honors. With some Nostalgia he skipped his senior year when being accepted at Stanford University, making

the Varsity Baseball Team as a freshman. After enlisting in the Service at Naval Officers training he was commissioned to serve in the Western Pacific until the end of the war. He returned to Stanford to play Baseball and a little football until he graduated in 1948. After a year of professional Baseball in the minor league, Ben went to work at the San Rafael Military Academy as an assistant coach and Math teacher and then taught at the Cleveland Elementary school in San Francisco for 42 years.

His darling wife Barbara with her disarming smile, whom he married at the beautiful Old St. Marys church in San Francisco, volunteered during their marriage at St. Mary's Help Hospital for 34 years, eventually becoming co-chair of the gift shop.

Barbara was born in San Rafael and since her father was assigned as "captain of the guards" at San Quentin, she grew up in San Quentin village attending Elementary schools there, then moving on to San Rafael High School and Marin Junior College. Barbara worked at the Federal Reserve Bank in the War Bonds Dpt. After the war she graced the Marin Water Districts front desk, solving problems with her charming manor and disarming smile. Barbara and Ben joined NSD in 1989 and she became GG chapter queen in 1995 which she views as a very special time in her life. They now enjoy their retirement being members of several Social Clubs and love to cruise. She has been our corresponding secretary for many years and sends out all those sweet notes some of you may have been fortunate to receive.

Every time I see her, I am always so impressed at her impeccable grooming, beautiful hair and coordinated clothes, and then there is Ben with his amazing talent to create and build things, You are an inspiration, Barbara and Ben!

I keep trying to add all the travel reports I have gathered since January, but the triumphs and tragedies in our chapter take precedence of the space available.



Queen Mary King

Queen's Note

Queen Mary King's August quote of the month: "Years wrinkle the skin, but--lack of enthusiasm wrinkles the soul." (Norman Vincent Peale) Thank you for the reminder, Mary!

New Members

The Chapter welcomes 3 new members, Russ Jenkins, Larry Knost, and Nancy Schwartz. We're very glad to have you!

Competitors in the SD DanceSport Championship

Congratulations to San Diego Smooth Dancer Ann Vutisaksatit who competed at the San Diego DanceSport Championships in June. Ann competed with her instructor, Scott Dodson, in Newcomer and Pre-Bronze International Waltz, Tango, Viennese Waltz, Foxtrot and Quickstep.

Twain Giddens competed with his amateur partner, Helen McGuinness, in Pre-Bronze International Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep and Viennese Waltz; and in Pre-Silver American Waltz and Foxtrot.

Jacky Scores at Desert Classic

Jacky Yu competed at the Desert Classic DanceSport Championship in July in Palm Desert. Dancing with his instructor, Olga Ginzburg, Jacky competed in intermediate silver and full silver Latin (Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba, Paso Doble, and Jive). He also completed in the closed silver International Latin Scholarship (Cha Cha, Samba, and Rumba). Congratulations, Jacky!

Party Fun

There was plenty of red, white and blue on the dance floor for the July 4th party. Thanks to Ann Vutisaksatit for hosting. Jacky Yu for DJing, and the many others who pitched in to

help.

Upcoming Classes

Dance Class Chair Chuck DiSessa wants everyone to know that when Sunday classes resume in October (there will be no classes in September), Carrie Kloss has planned some fabulous choreography in the enchanting American Foxtrot and the red-hot Mambo. Please mark your calendars accordingly and be ready for an exciting time at dance class this fall! And, thank you all who attend our classes for making it such a huge success!



Ice Cream Social

The club's ice cream social on August 5 was a tasty treat for all. It was hosted by Melissa Dennison and Djed by Al Folkman. Ice cream by the tub, banana split makings, and cookies topped off a sweet evening. As always, thanks to everyone who helped!

Costume Party

Our next social, on October 1, is going to be Wild, Wacky & Wonderful. try out that new costume or, better yet, throw together your most outrageous outfit using whatever you have hanging around the house. Go Wild! Be Wacky! Or just be your Wonderful Self!

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San Diego will be hosting the Friday night hospitality at the 2012 convention in Palm Desert.

We will also be hosting the State Convention in 2014

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The theme for the Palomar Chapter's Coronation, honoring Queen Miriam Mozes was Faraway Places. The theme was carried out perfectly, starting with a beautiful CD projected on a large screen and showing from Far Away Places many beautiful scenes from a variety of landscapes and architecture. This lovely CD was prepared by Queen Miriam's son Avi Mozes..

The ballroom was decorated by a star covered white arch. Seven visiting Queens and Outgoing Queen Marsha Hanson in lovely white gowns and tiaras flanked Queen Elect Miriam. Also assisting were Crown bearer Avi Mozes and Flower Bearer Peggy Lee. As is customary, Miriam and husband George performed the first waltz which George named "a waltz from LOPKAH, (the last of painful knees and hips)".

The theme was continued through the decor of the hall and with a beautifully decorated celebratory cake. As part of the entertainment, teacher and choreographer Marsha Hanson choreographed three group dances from far away places Greece, Scotland and Israel. Seven Palomar Chapter Couples performed these group dances which were well received. The featured entertainment was a performance by Barbara Greenlaw and Bill Steeber. Their first performance was an elegant fox trot followed by a lively swing.

Special thanks go to co-chairpersons of the Coronation Ekhard Aschke and Ssook Choi and to all of the other Palomar Chapter members who made this Coronation a wonderful success.



Artist's Award

Jack Ragland won the Best of Show Award in the Ralph Love Plein Painting Competition sponsored by the Temecula Arts Council and open to all artists. Starting at 8am, the artists were required to paint a scene of Old

Town Temecula on site to be completed by 3pm that day for judging. The Temecula mayor presented Jack with his award at the New Temecula City Hall, where the painting is now on permanent display.

New Members

We welcome two new members coincidentally born in Scotland.. Carol Milne from Aberdeen, moved to the United States in the early 1960's. She is a long time resident of the North County, and has a daughter who lives in Fallbrook. She has been dancing for four years and dances frequently with the San Diego Smooth Dancers as well as the Palomar Socials and lessons.

George Gebbie was born in Glasglow and became a permanent resident of the United States in 1966. A retired toolmaker, George worked the last twelve years of his career in management in Sorrento Valley. A resident of Oceanside, when asked how long he replied with a smile "I started ballroom dancing when I was 14".

Travels

Debbie Kincaid enjoyed some traveling with her family. She and her daughter along with her sister and niece had a great time on a Norwegian Line Mediterranean Cruise. The four girls spent lots of time dancing and the highlight of the trip was in Rome with a view of the Pope in his Pope mobile. In a more recent trip, Debbie traveled to Orlando, FL to watch her grandson and his Los Angeles team win the World Little League 10 & Under Championship. Congratulations to Debbie's grandson, Eli.

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