

DANCE WHISPERS

National Smooth Dancers, Inc.



Los Angeles
Parent Chapter



Copyrighted, Official
Publication of
N. S. D., Inc.



January - February 2012

Liz Bradford, Editor



Queen Elect Lesley Scott

Lesley was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and lived there for the first few years of her life. She then moved to California with her Mother and sister where she finished school and attended college.

She participated in the honor's club; speech and dance club, the tennis team, band and orchestra. Lesley has three sons who all love computers. Mel, does design work with computers. Jon, works with Paul Allan as a network administrator. And Bill, is an avid gamer when he isn't running the restaurant where he is working. Lesley has six grandsons and one spoiled granddaughter.

After the children left home, Lesley went back to college to study computers. When one of the ladies in the computing center left, they asked Lesley if she could take her place. And 20 years later, Lesley retired.

Let's backtrack 30 years to when Lesley met Allan. Ray Fox, a well-known swing dance teacher, arranged for them to meet. Sparks Flew! Opal Nance, from the Valley Chapter of NSD, called Allan "A Dancing Maiden's Dream,"

(continued on Page 2)

QUEEN'S CORONATION BALL

Honoring Queen-Elect

LESLEY SCOTT

Saturday Evening January 28, 2012

"Broadway Stars"

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

700 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016

Hospitality 2:30 - 4:00pm

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

Presentation of Queens - 6:30 P.M.

MUSIC BY DAVID MOORHOUSE

Dinner Dance - \$55.00 per person Semi-Formal

Make checks payable to NSD, Send to:

Susan Johnson

2328 Loma Vista St.

Pasadena, CA 91104

Phone: (626) 794-1101

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Out of town guests planning to attend the Los Angeles Chapter Coronation on January 28 should call as soon as possible to make hotel reservations (626) 357-5211. Ask for group sales desk. The NSD rate is 99.00 plus tax. The hotel is located off the 210 freeway (near the 605 Fwy, 5 miles east of Pasadena). Exit the 210 freeway at Huntington Drive off ramp and make a left turn. The hotel is immediately to the right. There is free parking.



SUNDAY BRUNCH

On Sunday January 30, reigning queens, escorts and other hotel guests will meet at 9:00 A.M. for a buffet breakfast in a separate section of the coffee shop adjacent to the lobby. The price is \$20.00.

Reservations are required by January 25. Send to Susan Johnson.

Los Angeles Chapter Social Calendar

Saturday, January 28, 2012
Coronation Ball - Monrovia
Sunday, February 12 1:00 PM
Valentine Party - El Monte
Sunday, March 11 1:00 PM
St. Patrick's Dance - El Monte
Sunday, April 15 1:00 PM
Spring Dance - El Monte
Sunday, May 20 1:00 PM
Mexican Fiesta - El Monte

CORONATION BALL

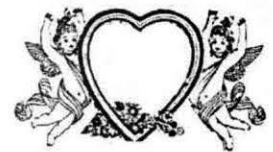
Our Coronation Ball, and Dinner Dance will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott at 700 W. Huntington Dr. Monrovia. We will be honoring Queen Elect Lesley Scott. Her theme is "Broadway Stars".

Saturday, January 28, 2011 is the date for this special event. We will enjoy dancing to music by David Moorhouse. Presentation of Queens will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner.

Cost of the dinner dance is \$55.00 per person. Send checks payable to NSD to Susan Johnson, 2328 Loma Vista St. Pasadena, CA 91104. Phone 626-794-1101.

This is a formal event calling for elegant evening attire.

Breakfast Sunday morning is \$20.00. Reservations are required and should be made along with dinner reservations.



HEARTS AND FLOWERS

Sunday, February 12 is the scheduled date for our Valentine Party to be held at the El Monte Senior Center, 3120 Tyler Ave. in El Monte. The business meeting will start at 1:00pm followed by a dance lesson and general dancing. Light refreshments will be served at 4:00pm.

The price for members and guests is \$12 per person. Checks should be made out to NSD and sent to Sandy Wells, 6251 W. 78th St. Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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

Party Line
*...By Liz
Bradford*



This will be my last column as Editor. Having been involved with Dance Whispers for over 40 years, it is with mixed emotion that I turn this over to Joy Michaels. Editors may now e-mail their material to queenjoy@gmail.com or mail to 9837 Tabor St. #15 Los Angeles, CA 90034. Phone (310) 838-2341.

I want to thank all of the chapter editors over the years who have contributed so much to the paper keeping it as a vital link between chapter activities. It has been a pleasure as editor meeting so many members throughout the state.

We greatly enjoyed Jon Gatyas dance cruise to Catalina and Ensenada on the Carnival Paradise. It was fun to join three couples from the Fresno Chapter - Mike Moyle, Pat Taniguchi, Bob and Barbara Strickler, Steve and Shirley Pietrzyk and my partner Roger Seastedt. We had dinner together each night. The highlight of the cruise was the day at Catalina and the dance at the Casino Ballroom. We were without electricity but, Jon rose to the occasion with battery operated equipment. Iris and Bob Steele from San Diego were also on board.

