

National Smooth Dancers
Dance Whispers
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Palomar Chapter Coronation
Hooray for Hollywood!

edited by Debbie Kincaid & Don Hubbard



Coronation. And what a grand one it was! If size alone determines greatness, 148 attendees would speak for itself! However, the greatness did not stop there. From the Queens ceremony to the last dance, Queen Debbie's Coronation was special! It was a star-studded night of glitz and glamour for the 2012 Palomar Coronation of our new Queen Deborah Kincaid. All of our glamorous Queens and their handsome escorts arrived Hollywood-style in limousines. As they entered the ballroom they were met with glitzy table decorations of bright gold organza table cloths and an Academy Award Oscar donning the center of each table. Adorning the stage were works of art painted by our award-winning member, artist Jack Ragland, who has a special love of painting dancers. In honor of Queen Debbie, Jack surprised everyone with a portrait of Debbie dancing in her red ball gown with her escort Michael Mihos.



Queen Debbie Kincaid

As each queen made her grand entrance down the red carpet our Master of Ceremonies, Duane Thornton, shared their favorite all-time movie with all the guests. Then retiring Queen Miriam Mozes crowned Queen Debbie. Debbie and her dance teacher, Dennis Lyle of The Ballroom at Villa Incanta in Temecula, performed a beautiful and stylish American Waltz to a song from the movie Shrek! The Queen's Honor Dance, a Quick-Step, was brilliantly performed by two of Debbie's favorite dancers to watch, Mark Chapman & Been Kao Chapman, of our San Diego chapter.



Debbie & Michael



Newly Crowned

As the evening progressed with a marvelous buffet dinner, dancing began with music put together by Joyce & Don Radesky. Entertainment for the night was spectacular! We were privileged to have James & Irina Friedhof performing 2 beautiful dances. The first was the most graceful & romantic Rumba this editor has ever seen presented. They followed that dance with a lively and beautifully executed Samba. Between these performances 20 Palomar Dancers, following Queen Debbie's Hollywood theme, performed as Rydel High School students with music from the movie Grease! They did a Swing, a Cha-cha, and a finale number to Grease Lightening! The girls wore "Pink Lady" Club jackets. Some of the guys wore their "Thunderbird" Club black leather jackets while the others wore jeans and white t-shirts with a pack of cigarettes rolled up in their sleeves! All under the direction and choreography of former Queen Marsha Hanson, and assisted by husband, Peter Hanson and San Diego Member, Glenn Thomson.



Debbie & Michael

Special thanks go to the Coronation Planning Committee coordinated by Marsha Hanson and Eckhard Aschke. Much effort & creativeness went into decorations by Peggy Lee, Cathy Lombardi & Darlene Drury with support by Marion Semler, Mary Anderson & Sue Takemoto. Thanks go out to the entire Palomar Chapter whose teamwork brought everything together for the largest coronation in Palomar's history!

Hospitality started the evening off on a special note. It took place at The Hampton Inn in Carlsbad. The guests were treated to a huge variety of home prepared food by our talented club members. Thanks for all the effort put forth by the committee. What a success!

The **Queen's breakfast** was an elegant affair at the El Camino Real Country Club. After a lovely meal all our thank you's were exchanged. A special farewell thank you speech was given by retiring Queen Miriam Mozes. (con't. pg. 2)



The Coronation Court



The Crown Circle

As her third reign came to an end she expressed her appreciation to all the visiting queens for the friendships she has developed with them over the years. Marsha Hanson was presented a thank you gift from the Grease Performance Dancers for the excellent work that went into the organization of their show. The Queens retired to the garden for a photo session which included a fun photo of the Queens with their Hollywood Walk of Fame "Stars"!



Queen Miriam

Queen Miriam's farewell. Queen Miriam wants to praise all the Palomar Chapter members who supported her by attending the many coronations throughout the state during her reign as Palomar Chapter Queen. "When I needed something or somebody they were always there for me!", stated Queen Miriam. "I thoroughly enjoyed working with all the Chapter Queens. And I congratulate Queen Debbie on her wonderful coronation. I know she'll enjoy the experience of representing the Palomar chapter just as much as I did.

