

National Smooth Dancers

Dance Whispers

August 2016



Fresno Chapter

Edited by Linda Bennett



Monthly Socials

June. Alicia Criado hosted "Graduation" with Hartune Neffian playing music. Guy Ashby and Katherine Page taught an Argentine Tango lesson, and entertained us with a Milonga and an Argentine Waltz demonstration.

July. In July, Tahani Elhag hosted "Tahani Sells Sea Shells by the Sea Shore". David Morgan played the music and Alex Periera taught American Tango. We were thrilled to welcome back long-time members Ann Phillips and Norma Schmidt, both of whom had not been with us for some time.



Ann Phillips



Norma Schmidt

August. In August, Nancy Cargill will host "Don't Worry, Bee Happy" and the joint will be buzzing to the sounds played by Jim Escobar. Lots of yellow might be seen! Bring a yellow snack to share and you might win a prize! Sheila O'Conner will be teaching her specialty, West Coast Swing.

Sunshine. Our sympathies go out to Franco Peraza on recent loss of his mother.

Sending lots of love and positive thoughts to Sue Dowell, who recently had back surgery. Sue, we hope the surgery was a complete success and that you are back on the dance floor in NO time!

Our Convention goes are planning a "Singing and Dancing in the Rain" entry in Friday night's Doo Dah Parade. Visalia will not have a bus this year, so members are making alternate arrangements. More Convention info at <http://www.losangelessmoothdancers.com/2016-nsd-convention/>.

* * * * *



All third-Sunday dances are at the Clovis Senior Center, 850 4th Street, Clovis, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests. See www.fresnosmoothdancers.org for flyers. We would love to see you there!!

CORONATION By Queen Sharon



Queen Sharon with Orié Reed & Carla Hartunian.

My coronation was absolutely beautiful! I was so happy to be crowned as our chapter Queen. It really was One Enchanted Evening. The tables were alternately decorated with red lights and red roses on white tablecloths and white lights and white roses on red tablecloths. The queens' arch had long fern streams with red and white roses across the top, red and white lights down the sides and covered with white tulle. There were shorter columns on both sides of the arch with red and white lights down them and topped with large ferns. Lights were draped across the front of the stage with large ferns placed on the stage with more roses.



Queen Sharon's Waltz.



Rick Wenzel entertained us during the champagne reception.

Carla Hartunian was my Master of Ceremonies and Lynn Sanders introduced the Queens for the



Queen Sharon with Shane and Myra Nielsen.

Coronation ceremony. The food was great as always. All of the visiting queens were wearing their white gowns and their escorts in black tuxes and black bow ties were very elegant. Seeing all of the queens dancing around the dance floor smiling and being twirled around by their escorts was truly a site to see. Queen Lorraine Tilton placed my crown on my head and now I am a Queen! Dan Goss and I performed a beautiful waltz as my Queen's Dance.

We had superb entertainment starting with Rick Wenzel honoring us with his beautiful piano playing for the champagne reception. William Van Heusen and Sophia Velasquez performed a Viennese Waltz for my Honor Dance and later performed a very hot Rumba. Myra and Shane Nielsen (Visalia NSD members) performed a Foxtrot, Tango and a beautiful Waltz for our evening entertainment. Leslie Rouse played our dancing music and we all danced for the rest of the evening.

I had so much fun dancing and visiting with all of my friends, and making new friends, but I have to say that it was "ALL of YOU" who helped to make my One Enchanted Evening Coronation very enchanting and such a success! Sunday, we had our 2015 Queen's Farewell Champagne Brunch at El Torito's. All of the Chapter Queens showed up, some with their partners, and then some friends were there too. The food was delicious and the conversation just flowed around. Carla



Hartunian presented me with our Fresno chapter's Queen's Perpetual Trophy, which has all of the previous queens' names listed on it.

I am so honored to be Fresno's new Queen for 2016 and to represent our Fresno chapter at all of the other NSD chapter functions as I travel around to their coronations. I look forward to seeing all of you again.

Sincerely,
Queen Sharon Crisp



2016 National Smooth Dancers Convention

September 2 - 5, 2016

Palm Springs Renaissance Hotel, Palm Springs

Friday, September 2, 2016



The Doo Dah Parade Dance - the fun begins

Prepare for an evening of zany fun in the spirit of the Doo Dah Parade. In the words of one of the founders of the Doo Dah Parade, Peter Apanel, "Whatever we did it would have to be just the opposite of what the Rose Parade does. They have a theme so we would have no theme. Since none of us would be allowed in the Rose Parade, we would allow everyone in our parade."

They called it Doo Dah.