It was great to see Jane Pistole with Tina Falbo on the Crystal Symphony to the Mexican Riviera. We all enjoyed the dancing, and entertainment.

We were saddened to learn that Gordon Lodwick had passed away just a few weeks after his wife of 70 years, Marjorie. Our condolences to their family. They will be missed.

John and Genevieve Lucas enjoyed attending a recent taping of the "Dancing With The Stars" Show.

Gordon and Chris Lloyd will journey to Westchester, Ohio to join their daughter for Christmas.

Joy and George are taking a Princess Caribbean cruise in January.

WESTERN HOE-DOWN

(continued from Page 1)

Members and several guests gathered at the old corral in El Monte on November 13 for our Western Party. There was lots of Western gear in evidence. Tables were covered with red and white checked cloths and centered with big hats arranged by Susan Johnson.

The business meeting ran longer than usual with discussions on how to have a better balance between income and expense. Dues were raised to \$20 a year. It was suggested that we would welcome sponsorship of a special event with a donation of \$100. This was done by Ken and Marion Scholtz in celebration of their 45th anniversary.

After the meeting, Victor Lee and Debby Ku gave a lesson in the Cowboy Cha Cha circle dance. Chuck Johnson played the music for dancing with many Western titles and two lively mixers.

Chris Lloyd took care of reservations and assisted with serving the food which was "good and plenty". Chuck and Susan brought hot dogs and chips and Jodene Catterlin provided a cake in honor of Kyle and Chuck's birthdays along with other November birthdays of Ken Scholtz, Don Haight, Victor and Debbie, Sandy Wells and the granddaddy of them all - Allan Scott at 92.

It was a very lively and fun party.

IN MEMORY

We were sorry to hear that our Honorary member, Memo Bernabei had passed away. He and his wife, Connie had moved to New Mexico after he retired. We danced to his music for many years at the Chateau Ballroom in downtown Los Angeles and he often played for NSD events including Convention, Spring Dance and Black and White Balls at the Westmor.

He played at the Golden West Ballroom in Norwalk. Ray and I celebrated our 25th Anniversary there with dancing friends. He also played at some of our Catalina weekends in the Casino Ballroom. Our sincere condolences to Connie and family.

and evidently Lesley thought so too, because after their first date to an NSD dance (and two years later), they were married at the Balboa Pavilion, with many family and friends attending their dinner, dance and wedding.

Lesley and Allan were members of the Valley Chapter for many years before they became members of the Los Angeles Chapter. Lesley enjoys participating in club functions and when the Valley Chapter needed help with their flyers, she volunteered and held the position of corresponding secretary for several years, Allan was a past president.

Lesley, only having to work the fall and spring semesters, had plenty of time to travel with Allan in their little motor home after he retired. They traveled every summer for an average of 4,000 miles a year. They would always stop at Harrison Hot Spring Hotel in BC Canada where there is dining and dancing to a live band. One year at the hotel they ran into Rick and Kathy Constantino Bob and Sue Dowell and another NSD couple from San Diego. That was quite the surprise for everyone.

Lesley looks forward to representing the Los Angeles Chapter at all the coronations as she renews past acquaintances and makes new friends.

**LOS ANGELES CHAPTER
2012 OFFICERS**

President.....Kyle Catterlin
19515 Mayall St.....Northridge
CA 91324.....(818) 349-6774
Corresponding Sec.....Jodene Catterlin
Vice President.....Don Haight
404 Prospect St.....Newport Beach
CA 92663.....(949) 574-2350
Queen.....Lesley Scott
177 F Riverside Drive.....Newport Beach
CA 92663.....(949) 642-5182
Treasurer.....George Zimmerman
513 No. Dobbins Dr.....San Gabriel
CA 91775.....(626) 576-0307
Social Chairman.....Susan Johnson
2328 Loma Vista St.....Pasadena
CA 91104.....(626) 797-0918
Recording Secretary.....Marion Scholtz
2821 Anchor Ave.....Los Angeles
CA 90064.....(310) 837-9640
Dance Rules.....Ken Scholtz
Editor.....Joy Michaels
9837 Tabor St. #15.....Los Angeles
CA 90034.....(310) 838-2341



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The halls were decked with Christmas finery by Renee Haight for our December dance at El Monte.

Renee had also taken the reservations and organized the bountiful pot luck buffet.

Following the business meeting, dancing began to the live duo of Dolores and her saxophone player. She played requests as well as mixers and all tempos of ballroom dance music. This special treat was provided by Don and Renee Haight.

Thanks to our candy cane mixer and other donations from members, we made close to \$300.00 for our charity - the Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services.

It was a festive occasion. So good to see Eleanor Terry and Steve Levy, Dick and Dottie Mouri and Andy Anderson and his partner Barbara Ellwood who brought a large dish of chicken tenders for the pot-luck.

