

National Smooth Dancers

Dance Whispers

September 2013



Yvette Hayworth & Lotti Carr
Convention Co-Chairs

From the moment we filed the bid to host the 2013 convention, our minds were working toward our goal: “Wow them!! And give them their money’s worth!” The “Out of Africa, a Safari Adventure” provided ample opportunity for both.

Because first impressions are important, we set the stage with “our greeting elephant”, then the hallway foliage, African print quilts hand-crafted by Sallie Holden, and the hospitality area all of which transformed the foyer into Africa. Entering the ballroom left no doubt this was Africa with the 7-foot tall African masks and posters of the great animals on the walls, and, dominating the room much as it dominates the African landscape, an Acacia tree silhouette against the sunset, hand painted by Lotti Carr and Nancy Cargill (and friend Lorenzo). A special thank you to Bakersfield member Bernice Fiolle for her teaching & tools to assist with the creation of the African masks.



Stan Medina enthusiastically greeted convention guests as a Masai warrior.

Without a 5-Star Resort to attract participants, we relied on offering a full package at a great price and with something for everyone. General Dancing is why we come together, yet many of our NSD family are not as spry as they once were and we needed to entertain them as well. We ambitiously planned 4 group dance lessons, held two Jack and Jill events, had 8 formation team performances, plus a “Welcome Show” with Pan Am showgirls, a flock of Flamingos, a Masai warrior, the

Waka Waka women and our Medicine Man to assure a magical weekend.

In 2012, formation teams were a big hit and 2013 increased the “fun” with a competition that seemed to stir the

creative juices within each Club. The rules allowed teams to be couples, individuals or a combination of both as long as they were NSD members. Performances were limited to 4 minutes. As entries arrived, we were amazed with the creative names and descriptions of the teams, wondering what they could possibly mean. Although the Golden Gate “Jungle Boogie” team took home the Champagne Award for first place, each team was terrific. Congratulations to the “Bakersfield Ballroom Blitz”, the “Fresno Wildcats”, the Palomar Pink Panthers; the “Funky Monkeys” from San Diego, Dance Now representing San Fernando, Visalia Pride, the host team and from Los Angeles “Team L.A.” which should receive an award for the most creative way of including all members who wanted to participate, even Jodene who is recovering from complications after hip surgery. Hat’s off to all of the formation teams – you rock!

One of the most nerve racking and difficult tasks for convention is left to the Entertainment Chair (Lotti Carr) and that is to find good quality Professional Entertainment for your convention enjoyment. Because the best Pros are usually highly involved with Embassy Ball (always held on the same weekend as Convention) it becomes challenging to find couples who are willing to travel on their “night off” from Embassy. This year both couples were modest, charming and a joy to watch. What a nice surprise that Kyle and Allie Spinder decided to join us on Friday so we could get to know them and them us. Kyle and Allie conducted the Tango and Waltz lessons, judged multiple competitions and then “wowed” us with a Sat. night exquisite exhibition of Waltz, Fox Trot, Tango and Viennese Waltz. Then on Sunday, Sergei Shapoval and Ania Tarnowska, who had just come from winning their division at Embassy Ball, taught the Cha Cha and Bolero lessons, completed the judging and then, before rushing off to catch a flight, thrilled us with their Swing, Cha Cha, Rumba and Bolero.

What is a convention without a nice surprise? Our local 2011 and 2013 U.S. Argentine Tango Champions Marcelo Molina and Carolina Vazquez, with a little encouragement,

“dropped in” on Friday night to dazzle us with two Argentine Tangos. What a performance!

Convention was exactly what we hoped new members could witness; to know what it means to belong to this wonderful organization on a state-wide level and how it goes beyond supporting just your individual chapters. At first you may feel like a stranger, but the more you attend Boards and convention, the more it will be like a yearly family reunion and the term “extended family” will take on a new meaning.

Two individuals must be acknowledged for their efforts to share our love of ballroom dance with others and for supporting our convention. Joan Robinson and Mark Emanuelli of SFV created special promotional materials and were constantly encouraging those who love dancing and are not members of NSD to come and play with us. The SFV contingent was 41 strong and many were non-members. Plus Joan is the dance host instigator and Mark was our Sunday night music man. These two are truly NSD treasures.

Convention is the one NSD event of the year where we conduct sanctioned competitions. One of our goals was to increase the number of competitors and thanks to a concerted effort at recruiting -- increase we did. A total of 29 couples competed in 11 sanctioned competition categories (some couples in multiple categories), plus two couples performed an “exhibition” non-sanctioned event. There would have been more couples competing, but several withdrew due to injuries. It was exciting to have enough newer competitors that it was necessary to hold preliminaries in two events. We hope that all of these couples will be back next year, and even more!

There were a total of 228 participants in the four dance lessons. One was less well-attended due to a scheduling conflict with the Delegates meeting and the Queens Reception and Luncheon. We initiated a plan to purchase the dance lesson tickets in advance to facilitate a more efficient entry into the ballroom for the lessons. With needing practice time for all of the formation teams, competitors and professionals, the ballroom was very tightly scheduled which meant efficiency was a must! The system worked very well.

Our NSD sister chapters are always helpful and this convention was no exception. Friday night Fresno hosted wonderful after-dance hospitality with hors-d'oeuvres, salads and wine/coffee. Following our big dinner (wow, what portions) the Saturday night hospitality hosted by Los Angeles provided a selection of delicious cakes and coffee. We noticed that many people elect to skip hospitality and retire directly following the dinner dance. In the future we might want to consider Saturday night hospitality be very light, possibly cookies or fruit with coffee/wine. San Fernando Valley stepped up to host Sunday night with a more elaborate selection of finger food and the cakes left from Saturday night. Visalia thanks everyone who helped make the hospitalities a wonderful part of our convention experience providing great food and a relaxing time to visit with friends.

Along with our NSD members and non-member

guests, we were fortunate to have our five dance hosts, Dan Machado, Alex Ortiz (Pasadena), Alex Ortiz (Fresno), Dya Price, and Joseph Lopez to keep our ladies on the dance floor. We invited only non-NSD members to be dance hosts to provide extra gents. We know that our NSD gentlemen members are always generous with their time and dancing feet. We also want to acknowledge our ten local dance instructors who attended, many for the entire event! Thanks for joining us!!



Speaking of the instructors, several were recruited to judge the very popular Jack and Jill competitions. With 20 or more couples competing in each event, Waltz and Night Club Two-step, there seems to be a high demand for a chance to

compete -- just for fun!!

