

*National Smooth Dancers*  
*Dance Whispers*  
*April 2017*



April 16, 2017

Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,

Happy Springtime, Easter and Passover. This time of year makes me think of renewal, whether it is the new blooms of flowers or a recommitment to our spiritual lives. So, I'm thinking about what can be done to renew and recommit to my dancing life. Can I commit to attending more coronations, attend Convention, sign-up and prepare for competition, volunteer for a service commitment to my Chapter, register for a class in a dance I am uncomfortable with, invite a friend to join us for dancing...? What will you do to renew and recommit to your dancing life?

Wow, what a full issue this one is. We have been a busy lot; from San Diego's Coronation (pp 1-2), to Bakersfield for the *Come Dance With Me* weekend and Coronation (pp 3-5), followed by Golden Gates Coronation (pp 6-7).

Fresno introduces us to their Queen-elect (p 9). And be sure to check out the coronation flyer for Visalia Chapter (p 8), and Fresno Chapter (p 13). It is time to start planning for Convention too (pp 14-15). This year you can register and pay on-line at <http://goldengatedancers.org/Convention/2017stateconvention.html>. Golden Gate Chapter's Convention presentation (Viva Las Vegas) at the Bakersfield Dance Weekend promises us a truly an amazing and fun weekend. I would tell you all about it...but as they say..."what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!" But to find out more, be sure to visit their website. It is full of information, registration forms and you can pay on-line too.

Never Stop Dancing,

Tom Wells

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## San Diego Chapter

**Dance with Joy**, by Judy Miranda



The Coronation of Queen-Elect Elizabeth Tarnove on March 4th was an evening of beauty and fun. Liz chose turquoise as her color and the peacock for her logo. The theme was “Dance With Joy,” which represented her love of dance as well as her middle name of “Joy.” The Coronation was arranged differently this time, with the Queens and their escorts circling the ballroom and intertwining some before taking their seats. It was a beautiful affect and added a lot to the ceremony. Many thanks to Victor Lee of the L.A. chapter for his unique choreography. After Liz was crowned as the San Diego chapter Queen, the Honor Dance, a fun Tango, was



performed by Frank Lacson and Jennifer Ethridge-Fan. Dinner was catered by Cupid’s Catering and was delicious. Later in the evening entertainment was provided by Dave Saul and Irina Chalkevitch who presented a beautiful American Tango that was enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to the Chair Persons—Caron Schattel, Shirley McCloskey and Kay Ryan—for the great job they did. For those members who were unable to attend you missed a fun party with lots of time for dancing as

Edited by Mark Chapman



well as beautiful music.

**Thank You for Dancing with Joy: My San Diego Coronation**, by Queen Liz Tarnove

An SDS member described the coronation and the existence of Queens in our group as the glue that holds the chapters together. I got my first inkling of this powerful bond when my status as Queen-elect was divulged at the 2016 NSD Convention. Almost immediately I was taken under the wing of the Queen Mum (Carla Hartunian of Fresno Chapter) and introduced to Queens and Queen-elects from all over the state. The Crown Circle is a wonderful sisterhood and I am thrilled and humbled to become a part of it.

The festivities began with hospitality at the small ballroom at Champions hosted by Alberta Valentini. Alberta and her team prepared a delicious spread of sandwiches, fresh fruit, brownies and other treats. It was wonderful to get a chance to meet the visiting Queens, their escorts and other visitors from out of town. Some I had met briefly at the 2016 convention and it was great to see them all again.

Once we had finished the social, Victor Lee from Los Angeles Chapter rehearsed us all in the procession. I had asked Victor if we could use his choreography to Barry Manilow’s “Venus” that was so much fun at Convention 2016 - and Victor generously offered to rehearse us all and did a bang-up job.

While all of this was going on, many helpers were putting the last minute touches to make the room lovely. And it was lovely. Kay Ryan and Rose Madrid did an amazing job decorating the tables, carrying pieces, boutonnieres, and the arch. The tulle, bows, sparkle, and lights made the ballroom just gorgeous. Cathy O’Harra made sure the guest book was signed, Mark Chapman and Been Kao put together the programs that were on every table, and Al Folkman provided embossed cocktail napkins.

The ceremony itself was lovely. Anthony Wood did a wonderful job as announcer and the Queens and their escorts did their part with grace and style. Special thanks to Chuck DiSessa, Mel Mesa, and Patrick McGinness who escorted the visiting Queens.

I so enjoyed watching the procession that I had to be reminded when it was my turn to go up to the arch. My brother-in-law Vic Herzfeld was the perfect escort and it meant a lot to me to have my sister, Shari Herzfeld, as crown bearer and the lovely Denise White as flower bearer.

My dance instructor, Andre Baltierra of the Fred Astaire

Studio in Rancho Bernardo, led me through the Queen's waltz. We had performed together before and had practiced the waltz for weeks, so I knew I was in good hands when I stepped out on the dance floor. The tune was "Sad Romance" (ironic, since the coronation theme was "Dance with Joy" - but dreamy waltzes make me happy!)

Once the procession and waltz were done, I could relax and enjoy the rest of the evening beginning with Frank Lacson and Jennifer Ethridge-Fan's Honor Dance, a sassy Argentine tango.

The sassy mood continued as we made our exit to Swing City's "Happy Panther" (a hybrid of Pharrell Williams' "Happy" slowed down to a cool saxophone-driven foxtrot with riffs from Henry Mancini's "Pink Panther theme"). Couples were encouraged to exit dancing.