New members. Welcome to Carol Guttman and Jacqueline Hamilton! Carol first set foot on the dance floor at our May social, and has been diligently attending the Monday night dance classes. She grew up in Long Beach and moved to Fallbrook in 1979. She's a successful realtor and uses her spare time for gardening and writing. She has two children, two step-children, and nine grandchildren. Jacqueline has been taking Argentine tango for a year and a half and recently placed 2nd in a competition. She was born in Belgium and

raised in France and Switzerland. She is a nurse at Scripps, and loves her dancing and cooking. And, she has a daughter and three grandchildren.

In memorium. Louise Mitchell passed away in May. She was a tireless dancer and incredible teacher. So many of us in Palomar and San Diego chapters owe our dance skills and choreography to her. She taught Palomar Chapter dancers for 12 years. She and her husband were State Champions and four star dancers. We offer our condolences to her family and friends.

Other news. Don Hubbard competed in the US Masters Swimming Summer National Championship in July, winning 5 gold medals, 1 silver and 1 bronze. Four of the golds were in individual freestyle events, and his 50 meter free was the fastest time in the world this year for his age group, 85-89. Congratulations Don!

Summer vacations. In June Duane and Donna Thornton and their families spent a week camping at Doheny State Beach at Dana Point. "We had three campsites for all the families which totaled 30 campers!", explained Donna. "Everyone had a great time. We were lucky enough to have perfect weather the entire time".

Frank & Cathy Lombardi recently vacationed in Utah, Wyoming and South Dakota, seeing Salt Lake City and some of the Utah parks, and then continuing on to Jackson Hole and the Grand Tetons for the National Park. If that wasn't enough they then went on to Yellowstone, getting a summer snow, and then pushing on to Mount Rushmore.

NSD Statewide Event Calendar

- August 31 Convention - SFV/Palm Desert
- January 19 Los Angeles Coronation (New Date)
- March 2 San Diego Coronation
- March 22 Board Meeting - Bakersfield

Make your plans now to attend these events. See your friends again and enjoy the music and dance we all love. We look forward to seeing you there.

San Fernando Valley Chapter

edited by Joan Robinson



Convention, convention, and more

Convention. I am so proud to be part of an existing tradition and to be good friends with the other SFV board members (and all three additional friends) who are working hard to put together a wonderful weekend for you. One of the main subjects of our Board Meetings and Presidents' Meetings over the past two years is the decline in numbers that has caused concern over the future of our two annual conventions. Expect a flurry of new folk at this convention. Please welcome them with all your hearts, as I know you will, as some may be willing to sign up for 2013 and other future events. We all know we're great. We just have to let new dancers know that too. At this convention, we will have the opportunity to promote our wonderful club. Tell all your dancing friends to come. Tell all your non-dancing friends just to book a room at the unbelievable price of \$119.00, including parking. Get your hotel reservations in early enough to request elevator-close rooms. Thanks again to all chapters for your help in making this convention a reality. We love ya all.

Queen elect Barbara Greenlaw. Born in Chicago, Illinois, I have called the states of Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Florida and New York home at one time or another. Following two years attending Syracuse University, I married and moved to California. My daughter, son-in-law and eight grandchildren reside in Sultan, Washington, and my son and grandson make their home in Colorado Springs.

In the early seventies, I began a wonderful twenty year career in the movie industry, including Screen Gems Television, Columbia Pictures and RCA Columbia Home Video. Changing gears and learning something entirely new, I entered the hotel industry in 1991, employed by the Hilton Hotel Glendale for thirteen years.

Dancing in some form has always been a part of my life. I discovered Sloan and Sloan School of Dancing where I enjoyed classes and private instruction with Ken and Sheila Sloan. I met Bill Steeber at the school and he is the joy of my life, these many years. The San Fernando Valley chapter of NSD held their monthly dances at Sloans, and in 1991 we became members. In the year 2000, I served as Queen of the San Fernando Valley chapter making many dear and wonderful friends.