Bottom line, the success of the convention and the measure of enjoyment could not have happened without the support of our “extended NSD family”. The Visalia Chapter thanks each and every one for participating and sharing your weekend with us. We will see you at Boards and again in Palm Springs if not sooner.

It's been puurrrrrfectly wonderful,

sharing this time with you!

THANK YOU'S

THANK YOU.... To the all Visalia members who volunteered or were recruited - for outstanding performance and dedication to making this a memorable weekend. Not everyone had a special title or job, and each of you gave of your time, talent and spirit as “worker bees” without whom nothing would have been accomplished.

Joan Robinson and Mark Emanuelli – When the SFV convention was over, Joan and Mark began promoting the Visalia convention as fervently as their own, eagerly designing materials aimed at “their non-NSD crowd” and recruiting attendees and dance hosts. Mark kept us dancing with his wonderful tunes as Music Man on Sunday night.

Carol Abeyta –Dance Seminars Designing the tickets, organizing the sales and being responsible for the group seminars. This was well done by Carol who even took over the introductions of the pros since Lotti and Yvette had a conflicting Queens's luncheon.

David and Carol Bixler –David, for working on the budget committee, for months of constructing planned ideas that had to be changed; for always being there with his “man toys” (tools) to create, fix patch and transport by using his much needed trailer, and Carol for coordinating and assisting David in all this. (See also Queens Coronation). They are generous with their time and efforts.

Nancy Cargill for tackling the task of Decorating

Chair. She brought the vision of the theme to reality with the decorations in the ballroom and Crown Circle Luncheon, making and loaning the Crown Circle decorations herself.



Lotti Carr takes a moment out from her convention duties to pose with Sergi Shapoval and Ania Tarnowska who were our professional entertainers Sunday evening.

designing showgirl Pan Am costuming.

United Signs - **Bill and Lona Dolan** – for printing our Yearbook and telephone roster.

Sue Giampietro – for designing and printing the Name badges. This in addition to Co-chairing and decorating the Friday afternoon hospitality while still in the throes of remodelling her home. We thank hubby Tom for his patience (and assistance by bartending with new member, VP Jerry Bailey). No one stepped up to do the badges and we soooo appreciated her volunteering and her expertise.

John and Linda Gutierrez – Dance Rule Chairs – Seasoned veterans at this time consuming and tedious task of those “gonna and then not gonna participate” in a competition. Congratulations to one of the largest group of competitors obtained in years!!! We know and appreciate how much time and effort it takes the competitors and we hope chapters continue to bring in competitors and encourage all others to continue to reach their next level of dance.

Yvette Haworth for Co-Chairing convention and handling the many hotel requirements, changes and fires of those who made “late reservations”. We had only one complaint regarding the hotel – which was there were not enough “bell carts” upon arrival. Also for co-chairing the Crown Circle Luncheon and the contact person for the Formation Team requirements, coordinating practices and performances as well as dance hosts and for coordinating the evening hospitalities. Yvette wanted to be a first time “hands on” chairman, which resulted in many sleepless nights for both she and co-chair Lotti just keeping on top of last minute changes and arrangements.

Maria and Bob Helm for their expert experience and dedication in gathering, assembling, and distributing the convention packages. Once given the materials, Maria has this down to a science and needs and prefers no assistance except to distribute them on Friday. You go girl.

Sallie Holden – for offering her hand made African Print quilt and wall hangings. They added so much to the hall

Lotti Carr for Co-chairing convention and obtaining the Professional entertainment, judges, and scrutineer. Designing and editing with Greg Uichanco the yearbook and promotional gathering of ads for same. Painting, along with Nancy and Lorenzo, our backdrop mural and masks that hung with the framed decorated posters in the ballroom. Assisted the Decorating Chair by consulting and going on buying trips to LA for supplies; participating in and

decorations. Also, for finding our friendly “greeting” elephant which was seen first as members entered the convention hallway. Nancy decorated around it to make a perfect Photo Op.

Chriss Laursen Thank you Chriss for a valiant effort to find vendors. This year just seemed to be an inconvenient time for them health wise or otherwise.

Cheryl Levitan – for chairing and creating the entrance to the ballroom along with the help of **David and Carol Bixler** who jump in to assist where needed. Carol was the decorator of the Queens Coronation Ball centerpieces and arch.

Matt Lott – The Troubleshooter – This is a thankless job – he was the “Go-To-Guy” for fixing what ever needed fixing having to do with the facilities. This meant running from place to place and being at the mercy of the phone & radio! He, too, lost sleep!

Manuel Madril – for acting as the transportation expert, Manuel was on call to pick-up and transport supplies and decorations from many various sources. And it was all done with his customary good natured smile.

Stan Medina – for authentically portraying our Masai tribes man, even commanding “one goat or \$5” for a picture with him in his garb.

Margaret Moholt –Working on the Budget Committee; receiving and recording all registration forms, depositing checks, keeping us informed of the head count, meal requests and submitting names for badge passes to Sue for printing,

Hartune Neffian – for a masterful job of orchestrating the Jack & Jill competitions for those who want to compete for fun and bragging rights and for the clever and unique prizes.

Becky Paschall – for creating Stan’s costume.

Paul Story – it isn’t easy being a Medicine Man in native garb and make-up one night, then appearing as our MC in full tuxedo the next. Paul carried it off perfectly.

Greg Uichanco, Vince Uichanco and Tim Inouye – There would be no dancing without the music, which takes a tremendous amount of time, planning and work during the convention. Additionally, they are needed to play music during the coronation, formation team and competitor practices, as well as during the lessons. The amount of time these gents spend on the dance floor is severely limited.

Thank you Event - Dance Committee Chairs

Sue Giampietro and June Aguet - Friday Afternoon Hospitality in the Airport Lounge incredible job!! Using posters, animal and tribal prints, one knew they were waiting to go on a safari.

Carolyn Richards - Friday Evening Orientation Dance – How clever to have such beautiful decorations and then to sell them as souvenirs. Carolyn even had to take orders for more. Our queen will most likely deliver them to the requesting chapter members when she attends a coronation.

