

# National Smooth Dancers

## Dance Whispers

### August 2013



## Palomar Chapter

edited by Debbie Kincaid and Don Hubbard



### Coronation

It was a night "Under the Stars" as our guests arrived for the Palomar Smooth Dancers 2013 Coronation of our new Queen, Darlene Drury. Decorations reflected with extreme elegance, Star Gazer Lilies in tall clear glass vases, black & white table cloths with pink napkins. Twinkle lights blinked and reflected the eyes of everyone.

Our guests were greeted by Queen Debbie Kincaid and Michael Mihos as well as Queen-Elect Darlene Drury and her partner Richard Brunton.

Special edition wine was introduced as a unique birthday gift to Darlene with her own queen's photo on custom labels from Richard Brunton!



Darlene Drury with Rick Brunton

Queen Darlene and Richard dance a waltz to the music: "Petite Chanson D'Amour", meaning, "Little Song of Love". The Queen's honor dance, highlighting our evening, by our very own Len and Peggy Lee, performing a marvelous Bolero. Peggy appeared to be melting into his arms filled with passion and expressions of love, "motion with emotion"!



Another star performance was received from Darlene's son, Alexander Pas, as he presented his mother. Then her with daughter Lisa and her husband Michael presented their two "sparkling stars", grandchildren Hadley and Harrison.

Speaking of "stars", Ben and Wendy Wilson, a gorgeous and loving couple from Bakersfield, performed their dances of Tango and Foxtrot; inspiring to all of us as they floated through the air with elegance and ease.

As the evening progressed a delicious buffet dinner by

Ciao Caterers was served and then the dancing began with wonderful music arranged by George Mozes.

Special thanks go to our Coronation Chairman, Marsha Hanson. Marsha's unbelievable attention to detail was exceptional! Our star-studded guests of the evening presented camaraderie, sweet smiles, and laughter.

"Your name may not be in bold but I saw your smile and welcoming arms". Many thanks.....Queen Darlene.

### Queen Debbie's Farewell

Oh my! I never expected this year would be so magical!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart NSD for contributing to this Queen's dream. I have created so many memories and made some wonderful friends for life thanks to you. The year went so smooth – no hiccups until the last coronation in Fresno when Michael and I were driving over the Grapevine ("Queen's Highway") and the hybrid system went out in my car and we were unable to make the entire coronation. OK – you could say it all ended with a bang! Actually, it really hit me that it was over as I was crowning our beautiful new Palomar Queen Darlene Drury and watching her and Rick as they performed their flowing Waltz – tough to hold back those tears!



The entire Coronation was beautiful – through Darlene's vision and Palomar's amazing Decoration Committee (headed by Marion Semler!) – our ballroom was transformed into a beautiful starry night! Special thank you's to Marsha Hanson for brilliantly guiding all of us through the entire coronation journey, Peter Hanson as our fun (and clear) Master of Ceremonies, Cathy Lombardi and her crew for a perfectly lovely Hospitality, Geri Deutsch for gathering reservations and organizing tables and to George Mozes and the Music Committee for working so hard to provide us with brilliant music to dance the night away – our whole club worked together

so well as a team. Thank you all it has been an honor to represent you this past year!!!



One last note to the girls and guys who participated in the wine tasting tour in Temecula the day before Darlene's Coronation – what a great afternoon of fun and bonding we all had! Love those "Wine Teaser" shirts we bought! Cheers!

### New Members

We are happy to welcome two new members, Kelly & Carol Kimmitt to our chapter. Kelly & Carol met during college at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, IL and have been married for 37 years. Illinois is their home state. Over the years Kelly worked for Alcatel-Lucent as a Principal Consultant where he sold equipment to Verizon Wireless. Carol is a licensed RN and has worked in general medicine, telemetry, alcohol rehabilitation and orthopedics. Kelly enjoys being a Baseball Umpire and High School Soccer Referee, while Carol enjoys her gardening and cooking. They raised 5 children and have 2 grand children. Four out of five children live in San Diego! They began dancing about 7 years ago through the Park's System. They have performed a Synchronized Waltz with 8 couples as part of the city performance in Bolingbrook Park District. When they moved to San Diego area they found our Monday night dance lessons. "We really enjoyed how welcoming the group is to new members!", said Kelly.