I am honored by the encouragement and support of the San Fernando Valley chapter in selecting me to serve a second time as Queen and now as State Queen of NSD. This will be a continuation of the fun and dancing and good friends that I have come to experience and enjoy. It is a very special opportunity for me to represent our organization - chapter to chapter - and I anticipate a terrific year of travel, making new friends and, of course, lots of dancing!

The Dance Now formation team traveled to Hawaii to participate in the 1st Anniversary Ball put on by Dance Magic 808, a local group for which the team has performed in Las Vegas on two occasions. It was a very special dinner dance in the Grand Ballroom of the Pacific Beach Hotel and included performances by 15 different dance and singing groups and individuals, including a hula by Miss Hawaii International 2011. The Singing in the Rain performance by Dance Now was enthusiastically received by the audience, with much applause during and after the routine and many compliments received later.

The special aloha spirit was felt in the very welcoming kindness and attentiveness to all members of the group by Lynn and Richard Nakamura, the president and vice president of Dance Magic 808, to whom a beautiful tribute for their outstanding selfless contributions of time and effort to the area's ballroom dancing was read early in the evening.

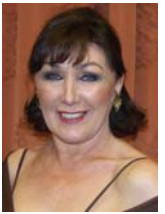


Members of the team participated in other activities together, including an excellent 6 AM tour that was a hike to the top of Diamond Head and a wonderful day long tour of the island that included an afternoon and evening at the Polynesian Cultural Center. The group also enjoyed a Saturday night dance held at the Pavilion, a beautiful city-owned building with a lovely huge wooden dance floor.

The trip meant that everyone was able to get in some vacation time as well. Barbara Greenlaw and Bill Steeber headed over to the Big Island to see the Mauna Kea Observatory and the Volcanoes National Park. Keiko Isshiki and Frank Trapp visited family from Japan also visiting Hawaii, including a grandniece who was in a big hula competition. Andrea and James Gutman and Gee Gee Barden and Bill Morey visited Kauai, the Garden Isle, taking advantage of all it offers.



Queen elect Barbara



Social dances. We had an amazing two months here at Golden Gate with over the top attendance at our dances, fabulous dance teachers who even taught an Argentine Tango for the first time. Some of our new attendees at the dances are from a group of local dance enthusiasts who have inspired our incredible DJ's to play several "Bachatas" during the afternoon, a dance that is really fun to do and great fun to watch. A new caterer treated us to a 4th of July style BBQ which most of us thought of as wonderfully delicious. We do hope we can keep them, as it allows our hard working members to dance and socialize more, instead of helping with all the chores of the food prep and cleaning up after the dance.



Our darling Mary Crosat lead a energetic parade around the dance floor singing in her unparalleled voice "God bless America" with the help of our members. Most were dressed in red, white and blue with our president Dan Ansaldi sporting a huge "Uncle Sam" hat and his lovely wife Amy found and wore (what else) a sparkling replica of the crown our statue of Liberty wears.

June's Western themed dance brought us a table decorations of cowboy boots designed and crafted by our talented Patrick Jude, and Mary Crosat's red and white bears were a hit in July.

Member outings. Three of our well known couples, the Talmadges, Dayeh's and newlyweds Mila and Bob Vieraitis embarked to a 3 day dance camp held in McCloud (Mount Shasta region) where Ron Montez teaches every year. This year's program was Waltz, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz and Tango. Everyone had a great time learning, dancing every night and exploring the charming

little town, hiking trails and waterfalls.

Getting to know Bea and Herb Chow. Herb and Bea met in the early fifties, when International Style dancing was introduced in the US and ballroom dance steps could be patented. Arthur Murray Studios bought up most of the patents and so Bea and Herb, wanting to learn, learned the Arthur Murray way.