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State Queen Barbara Uichanco



I would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you for those of you having had the opportunity to attend the 2013 State Convention held in Visalia. We hope you found your time spent rewarding and memorable. I know I certainly did! It is truly an honor that I have been given to serve as State Queen for NSD. This will be a memory to last a lifetime. I have some big

shoes to fill in the State Queens who have preceded me. But these wonderful ladies have also served as great mentors passing along the tradition of what it means to be an ambassador of NSD serving as Queen. Queen Barbara Greenlaw with all her poise and elegance has left a mark that I can only hope to match. I congratulate her on completing a successful year as State Queen. I also thank her, and all the Queens I have had the fortune of coming in contact with, for the friendship, laughs, and opportunity to share tradition. Being a member of NSD is a wonderful experience. To add to that the privilege of being State Queen is truly amazing.

As this next year goes along and numerous dances are held at Chapter levels, Coronations take place, Boards in Bakersfield occur, and as we head into our next State Convention in Palomar 2014 I hope I, as well as all of you, have the continued opportunity to meet many more NSD members. Every NSD member is special. And every NSD member is fortunate to be in a club with such energy and passion to continue to move forward and grow in ways that for years to come can be looked upon as a strong organization that loves to ballroom dance.

I thank you again for the honor of representing NSD as State Queen. I hope you all have a wonderful year of dance. And I hope to see you on the dance floor!

Yours in admiration and friendship,
State Queen Barbara Uichanco



Outgoing State Queen

Barbara Greenlaw

It has been an awesome year! The privilege of being State Queen is a tremendous honor and a fabulous opportunity to be included in this group of smart, intelligent and fun women. It is a specialness that I will always treasure.

I have traveled to each of our chapter coronations and it is amazing and so interesting and enjoyable to see how each new queen's personality combines and contributes to the uniqueness of the circle of Reigning Queens.

My official duty and honor was to pass the reign from one State Queen Barbara to another State Queen Barbara, and for this year 2013, I had the pleasure and privilege of crowning the charming and beautiful Barbara Uichanco of the Visalia chapter. She will continue to graciously exemplify the values and ideals of being an ambassador among our sister chapters.

What a terrific way for me to cap off my year by attending a fabulous convention! Visalia's innovative and creative decorations were the talk of every event. We certainly did see a lot of Spots and Stripes!! Dancing, dancing and so many opportunities for fun and friendship. An enormous "thank you" to all the members of the Visalia chapter for contributing your energy, time, talents and your enthusiasm making it one super weekend!!

2012 State Queen Barbara Greenlaw



Queen's Convention Reflections

The Visalia Smooth Dancers outdid themselves with this year's Convention. From the elephant in the entry to the wall hangings and paintings, everything was excellent! There were formation teams performing at all afternoon and evening events, two Jack & Jill contests, enough contestants for most of the sanctioned dance events, and professional entertainment every evening. Fresno Chapter was proud of our 28-member attendance, with another 17 Fresnoans joining us including Dianna Gonzales and four of her instructors.

Friday evening we were surprised by a sizzling performance by Marcelo Molina & Carolina Vazquez, 2011 & 2013 US Argentine Tango Champions, who teach at Dianna's Studio.

Queen Mum Carla Hartunian presided over Fresno's Friday night hospitality, with plenty of hot and cold selections, and help and donations from many members.

I want to thank Jim Escobar for being my escort for Saturday's coronation. Later that evening, the Fresno Formation Team performed their routine, a feline fantasy choreographed by Melanie Reno. Sharon Crisp organized the team which also included Norma Schmidt, Kathy Constantino, Patricia Taniguchi, Angie Garcia, Carla Hartunian, Linda Bennett, and Sue Dowell.

Sunday evening, Carla, dancing with Mark Chapman of San Diego, won the Night Club Two-Step Jack & Jill contest. On Monday, Lynn Sanders and her partner Jacky Yu of San Diego, walked away with three first-place trophies, for the 4 Star International Standard, the 3 Star International Standard and the 3 Star American Rhythm.

Congratulations to all performers from Fresno NSD!
Fresno Queen Lorraine Tilton

Wow...Out of Africa was my first coronation since I became Palomar Chapter's Queen. What a marvelous experience it was. Walking into a ballroom filled with an ambience in celebration of National Smooth Dancers, I was in awe. Thirty-two people from our Palomar chapter attended. We sat in a cozy corner together. Each day the tables took on a new theme that reflected an African adventure. I was so excited to see the centerpieces of romance and beauty. Another outstanding decoration was the wall hanging of the African sunset. The tree in the center symbolized the vast undertaking of the weekend to come.

The Crown Circle event was exciting as the queens adorned in their hats of different styles and colors welcomed me into the circle. We began taking pictures and sharing champagne in a room filled with laughter. During the luncheon a decision was reached regarding the queen's dress. Now the incoming queen has the option of choosing her own color gown with the understanding that when she attends other coronations she will continue to wear white.

The professional dancers provided a variety of entertainment and also were judges of our competitions.

The competitions filled the room with excitement and anticipation. Palomar chapter had nine members participate and five received trophies. I was impressed with high level of competition our sister chapters provided. Congratulations to all the participants. You raised the bar!

I really enjoyed the variety of the formation teams from each chapter, one team after another, each one exploring a new idea, a new theme, and a new action.

What a weekend it was! A special note of thanks to Kay Ryan, Chuck and Patricia DiSessa of the San Diego chapter for providing the unique gift of travel via coach.

Palomar Queen Darlene Drury

Set up by Visalia NSD chapter the Convention 2013 was a real testament to the organization, creativity and talent of the members of the chapter.

Great performances by the professional dancers were sprinkled throughout all three days, followed by the competitions by the members.

Jack and Jill competitions added to the excitement of the day. There were so many events, practices, lessons, competitions that one was hard pressed to manage to attend them all.

From the beautiful huge hanging of the sunset to the centerpieces that were changed every day for every occasion to the tastefully put together welcome packages – everything spoke of love and attention with which members of the chapter labored an entire convention year.

It was a wonderful event, full of energy and excitement, to stay in our memory and brighten our days.

Golden Gate Queen Shulamit Rabinovich

First things first, thank you Visalia Smooth Dancers for an absolutely fabulous convention. The decorations were outstanding, the dance floor was superb, the professionals were entertaining, the dancing was wonderful and the competition was... well competitive!

Which brings me to my personal favorite reflection on the convention ...We won..We won!! I have been taught the social graces of dress and etiquette throughout the years..I have been a tomboy as a youth and lived in OR greens for 30+ years in my career as a nurse anesthetist. So, for me to get dressed up and dance in front of hundreds of people was not my idea of fun. Visalia put forth a wonderful arena, "Out of Africa", for me to accomplish my goal. My handsome husband lead me to the floor and we rhythmically danced our cha cha in front of our LA chapter. Wow..what a rush. Such enthusiasm, smiling and happy energy from the group. It hit me..I'm having fun.. they like it. As I stated in the beginning of my note, we placed third place in one star cha cha, a big "win" for my dancing ambitions. Thank you Visalia for a great environment to get my groove on.