The dinner was served at the musicians break with dessert later at the end of the dance. We missed Allan and Lesley Scott as Allan was not feeling well.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tina Van Zandt
915 Ottawa Dr..... Claremont
CA 91711.....(909) 624-4788
Joy Michaels
9837 Tabor St. #15..... Los Angeles
CA 90034.....(310) 838-2341
Chuck Johnson
2328 Loma Vista St..... Pasadena
CA 91104.....(626) 794-1101

HOME OFFICE SECRETARY

Patricia Di Sessa
10827 Charing Cross Rd.
Spring Valley, CA 91978
(619) 303-9905
Cell (559) 259-2751
Email: trishadance@gmail.com

**LOS ANGELES
CHAPTER WEBSITE**

www.nationalsmoothdancers.com

SAN FERNANDO

Joan Robinson, Editor

San Fernando Valley Chapter held its Coronation on November 5th where we reinstated our lovely Queen Roberta for her "Encore Performance" for her second year. So many NSD friends came to visit us and we were touched and grateful that they traveled so far. We started our event with a great hospitality reception at the LaZar's home and moved on to our Coronation event at the Hollywood Academy of Dance.

For those who wish to visit us in future, we always hold our dances on the first Saturday of the month. So come and visit us some time.

And you simply must hold the dates for next Labor Day weekend as we will be throwing a great Convention at the flagship, JW Marriott Palm Desert. You will be offered budget prices for deluxe accommodations at the five star resort. So mark your calendar. We promise you a "good time!"

Our Dance Now formation team had a busy October, with performances at a retirement home in Santa Barbara, a nursing home in Los Angeles, and the monthly dance of the Gardena Nisei Club. In November the group performed at our Coronation and at another nursing home in Los Angeles. Performances at nursing and retirement homes now consist of about ten numbers, including four-couple routines choreographed by Andre Fortin, two-couple routines, and single-couple routines, with costume changes for each number. The upcoming schedule includes performing at the Los Angeles Coronation on January 28th and a first time performance at the Sunland senior center at the end of December.

The team feels most fortunate to be able to do most of their practices on a very large wood floor in the Joslyn Center for seniors in Burbank. Recently the group enjoyed a special luncheon, given annually for volunteers in the City of Burbank, at the beautiful Castaway Restaurant. The entertainment during the luncheon was provided by the Stardust Trio, which played wonderful very danceable

music throughout, but sadly there was no space for dancing.

Mark & Sally Emanuelli are happy to report that their first cruise experience was a success! In celebration of their 10-year wedding anniversary, they booked a 7 night cruise on Disney Cruise Lines for their entire family (them and the kids), sailing from Los Angeles to the Mexican Riviera on the Disney Wonder. Other than a case of heat exhaustion (6 hours in the heat in Puerto Vallarta), and some rolling for one night, there was nothing not to like about the experience. Days were spent on outings for shopping, ziplining through Mexican canyons, or playing in the pool. Evenings included, dinners with the family, live shows and movies for all to enjoy. The entire family is looking forward to the next adventure!

As for me, the editor, I'm leaving - no, I will have left by the time you read this - for a lengthy stay down under in New Zealand where I have been promising my sister to come and visit for years. You can still email me. I will be doing a lot of NSD Convention planning while down there. Thank heavens for "have computer will travel."

The SFV Chapter hopes that you had a Merry Christmas and a most fabulous New Year's Eve dancing, dancing, with your NSD friends.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY 2012 OFFICERS

President.....Mark Emanuelli
5716 Graywood Avenue..Lakewood
CA 90712.....(562) 633-7022
Vice President.....Bill Morey
19740 Pine Valley Way....Porter Ranch
CA 91326.....(818) 366-1676
Treasurer.....Bill Steeber
400 W. California Ave #308.....Glendale
CA 91203.....(818) 243-6838
Recording Secretary...Gee Gee Barden
19740 Pine Valley Wy....Porter Ranch
CA 91326.....(818) 366-1676
Corresponding Secty...James Gutman
10511 Mahoney Drive.....Sunland
CA 91040.....(818) 353-5974
Social Chair.....Andrea Gutman
10511 Mahoney Dr.....Sunland
CA 91040.....(818) 353-5974
Board Member.....Joan Robinson
8740 Wyngate St.....Sunland
CA 91040.....(818) 951-1516
Dance Rules.....Brian Yip
42432 Panamint St.....Los Angeles
CA 90065.....(213) 716-5120
Whispers Editor.....Joan Robinson
Queen.....Roberta LaZar
4417 Bergamo Dr.....Encino
CA 91436.....(818) 784-2553

BAKERSFIELD

Dorothy Vaughan, Editor

Thanksgiving has come and gone, Christmas is upon us, with its many activities, Christmas cards to get out, decorations to put up, gifts to buy and wrap.

WARNING NOTICE:

Spotted on the freeways several cartoon characters and they were all heading to Bakersfield to be here for the "Boards" on March 23,24 and 25th 2012. Dress as your favorite cartoon character and come to Bakersfield for a great weekend. Charlene has promised us a great time and you won't want to miss it!