Doo Dah means many things to many people - perhaps, a little something different to everyone. Wacky and weird? Sublime absurdity? Rite of reversal? Twisted sister of the Rose Parade? Probably all the above!

But what is the fun of no prizes? Come with yourself or other crazies and win Doo Dah prizes. There will be anonymous judges chosen from the different chapters observing all dancers to see who embodies the zany fun that the Doo Dah Parade is known for.

Our Jack & Jill competitions will begin this evening.

Saturday, September 3, 2016



The morning begins the first of the four dance seminars that will be available throughout the weekend. The Gavel Club BBQ will be today. Then afternoon dance seminar followed with our afternoon dance; **Chinese New Year Parade Dance**

The grandest annual event for Chinese people, when whole families are reunited. Remember - we are all family!

The dance will mark the beginning of our dance competitions and an other Jack & Jill competition.

A complimentary Ballroom Line Dance lesson immediately follows the dance.



Saturday evening is the formal affair; **The Rose Parade Ball and Coronation**. Come dressed to impress!

America's New Year celebration, a salute to the community spirit and love of pageantry, held in Pasadena for more than 100 years.

The glamorous evening of pageantry and dance will include the continuation of our dance competitions and professional entertainment.

Sunday, September 4, 2016

The third and fourth dance seminars will be held today, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Today will also be the Crown Circle Champagne Luau.



The afternoon dance is the **4th of July Parade Dance**.

The birth of American independence, celebrated with fireworks, parades, concerts and family gatherings. Come show off your Red, White and Blue.

This festive dance will include the continuation of our dance competitions and another Jack & Jill competition.

A complimentary Ballroom Line Dance lesson will immediately follow the dance.



Sunday evening will bring us to the **Mardi Gras Parade Ball**. This is a perfect affair to wear your finest purple, green and gold. This exciting event of revelry and dance in New Orleans evokes romance and magic with a masked ball for high society.

The culmination of our dance competitions and more entertainment from our professional dancers will add to the festivities of the evening.

Monday, September 5, 2016

Monday will bring us to the end of our dancing party with the traditional Farewell Breakfast where we will enjoy the 2017 Convention Presentation by Golden Gate Chapter. This morning we will have the presentation of Gavel Club Award and the presentation of the Dance Competition Trophies.

We hope to see you there. Remember that the package price plan prices go up after June 15th, so get your registration in as soon as possible. All information and forms are on the website at:

<http://www.losangelessmoothdancers.com/2016-nsd-convention/>

Los Angeles Chapter

We started June with a trip to Fresno by our Queen Susan Johnson and her husband Chuck for the coronation of Queen Sharon Crisp with very nice dinner and the breakfast buffet at a Mexican Restaurant on Sunday morning. Now there are no more coronations until after the convention.

We had a western dance in June with reservations, decorations, food and music by the Johnsons.



Decorations by Chuck Johnson, chandelier and all...so he says!!



Line dance instructor Victor Lee, State Queen-elect Susan Johnson and the rest of Los Angeles Chapter work on the line dance, "Moves Like Jagger", one of the line dances being taught during the Convention.



(Left) Angela and George Camilton and (Right) Craig Miller and Alice Mah enjoy a swing dance during our Fourth of July dance.

Edited by Chuck and Susan Johnson



July 4th dance was handled by Victor and Debby, food by Ken and Betty Cheung and music by Chuck Johnson



(Left) Betty Cheung and Chuck Johnson and (Right) Victor and Shari Herzfeld enjoy a foxtrot during our Fourth of July dance.



Los Angeles Chapter practices the Hustle line dance, one of the line dances to be taught during the Convention.

Victor and Debby left at the end of May for a 10 day teaching cruise with Carnival to the Caribbean. Fortunately, they missed many of the storms at that time. Ken and Betty took an Alaskan cruise in the middle of June. Chuck and Susan Johnson went to Colorado in July for Chuck's mother's 97th birthday—she still lives alone in her house.

We have been having a dance lesson at the time of our dances in all the ballroom line dances Victor and Debby will be teaching at the convention, so we can assist them. We have all been working hard with all the arrangements to make this a very good convention.



Looking Forward to seeing you at the Convention.

Palomar Chapter

Edited by Debbie Kincaid and Don Hubbard



Palomar Smooth Dancers is excited to introduce to you our 2016 Queen-Elect Linda Lum.

A little background from Linda...



For my Coronation, I chose the theme *A Lifetime of Dancing* inspired by the lyrics by Ann Murray waltz tune: "Could I Have this Dance for the Rest of My Life?" The words express how I feel when my husband and I dance together and our love of dancing since we first met and married over 50 years ago.