Your thankful colleague,
Los Angeles Queen Sandy Wells

Business Summary From The Committee Meetings

Board of Directors Report

It was an exciting weekend. Hats off to Visalia for a top notch, A#1, Convention. Great fun, Great food, Great dancing, Great friends. The Board discussed general matters and reviewed the upcoming Conventions. We are booked up until 2017. 2014 with Palomar, 2015 with San Diego, 2016 with Los Angeles, and 2017 with Golden Gate. Its great to see that far into the future of getting together with everyone. Bakersfield will be celebrating their 50th year this March at our Spring Fling. We are hoping to see everyone there to help us celebrate. L.A. will be celebrating their 80th year in 2016. We decided to go out of sequence of North South to accommodate L.A. in their celebration.

The Board brought to the Delegates a proposal that the Board be required to meet only once a year instead of twice. This is in compliance with State Law. This was decided on, in case something should arise and Bakersfield was unable to do the March meeting. However this does not change Bakersfields plans to put on a great weekend every year so we can all get together to have fun and renew frendships. Thanks to Peter Hanson's help, Bakersfield has put together a survey that will be e-mailed to everyone so that BSD will better accommodate everyone so that we can all get together twice a year. Remember there's always time to dance.

See you in March 2014 21,22, & 23rd

Respectfully

Bill Landry

President NSD Board

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Joan Dewey and Nancy Cargill

Joan Dewey and Nancy Cargill
– **Saturday Afternoon** Lake Nakura - "Think Pink" had a new meaning. The Flamingo bunch (flock) was a hit at our Breakfast Presentation and again in Friday night's opening presentation. Who knew such fun could come from a lake theme?

Barbara Uichanco – Queens Coronation Ball – **Carol Bixler's** decorating talents (along with **Joan Dewey** creating the fans as describe and commanded by the queen) turned the ballroom into the Mt. Kenya Safari Country Club where peacocks roamed the grounds.

Margaret Moholt and Cheryl Levitan - Sunday Afternoon - Big Five Game Hunt took us from the Safari Country Club to the open Range. Cheryl was able to pick up our decorations for a song from an event she helped decorate many months before the convention.

Myra Nielson and Nellie Uichanco – Sunday

State Dance Rules Report

Chair, Linda Guittierrez reports that the Dance Rules Committee passed two amendments:

1. The official membership date to be eligible to compete at the State Convention in Sanctioned Competitions will be May 15th as of 2014 instead of the Roster presented at the Board of Directors Meeting in March of the same year.

2. Eligibility to compete in a Sanctioned competition other than those held at the State Convention will be the 1st day of the month covering membership to exceed 90 days. Example Function held June 15th, must have been a member as of March 1st. Winners of these competitions will not replace winners at the State Convention.

Crown Circle Report

At the 53rd Annual Crown Circle meeting presided over by outgoing State Queen Barbara Greenlaw, it was voted to change the dress requirements for coronations as follows:

Each queen-elect will have the option to wear an appropriate white gown or may wear a gown of the color of her choice for her own coronation only. Thereafter, when attending the coronation of other Queens, she and all reigning queens are required to wear an appropriate white gown.

Night – Mt. Kilimanjaro Again, back from the open range to an elegant centerpiece created and all supplies donated by member Nancy Cargill. She made the example of an exploding volcano and the committee added the touches at the base to create an impressive centerpiece.

Wendy Story and Carol Bixler Monday Morning
– Farewell Breakfast A safari is always ended with an elegant breakfast presentation. Our centerpiece of the "bush and chef hat" depicted its authenticity, concluding a perfect weekend.

Formation Team Members – after the many hours of rehearsal, you represented us well with the largest troupe of 11 couples. Kudos for costuming and execution. A delightful performance.

Showgirls – The moment you took the floor in Palm Desert, you were the Pan Am girls. You ended with a flourish as the women of the Waka Waka tribe. The transformation was quite the surprise and we applaud your dedication.



Thanks to the Hospitality Crew - Sally Bailey, Sue Giampietro, Masai Stan June Aguet and Margo Giles



Thanks to the Registration Team - Debbie & Jim Renfro, Caryl Creason, Don Hanson Maria & Bob Helm and Masai Stan Medina

Barbara Greenlaw Honored As The 2013 Gavel Club Award Recipient

Gavel Club Background: The original qualifications for this award were developed and circulated in 1974, and in 1975, the first award was presented to Ms. Betty Mack of the Los Angeles Chapter, who was the Queen Mother and Reporter and Editor for the Dance Whispers.

For 38 Years, this prestigious award has flourished and honored the gift of service to one of our well-deserved members, and it is expected to continue for the life of this great and loving organization.

Membership and Responsibility of Gavel Club: The Gavel Club is comprised of all the past and present chapter presidents, and it is the body, the group, that votes to recognize and reward a member of National Smooth Dancers for outstanding service.

Once a year, at convention, the presidents congregate for a business meeting and vote on the candidate(s) that have been nominated for the Gavel Club Award. This is a profound and important effort that the chapter presidents perform.

Purpose of the Gavel Club: The Gavel Club Award is an award given NOT for dancing but for Outstanding Service to the organization at the Chapter level and at the State level.

Nomination: Anyone who is a NSD member may nominate any NSD member for consideration for the Gavel Club Award. This is done in writing – outlining and describing the special service and dedication of a member to NSD.

Gavel Club Information: Commencing with the next Dance Whispers Edition, more detailed information regarding the GCA nomination procedure for prospective nominee(s) will be addressed.

By Gavel Club Chairperson: Vernon H.M. Miranda – San Diego Smooth Dancers President 2001 & 2002.

Last Year's Awardee: At this convention, the GCA Chairperson, Vernon Miranda, presented Mr. Peter Hanson of Palomar Chapter with the permanent GCA Trophy.



2013 Gavel Club Awardee: At this year's GCA meeting, the members elected Ms. Barbara Greenlaw as the 2013 Gavel Club Awardee.