Len Lee was told by a cruise ship passenger that Cunard Cruiseline owned large ballrooms on its cruise ships. His curiosity took him all the way to Southampton, England where he and Peggy boarded Queen Victoria for a 15 day cruise to the Baltic countries. In addition to dancing before and after dinner, they visited Stockholm, Helsinki, St. Petersburg, Tallinn, Warnemunde, Copenhagen, and Kristiansand. Their first favorite location was St. Petersburg, Russia where they marveled at the Palace Square, homes of the

Russian Emperors, which has now transformed into the State Hermitage Museum. Much of St. Petersburg's art collection is found on that compound. Tallinn, Estonia was their second choice, a beautiful small town where locals gathered to dance and sing for all their visitors.

It was a trip made in heaven, great weather, great food, dancing, and visiting new places. What a life!

### Coronation Memories





# *National Smooth Dancers 2013 Convention*

## *August 30 - September 2*

### *Visalia, CA*

**Before you know it, we'll be stretching out the red carpet for you.**



**See you at the Convention “watering hole”!**

By Yvette Haworth and Lotti Carr

Your Out of Africa dancing safari adventure is about to begin!! Our tour guides are waiting to meet you in the First Class Lounge for refreshments upon your arrival at the VSD “airport” before you are whisked off to Africa for the Friday night “African Safari Orientation Party” with a tribal Welcome Presentation.

There is still time to book rooms at the Comfort Suites so you can join the dancing fun. The Comfort Suites \$99 rate is guaranteed for a couple more weeks and it includes a full breakfast. Keep checking at the Marriott for cancellations as well.

Be prepared for a weekend of dancing, competitions, exhibitions, dance lessons and more dancing. Every

Chapter will be represented by a formation team which will be informally judged. Saturday and Sunday nights will include a Professional Show.

Competition Chair, John Guttierrez, assures us that we are filling most competition categories with ease. If you haven't entered yet, couples wishing to assure that their desired competition category will be held, should contact John before August 15th.

You will see the flamingos of Lake Nakura, witness the pomp and ceremony of the State Queen Coronation, join the camera shoot of the Big Five Game Hunt and enjoy an evening at Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Be certain to pack your dancing shoes and join us in Visalia for this one of a kind African Dance Safari.

## Visalia Chapter

edited by Sallie Holden



So what has happened with the Visalia Chapter recently?

The “La Fiesta” social dance, chaired by the clever Nancy Cargill, was well attended by Visalia members, as well as guests from other clubs. The hall was decorated with, of course, a Mexican theme. The tables were as well (you all know Nancy has a garage full of decorations for every possible dance theme?), including chips and salsa. Dinner was catered; the cheesecake dessert slices were huge. Miss Piggy says to “never eat anything bigger than your head” but most of us ignored that advice. Dance instructors from a local club taught a salsa. The entertainment was a cha cha performed by VSD club members Paul and Wendy Storey. I liked what Nancy said about chairing a dance: it’s sometimes like having a baby.



Nancy and Bart Ramentas, Myra and Shane Nielson, Cheryl and Dean Levitan came to the Luau social dance ready to dance. Nancy and Bart performed a quick step, Myra and Shane performed a waltz, and Cheryl and Dean performed a viennese waltz.

The annual luau was held in July, chaired by Margaret Moholt. A catered BBQ dinner was preceded by a line dance lesson led by Caryl Creason. The highlight of the evening was three performances by “real people”. Nancy and Bart Ramentas of Fresno did a quick step. Myra and Shane Nielson performed a waltz. Cheryl and Dean Levitan did a viennese waltz. All three couples were excellent and fun to watch.

Our new Sunshine ladies, taking over from Lotti Carr, are Caryl Creason and Dorothy Sims. If you have sunshine-like news, Caryl can be reached at 559-732-9827 or carylee@comcast.net.

Remember to send in your registration packets for Convention. And consider signing up for competition. John and Linda Gutterrez are taking applications and John particularly is talking everyone he can into

competing. He says the more the merrier; I say (yeah, he talked us into it) the more dancers, the less the chance the judges will see all our mistakes.