Our New Year's Eve Dance, "A Night To Remember" is coming up soon. Have you bought your tickets yet? This evening is hosted by Ben and Wendy Wilson. A Buffet dinner will be served at 7:30pm.

A champagne toast and dessert will be served at midnight. Music will be played by Dennis Acosta. Formal attire is requested. Don't miss this opportunity to spend New Years with your smooth dancer friends!

This dance is held at the Bakersfield Women's Club, 2030 18th St. Doors open at 7pm. The cost is \$45 per person. Plan on being there to celebrate and bring in the New Year among the best people, your smooth dancer friends.

Our December monthly dance, "A Shiny Smooth Black and Red Christmas Ball" was held on Saturday, December 10th from 7pm - 10pm. This dance was at the Rasmussen Center.

Roy Scarazzo will be our Master of Ceremonies. The awards for most improved dancers will be presented, and a spotlight dance will be performed by Rose and Steve Peterson.

Members of Dancesteppers will be our guests for the evening. A donation of an unwrapped toy to the local Ronald McDonald house would be greatly appreciated.

Our November dance "We Give Thanks" was attended by 68 people. This dance was hosted by Margaret and Richard Keith. Everyone had a great time! Two dance mixers were held.

Our October dance, "Costume Capers" was so much fun. The members who won a prize for their efforts were: Rich Gonzalez, Antje Huckenbee and Linda Richards. Ken Silber played some great music during the evening.

It is with great sadness I report the passing of long time member, David Hale. Before his illness David and Margarita were often seen at our monthly dances and also at Dancesteppers.

Dorothy Chapman was made an "honorary member" in our club. She has been a long time member of Bakersfield Smooth Dancers and was a past queen. Dorothy and her now deceased husband, Wayne, contributed so much to our club over the years. Congratulations Dorothy!

BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER 2012 OFFICERS

President.....Ben Wilson
29791 W. Tulare Ave.....Shafter
CA 93263.....(661)399-4824
Queen.....Wendy Wilson
29791 W. Tulare Ave.....Shafter
CA 93263.....(661) 399-4824
Vice President.....Bruce Wendt
8312 Old State Rd.....Wofford Heights
CA 93285.....(760) 376-4248
Treasurer.....Estelle Hughes
7746 Mills Dr.....Bakersfield
CA 93306.....(661) 366-4905
Corresponding Sec.Christine Conrad
2101 Kent Dr.....Bakersfield
CA 93306.....(661) 873-1828
Recording Sec.June Cuellar
3521 Via Campara.....Bakersfield
CA 93311.....(661) 858-0091
Social Chair ..Margaret Hawkins
519 Mulberry St.....Tehachapi
CA 93561.....(661) 822-5662
Board Member.....Bill Landry
9400 Via Lugano.....Bakersfield
CA 93312.....(661) 587-2663
Dance Rules.....Janice Mills
27707 W. Moming Glory Pl.....Castaic
CA 91384.....(661) 257-4821
Editor.....Rosie Munoz
4908 Panorama Ct.....Bakersfield
CA 93306.....(661) 871-1365
519 Mulberry St..... Tehachapi
CA 93561.....(661) 822-5662
Board Member.....Bill Landry
9400 Via Lugano.....Bakersfield
CA 93312.....(661) 587-2663
Dance Rules.....Janice Mills
27707 W. Moming Glory Pl.....Castaic
CA 91384.....(661) 257-4821
Editor.....Rosie Munoz
4908 Panorama Ct.....Bakersfield
CA 93306.....(661) 871-1365

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The 2011 Recognition Award winners were announced at the annual Christmas Party held on December 3rd. The Most Improved Female Dancer is Barbara Uichanco, Most Improved Male Dancer is Jim Renfro and the Most Improved Couple are Myra Pimentel and Shane Nielsen.

Dee Peterson received the 2011 Achievement Award for her long dedication as the Visalia webmaster.

While most of us were fast asleep following events like the Coronation, Anniversary Dance and Christmas Dance, Dee was posting a recap and photos on the website.

WEDDING BELLS

After becoming engaged on a very special Valentine's Day, Adelle Abad became the bride of Mark Martinez on another auspicious date, 11-11-11. They have just returned from a Hawaiian honeymoon. We wish Adelle and Mark many happy years of dancing through life together.

Our Most Improved Dance Couple, Myra Pimentel and Shane Nielsen are engaged and planning a wedding for later this year. Shane and Myra met at one of Visalia's social dances. Congratulations to both couples.

"SWEET" CHRISTMAS DANCE

"Dancing Down Candy Cane Lane" was a smashing success! Transformation of the Sons of Italy hall into Christmas magic began as one entered through a thigh high lane of red and white candy canes leading to the reception table where guests were greeted by Margaret Moholt. On the walls were large traditional wreaths with additional large candy canes, plus a candy village on the stage complete with a life-sized snow man with a black stove-pipe hat. Under the Christmas tree were over a hundred gifts donated by club members for needy children. A decorated archway provided a commemorative photo backdrop. All of these decorations were designed and created by Carol Bixler who enlisted the assistance of David Bixler and Tom Moholt on set up.