They added more ballroom steps to their skills in the 80's at City College, where a class mate introduced them to Golden Gate Dance club. They attended every meeting, dance and even a San Diego convention, before becoming members. Bea was on the Social Committee for many years, and queen in 1992, having the largest ever attendance at her coronation (240). Herb held the offices of treasurer, V.P., delegate, president, editor, social committee, rules committee and many support activities along with his lovely wife.

They still participate in many other dance styles and square dance every week. One of their two daughters teaches Polynesian dancing in Thailand today, inspired by their mom who took them to Polynesian dances every week while they were small.

"Dancing has been fun, healthy and a chance to meet happy people" Herb says, "we enjoyed all the years we have been with the club and our professor at city college was right when he said:" Couples who dance together, stay together".

A reminder. Barbara Crawford, our Ms. Sunshine, reminded all of us how important it is to stay in touch with those members who are no longer living independently and cannot attend our dances or other social functions. With that thought, here is a greeting to our Alda Tomera, who can no longer come to the dances, letting you know that we think about you. Personally I still taste the wonderful Biscotti you and Irene Borelli made for me. They were truly the best I ever had.



Herb & Bea Chow

As always, dance first, think later.

NSD means Never Stop Dancing

Los Angeles Chapter

edited by Joy Michaels



Goings and comings

Club news. The July "Yankee Doodle/USO Salute" dance was a success. Several guests attended, including past members Bill and Doreen Dean and Len Vanderhoof and Martha Rhodes from the San Fernando Valley chapter. The dance was sponsored by John Martin. Susan Lewis took reservations - as well as providing refreshments. Music and dance lesson were provided by Ken & Marion Scholtz. Because he was absent at our installation meeting in June, President, Kyle Catterlin was sworn in by Board Member, Joy Michaels.

Susan and Chuck Johnson attended the Fresno coronation (filling in for Queen Lesley Scott and Allan) along with several members from Los Angeles. The coronation of Queen Lynn Sanders was a beautiful event enjoyed by all.

Other news. Barely back from their "round the world" tour, the Scholtz's were off again for a dance camp week in McCloud, CA - then on to Bellingham, and Seattle, WA to visit their children and new grandson.

The Catterlins also did a lot of traveling to attend graduations of their grandchildren and a special birthday celebration in Northern California.

The Lucas' were in Washington D.C. to attend the graduation of their granddaughter. They also had a reunion with two grandchildren who returned from a climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Get well wishes go out to Roger Lewis (who fell and injured his leg) and Brian Hamilton who is ill. Hope to see both gentlemen back on the dance floor soon.

New member Patti Rohrer, Don Russell, and friends are off on an Alaskan cruise.

Sandy & Tom Wells and Joy Michaels & George Zimmerman attended the Mammoth Lakes Jazz Jubilee at Mammoth and enjoyed the music (and dancing) to the many groups who play there each year.

Upcoming social. The August "Blue Hawaii" dance will be on August 12 at the El Monte Senior Center, 3120 Tyler Avenue, El Monte - from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Cost is \$12. Joy Michaels will be taking reservations and Kuni Jessup will provide the food. See nationalsmoothdancers.com for flyers.

Coronation. It's not too early to start planning for next year's events. Our coronation date has been moved up one week, to January 19, at the Glendale Hilton. We look forward to moving to a larger facility.



Kyle being sworn in



Ken & Marion Scholtz



Debbie Ku & Susan Lewis

Convention Summary. Don't miss out on "Dancing Through the Holidays" This is your only opportunity to celebrate five holidays in one weekend. Come wear the appropriate dress, if you wish, and enjoy each theme of Cinco de Mayo, St Patrick's Day, New Year's Eve, July 4th Beach Party, and a romantic Valentine's evening. Where else can you enjoy all these favorite holidays in one weekend?