Visalia SD welcomed two new members: Larry and Mary Brown from Lemoore.

“Lazy Days of Summer”, the August social dance, will be held on the 10th. There will be a dance lesson and potluck dinner. Tom and Sue Giampietro are chairs.

Replacing Maria Helm as Vice-President when her term ends will be Jerry Bailey. Replacing Joan Dewey as Secretary will be Shane Nielson.



Jerry Bailey will be replacing Maria Helm as vice-president at the end of her term.



Shane Nielson will be replacing Joan Dewey as secretary.





# Fresno Chapter

edited by Linda Bennett



## Queen Lorraine

After a month of worrying whether my knee surgery would keep me from flying to Palomar, my knee was fine, but Alaska Airlines cancelled my flight. Lynn Sanders was in San Diego already, with her white gown, just in case, so she filled in at the Coronation.

I was really looking forward to both visiting San Diego and attending the Coronation. Debbie Kincaid, the outgoing Palomar Queen, was unable to make it to my coronation because of car trouble on the Grapevine. We are a couple of star-crossed queens!

I am looking forward now to the Visalia Convention, and here is a report from Lynn.

## 2013 Palomar Coronation

Queen Debbie Kincaid and Queen-elect Darlene Drury kicked off the coronation festivities with lunch and wine tasting on Friday in nearby Temecula. After a delicious lunch, we continued on to the Wilson Winery, whose specialty is almond champagne (very popular with the queenly set). From there the group separated into the "tanning" party, the Champion dance party and Moises dinner group. Speaking for the Champion group, Lynn and Shirley had a wonderful time. We met Mary Murphy in person, sang happy birthday to San Diego member, Jackie Yu, and danced to our heart's content.

Saturday morning started early with a 7:15 am text from Queen Lorraine inquiring if I was equipped to stand in for her due to a canceled flight. Something eerie about Debbie getting stranded on the way to Fresno and Lorraine stuck without a flight to Palomar. So, tiara in hand, Shirley and I headed to Palomar for the afternoon hospitality and the evening festivities at the beautiful Ocean Hills Country Club ballroom.

The theme for the evening was Under the Stars. My handsome escort was Palomar member, Duane Thornton (graciously shared by my friend, Donna Thornton). Queen elect Darlene was escorted by her son, Alex, and was attended by her adorable grandchildren, Hadley and Harrison. The honor dance was a sexy bolero, performed by Len and Peggy Lee. Ben & Wendy Wilson performed the entertainment, an elegant foxtrot and a passionate tango, wow! We enjoyed dance music during dinner and a wonderful evening of dancing. The festivities had to end at 10:00 pm on the dot, so we made the most of our time on the dance floor!

Breakfast on Sunday honoring outgoing Queen Debbie was held at the El Camino Country Club in Oceanside. We enjoyed a tasty buffet breakfast and photo ops in a pretty gazebo in the gardens. I'm so sorry that Queen Lorraine missed all the fun and I know she'll be looking

forward to Convention. Thank you to Palomar for taking such good care of us all. Extra special thanks to Shirley McCloskey for being such a good hostess and a good friend. Hugs, kisses and good byes and it was "on the road" again for me.

It's still good to be Queen even if it's just for the day! ☺

## Social Report

**June:** Fresno members enjoyed Father's Day Dancing in June. Lorraine Tilton hosted, with her committee of Jim Escobar, Lynn Sanders, Patty Harris and Van Oosbree. The tables were decorated with beautiful flowers from Lorraine's yard. Stacy O'Neil was our dance instructor for a fun Salsa lesson.

**July:** "Celebrating the American Spirit" was the theme for our July social. Linda Bennett hosted, assisted by her committee of Steve Moore, Jim Escobar, Lynn Sanders and Stella Ruckman. Tables were decorated with blue and red stars, mini baseball bats and red, white and blue "baseballs" and dishes of red, white and blue M & M's for snacking! Steve Herrera and Mikell Parsons provided an excellent West Coast Swing lesson, members contributed a feast for our delicious potluck, and we all enjoyed an evening of dancing to Heidi Hagopian's wonderful music.