With a large dance floor, dinner tables are large too,

providing ample space for centerpieces. Each table's decoration is designed and created by a different member. This year some were whimsical, some were elegant, some included silk flowers and, many included the "real thing" - candy canes, candy towers candy kisses, suckers and candy favors. To fit the theme, one arrangement recreated a candy cane lane and added ballroom dance figurines dancing along the lane. Thank you to the 2011 table decorators June Aguet, Carol Bixler, Nancy Cargill, Caryl Creason, Nellie Uichanco and Myra Pimentel.

Wonderful appetizers prepared by Club members preceded the catered chicken dinner which was followed by a sumptuous and decadent dessert buffet also provided by VSD members.

A round of applause goes to Vince Uichanco, our master music man, who beckoned us to the dance floor with wonderful ballroom music for the general dancing.

Mary Short, and her instructor, Franco Peraza of Studio 65, began the entertainment with a sultry bolero. Next, Lotti Carr, and Dmirriy Kochkin, her instructor, performed a passionate tango. The final performance was a saucy and spicy samba.

Visalia Chapter 2010 Officers

President.....David Bixler
3143 W. Zumwalde Ave.....Tulare
CA 93274.....(559) 688-0302
Vice President.....Stan Medina
P.O. Box 154.....Corcoran
CA 93212.....(559) 992-1333
Treasurer.....Margaret Moholt
2118 Anthony Ct.....Visalia
CA 93271.....(559) 636-0643
Secretary.....Tom Moholt
Queen.....Nancy Cargill
3741 W. Cherry.....Visalia
CA 93277.....(559) 786-9626
Social Co-Chairs.....June Aguet
397 Valley View Dr.....Exeter
CA 93221.....(559) 592-4473
Social Co-Chair...Sue Giampietro
245 E. Chestnut.....Visalia
CA 93277.....(559) 733-7795
Board Member.....Lotti Carr
2805 E. Laura Ct.....Visalia
CA 93292.....(559) 732-1831
Editor.....Margaret Moholt
2118 Anthony Ct.....Visalia
CA 93271.....(559) 636-0643

State Queen Carla Rose Hartunian's Report

In November, I had the pleasure of traveling to the San Fernando Valley coronation with my dear friend, Lynn Sanders. On our trip south we picked up Queen Dorothy Sims from Visalia. The three of us had a wonderful time traveling together. Roberta and Les LaZar hosted all of the out of town guests at their house for hospitality before the coronation started. Queen Roberta LaZar's theme for her coronation was Repeat Performance. This is Roberta's second year of being the beautiful queen of SFV chapter. I had the honor of having Bill Steeber as my escort for the coronation. Roberta and Les performed a lovely queen dance. The whole evening was a warm family-like special event.

On Sunday morning, all the queens and their escorts had a family style brunch where all of us sat together at one long table. The whole weekend was a delight. A special "thank you" to Lynn Sanders for accompanying me on this trip.

State Queen Carla Rose Hartunian has a new e-mail address, chartunian@gmail.com

SOCIAL REPORT

Fresno Smooth Dancers enjoyed a Salute to Veterans theme at their November dance. Dance instructor Dmitriy Kochkin started the event off with Tango and Rumba lessons, which were followed by a delicious potluck dinner. A small table was set for the absent soldier, and an emotional moment of tribute was offered by Joe Maciel, a U.S. Navy veteran, reading The Fallen Soldier's Narrative from the White Table Ceremony. May we never forget their sacrifices, and remember to say thank you to those who served and are serving in the armed forces so we can continue to enjoy our many freedoms!

The chapter also welcomed new member Jim Escobar at the November social. We are very glad you joined us Jim!

Our third Sunday event in December will be the annual semi-formal christmas Dinner Dance and Installation of Officers. The evening begins at 6pm with a champagne reception, followed by a catered holiday dinner at 6:30. General

dancing and entertainment is scheduled to begin at 7:30 and Fresno members will wish each other holiday greetings as the event comes to a close at 10. A special added touch to this event is in the joy of giving; members are asked to bring an unwrapped toy for a 3-5 year old child. This year these toys will benefit the "Clovis Adult Ed Even Start Program."

January 15 is the date for our third Sunday social, "Winter Dancing in the Cold January Nights". Queen Carla Hartunian will host; Viennese Waltz & Cha Cha Lessons will be taught by Franco Peraza, February brings a "Mardi Gras" celebration hosted by Lorraine Tilton. Argentine Tango and Milonga lessons will be taught by Guy Ashby and Kathy Page.

All third Sunday dances are at the Clovis Senior Center, 850 4th Street, Clovis, from 4pm - 8pm. Cost is \$5 for members with a potluck dish and \$15 for members without a dish, and guests.

See www.fresnosmoothdancers.org for flyers!



CONDOLENCES

Fresno members mourn the loss of member Gary Vigen, who passed away unexpectedly in October. We offer our thoughts, prayers and condolences to his wife and daughter, Cissie and Sarah, and their family.