Dance Professionals Entertain and Inspire the "Out of Africa Tourist"



Kyle and Allie Spinder conducted the Tango and Waltz lessons. They judged multiple competitions and then dazzled us on Saturday night with an exquisite exhibition of Waltz, Fox Trot, Tango and Viennese Waltz



(Left) Sergei Shapoval and Ania Tarnowska taught the Cha Cha and Bolero lessons, completed the judging and then, thrilled us with their Swing, Cha Cha, Rumba and Bolero.

(Above) The 2011 and 2013 U.S. Argentine Tango Champions Marcelo Molina and Carolina Vazquez, dazzled us on Friday night with two Argentine Tangos.







Dance Competition - The End Results



Dance	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
One Star Smooth	Greg Checketts & Roberta LaZar, San Fernando Valley	Peter & Janice Imperial, Golden Gate	Len & Peggy Lee, Palomar
One Star Rhythm	Greg Checketts & Roberta LaZar, San Fernando Valley	Len & Peggy Lee Palomar	Tom & Sandy Wells Los Angeles
One-Star Latin	Amante & Lou Reyes San Diego	Bill Morey & Gee Gee Barden San Fernando Valley	Anthony & Wen-Shi Rodriguez, Bakersfield
Senior Waltz	Peter Hanson, Palomar & Margaret Moholt, Visalia	Duane & Donna Thornton, Palomar	Vince & Nellie Uichanco, Visalia
Senior Cha Cha	Vince & Nellie Uichanco, Visalia	Don Hubbard & Sharon Tate Palomar	James Messner & Peggy Amato, Bakersfield
Two Star Smooth	Greg & Barbara Uichanco, Visalia	Jeffrey & Jennifer Durling, San Fernando Valley	James & Andrea Gutman, San Fernando Valley
Two Star Rhythm	Peter & Janice Imperial, Golden Gate	Paul & Wendy Storey, Visalia	Steve & Rose Peterson, Bakersfield
Three-Star Smooth	Bryan Yip & Joan Robinson, San Fernando Valley	Greg & Barbara Uichanco, Visalia	Jeffrey & Jennifer Durling, San Fernando Valley
Three-Star Standard	Jackie Yu, San Diego & Lynn Sanders, Fresno	Mark Chapman & Been Kao San Diego	Ken & Marion Scholtz Los Angeles
Three-Star Rhythm	Jackie Yu, San Diego & Lynn Sanders, Fresno	Peter & Janice Imperial, Golden Gate	Doug Hammond & Jane Rollins, San Fernando Valley
Four Star Standard	Jackie Yu, San Diego & Lynn Sanders, Fresno	Mark Chapman & Been Kao, San Diego	Frank Trapp & Keiko Isshiki, San Fernando Valley



San Fernando Valley Chapter

edited by Debbie Bloom



Chapter News: We'd like to welcome our newest member, Daniel Borsotti. Daniel, I'm so glad you've joined us, and please, save a dance for me. This brings our total membership to 64.

The San Fernando chapter is heading right into the age of technology with the purchase of a brand new wireless microphone. Our guest teacher and performer, Andre Fortin, used it successfully at our July dance. And, we're planning on buying new state-of-the-art speakers to complete our sound system. Our dancing may be traditional, but our equipment is as progressive and modern as they come.

Our chapter is in the process of organizing our coronation of the lovely queen-elect, Gee Gee Barden. It will be held in November at the Glendale Moose Lodge. More details will be coming shortly.

Special Occasions: Gee Gee and Bill Barden went on their annual trip to Martha's Vineyard. Their trip always coincides with the All Island Art Show, which is held in the big iron open air Tabernacle in Oak Bluffs. Gee Gee exhibited some of her art work, and was featured in the local newspaper, The Vineyard Gazette. It turns out that Gee Gee is not only a great dancer, but a talented artist as well. Gee Gee, we're proud of your accomplishments.



Gee Gee Barden exhibited her magnificent watercolors at the annual All Island Art Show on Martha's Vineyard.



Keiko Isshiki was blessed with the best birthday present ever - a beautiful granddaughter named Gabriella.

Board member, Keiko Isshiki, has not been attending our dances as regularly as she used to. But we understand because Keiko was recently blessed with the birth of her first grandchild, a lovely girl, Gabriella, who was born on Keiko's birthday. Can a birthday present get any better? Gabriella is a precious little darling. I think a new star has been born.

The 2013 Convention: This year's fabulous convention was hosted by the Visalia chapter. What an amazing convention it was! We delighted in it

all – the imaginative scenery, the African-themed props, as well as the dancing, music, entertainment, competitions, and dance lessons. Being transported to another continent filled with exotic animals, plants, lakes, and mountains was an experience in and of itself. With the added bonuses of dancing on a great floor and enjoying some of the best amateur and professional shows ever, we were in dancers' heaven. Thank you, Visalia, for your hard work and creativity. We appreciated all the artistic flourishes, from the lovely table centerpieces to the hanging

wall designs. The huge mural of the acacia tree at sunset provided a jungle-like mystique and ambience that pervaded the entire ballroom. This was an outstanding dance extravaganza, which will be remembered for years to come.

The San Fernando Valley chapter was well represented at the convention. In addition to having numerous attendees, many of our members participated and placed in the dance competitions. We're proud of every single one of you who got on the dance floor and performed your best routines with grace and flair. It took many years of classes, practice, and training to reach your levels of dance expertise. You're great role models for all of us who have a passion for dance and want to keep learning and improving. Thank you, competitors, for having the fortitude to keep striving for your best and for entertaining us with your magnificent performances.



Frank Trapp and Keiko Isshiki performed magnificently during the standard competition.



The Emanuellis enjoyed quality family time at the Visalia convention. Even through challenging times, Mark and Sally have supported NSD and the SFV chapter events through their dedication and hard work.



Los Angeles Chapter

edited by Joy Michaels



Club News: August business meeting/dance “Country Western Hoe Down” was a success. Food was furnished by Sandy Wells, music by Tom Wells and dance lesson by Victor Lee and Debby Ku. The western costumes made the dance especially festive. The dance was sponsored by Kyle and Jodene Catterlin to celebrate their 61st Anniversary.

The September dance: “Hawaiian” theme was held on September 8. Food was provided by the Catterlins, music by Ken Scholtz and dance lesson by Victor and Debby. Victor and Debby also performed a “hula” dance for our entertainment.



Victor Lee and Debby Ku were recognized at our September dance for all their hard work, and our appreciation, as the clubs line dance choreographers.