Please join us on Sunday, August 18, for "School Days"! Guy Ashby and Katherine Paige will teach an Argentine Tango class at 4:00 p.m. George and Norma Schmidt will host.

All third-Sunday dances are at the Clovis Senior Center, 850 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.fresnosmoothdancers.org) for flyers!

## Sunshine

George Schmidt has recently spent a week in the hospital and is now home recovering. We wish you a speedy recovery, George!!!

Mary Catherine Doi has broken a bone in her back and is scheduled for surgery soon. Our thoughts are with you for a successful surgery and a quick and complete recovery!!



We are deeply saddened to report to you that Barbara Strickler has passed away. Her funeral was attended by quite a few NSD members and friends in Turlock on July 20th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob at this very sad time.

## San Fernando Valley Chapter

edited by Debbie Bloom



The San Fernando Valley Chapter held a lively Fourth of July theme dance on July 6. We were honored to have Victor Lee and Debby Ku from the Los Angeles chapter teach us a hustle line dance. We really had to hustle to learn that one, but it was loads of fun. Thanks, Victor and Debbie, as well as the other L.A. chapter members who joined us that evening.

Have you seen our new website? It's great! Bill Steeber, with the help of other chapter members, worked hard to get it up and running. It's a beautiful and very user-friendly site. If you need any information about NSD events in the Valley or elsewhere, go to [www.nsdsvf.org](http://www.nsdsvf.org).

In further chapter news, we're happy to report that we have three new members; Edwin Craig, Roger Moore, and Dawn Mathews; bringing our total count to 63. Welcome Edwin, Roger, and Dawn. We look forward to dancing with you and getting to know you.

Our dance studio keeps getting better. The air conditioning improvements are complete, making for a comfortable evening no matter how many fast swings or salsas we do. We now have enough tables and chairs to easily accommodate all of our guests. And our resident DJ, Mark Emanuelli, is in the process of acquiring an updated sound system for our chapter. So come dance with us and enjoy our studio's growing amenities.

The Dance Now formation team recently performed at a senior center in June and a local nursing home in July. As always, the audience loved the show. The team is now in rehearsal for the Visalia competition. I can't wait to see their performance.

**Chapter and State Queen, Barbara Greenlaw, on the Palomar Coronation:** Sparkling lights and sparkling people – that was the setting for the Palomar chapter's coronation of Queen Darlene Drury. The weekend began with a hospitality, which always involves hugs, greetings, and enough goodies to more than satisfy after traveling the freeways. We were definitely "Under the Stars" for this beautiful event. Some of Darlene's family, including her two adorable grandchildren, attended the event, making the coronation festivities even more special. Escort Rick and Queen Darlene commenced the evening by dancing the queen's waltz, officially launching a year of royal events for Queen Darlene.

Palomar members, Len and Peggy Lee, performed a Bolero in honor of Queen Darlene. It was an exciting performance that thrilled Queen Darlene and drew much audience applause. From the Bakersfield chapter, we enjoyed the talents of Ben and Wendy Wilson, who

danced a terrific tango followed by a soft and romantic foxtrot. What a treat to have these lovely and accomplished dancers perform for us. There were about 125 guests in attendance. We enjoyed a delicious catered dinner, a selection of wines at every table, and birthday cakes all around. We spent the rest of the night dancing and chatting with good friends. It was a great evening from start to finish.

The farewell breakfast was held at the El Camino Country Club. Queen Debbie, always so gracious and lovely, thanked the Palomar chapter for having had the opportunity to serve as queen during the past year. Her depth of emotion was keenly felt. There is a rich camaraderie among the Queens, past and present, based on our shared experiences in this majestic role.

Thank you so much, Palomar, for this wonderful event that honored and crowned your beautiful new queen. I know that Queen Darlene will be a magnificent ambassador for your chapter and for National Smooth Dancers.