Where: J.W. Marriott in Palm Desert - the hotel where you take a gondola up into the lobby to disembark

When: Over Labor Day Weekend, August 31st through September 3rd

Why: ? Because you love dancing and that's what we do with all our friends

There will be lessons, entertainment, professional showcases, food and drink, friends galore and many more new friends to meet and dance with. Ladies -- we will have mixers and dance hosts.

Gentlemen -- we will have lots of new ladies to dance with. (If you're single, you might find your true love!)

Go to nsdsfv.org for convention registration. All inclusive dance package is at \$185.00 including a formal dinner dance, hospitality parties, dancing all day and night, professional showcases and other entertainment throughout. But hurry. Rooms are almost sold out.

Come and join the friendliest group of dancers from San Diego to San Francisco - and do come and meet the rest of the NSD family. Every party has all the ballroom, latin, swing sounds with different DJ's at each dance.

--- Joan Robinson, SFV



Two queens' adventure

Palomar trip. Our adventure to Palomar started Thursday when I arrived at Carla's house in Fresno at 10:30 pm. Carla soothed me with a late supper of Armenian delicacies and a relaxing glass of wine. Wisdom dictated an early bedtime due to an early wake-up call the next day; however, yak, yak, yak and it was after 1:00 am before we closed our eyes. We stumbled out of bed at 6:30 and were on the road in the Dimplez-mobile by 8:30. Queen Carla drove and Queen Lynn navigated equipped with GPS, smart phone, paper maps and 3 pairs of glasses. Some navigator: we somehow got lost in Bakersfield!

We arrived at George & Miriam Mozes' home around 2:30 and were revived with a special cocktail (Raspberry Vodka Spritzer, the "George M") and supper at their favorite neighborhood restaurant. A quick change to party clothes and then to the Ocean Hills Country Club's monthly dance party with a live band. George & Miriam have been the primary instructors for this group for the past 6 years. Many of the newer Palomar members were introduced to NSD by George and Miriam, through their encouraging lesson style and sweet personalities.

Saturday was a very busy day for Palomar members setting up the beautiful ballroom and the hospitality suite. Everyone was flitting back and forth with equipment, decorations and heaps of delicious food and beverages. Even though the NSD visitors did their best to stuff themselves, it was obvious that Palomar members will be feasting on the leftovers for days.

After our surprise limo trip to the ballroom, we were hoping for paparazzi to take our photos getting out until we actually were doing the clambering and decided that it was much better unobserved. Queen Carla Rose was escorted by Fresno member Rick Constantino and Queen Lynn was escorted by Palomar member Len Lee.

Out-going Queen Miriam crowned Queen Elect Debbie in the traditional NSD ceremony. Then Queen Debbie performed a lovely waltz with her professional teacher. Later we enjoyed entertainment by Mark Chapman & Been Kao performing a quick step. It was a lovely evening with delicious food, friendly company and lots of wonderful dancing.

We completed our weekend with breakfast where the queens found their places at the head table decorated with a star from the Hollywood Walk of Fame with their own names. What a wonderful surprise! After breakfast came the traditional photo shoot in the garden, hugs and kisses and farewell exchanges that all ended with "See you in Palm Desert"!

It's so good to be Queen!!

Social report. Our June Sunday Social was on Father's Day, and the tables were decorated with red crowns, pipes, ties and popcorn to nibble on. Pat Taniguchi and Mike Moyle were hosts, and Jun Cleoffe and Kathy Sachse served on the committee.

Dan Goss taught Waltz and Rumba lessons. Great job, everyone! Even though we had a small turnout of 26 attendees, they were on the dance floor most of the evening.

Hostesses Stella Ruckman and Linda Bennett hosted a Summer Picnic atmosphere for July's dance. Committee members Jim Escobar, Steve Moore, Patty Harris and Lorraine Tilton provided BBQ ribs, chicken, potato salad, and deviled eggs, and members contributed other wonderful dishes!

Stephen Herrera and Mikell Parsons taught Nightclub 2-step and West Coast Swing lessons, and members were excited about the technical information they provided!