The Chapter awarded them a large trophy for being our Ballroom and Line dance choreographers. The Chapter is trying a new way to attract new members – giving out “dance passes” to our monthly dances, hoping to entice more members

Other News: In August Chuck & Susan returned from a river trip from Budapest to Amsterdam aboard Viking River Cruise’s Viking Sky.

The ship holds 150 passengers. They traveled with Chuck’s college roommate and his wife. He has kept in touch with him for over 50 years and this is the first trip they have taken together. They traveled on the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers and went thru 67 locks. In June they went to Colorado for a family reunion on Chuck’s dad’s side of the family. There were about 30 cousins, and Chuck is the oldest of the group.

Chuck did a “white elephant” auction, and all had a good time. Ken and Marion Scholtz attended the annual convention of the International Choreographed Ballroom Dance Association (Round Dance) in Reno over the Fourth of July weekend. They are off to Chicago for four days next week to visit their son, Brian.

Sadly we got word from long time member, Tina Van Zandt, that the lung cancer (Aden carcinoma) is in both lungs, her liver, and bones. It has not spread to her brain. The brain scan was clean. She has made the decision to not accept further treatment. Just monitoring. Please show her your love and support in this unsettling time.

Chris Lloyd informed us that Gordon is now in an assisted living home near her so she can visit daily. Allan Scott has been in and out of hospital lately but is at home now. Mike Bilotta is recovering at home from bypass surgery.

On a happier note, Don Russell has been busy traveling with members of his family – 10 went on an Alaskan cruise, 4 went on European cruise and he and granddaughter Kim just

returned from trip to Tahiti, Moorea, Bora Bora and several other south sea islands.

Convention: A small group of us tagged along on the “San Diego” special bus to Convention in Visalia. What a blast – with jokes, games, lots of snacks and fun conversations – hosted by Chuck DiSessa. However, on the way back, the air conditioning went out and we had an uncomfortable time to Pasadena. The bus company was sending another bus to meet ours to transfer the remaining passengers to continue the trip to San Diego. Caron Schattel furnished some paper plates that worked quite well as fans. Thanks to Kay Ryan for all her work in organizing the bus and we had a good time, in spite of the heat.



Tom & Sandy Wells and Marion & Ken Scholtz celebrate their dance competition achievements. Ken and Marion placed 3rd in the Three Star Standard. Tom and Sandy placed 3rd in the One Star Rhythm.

Our 14 attendees had a great time at Convention and thanks to Visalia for hosting a wonderful affair. Congratulations to Ken & Marion Scholtz for winning third in the 3 star international standard and Tom & Sandy Wells for winning third in 1 star. Our formation team

dancing “gangnam style” looked fabulous and was well received by everyone.

Upcoming socials: The regular October Halloween dance will be held on October 13 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 for flyers. Another tea dance is scheduled for September 23, same place.



(Front Row) Jodene & Kyle Catterlin, Queen Sandy Wells, Joy Michaels. (Back Row) Susan & Roger Lewis, Susan & Chuck Johnson, Debby Ku & Victor Lee, Marion & Ken Scholtz, George Zimmerman, Tom Wells

Golden Gate Chapter

edited by Gabrielle von Stephens



I am writing this on our way home from a “wild” Convention in Visalia titled “Out of Africa”. Patrick is my Chauffeur in his brand new chariot and we are still swooning in the glory of our successful participation in the events of the weekend.

Visalia put on an amazing affair to remember where most people dressed in various animal prints throughout the weekend, both formal and informal. I never knew there were so many different prints in so many great colors. Twenty-six members from the Golden Gate Chapter were in attendance at Convention, including three couples who were attending their first Convention: Carl Chesbrough and Elizabeth Li, Vlad and Svetlana Gites, and Peter and Janice Imperial.

But now to the most important news from convention. As I am sure most of our members know about the countless hours of practice your “wild” team put in to the team dance routine for the competition. Learning the routine was not an easy task for most of us, and after much sweat in the hot sun on Joe and Elena Malta’s porch, nourished by Elena’s and other team members fabulous food contributions, we finally got it all together, thanks to Erin Pick’s routine and our president’s unimaginable patience in teaching it.



The costumes were made by Amy and Patrick, as well as Liz and Chuck’s daughter Athena, with the help of hundreds of Peacocks who shed their glorious feathers on Emma’s ranch just in time. Gabrielle and Patrick did the make-up and Liz and Patrick came up with the props. Just wait till you see it all at our September dance, when we will perform our routine for all of you.

Let me just tell you that we took 1st Place out of all 8 chapters, and I have to admit there were some pretty awesome and entertaining routines.



Then there was the Waltz Jack and Jill contest for which yours truly signed up. Hard to imagine I ended up with the same partner I had in last years Jack and Jill and won in the Rumba routine. This year Robert (who is actually not a member of our chapters) and I came in 1st place out of 20 couples. What are the chances.....?



We are so fortunate to have our new members Peter and Janice Imperial competing for our chapter and they had very impressive results for their first time at our convention:

1st place, 2 star rhythm (cha-cha, & bolero), 2nd place, 3 star rhythm (cha-cha, bolero, & swing), 2nd place, 1 star smooth (waltz). Congratulation to the

two of you, we are so proud of you.

A fabulous Queens champagne reception and lunch was held on Sunday and gave us the opportunity to reconnect with our sister Queens wearing their best animal print dresses and hats. We were entertained



by Cookie Wegerman, who taught us a point system as to what to wear and how much, and gave us information on the fashion styles and colors coming up for fall. I assure you none of us will be wearing the wrong colors or styles this fall or too much or too little of an accessory. Ah, it’s good to be Queen.



On Joe’s suggestion we went to dinner on Sunday night at Visalia’s premier restaurant “The Vintage Press”. It was an incredible experience, as the food was over the top delicious and beautifully presented (see the photo of the fig salad with spinach and prosciutto). Boris

picked out a couple of amazing wines to go with the meal. Thank you Joe for suggesting it.

Also wanted to mention that our new State Queen Barbara Uichanco and her husband Greg did one of the most beautiful Waltzes I have ever seen a queen dance for her coronation.

A little reminder that we are having a raffle to collect funds for a desperately needed sound system. Anyone can participate (all chapters are invited) and you do not need to be present to win. \$10 buys you 12 tickets for a chance to win \$1000. Drawing will be on December 30th.

Member travel news: Ben Cardinalli will take his lovely wife Barbara to cruise around the Hawaiian islands in October and Joe Malta will take his bride to Italy traveling from Venice to Naples in October as well. Lucky ladies, indeed.