I was born and raised in Escanaba, Michigan, a small town in the UP (Upper Peninsula of Michigan). I loved musicals and will never forget Yul Brynner's Viennese Waltz dance lesson with Deborah Kerr in the King and I. I dreamed of someday waltzing around a dance floor in a beautiful gown. That dream will come true when I dance with my husband, Elliott, after I am crowned.

I attended the University of Michigan graduating with a BS in Nursing. While at U-M I met a guy (Elliott Lum) from Hawaii who taught me to play the ukulele. We found a common interest in singing mostly folk songs and discovered we loved dancing the swing to Rock 'n' Roll tunes. We married in 1966 after I graduated. We have three beautiful, creative and intelligent daughters and a granddaughter. Our daughter, Kristin and her daughter, Scarlett live in Brooklyn. Allison and Tiffany live in Honolulu. We've lived in many different places including Westlake Village, CA, Houston, TX, Palatine, IL, Kinnelon, NJ. During those years I pursued a career as a Public Health Nurse, School Nurse, and finally my last job as a research nurse at UCSD Medical Center before retiring in 2010.

Retirement has given us time to pursue interests in golf, ukulele music, travel and a new interest - ballroom dancing. While on vacation in Hawaii Elliott's high school classmate, Mike Chun, and his wife Lorrie took us to a dancing venue in Honolulu called the Palladium. We were amazed at the size of the 18,000 square foot dance floor and the sight of so many couples swirling around the floor. We were hooked! When we returned to Carlsbad we began to take lessons. It wasn't until we joined Palomar Smooth Dancers that we made a commitment to practice and improve our dancing we receive from our Chapter and for the Monday night dance lessons from Marsha and Peter Hanson.

I am honored to be representing PSD as Queen for 2016/2017. I am looking forward to attending all the other

NSD Chapter Queen's Coronations and making many new friends.

Palomar had two great early Summer Socials.

The June Social had as its theme Prom Night. Many of our dancers arrived in lovely gowns and if one looked closely enough one might see a tux, white dinner jacket or cummerbund. Hosts Jack and Marilee Ragland brought a fresh fruit salad, Josie Rutledge and Amiel Sharon cake and cookies, and Ginny Hull and David Tanner produced a delicious East Indian supper of chicken Shararna, nan bread, and rice, courtesy of North Park Produce, Vista. The highlight of the evening was a performance by Dancers from the 'Georgia's School of Dance', Escondido. Palomar NSD member Penny Elliot paired with Larry Templeton; Cora Lynn Pierce paired with teacher Larry Clendenin. The performance was a Cha Cha with 'shine steps' done to the music of 'Sunshine Day' by Osihisu, and was skillfully coordinated by the four dancers. The lessons at the Socials have been productive; dance teachers Irina and James Friedhof completed a third session of the Samba.

The July Social's theme was 'Summer Camp', with people dressing for a camping experience. We had an authentic camping dinner of 'Sloppy Joes' and baked beans along with a green salad, watermelon and cake. Hosts were Queen Geri and President Fred Dentsch, Len and Peggy Lee and Jeane Minsky. George Mozes was the entertaining Master of ceremonies: Len Lee provided music. The Friedhofs are starting a set of 3 Waltz lessons for our Socials.



Thanks to our July Dance Hosts for a job well done: Peggy & Len Lee, Geri & Fred Dentsch & Jeane Minsky.



We celebrated July Birthdays at our Social: Bobbi Selvig, Amiel Sharon, Iara Gregory & Fred Dentsch.

San Fernando Valley Chapter

Edited by Rachel Seward



San Fernando Valley Smooth Dancers The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Summer... the smell of fresh-cut grass wafting through the air, the taste of homemade ice-cream, the sound of kids and grown-ups screaming, laughing, and jumping into the pool on a hot summer day, and the anniversary of our chapter and birthday of America. This is what I love so much about this season. There's not a day during summer you can't celebrate.

San Fernando Valley Smooth Dancers Celebrated its 55th Anniversary

The first Saturday of this wonderful season was celebrated with cake, champagne, and lots of dancing hosted by DJ Tom Mendola, along with a fabulous dance lesson by David Moutrey and Lee Mei Wang — the earthy and dramatic American style Tango — in honor of SFVSD's 55th anniversary. It was one of our most enjoyable events of the year!

We give a shout-out to Andrea Gutman and her hospitality team for the lovely anniversary décor and to Starlyn Bayer for her fabulous photos of our celebration.

Shortly after our anniversary, we started thinking, "What makes this chapter so special?"

Here is what we came up with:

- our members and dancers
- music and dancing
- fellowship and camaraderie
- lots of fun, and..
- the opportunity to keep learning

We can confidently say that **WE DANCE TO LIVE** and **LIVE TO DANCE!**



Befitting of the past 55 successful years, our chapter is an excellent example of how passion and teamwork are the perfect formula for success. We have a lot of new ideas... Just keep dancing with us!