**The results are in.** According to an informal (very informal) survey, we love Smooth Dancers, and here are some reasons why: Gee Gee Barden loves getting to know the members and working with the core group of volunteers who make these fantastic events happen. She enjoys the many opportunities to take to the floor with so many excellent dancers, especially during the mixers. The semi-annual dance weekends are outstanding occasions where she gets to meet even more great dancers from all over California. Joan Robinson thinks of Smooth Dancers as a fun bunch of friends from all parts of California. She admires the generous spirit of volunteerism that keeps the balls rolling along.

Jerry Engel loves the friendly people and the excellent dancers he's met. He feels that the San Fernando Valley's venue and music are the best in the west. Jerry especially loves the weekend conventions spent dancing and watching amazing performances. I, Debbie Bloom, love Smooth Dancers because the people are so warm and welcoming. We are kindred spirits who come together to indulge our fervent joy. We dance, of course we dance, but we also talk about dancing, analyze the newest steps we've learned, share our best experiences in dance, and plan more and more dance events to look forward to. It's official – We love Smooth Dancers!

Whispered Words of Wisdom: "Dance is the hidden language of the soul."

- Martha Graham

## Los Angeles Chapter

**Club News** - The July business meeting/dance "Independence Day" had a most welcome good attendance – thanks to 16 guests who had attended our "Tea Dance". Kuni Jessup furnished the yummy Asian salad and dessert and the music and dance lesson were provided by Chuck and Susan Johnson. Two new members were sworn in – Francie and Doug Lindstrom, who are also members of the Elks Lodge and are partners in a metal spinning company.



Vice-president Victor Lee performs the official swearing in of our two newest members, Francie and Doug Lindstrom, at our July chapter meeting and social dance.

Our second tea dance of the year was a resounding success with an attendance of 114 people. With club members working to organize and prepare for the dance, the tea dance has become a welcomed fund raiser. We are especially appreciative of all the hard work Lee Chan has put into organizing and selling tickets along with the planning by Victor Lee. Dancers attending the tea dance have also been introduced to the National Smooth Dancers. We were pleased to have 16 guest attend our July meeting/dance after having attended the tea dance.



Susan Lewis, Chuck Johnson and Susan Johnson work diligently to get the tea dance lunch served to our guest.



The second tea dance of the year was held on June 3rd with 114 guests. With live music and a light lunch served, the tea dance is a big success for the club.

edited by Joy Michaels



**Other News** – The first week in August the Lewis's are attending a family reunion at Rock Creek Lake in the High Sierras – guys fishing, girls cooking, as their daughter-in-law, who went to "fancy-schmancy" cooking school in N.Y., will be showing some of her expertise. And then they will be haunting a ghost town, going to Devil's Post Pile above Mammoth and maybe even doing a little shopping in Mammoth. Tina Van Zandt is recovering from a bout with blood clots in her legs. Newly renewed member, Brian Hamilton, is out of commission for awhile with toe surgery. Hope to see him at one of our dances in the not too distant future. We are looking forward to having a nice turnout at the Convention in Visalia – it sounds like it will be a really fantastic affair. A bunch from Los Angeles are tagging along on the party bus from San Diego so that should get things rolling before the event starts.

### Queens Report -

"Under the Stars" was the theme for Palomar's Coronation. Queen, Darlene Drury was beautiful to watch as she was guided into an elegant waltz. Something I aspired to accomplish. Our chapter was represented by Susan and Chuck Johnson, Debby Ku and Victor Lee, Marion and Ken Scholtz, Jodene and Kyle Catterlin and of course, Queen Sandy Wells and Tom Wells. Travelling to the different chapters has been a wonderful experience; delicious food, star studded dancing and wonderful new friends. We're looking forward to "Out of Africa", in Visalia for our convention..



Tom Wells, Susan and Chuck Johnson, Sandy Wells, Debbie Ku, Victor Lee, Marion and Ken Scholtz attended the Palomar coronation

**Upcoming socials** - The regular August dance "Country Western Hoe Down" will be held on August 11 at the San Gabriel Elks Lodge, 1373 East Las Tunas Drive San Gabriel, CA 91776 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$12. See [nationalsmoothdancers.com](http://nationalsmoothdancers.com) for flyers.