As always, dance first, thinking can wait.

Bakersfield Chapter

edited by Dorothy Vaughan



Our upcoming September dance theme will be "A Celebration of Music and Dance". It will be hosted by Tony and Wen Shi Rodriquez. This dance will be held on Saturday September 28th 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. The dance will be casual attire.

I hope to see everyone there as we celebrate this special evening of music and dance.

I want to give a big thank you for a job well done to Visalia Smooth Dancers for the wonderful State Convention they put on for all of us!

The decorations were spectacular and really transported us to Africa! The beautiful "Mural" that was on display behind the bandstand was really something to behold! It was just absolutely gorgeous! Outside the ballroom were some wonderful displays also which made a great backdrop for picture taking!

Who can forget the great team performances that represented each chapter, each team being even more creative than the one before it! There could only be one winner though and that honor went to Golden Gate whose team had some really creative costumes and great dance moves! Congratulations to all the teams for their great creative efforts!



We had some really great competitors at this year's convention and it was wonderful seeing so many people competing in the different dance categories. Our Bakersfield Smooth Dancers were delighted to have three couples among the final winners. Tony and Wen Shi Rodriquez won a third place in the 1 star Latin, James Messner and Peggy Amato won a 3rd place in Senior Cha-Cha, and Steve and Rose Peterson won third place in 2 Star Rhythm. Congratulations to all of you, it is something to be proud of.

The new State Queen Barbara Uichanco and her husband Greg performed a lovely waltz for all of us, it was truly wonderful to watch; they are beautiful dancers.

Visalia brought some amazing professional talent to entertain us and they were absolutely fantastic to watch. Saturday night we were held breathless by Kyle and Allie Spindler, and Sunday night Sergei Shapoval and Ania Tarnowska performed some wonderful numbers, which made us wish we could move our bodies like them! They were two really spectacular couples

to watch and enjoy! Thank you Visalia for bringing them to convention!

I don't want to forget to mention the wonderful hospitalities that were put on for all to enjoy each evening, a big thank you to all the chapters that participated in hosting them for us!

I know that everyone who attended from Bakersfield had a great time and we are looking forward to the State Convention that will be held in Palm Springs in 2014!

Our August dance "Hot August Nights" turned out very well, thanks to a great committee and our "Bakersfield Ballroom Blitz" team that performed a great cha-cha number for us! Dennis Acosta played some great music, and everyone enjoyed ice cream and cookies for refreshments.

As Chairman of our August dance I would like to take this opportunity to give a big shout-out to Frances Hein who brought the ice cream for us; she is always so generous to our club, giving of her time and money to help out wherever she can! So thank you Frances for your generous donation, without which we couldn't have had those wonderful treats! I also want to thank Tom Osborn who made such great punch for all of us to enjoy, and to Judy Evans and those who brought the great cookies! As this was my first dance I had ever chaired, I knew I had to put together a great team to work with and I did! So I just want to thank all of you for agreeing to serve on my committee with me and adding to the success of the dance!



(Upper Left) Rose and Steve Peterson won 3rd place in 2 Star Rhythm (Upper Right) Tony and Wen Shi Rodriquez Won 3rd place in the 1 Star Latin and (Bottom) James Messner and Peggy Amato won 3rd place in the Senior Cha Cha.

San Diego Chapter

edited by Vern Miranda



Funky Monkees - San Diego Smooth Dancers Formation Group enjoyed competing at the Visalia Convention. The Monkeys were Al Folkman, Chuck DiSessa, Ines Plikshe, Victoria Voro, Bob Churchill, Mary King, Anne Vutisaksatit, Judy Miranda, Cathy O'Harra, Mark Eskandar, and Vern Miranda. We had fun!



San Diego Queens at the CROWN CIRCLE Luncheon - Queens Been Kao, Mary King, Anne Saul, and Judy Miranda had a grand time at the luncheon. Shirley McCloskey not shown. Sorry!



SDSD Members at the Visalia Convention - Yes! San Diego Smooth Dancers along with other Palomar and Los Angeles Smooth Dancers journeyed on a tour bus to Visalia this past Labor Day Weekend, and safely returned to San Diego. Everyone was entertained and hosted by Chuck DiSessa (SD), Jack Ragland (Palomar), Ines Plikshe (SD), Chuck Johnson (LA), Ralph Anderson (Palomar), and Don Hubbard (Palomar). It was an outstanding crew! Most of all, the group was hosted under the direction of Kay Ryan, and the following Hostesses Lou Reyes, Shirley McCloskey, Caron Schattel, Cathy O'Harra, Linda Gu, Been Kao, Ines Plikshe, Alberta Valentini, and Mary King of SD, and Peggy Lee of Palomar. Thank you to all the Hostesses and Hosts on this tour for a jolly good time.



SDSD Dance Competitors - The following members placed at the Visalia Convention: Jacky Yu (SD) and Lynn Sanders (Fresno) - 1ST Place 2-Dance Smooth, 3-Dance Smooth and 3-Dance Rhythm, Been Kao and Mark Chapman (SD) - 2nd Place 3-Dance Standard and 2nd 4-Dance Standard, and Lou and Amante Reyes (SD) - 1st Place Latin. CONGRATS! GRRREAT JOB!



Ken Graham - This past month National Smooth Dancers lost one of our Great Leaders, who led by example. Yes! Ken walked the talk. We will miss him. You did not have to ask, he just understood that there was a need, and he performed, above and beyond. Our prayers and condolences to the Ken Graham Family.

SDSD Presidents at the NSD Gavel Club in Visalia - The follow SDSD past presidents participated in the election of the 2013 Gavel Club Awardee, Ms. Barbara Greenlaw. GREAT JOB!



Visalia Chapter

edited by Sallie Holden



Every December, my partner and I put on a party for those of us who have December birthdays. It's grown into quite a large, and now anticipated, event. Thirty people attend. At its largest attendance event at Convention, there were over three hundred people, but it ended with the same satisfaction, relief, enhanced friendships and decreased bank account as the December Birthdays Party. It was a great party for a lot of reasons, one of which is that so many people came from other chapters. I know that is what is supposed to happen, but it was still amazing to see the ballroom packed with people. Equally amazing was watching so many excellent dancers. The aforementioned partner and I, despite a couple of decades of dancing, still can't win a beginning waltz competition, so we are in awe of those people who seem to dance so easily. OK, so also pretty amazing were the clothes. The African theme was carried throughout four days, with hospitality and two dances a day....one hundred and fifty women, more or less, and at every event they were in different versions of leopard, zebra, flamingo and other African themes. I didn't see any duplications. A lot of the men also dressed in theme. The man from Napa who was wearing the tailored zebra jacket? He made that on his Husqvarna. Even Cheryl Levitan's honor dance gown had an animal print. How cool was that? Their dance was very cool, too, but with Cheryl I tend to look at her amazing gowns. I've asked her to let me play in her closet, but she says no. Oh, and on the clothing theme: how about Stan Medina in his Maasai clothing and his big stick? He was perfect and made for a lot of blue-rated jokes.