Happy Anniversary San Fernando Valley Smooth Dancers!

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. San Fernando Valley Smooth Dancers celebrated with a great attendance of 70+ dancers at our dance on July 2nd. It was not only a great way to kick-off America's birthday, but a great way to start our 56th year as a chapter as well.

C Is For CELEBRATE FIREWORKS along with a wide variety of popular dance music from all eras and an American Rumba dance lesson — the most passionate of all the Latin Dance styles the American Rumba hosted by DJ and teacher Michael Donovan.

SPOTLIGHT IN OUR COMMUNITY: SFV's newest member, Karma La Donna, is a certified wheelchair dance instructor from Long Beach. Over two years ago, arthritis severely attacked her knees and back and she was unable to walk, let alone dance, and she felt lost and depressed. She discovered that there were wheelchair competitions in Europe so she researched locations in the US and found a teaching school in Pennsylvania.

Both Rachel Seward and Joan Robinson, members of SFV, had explored interests in supporting wheelchair dancing and through their contacts, they were able to find Karma. She was invited to one of our studio's dances and Joan waltzed her around the floor like a pro. She and Joan are now working on a showcase to perform at the end of this month. Joan says that dancing with a wheelchair partner is an amazing experience. Your partner just doesn't miss a step -- unless you screw up and run her over your own toes, that is!

There are many NSD members who love dancing but there are some who just cannot live without it. SFV is proud to accept the first wheelchair dancer into our membership.

New Members: Hannah Murray & Marcelino Ulanday

Have You Renewed Your Membership?

Congratulations to all members for your continued support of San Fernando Valley Smooth Dancers. We would not be a success without you — it takes a Village!

CHAPTER QUEEN LeAnne Wong

Being chapter Queen continues to give me great pleasure. I love being a member of this special group and was honored to represent our chapter at the Fresno coronation in June. Congratulations Queen Sharon!

-Leanne Wong

Continue to enjoy your summer,
Rachel Seward

San Diego Chapter

Edited by Mark Chapman



State Queen Farewell

My reign as State Queen has been so rewarding!! It has been such a privilege and honor representing NSD as State Queen, and so much fun visiting all the chapters and attending all the beautiful coronations. All the Queens, incoming and outgoing, have been so lovely and have become such great friends to me.

I am so grateful to the members of the San Diego Chapter who gave me the honor to represent them as State Queen. It has been my pleasure to serve on the "Royal Court"! I want especially to thank my escort, Al Folkman. Al contributed greatly to the fun we had traveling to all the Coronations. He is a really "fun guy"!

Thanks again to everyone for a wonderful reign. As Palomar's Queen Miriam has said, "Long Live the Queens!"

-State Queen Kay Ryan

Performances by our Sunday Dance Class

Our San Diego Chapter members have long maintained dance classes on Sunday evenings for the benefit of both our own members and for any non-members who wish to take advantage of this great learning resource. The leaders in our chapter have lately been looking for venues in which our dance class participants can perform their new routines, using the technique and styling that our professional instructors spend so much time instilling in their movements.

At our most recent socials and at another local venue, our Sunday evening dance class performed the two numbers they have been working on lately. The dance demo participants were:

Rumba: Patrick and Latiffah McGinness, Lu Sham and Debbie Liao (her very first performance ever!), Frank Lacson



July Rumba and Quickstep Performance Group.

and Liz Tarnove, Mike Cowlshaw and Jeanne Waite, Steve and Angela, Shirley McCloskey and Al Folkman. David Vasquez and Mariko Sakakibara were part of the team but David was ill on performance night.

Quickstep: Bill Chang and Debbie Liao (Her 2nd performance ever!), Lu Sham and Cindy Perry, Frank Lacson and Jennifer Fan, Patrick and Latiffah, Al Folkman and Jeanne Waite. David Vasquez and Barbara Flowers were part of the group but David was ill on performance night.



(Above) Irina with Tango Samba Performes.
(Below) The June Tango Samba Performance Group.

Thank you! It was a fun party; I believe everyone had a good time. There were still 60 people dancing past the 10:30 end time! We all appreciate your time, energy, creativity, and hard work!

President
Shirley McCloskey

Extracurricular Activities Within Our Chapter

Our San Diego Chapter members have an ongoing tradition of getting together outside of official club events. In the past we have had Coffee and Doughnut morning get-togethers where we could hang out together and get a sugar rush for the day. For several months we put together DVD nights that featured the "must-see" movies from our dance universe, e.g., Strictly Ballroom, Assassination Tango, Shall We Dance, etc. Currently some of our ladies are getting together for luncheons to spend an hour enjoying each other's company. (Husbands and escorts may attend, but they sit at their own table with their own conversation!) With a club full of good friends, it's a pleasure to enjoy some social time off of the dance floor.