# Golden Gate Chapter

edited by Gabrielle von Stephens



## What an attendance at our Sunday dances.....

Wow, we actually had 140 people show up for our June dance called "Copa Cabana". The table decorations and Carmen Miranda's outfit were created and produced by our talented Patrick Jude. The heads have been used for many charitable events and are now available to our sister chapters, if they would like to use them. Fresno chapter Queen Lynn Sanders will be using them at their dance and are available to anyone who might want to use them for their event.



These heads were used as decorations at the Copa Cabana themed dance and are available for other clubs to use.

Our 4th of July dance had over 120 people and our creative 4th of July Queen Mary Crosat had all the tables decorated in the proud red white and blue. Here she is in her fabulous outfit with Uncle Sam.



The music and the food at both events were spectacular and word is getting around town about our dances.

Also at our July dance our new members Janice and Peter Imperial performed a fabulous Foxtrot routine for us, which they will be competing in at the International Grand Ball this coming weekend. Congratulations and good luck to the two of you.

We are excited to have Bill Milner teach the foxtrot and viennese waltz at our next two dances. You might want to come and join us.

## Getting to know our long time members:

### Queen Rosa and husband Les Lin



Born in 1952 in Taipei, Taiwan, Rosa came to San Francisco in 1966. The language barrier found her feeling like a refuge for many years until she managed to learn English in school which helped her to integrate into our society. After high school graduation she

joined the work force at Kaiser Hospital in the psychiatry department, preparing her for everything life would have in store for her.

She met Les in November of 1975 and after a whirlwind courtship they married in December, also in 1975. If getting the license had not taken so long, it might have been sooner!

Rosa and Les have two grown boys and one daughter. The oldest boy gave them a granddaughter and a grandson and much to Rosa's delight she just received the gift of another granddaughter from her beloved daughter who lives in Hong Kong. Their youngest son is still single.

Les, worked as an Engineer at the Emporium where he met Genevieve Chan. She invited them to a coronation at the Spanish Cultural center. Because of their two left feet they left early and were inspired to take up dance lessons in 1995, so they could attend our monthly dances. They became members in 2000 and in 2008 Rosa was elected our Queen.

Unfortunately Rosa had a small stroke two months before her coronation, however she is recovering and is back on the dance floor, little by little.

## Travel news from our members

Rita and Floyd Parma enjoyed a trip to the Magic Kingdom at the beginning of May and then travelled to Washington DC and Virginia Beach in June. Between those trips there were two graduations one for a Bachelors and one for a Masters as well as two weddings. Busy busy.....



Evelyn Gavello had the good fortune to be taken to Las Vegas for her birthday by her daughter. They stayed at New York, New York in a lovely suite. Evelyn was surprised with front row seats at the Donnie and Marie Osmond show at the Flamingo. Donnie performed most of the show on Evelyn's side of the stage and even shook her hand and waved good by to her at the end.

Evelyn's latest adventure was a drive to Los Angeles for a cousins wedding. Then Disneyland, trying out all the new rides (yes she did!), and Universal Studios. Before the year is up she is planning a cruise to the Caribbean. Evelyn, you are a lucky women with a wonderful daughter.

As always, dance first, thinking can wait.



## Bakersfield Chapter

Our upcoming August dance with the theme “Hot August Nights” is being chaired by me, Dorothy Vaughan, and I’ve gathered a wonderful committee to help me put it together!

This dance will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Rasmussen Center 115 E. Roberts Lane from 7:00 to 10:30pm. Members are free; guests are \$15 for singles and \$25 a couple.

Our Bakersfield Team Dancers will perform their special dance number they have been working so hard on. This is a wonderful opportunity to see it before they perform at the Visalia State Convention.

Our dress code for the evening will be casual, or sizzling, no shorts though! Dennis Acosta will be there to play our favorite music. I do hope you can join us for this special evening of music and dance!

The National Smooth Dancers state convention is sponsored by Visalia Smooth Dancers this year and it will soon be here. I hope everyone has gotten their packages and hotel reservations by now!

Their committee members have been working very hard to make sure everyone has a great adventure with their theme “Out of Africa!” So make sure you join all your NSD friends for a dance on the wild side! That’s August 30<sup>th</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hope to see you there!