MEMBERS TRAVEL

Mike Moyle and Pat Taniguchi and Robert and Barbara Strickler recently enjoyed a 4-day cruise to Catalina. While on the cruise they were able to attend the Casino Ballroom and enjoy dancing with their group.

Linda Bennett just returned from a 4-hour West Coast Swing Workshop in Pismo Beach. The workshop was supposed to have been taught by the "King of Swing", Buddy Schwimmer. However, Buddy has been facing some medical problems (keep him in your thoughts and prayers), so he sent his son, Benji Schwimmer, to lead the workshop! What a TREAT!

FRESNO CHAPTER 2012 OFFICERS

President/Social Chair..Kathy Sachse
3154 W. Palo Alto.....Fresno
CA 93711.....(559) 435-5657
Vice President.....Sharon Crisp
4643 N. Kavanagh.....Fresno
CA 93705.....(559) 916-1975
Treasurer.....Stella Ruckman
30732 Yosemite Spring Pk...Coarsegold
CA 93614.....(559) 676-3111
Rec. Secretary.....Ann Phillips
945 E. Foxhill Dr.....Fresno
CA 93720.....(559) 434-3531
Corr. Secretary...Linda Bennett
5629 E. Tarpey Dr.....Fresno
CA 93727.....(559) 917-1815
Social Chair.....Lorraine Tilton
2727 E. Hampton Way....Fresno
CA 93726.....(559) 227-9372
Board Member.....Steve Moore
5910 N. Monroe Ave.....Fresno
CA 93723.....(559) 246-2763
Queen Kathy.....Constantino
1629 E. Castlebrook Dr....Fresno
CA 93730.....(559) 434-3531
Whispers Editor..Kevin McCready

GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER 2012 OFFICERS

President.....Dan Ansaldi
1524 Broadway.....Alameda
CA 94501.....(415) 378-1769
Vice President.....Rita Parma
251 Wicklow Drive, So....San Francisco
CA 94080.....(650) 455-2402
.....ritaparma@cs.com
Queen.....Amy Ansaldi
1524 Broadway.....Alameda
CA 94501.....(415) 378-1769
Treasurer.....Joe Malta
1840 Capistrano Way..Burlingame
CA 94010.....(650) 732-8227
Social Chair.....Maureen Brown
20 Turquoise Way..San Francisco
CA 94131.....(415) 824-2263
Asst. Social Chair.....Rita Parma
251 Wicklow Dr. So..San Francisco
CA 94080.....(650) 455-3819
Recording Secty....Sue Robinson
440 Sandstone Dr.....Fremont
CA 94536.....(510) 793-1511
Board Member.....Joe Malta
1840 Capistrano Way..Burlingame
CA 94010.....(650) 697-6224
Corres. Secty.. Barbara Crawford
2350 Evergreen Drive...San Bruno
CA 94066.....(650) 360-3195
Editor.....Gabrielle Von Stephens
P.O. Box 917.....Sonoma
CA 95476.....(707) 343-1123

Deadline for the next issue of Dance Whispers is February 15 2012. Send copy to Joy Michaels, 9837 Tabor St. #15 Los Angeles, CA. Email queenlyjoy@gmail.com (310) 838-2341.

AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

A long, long time ago on November 23rd, 1961 (50 years to be exact), in a place not so far away from here in Carmel, a young couple spent their honey moon eating their meals at a deli on Ocean Ave. Their meager income as teachers did not allow them an elaborated reception or expensive restaurants. They choose Thanksgiving weekend for their wedding and honey moon so they did not have to take extra time off from teaching (One day to get married, 3 days for the honey moon).

Fast forward 50 years and find Maurine and Phil Brown giving themselves and treating the rest of us, 129 guests in all, to a most elaborate dinner dance at our favorite hotel the Crown Plaza in Foster City. If you are like me, you tend to think that each of us were outnumbered by "regular dancing people" from all over the country. A friend from 5th grade who was married to Phil's cousin Tom from Arkansas and North Dakota. Best man Sid Yamazaki came with his wife from LA, as well as maid of honor Yvonne and husband Larry from Placerville. Other guests hailed from Newport Beach, Reno, Napa and Sonoma. Friends from their years as teachers as well as from Maurine's "Mended Hearts" organization enjoyed the festivities. Even Maurine's Virginia High School English teacher attended with her two caregivers, along with all the familiar faces from our Golden Gate chapter.

We were treated to a marvelous sit down dinner, George Campi's three piece band as well as a performance by Maurine's second cousin Sony Holland, a well known Jazz singer with husband Jerry Holland accompanying her on his guitar. Igor and Nadia Tillinin

choreographed and performed a sweet dance depicting the Brown's courting story.

It was really a grand affair and it's wonderful to see that the two of them are still enjoying the company of one another and love seems to have lasted all these 50 years. Congratulations to the two of you Maurine and Phil Brown.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND SURGERIES

Elena Malta's daughter Debbie and her new husband had their reception at the Mill Valley Garden Club after getting married in Rome in September, and over 100 guests enjoyed incredible food and a wedding cake that went all the way to the ceiling.