(L-R) Alberta, Mary, Linda and Kay at a Ladies Luncheon.

Bakersfield Chapter

Looking forward to the upcoming state convention which promises to be even more fun and exciting this year; if that's even possible! This year's event is being held in Palm Springs from September 2nd to September 5th. The Los Angeles chapter is sponsoring this year's fantastic convention.

Starting out Friday night with a "Doo Dah" Parade Dance and then heading right through Saturday afternoon with a Chinese New Year Parade Dance, and which will also usher in the first of many dance competitions.

Saturday night sounds like a winner with the Coronation of our new State Queen and a Rose Parade Ball, the evening will continue with more dance competitions and the professional dance entertainment, are you excited yet?

The weekend continues with the Sunday afternoon 4th of July Parade Dance, so put on your favorite red, white and blue outfit and join in the festivities, there will be Jack and Jill competitions and ballroom dance competitions, plus a complimentary ballroom line dance lesson!

Sunday night get ready for a Mardi Gras Parade Ball; don't forget your Mardi gras mask! The evening will be the culmination of our dance competitions and we will see the final performances of the professional dancers!

Monday morning there will be a farewell breakfast, the presentation of awards and trophies and the chance to say goodbye to all our NSD friends. This is always a good time to wax nostalgic and reflect on a weekend well danced! I will be there in Palm Springs September 2nd –September 5th, where will you be?

Our September dance with the theme "Back to School" is being hosted by Susan Salvucci and Joan Johnson, it will be held at the Riverlakes community Center on September 24th. The times are 6:45 to 9:45, members are free guests are \$15 for singles and \$25 for couples. I hope all of you can come out for this fun event and dance!

August will kick off our 'Friendship' month as that is the theme of this month's dance. Hosted by Debbie Cadena and her committee, it should be a great dance! As usual the dance will be held at the Riverlakes Community Center, 3825 Riverlakes Dr. The times are 6:45-9:45. Members are always free; guests are \$15 for singles, \$25 for couples. I hope all of you can join your friends and come out and dance!



Wen-Shi Rodriguez and Martha Florin were two of our committee chairs for the July "Summertime a Beach Party" dance.

Edited by Dorothy Vaughan



Our July dance, "Summertime a Beach Party" was a blast, chaired by Martha and Cezar Florin and Wen-Shi and Tony Rodriguez, the beach theme in Bakersfield's heat was a great idea! Told we could wear beach attire, a few members wore shorts, some of the ladies were in sundresses and lots of casual attire was also spotted.



Special thanks to our "Summertime a Beach Party" Dance Committee: Mario and Lara Vinos, Antonio and Wen-Shi Rodriguez, Cezar and Martha Florin and Brady and Ruth Davis.

There were several of our new members that came out for the evening and really seemed to enjoy themselves. Steve Peterson spun the music that kept us all dancing and the evening ended all too soon!

Can you believe that our chapter has already been hard at work planning for our 2017 dance weekend? This dance weekend formerly known as the "Boards" will be held from March 31st to April 2nd. So mark your calendars and plan to be with us! There should be some pamphlets and information available at the State Convention for the various chapters to take home with them.

We want to welcome our newest members, Carol Atchley, Ginger Parker, Shen Zva, and Consuelo Hopkins. We hope to see all of you at our weekly lessons and our monthly dances.

We have had a couple of our members that landed in the hospital this past month, I didn't get their permission to print their names, so I won't mention them, fortunately, they are now recovering and we send them our get well wishes.



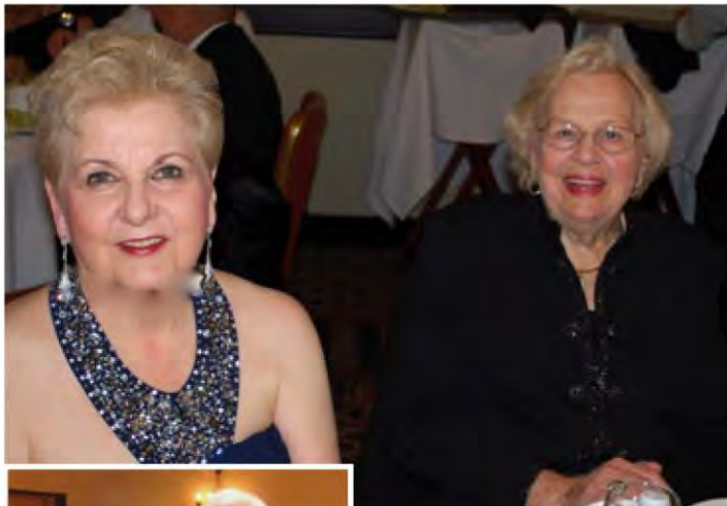
Golden Gate Chapter

As you might imagine we are feverishly working on our presentation for our convention next year. We are hoping to make it irresistible to attend and Amy and Dan have worked



out all the details for us. Rehearsals are set, costumes are being ordered and the excitement is mounting. Of course we want to make it more entertaining than our last one, can it actually be 8 years ago? Wow, time does get away with us while were having fun dancing.