Our August social will be hosted by our own Queen Lynn! Stacy O'Neal will teach a salsa lesson. Note the change in format: One hour-long lesson will be taught rather than two 45-minute lessons.

All third-Sunday dances are at the Clovis Senior Center, 850 4th Street, Clovis, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 for members with a potluck dish and \$15 for members without a dish, and guests. See www.fresnosmoothdancers.org for flyers!

Sunshine. Robert Jensen was in the hospital for a few days. He is home now and seems to be doing better. Our best wishes go out to you, Robert.

Summer activities and some memories

Congratulations performers. Sandy Long performed a lively Quickstep with her professional partner at Champion's 22nd Anniversary Showcase on May 19th. She won the top solo award for the day and then performed in the evening program.

Also during Champion's Showcase, Jack Staudte performed an International Foxtrot with his instructor. Caron Schattel performed with her instructor at Champion's daytime showcase.

Mani Yamaguchi performed with her instructor Steve Showers at Synergy' Dance Zone's Spring Showcase on June 2nd.



Judy Miranda & Cathy O'Harra

Summer concert fun. Kay Ryan and Al Folkman have been organizing some social evenings at Balboa Park. During the summer, Balboa Park puts on free music concerts. On June 27th, a group of 12 SDDS members met for a preconcert picnic at the Park. The group then walked to the Organ Pavilion for a concert performed by "Cool Fever". The music was R&B, Motown and Swing, and lots of people got up to dance. Additional outings will be planned during the remainder of the summer.



Wandalee & Al

In Memorium. Maggie Demming passed away on June 7th and Fred followed her on June 11th. They were both longtime SDDS members who brought a lot of fun, energy and good dancing to our club. We will greatly miss both of them.

A memorial service for the Demmings will be hosted at the home of Al Folkman and Wandalee Dimond on October 6th from 1 to 4 pm. Al has a DVD and VHS player for viewing photos or videos, and he will also set up a table for displaying photos, albums, and other memorabilia. Al will also MC any verbal tributes, remembrances, short stories, etc. that people would like to tell about two of our favorite members.

Cards can be sent to their daughter Nancy Deming at 408 N. Maria Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90277.



Maggie & Fred
Demming

Wheel Chair Dancing. Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Glenn Thomson has been volunteering for almost four years as a partner for wheel chair dancers. Glenn says "We are changing lives through dance and I think our club should be a part of this....It is good to give back!" For information, check out www.wheelchairdancers.org.

Key contacts. Need to find a key person in a sister chapter?
An updated listing of officers and others is on pages 10-11.



Summer fun at VSD

Luau. The nearly 100 members and guests attending Luau - Pacific Islander were transported to an island paradise created by a wall mural of a traditional ocean beach luau scene with a grass shack completing the island feeling on the stage. Tables were decorated with colorful "Hawaiian" cloth & tropical birds. Island-style dresses and shirts were everywhere.

This Luau dance party held on July 14, 2012, at the Exeter Memorial Hall, began with a night-club two-step dance lesson by Eileen Chavez. Although not the traditional "wild pig" wrapped in leaves & buried in the ground, the luau feast featured a savory roasted pork and a non-traditional chicken cordon bleu. Caterers Margo Giles and Linda Guttierrez (VSD members) also served refreshing tropical fruit and other "island" fare. The meal was delicious.

Dancing began at 8:00 p.m. to the strains of music provided by Cheryl Levitan. As is tradition at a Luau, guests were treated to Hawaiian dance entertainment provided by the Jennifer Cadiente Dance Ensemble. As a special surprise (even to the committee), VSD's recently-wed Myra Nielsen joined the Hawaiian dancing and swayed her hips to the tune, "Over the Rainbow". The audience was delighted by Lorenzo and Judy Araque, who performed a stunning "Bench Dance", a traditional Filipino folk dance which is danced on a bench.

Congratulations and commendations to the committee of Shane and Myra Nielsen, Vince and Nellie Uichanco, Domie Aville and Marshall and Kathy Taylor for a terrific Luau!!