Debbie now takes care of Elena who had a hip replacement in late November, by filling in at the office and making wonderful meals for her mom. Mom Irene substitutes the care giving with her loving presence and feeding her jello for bone strength. I am told Elena has 70% recovered and with daily therapy will be at our New Years dance (probably not dancing yet) on December 30th. She told me that Joe has been incredible through this challenge as well, taking care of her every need. It's good to have family!

TRAVEL NOTES, FINALLY!

Where has this year gone? It's December and I am finally getting around to letting you know about last Decembers travel adventures of our members.

There was Sue and Gordon Robinson's plan to spend Christmas and New Years in the UK with their respective families, which was almost cancelled due to the closure of Heathrow airport because of a paltry 5 inches of snow. Lucky for them their flight left as scheduled, giving the English

12 hours to clear the runway before their arrival. They spent time in Stratford upon Avon and Saddleworth, Yorkshire with family. Then escaped to Edinburgh Castle for Sue's first visit to Scotland. In the castle they saw the Scottish Crown Jewels and explored the square and the gift shops where Gordon acquired a set of bagpipes. They truly enjoyed visiting family, old and new. I have not heard what is on the menu for this Christmas, perhaps Gordon will play the pipes for us.

About the same time last December, Ed and Karen Beilin, John and Gail Salara, Rita Steed and Barbara Crawford embarked on a cruise to South America.

On the beautiful Celebrity ship "Infinity" they spend two weeks cruising to Cartagena, Columbia; the Panama Canal; Manta, Ecuador; Lima, Peru; Arica Chile; La Serena, Chile and Valparaiso, Chile. Local guides showed them the best of each city and the time on board ship was spent eating, drinking, dancing and lots of laughing. The duties were well divided among the couples: Ed and Karen negotiated the "deal", Gail and John were the official hosts for hospitality in their suite, Emma distinguished herself as best dressed and was asked to model \$6k in jewelry, while Barbara kept everyone laughing when acting as interpreter with non-english speaking Taxi drivers with her 12 words of Spanish vocabulary. Wonderful memories of this trip remain with all of them.

New travel plans have been announced by Mary and Ray Crosat, who will spend time in January with their daughter and her husband in Puerto Vallarta celebrating Mary's birthday.

Then in April of 2012, Mary, Ray, Ben and Barbara Cardinali, Joe and Elena Malta as well as Rosalie Wolf will be cruising to Hawaii.

Happy New Year to all Dance first, think later.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Denise White, Editor

PALOMAR

Don Hubbard and Debbie Kincaid Co-Editors

QUEEN'S NOTE

Queen Mary King's quote of the month: "What you get by reaching your destination is not nearly as important as what you will become by reaching your destination." - Zig Ziglar

ELECTION RESULTS

At November's business meeting, Shirley McCloskey became the chapter's new Queen elect. Shirley will receive the scepter from current queen Mary King at her coronation next March, and is looking forward to representing our club at the other NSD chapter events. Hail, Queen-elect Shirley!

At the meeting, a motion was passed to alter the club's bylaws to remove the requirement that the chapter's Board Delegate must have previously served as club president. Consequently, Cathy O' Harra was elected as the Board Delegate, taking over the position from Mark Chapman. Congratulations, Cathy!

Thanks also to Anthony Wood, who has agreed to stay at the helm as the chapter's President for another year. We appreciate your service, Anthony!

SAN DIEGO CHAMPIONS

Jim Drysdale competed with his instructor at the Hollywood Dance Sport Championships November 2nd through 6th. Jim placed first in all single dances at the open gold star level in both American Smooth and International Styles; placed first in the American Smooth Open Gold Championships, the Gold International Ballroom Open Championship, and the Open Senior International Ballroom Scholarship; and he placed 4th in the Gold Open American Smooth Scholarship. Bravo Jim!

In a different art form, Gary Wyko received first place in a local photography exhibition. The North County Photographic Society recently held their 16th annual exhibition of their members' entries and Gary placed first in the Landscape Division. Gary's beautiful entry "Lundy Canyon" and many other entries of his were exhibited for general viewing during November.

CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE

The Christmas Showcase and Holiday Ball on December 3 was spectacular. The ballroom was filled with sparkling ladies and dashing gentlemen. Also spectacular were the showcase performances to which we

were treated. The showcase performances were opened by a Sunday night class formation dancers performing a very elegant American Foxtrot, and later in the evening, things heated up with a sizzling Mambo demonstration by another group of class members. Both dances were taught and choreographed by instructor Carrie Kloss.

Several San Diego Smooth Dancers also performed fabulous showcase dances to our delight: Lin Eng, Ann Vutisaksatit, Marcia Rainey, Jack Staudte, Shirley McCloskey, Mani Yamaguchi, Russ Jenkins, Nancy Schwartz, Christine August, Mike Cowlishaw, Sandy Long, David Vasquez, Mark Chapman, and Kao Chapman. Thank you all for your hard work and for sharing the beautiful results of your efforts with us!