Our July dance was chaired by JoAnn Georgio and her great committee. JoAnn chose, “The Great Gatsby” as her theme, and everyone was encouraged to wear clothes from that era!



Jeanette Rogers, Dee Anna Rubiy, Dorothy Vaughan, Jo Ann Georgio and Christine Conrad show off their Great Gatsby attire.

Ken Silber was our wonderful music man for the evening. Attendance was down some, as several of our members attended Palomar’s Coronation, held on the

edited by Dorothy Vaughan



same evening. Those of us in attendance had a wonderful time though!

Our June dance had a wonderful baseball theme. Jill Calcaterra and Ty Upshur, had a wonderful committee including, Lyle Mills who acted as Master of Ceremonies and “called” all the plays.

Jill chose checkered tablecloths, peanuts, popcorn, baseball hats, bats, and packages of cotton candy for all the tables. The committee served hot dogs, watermelon and punch. There were sixty eight people in attendance and Rich Gonzalez of “The Targets” played the music. There were no strike outs at this dance, unless you weren’t there!

Our members, Susan Salvucci and Anna Fourie are recovering quite nicely from their recent surgeries and we are most thankful for that!

Our condolences and prayers go out to Steve Peterson and his family on the recent loss of his father!

As I was doing this newsletter I got the news that a beloved member of our dance club has suddenly passed away, so it is with great difficulty that I report the passing of Norbert Tan. Marietta and Norbert were on a cruise when he was suddenly taken from us. Norbert served as our President in the year 2011. As I glance back on Norbert’s year as our President, you can see his love of dance reflected in his monthly newsletters to us. He was always encouraging and his enthusiasm for dance was certainly infectious, and of course, his love of his NSD friends/family was always evident. Norbert and Marietta both loved to dance, and they enjoyed the group lessons we held on Tuesday evenings with Dan Goss. Norbert had a great memory for remembering the dance steps. When Marietta became Queen, Norbert and she choreographed their dance steps for the Queen’s waltz!

Norbert, we want you to know that we appreciate and thank you for all your love, friendship, thoughtfulness and memories you have given us through the years.

Please keep Marietta in your thoughts and prayers as she goes through this very difficult time!



# SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

edited by Vern Miranda



**2013 Palomar's Coronation** – On July 27, 2013, San Diego Smooth Dancers journeyed to the Palomar Chapter, and celebrated a great Coronation for Queen Darlene Drury while dancing “Under the Stars” at the Ocean Hills Country Club. Much thanks to the Palomar Coronation Chairpersons, Eckhard Aschke and Marsha Hanson and the Coronation Committee Members for a pleasant and enjoyable evening.



**2013 Fourth of July Celebration Gathering** – Members, guests and relatives of the SD Smooth Dancers enjoyed a delicious dinner and viewed a spectacular fireworks display. Much thanks to Been Kao and Mark Chapman for coordinating and hosting this annual event.



**Taking a Break on the Big Island** – National Smooth Dancers, Judy and Vern Miranda and Barbara and Greg Uichanco enjoyed taking a work-break from the rest of the world. We hope to see everyone at the Annual Convention in Visalia!



**SDSD July Social (Indoor Picnic & Dance)** – Thank you Anita Tey and her Crew for coordinating and hosting this Social. Vickie Durham and her Crew did a great job preparing and serving the delicious food. Rose Madrid played the fine dance music. Thank you everyone for supporting this annual event.



**On a Sad Note** – David Stewart, an incredible Smooth Dancer and a gracious and charming person, passed on to the Great Architect of the Universe during the month of July 2013. David was a caring and generous friend, who would always be there to check up on a sick friend. As one of our very active SDSD Member, David will be truly missed at our monthly Socials.

Many thanks to NSD Members and Friends for all your cards and prayers after my recent stroke. I am hoping to return to work soon. Mahalo and take care.





Don't get left.....

**Ahem.....**

Meet us in Visalia  
For A TON Of Fun  
**CONVENTION 2013**

Upcoming National Smooth Dancers events: Convention - August 30 - September 2  
San Fernando Valley Coronation - November 2