Ice cream social. On July 22, 2012, gather with VSD for a casual afternoon of dancing at the I.O.O.F. Hall (116 S. Court St., Visalia) from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Nothing fancy, just a fun afternoon of dancing, snacks (sounds like ice cream is on the menu) and friendship. Dance music will be provided by Cheryl Levitan. The committee is comprised of Carol and David Bixler, Margo Giles and Carolyn Loverin.

Age of Aquarius. Remember when the musical "Hair" hit Broadway and the song "Age of Aquarius" hit the airwaves?? On August 11th, VSD takes you back to the "dawning of THE AGE OF AQUARIUS" and a time when we sang about and hoped that "peace and love will rule the planet"!!

This social dance kick-off with a Cha-Cha lesson by Franco Peraza (from Ballroom Live) at 6:00 p.m. at the Exeter Memorial Hall (324 N. Kaweah Ave., Exeter, CA). VSD members will provide a sumptuous potluck dinner (known as the Best Potluck in the Valley) at 7:00 p.m. with general dancing to begin at 8:00 p.m.

Vince Uichanco is the "music man" extraordinaire and will play tunes to keep you dancing. Expect a few surprise "honored guests" and a "contest or two" to keep you entertained. Come to Exeter and "Ring in peace and love in your grooviest Hippie attire." Dress reminiscent of the 60s and 70s -- gals dust off your "go-go boots" and mini-skirts, fellows slip into your tie-dyed shirts, or dress-to-impress like Travolta in Saturday Night Fever. Be there or Be Square!! Price is \$15.00. Members with main dish are discounted to \$7.00. For information call Tom & Sue Giampietro (559-733-7795) or Lotti Carr, Diane Sellers, Suzie Carlson or Yvette Haworth. Or see the flyer at visaliasmoothdancers.com.

Don't forget. Time is running short for convention reservations. See the SFV web site for registration. There's still a Friday nite surprise in the works. I can't imagine, but wouldn't miss it. Look forward to seeing you there. -DH, ed.



Socials are the highlight of summer

Socials. Our July dance will have a patriotic theme to it. It will be hosted by Margaret and Richard Keith. The decorations will reflect this theme which will honor all the branches of the military. Margaret promises that there should be lots of red, white and blue. The dress for the July dance will be casual. This dance will be held at the Rasmussen Center, 115 E. Roberts Lane, from 7:00-10:30 pm. Members are free, guests: single \$15.00 and couples \$25.00.

This is a great theme for July, celebrating our Nations' independence and our military. Join us Saturday, July 28th for an evening of dancing and good music!

Our June dance, "Evening in Hawaii", was a great way to kick off summer. It was chaired by JoAnn Georgio and a great committee. JoAnn, selected blue tablecloths for all the tables, with bamboo place mats, straw hats with pineapples and flowers placed inside them completing the look. It all worked to make us feel like we were transported to Hawaii. The dress was casual or Hawaiian style. A light dessert of fresh fruit was served. It was very refreshing, and reminded us that summer was indeed here.

This dance debuted Rich Gonzales as our newest "Target". Rich is taking over for Bob Kandarian. We know Rich is going to do a great job! Congratulations Rich, and welcome aboard!

Convention will be here before you know it. There are at least forty three of our members going this year. Did all the rest of you who wanted to go get your reservations in? This is always a great convention to attend and this year it will be held in Palm Desert at a fabulous five star resort.

Vacations. Our Social Chair, Margaret Keith and her husband Richard have spent a month in Florida visiting friends and family and seeing all the sights in between dodging Florida's weather patterns!

It looks like Sue and Phil Kimbrell were able to tear themselves away from their new granddaughter long enough to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in Cancun. Congratulations on your 30 years together. Tony and Wen-Shi Rodriquez were able to spend some time with them on the trip also.

Final note. There are still several months that are lacking a dance chairperson for our monthly dances, please contact Margaret Keith if you can chair one.

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