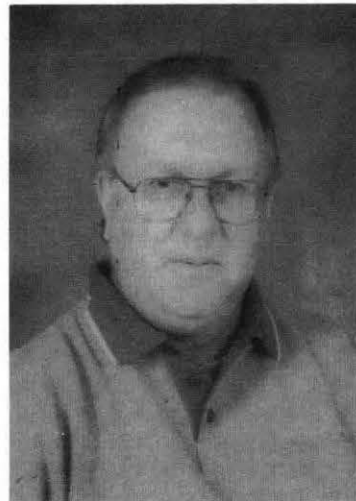


NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Reservations for our New Year's Eve Celebration will be accepted through December 27. See the SDSA website or the December Smooth Talk for reservation information. The Dance will be held at Champion Ballroom on Saturday, December 31, from 8pm. to midnight. Come share a midnight champagne toast with us to a new year of great friends and great dancing in 2012.

SDSD 2012 Officers

President.....Anthony Wood
591 Telegraph Rd. #402, Chula Vista
CA 91910(619) 482-1036
Queen.....Mary King
3030 Date Ave.. Imperial Beach
CA 91932.....(619) 575-7939
Vice President.Caron Schattel
4983 Mt. Ararat Dr.... San Diego
CA 92111.....(858) 278-8485
Treasurer.....Kay Ryan
4303 Coronado Ave. San Diego
CA 92107.....(619) 222-1267
Secretary.....Ricci Fox
6940 Camino Pacheco..San Diego
CA 92111.....(858) 495-3391
Board Delegate..Cathy O' Harra
7637 Rustico Drive...Carlsbad
CA 92009.....(619) 804-8340
Dance Chair...Chuck DiSessa
P.O. Box 33267.....San Diego
CA 92163.....(619)206-5167
Social Chair
Rotating Coverage
Whispers Editor..Denise White
(619) 253-3428



PETER HANSON

2012 OFFICERS

There will be a continuity in the Palomar Chapter Officers for the coming year. President Peter Hanson, with the unanimous support of the chapter, accepted another year in office. Following his lead, all but one of his cabinet members will continue along with him. We welcome Peggy Lee as our new Corresponding Secretary. Thanks to Mary Anderson for her many years of service in this position.

QUEEN'S REPORT

Queen Miriam Mozes and her husband George attended the San Fernando Valley Coronation last month. Ten Palomar members also attended supporting SFVSD & Queen Miriam. The members enjoyed the hospitality of Queen Roberta Lazar & her husband at their lovely home for a wine & cheese reception. All enjoyed the Coronation Party entertainment performed by SFVSD Formation Team, particularly Singing in the Rain!

IN MEMORIAM

With much sadness we announce the sudden passing of our member, George Gebby, George was well liked by all who knew him. He is remembered by his infectious smile and uplifting attitude. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

SOCIALS

Our chapter has been very "social" lately beginning with a Halloween Dance. There were many exciting costumes topped by grand prize winners, Duane Thornton as an Elegant Bum and Donna Thornton as The Pink Panther.

Our thanksgiving Social broke

an attendance record with 85 dancers, all of whom enjoyed a wonderful dinner, with the turkey prepared specially by Miriam Mozes, and wonderful side dishes prepared by chapter members. Marcia Hanson taught the Fox Trot lesson to a full dance floor of 60 people. Peggy & Len Lee Provided the entertainment with a classic standard Waltz and beautiful bolero.

The Christmas Social was a special affair with a catered meal. Showtime entertainment was provided and lots of dancing! The support of the San Diego Chapter was greatly appreciated both by the presence of many of their members and their participation in the Showtime. The entertainment included 10 acts by a combination of both Palomar and San Diego Chapter members.

PALOMAR CHAPTER 2012 OFFICERS

President.....Peter Hanson
13121 Avenida Granada...Poway
CA 92064.....(858) 487-2093
Queen.....Marsha Hanson
Vice President....Ralph Anderson
1913 Vineyard Ave.....Vista
CA 92081.....(760) 727-6538
Cor Secretary.....Peggy Lee
1015 Whimbrel Ct.....Carlsbad
CA 92011.....(760) 476-1822
Rec Secretary.....Marion Semler
3817 Via Del Rancho...Oceanside
CA 92056.....(760) 945-9833
Treasurer.....Jack Semler
Soc Chair.....Ssook Choi
P.O. Box 235696.....Encinitas
CA 92023.....(858) 437-1958
Director.....Duane Thornton
348 Penrod Ct.....Vista
CA 92083.....(769) 941-0386

STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

January 28, 2012
Los Angeles Coronation
March 3, 2012
San Diego Coronation
March 23,24,25, 2012
Bakersfield Board Meeting
and Coronation
April 14, 2012
San Francisco Coronation
May 18, 2012
Visalia Coronation
June 2, 2012
Fresno Coronation
July 14, 2012
Palomar Coronation
August 31, Sept. 1/3, 2012
State Convention and
Coronation-Fresno