Irene Borelli is celebrating her 95th Birthday this September 2nd and all the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will be there to celebrate one amazing women. Our favorite caterer Miguel and his lovely wife Angela will be catering the event.



And while we are speaking of the Malta family, Elena and Joe Malta (Irene is Elena's mom, in case you did not know) are visiting their grandson Andrew at Yale this summer and Joe will visit his family in Michigan (hope they have air conditioning).

Edited by Gabrielle von Stephens



On a sadder note Elizabeth Hage was in intensive care this last week for some bleeding on her brain.



I visited her yesterday and she is already in a private room and much improved. Her darling husband Bill and her sweet sister are there every day, to keep up her spirits. Hospitals are such awful places to have to be, but they sure help us in acute situations and the staff is amazingly kind and friendly at UCSF. You can find her home address in our directory if you would like to send her a card and I am sure Bill will take it to her in the hospital.



At our last dance Patrick Jude taught a beginning International Rhumba class with my assistance that everybody seem to enjoy very much and we are looking forward to Vera teaching a country 2-step at our next dance , which I will have to miss as I will be on a cruise to Alaska.



As always, dance first, thinking can wait.



Visalia Chapter

Edited by Melody Mar



With the passing of the buck, we have decided to take our website in a new direction with a very modern feel. Dee and Melody worked together to create a new site that will serve to give current members all the information about our club's current events, as well as draw in new members.

Please be sure to check it out at www.visaliasmoothdancers.com



Summer Sojourn - By Kathy Taylor

Our well attended June dance had a bicycle theme. Marshall and I were committee chairs. In addition, we had great help from our committee members--Jaime and June Aguet, Sally Holden, Garry and Wendy Paden, Waino and Dee Peterson, and music man Tim Inouey. The committee enthusiastically decorated the dance hall with bicycles and bicycle accessories. Special mention goes to Tim, Garry, and Wendy for the arrangement of props and bicycles on the stage.

The evening began with a tango lesson given by Dan Goss. Then, as usual, the buffet was abundant with delicious salads, entrees, and desserts. We dined with a background of opera music. General dancing began at 8 pm.

Entertainment was provided by new members Matt and Amanda Thurston. This young couple is newly married, having begun dancing together at Brigham Young University. Amanda grew up in Visalia and had studied dancing; but Matt, who grew up in Idaho, began dancing in college. They have a spark of magic in their performance that captivates their audience. Their first dance was a Tango followed by a Fox Trot. We were so lucky to have them dance for us and look forward to future performances.

Thanks to all of you who attended and to all the committee members who helped make this dance a success.

Hawaiian Luau - Manuel Madril

All I can say to describe the Luau is that the food prepared by Linda and Margo was super delicious, many of the members and guests helped themselves to seconds. The decorations and table settings were great with the fresh fruit as the center piece. The music played by Tim was also great with Hawaiian themed dance music. The performances provided by Dimitri and his partner Bree were outstanding. The members and guests had a great time and were very complimentary on the food and luau. Of course the committee members did an outstanding job in putting it all together with their hard work.

After 10 years as the VSD webmistress, Dee Peterson has decided to step down from the position and pass the reigns to Melody Mar. We are all very grateful to Dee for her dedication and hard work.



Also, take a look at our new Facebook page and be sure to like and share! <https://www.facebook.com/Visalia-Smooth-Dancers-1008565025863780/> (or just Google "Visalia Smooth Dancers")

Come Aboard the Exotic, Funfilled Mexican Riviera Cruise

Destination: relaxation, warm sandy beaches and endless sunsets



Hosted by: Visalia Smooth Dancers
August 13, 2016
Exeter Memorial Hall
424 N. Kaweah Ave. Exeter, CA
Music by: John Gutierrez
CheCha Lesson at 6:00 PM
by Susan Morelock

Members with main dish \$10, Guests \$18

Buffet Dinner at 7:00; Followed by dancing 'til 10:30

Committee chairs & Questions? Stan Medina (972-1872) and Marivel Villarreal (786-7067)
Committee Members: Larry and Mary Brown, Diane S., Ine Mariel, Amanda and Matt Thurston, Harry and Mickey Frame



NATIONAL SMOOTH DANCERS, INC.
GAVEL CLUB
2016

Dear Fellow NSD Members,

In preparation for the 2016 “Dancing on Parade” State Convention hosted by the Los Angeles Chapter, I writing this letter to remind you that nominations for the 2016 Gavel Club Award are now open.