It takes a lot of superlatives to write about such a large and fun event. Think of your favorite superlative and apply it to Friday night's surprise entertainment: Marcelo Molina and Carolina Vasquez and their two renditions of Argentine Tango. I could feel my jaw drop watching them. The pros on Saturday night -- Kyle and Allie Spindler -- were fantastic. The pros on Sunday night -- Sergei Shapoval and Ania Tarnowska -- got mixed reviews. Some people loved them; some found it hard to relate. There were so many dances during the weekend to keep us all entertained: competitions (and great that so many competed), bus stop mixers, Jack and Jill's, formations team competitions. The formations were really fun and the costuming of the women dressed as flamingos, peacocks and other African animals clever and also beautiful. Of course it was an event to crown the State Queen, which this year is Barbara Uichanco. She and Greg did a wonderful queen's dance.

On VSD's website, put together by member Dee Peterson, are pictures of Convention; go to that to help you remember all the events and the people involved and probably

pictures of yourself.

In the coming month, Visalia will put on a social and a tea dance. The social is a 50's theme, potluck, with a special visit by Elvis himself. The entertainment will be the Visalia showgirls and the formation team, with a swing lesson from Susan Morelock. You are all invited, of course, and at any rate we will see you next year in Palm Springs for the 2014 Convention. The preview from the Palomar Chapter was great and made me almost want to put on another Visalia Convention BEFORE nine years pass. I'm not sure co-chairs Lotti Carr and Yvette Hayworth are ready.



Dean and Cheryl Levitan and Dee and Waino Petterson enjoyed performing the Queens Honor Dance at the convention's theme. Dance at the coronation.

If the gorgeous flyer that chair Nancy Cargill created is any indication, VSD's anniversary dance will be worth attending. "In Vogue at the Great Gatsby Ball" will celebrate our 37th anniversary. Held in Exeter on October 19, it includes entertainment from Tom Hicks of Dianna's Studio of Dance, dinner at 7:00 following a reception at 6:30. Dress is formal and suggested colors are white, turquoise and gold. Questions? Call Nancy at 559-786-9626.



Fresno Chapter

edited by Linda Bennett



Social Report - Carla Hartunian:

August Our third Sunday social was Back to School Day's Dancing! Norma Schmidt was the hostess, who did an amazing job of decorating every table with old school pictures of our members. These pictures took us down memory lane. Norma is a creative and amazing hostess. She received help from her committee of the following members: Mike Moyle, Patricia Taniguchi, Lynn Sanders and Sharon Crisp. A special thank you to

our music man, Van Oosbree.

Guy Ashby and Kathy Paige were our dance instructors, who taught an Argentine Tango lesson. All the members and guests who took the class were able to add a beginning pattern of Argentine Tango to their repertoire. Later in the evening Guy and Kathy performed a solo of what Argentine Tango should look like. Everyone in attendance was treated by a special lead-follow performance of Argentine Tango from one of our own members, Angie Garcia and her instructor Guy Ashby. A special thank you goes out to Angie from all the NSD members in Fresno.

Next month's third Sunday September Dance is Polka Dots!! Please join us, and wear something with Polka Dots. Save Sunday, September 15th on your calendar - Franco Peraza will be teaching a Waltz Lesson starting at 4:00 PM. Our music man will be Van Oosbree.

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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. We would love to see you there!!



Palomar Chapter

edited by Debbie Kincaid and Don Hubbard



Journey Into Africa! Thank you Visalia for all of the hard work that went into a wonderful fun-filled convention. Those of us in Palomar Chapter who participated in the Formation Team (Pink Panthers), and those who cheered them on, are very excited about the inaugural performances from each chapter and look forward to more in the future! Congratulations to Golden Gate for taking the prize!! Your costumes blew us away – what fun! A special "thank you" to our Pink Panther Dance Coach, Marsha Hanson, for contributing so many dedicated hours involving choreography and teaching an amazing routine to the group! She is one special lady! Also, congratulations to our Palomar competitors who won trophies for their outstanding dance achievements...and what beautiful trophies they were! Palomar winners were: Len & Peggy Lee – 2nd place in 1-Star Rhythm and 3rd place in 1-Star American Smooth...Duane & Donna Thornton – 2nd place Sr. Waltz... Don Hubbard & Sharon Tate – 3rd place Sr. Cha-Cha..Peter Hansen & Margaret Maholt – 1st place – Sr. Waltz.



George Moses at the Great Gatsby social dance

Our August "Great Gatsby" themed Dance Social was a fun-filled time for all! Held at Ocean Hills Country Club we had wonderful snacks (actually more like dinner!) provided by our hosts: Queen Darlene Drury, Sharon Tate, Eleanor Moore & Carl Jeffrey and Ginny Hull & David Tanner. Thanks for the great team work!

It was a fun theme and the women looked magnificent in their flapper dresses with feathers and long beads! While the gentlemen donned fedora hats! Our dance was moved outside next to the Ocean Hills beautiful swimming pool due to the dance floor being refinished, but we all took it in stride. Thank you to George & Miriam Mozes for quick thinking!

Special recognition to Don Hubbard as he won 6 gold medals at the United States Master Swimmers Summer National Championships held at Mission Viejo August 7-11. Don's three individual gold medals were in the 200, 400,

and 800 meter freestyle races. Two of his relay golds, the men's 200m Medley and the 200m Freestyle relay set new national records for the men's 80+ age group. Don helped his team, San Diego Swim Masters win the national championship, defeating host Mission Viejo 2151.5 to 2045.5. Over 1400 swimmers representing 163 clubs competed.

2014 Convention in Palm Springs was announced by Palomar Chapter with an entertaining skit coordinated by Marsha Hansen and narrated by our President Peter Hansen. We all really enjoyed putting it together and presenting it to NSD at breakfast on Sunday!

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George Plante & Christiane Lannes at the Great Gatsby social dance



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