What is the Gavel Club Award: The Gavel Club Award is the highest honor bestowed on a member of the National Smooth Dancers.

What is the Gavel Club: The Gavel Club, made up of all past and current Presidents, is the body that recognizes and rewards outstanding and exemplary service.

Who can be nominated: To be nominated for this high honor, an individual must be a member in good standing and have performed Outstanding service for the National Smooth Dancers Organization at both the Chapter and National levels. The ordinary functions that many perform, while not unimportant are not the criteria for nominating an individual for the Gavel Club Award. The Gavel Club is searching for that exceptional member who is dedicated to the ideals and traditions of NSD and does not recognize chapter boundaries.

How to nominate someone: Nomination letters must contain a description of the qualifications that the nominee possesses. Due to a rule change passed at the 1997 State Convention, only an individual may be nominated (Nominations made for joint candidates are no longer accepted). Any member of the National Smooth Dancers may nominate an individual for the Gavel Club Award. Additionally nominees do not need to be from your own Chapter-feel free to nominate any individual from any of the 8 NSD Chapters whom you feel deserves this recognition. The names of two nominees from 2015, Marsha Hanson-Palomar and Tom Wells-Los Angeles have been carried over and are in consideration along with any new nominations.

When are nominations due: Nomination letters for the 2016 State Convention Gavel Club Award, must be received by August 1st, 2016. Please email them to me at daniel.ansaldi@yahoo.com (preferred method) or mail them to the street address below. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Palm Springs!

Sincerely,



Dan Ansaldi, Golden Gate Chapter
Gavel Club Chairman

1524 Broadway
Alameda, CA 94501
Phone: 415-378-1769
Email: daniel.ansaldi@yahoo.com

Los Angeles National Smooth Dancers Invites you to join us for Dancing on Parade



NSD CONVENTION 2016
Package and Ticket Registration

	Gentleman	Lady
Name	_____	_____
Address	_____	_____
City	_____	_____
State/Zip	_____	_____
NSD Chapter	_____	_____
Telephone	_____	_____
E-mail	_____	_____

ORDER

QTY	PACKAGE	
___	Package Plans @ \$189 each (\$209 after June 15, 2016)	_____
___	Gavel Club BBQ (Saturday) @ \$20 each	_____
___	Crown Circle Champagne Luau (Sunday) @ \$25 each	_____
___	Dance Seminars - Saturday (2 seminars - \$5/ person / seminar)	_____
___	Dance Seminars - Sunday (2 seminars - \$5/ person / seminar)	_____
___	Single Event Tickets as shown on reverse side (please place total here)	_____
	Total	_____

Saturday Night Dinner Selection

Fish _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

Notes Regarding Special Dietary Needs:

Deadline for Package Plan is June 15th to be eligible for Early Bird rate of \$189 and to be automatically entered into the drawing for a free 2016 Convention package.

Meals will be deducted from any refunds requested after August 15, 2016. No refunds will be made after August 26, 2016.

Make checks payable to Los Angeles National Smooth Dancers and mail to:

Victor Lee, 9902 Howland Dr., Temple City, CA 91780. For questions, call (626) 285-8787 or e-mail VL9902@gmail.com. An e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within 10 days of receiving your registration. Please contact Victor Lee if you do not receive your acknowledgement.

Hotel Reservations

See separate page for reservation information for the Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel located at 888 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA. Tel (760) 322-6000 or Marriott's Central Reservations toll free at (888) 682-1238

NSD 2016 CONVENTION SINGLE EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Individual Event Price	Order QTY	Extended Cost	
Packaged Events						
Friday, September 2	5:30 - 7:00pm	<i>Buffet</i>			<i>Available only to buyers of the package plan</i>	
Friday, September 2	7:30 - 11:00 pm	<i>The Doo Dah Parade Dance</i>	\$25	_____	_____	
Saturday, September 3	2:00 - 4:30 pm	<i>Chinese New Year Parade Dance</i> with competitions	\$20	_____	_____	
Saturday, September 3	6:00 - 11:00 pm	<i>The Rose Parade and Coronation</i> Including formal dinner, professional dance show and competitions.	\$85	_____	_____	
Sunday, September 4	2:00 - 4:30 pm	<i>4th of July Parade Dance</i> with competitions	\$20	_____	_____	
Sunday, September 4	7:00 - 11:00 pm	<i>Mardi Gras Parade Dance</i> Including professional dance show and competitions.	\$55	_____	_____	
Monday, September 5	9:00 - 11:00 am	<i>Farewell Breakfast</i>	\$45	_____	_____	
Total of single events purchased (please post the total on the reverse side of this form under the heading Single Event Tickets)					_____	_____

Meals will be deducted from any refunds requested after August 15, 2016. No refunds will be made after August 26, 2016.

SPECIAL EVENTS (Tickets for dance seminars can be purchased at the door)

Saturday, September 3	10:30 - 11:30 am	<i>Dance Seminar 1</i>	\$5	_____	_____
Saturday, September 3	11:30 - 12:30pm	<i>Gavel Club BBQ</i>	\$20	_____	_____
Saturday, September 3	1:00 - 2:00 pm	<i>Dance Seminar 2</i>	\$5	_____	_____
Sunday, September 4	10:30 - 11:30 am	<i>Dance Seminar 3</i>	\$5	_____	_____
Sunday, September 4	10:30 - 12:30 pm	<i>Crown Circle Champagne Luau</i>	\$25	_____	_____
Sunday, September 4	1:00 - 2:00 pm	<i>Dance Seminar 4</i>	\$5	_____	_____

Download all information and forms at:

[http://www.losangelessmoothdancers.](http://www.losangelessmoothdancers.com/2016-nsd-convention/)

[com/2016-nsd-convention/](http://www.losangelessmoothdancers.com/2016-nsd-convention/)

National Smooth Dancers, Inc.
 2016 State Convention
 Competition Pre-Registration

Gentleman

Lady

Name:		
Chapter		
Address		
City		
Zip		
Phone		
E-mail		

Please check all events in which you are pre-registering:

One Star * Smooth Standard Rhythm Latin

(Music will be provided)

Two Star ** Smooth Standard Rhythm Latin

Three Star *** Smooth Standard Rhythm Latin

Four Star **** Smooth Standard Rhythm Latin

Senior Waltz Cha Cha Rumba (Contestants must be at least 60 years old and not competing in any other event)

Attention: Expect an e-mail acknowledging your registration in the correct contests within ten days of receipt by chairperson. If you do not receive an e-mail or it is not correct, immediately call Ken Scholtz at (310) 837-2653 or e-mail kscholtz@earthlink.net.

Waiver of Liability

I certify that I am a member in good standing with the National Smooth Dancers Chapter indicated. I have held membership since May 15, 2016 and I have purchased a complete "Package Deal" for the 2016 Convention. As a condition of participation in the dance competitions, I understand and agree that the Los Angeles National Smooth Dancers, Inc. shall not be held liable for accidents or injuries sustained by persons competing in any event and shall not be held responsible for loss or theft of articles during the Convention. I hereby irrevocably give and grant to the Los Angeles National Smooth Dancers, Inc. the right to produce, use, refer to, and/or reproduce any video tape or audio tape recording of any competition.

Lady _____ Date _____

Gentleman _____ Date _____

Mail completed form to Ken Scholtz, 2821 Anchor Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064

PALOMAR SMOOTH DANCERS
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE CORONATION BALL



HONORING QUEEN-ELECT
LINDA LUM

A Lifetime of Dancing

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016
OCEAN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
4701 LEISURE VILLAGE WAY, OCEANSIDE 92056

Hospitality 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Pupus (Hawaiian Appetizers) – Ocean Hills CC/Pool Area

Doors Open 6:00 pm

Coronation followed by dinner/dancing 6:30 pm

Honor Dance – Mike & Lorrie Chun
Entertainment – Carrie Kloss & Mike Cowlshaw

Hotel: Hyatt Place, 2645 S. Melrose Drive, Vista, Ca 92081
Special room rate: King \$125 / 2 Queens \$135 plus tax (good Fri - Sun)
held for PSD until Friday, September 22, 2016
760-814-8879 or online at www.hyattplacesandiegocarlsbad.com
Code: ask for PSD Group rate

QUEEN'S BREAKFAST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016 AT 9 A.M.
EL CAMINO COUNTRY CLUB
3202 VISTA WAY, OCEANSIDE 92056

RSVP by Saturday, October 1, 2016 – Payable to Palomar Smooth Dancers
Mail to: Geri Deutsch, 5016 Nighthawk Way, Oceanside CA 92056, 760.630.3402

Name(s) _____ # _____ Guests @ \$55 \$ _____
Email (required for receipt) _____ Phone _____
Chapter: _____ Queen's Breakfast # _____ Guests @ \$23 \$ _____
Total Due \$ _____