After a lot of photo-taking in the back room, the Queens, escorts and I were able to join the rest of the attendees for a delicious dinner by Cupid's Catering followed by an evening of dancing.

I missed Cindy Perry's invocation, but I know it was lovely.

Rose Madrid as DJ and Al Folkman as MC kept the evening going. I had asked the visiting Queens to provide the name of a favorite dance tune and all of those tunes were played during the evening and dedicated to each of them. Dave Saul and Irina Chalkevitch performed a spirited tango and Victor Lee and Debby Ku led many line dances throughout the evening.

It was a night to remember, followed by a fabulous brunch on Sunday morning at the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant. In spite of our late night and early breakfast, the crowd was as bubbly as our breakfast champagne as we gathered for one last time before our out-of-town guests departed.

My dad once said that the perfect hostess is like a duck: serene and unruffled on the surface and paddling like heck underneath. The weekend would not have been a success without the hardworking members of the club. Shirley McCloskey, Kay Ryan and Caron Schattel shepherded me through the process and put in untold hours of work to bring everything together. I thank them and all of the people who contributed to the joy of the weekend.

— Queen Elizabeth for 2017

### **Thank you to Bakersfield,** by Liz Tarnove

In the questionnaire sent to visiting Queens for the Bakersfield Coronation of Queen Barbara Norcross, we were asked whether we would prefer Dorothy's ruby slippers or Cinderella's glass slippers. My response: "I'd prefer the ruby slippers. With them, I could click my heels together three times and be whisked off to an adventure!" (How I wish I'd had those slippers going through L.A. traffic on the way up!) But once I arrived in Bakersfield the adventure (and the fun) began in earnest for me as I enjoyed the first event of my year visiting our sister chapters as Ambassador Queen for San Diego. What a fun time I had with my new sister Queens! On behalf of our entire chapter, I want to thank all Bakersfield members for the wonderful weekend you provided us at the Boards: we all had a memorable time with you and we look forward to seeing you

and all our NSD friends again at Golden Gate's coronation.



# Bakersfield Chapter

## QUEEN'S FAREWELL

Wow! Is it over already? What a wonderful journey and I can tell you I had lots of fun! Being thought of as a special person in the eyes of all the club members really is worth more than I can say. All of the chapters were so kind and gracious to me, and my travel companions, Barbara Norcross and Debbie Cadena completed the reward's I experienced!

New friends are now in my life as part of that special journey. Dancing, being with my dancing friends, and dressing up works really well for me, it brings such joy into my life and has made me very happy to be a part of lots of wonderful memories. Now I have the pleasure of beginning the journey of being a part of the Queen's Crown Circle!

Sincerely, Queen JoAnn Georgio

## BOARDS

All of our planning, and the many meetings held over the past year finally paid off in the culmination of our dance weekend, 'Come Dance with Me'.

We started off with our Friday night dance, dancing in Rio. The Palomar chapter delighted us all with a "Dancing in Rio" show. We had some great dance competitions, including a Jack n' Jill dance. Our wonderful Professional dancers, Deborah Perez and Guillermo Ceballos performed for us, they were just beautiful!



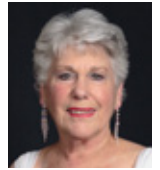
I have to mention our wonderful table decorations made by Debbie Cadena, which consisted of chair covers and sashes and table cloths and runners, plus centerpieces! Debbie really outdid herself as she made all the chair covers, sashes and tablecloths for all three of our dance events.



Our Saturday afternoon dance, dancing in the Caribbean, featured a steel Drum Band that played really great music. There were more dance competitions to watch and spotted among some of the guests were several people dressed in pirate attire.

Saturday night we held our "Old Savannah Ball", which included our Queens' Coronation. Barbara chose lovely creams and yellows for her decorations, with a touch of lavender flowers

Edited by Dorothy Vaughan



for the arch and on the table decorations. Each queen in her crown circle carried a lovely fan, and answered a question that was previously given to them and then read by Steve Peterson. Barbara and her escort Tony Rodriquez danced a very lovely Viennese waltz for her queen's dance.

Mark and Kay Boyer performed a beautiful waltz for the honor dance, a wonderful tribute for Barbara and her Queen's court.

The evening also included more dance competitions and a final showcase by our professional dancers, and of course general dancing.



Sunday morning we had our "Picnic in the Park", which was our farewell breakfast. This included handing out the medals to the winners of our competitions. Among the winners were our very own Richard and Liora Malicden who won a second place in Rhythm, for East Coast Swing and Bill and Susan Landry with a first place in Senior Smooth Waltz. Congratulations to our winners and to all the chapter winners!

### COMING UP:

Our April 22nd dance is being chaired by Lindy and Neal Livingston and the theme is Swing Time. The dance will be held at our new venue Riverview Park Center, and the address is 401 Willow Dr. Also note the new times of 7:00-10:00pm. As usual members are free, Couples are \$25 and singles are \$15. Please join us for this fun event!

May is our annual Queen's dance. The dance will be chaired by Kay Boyer this year and she will be joined by our queens for her committee. This dance is always fun and honors our past and present queens.

We will also present the Gretchen Garretson Award to a deserving member. The dance is May 27th at our new venue, Riverview Park, 401 Willow Dr. from 7:00-10:00pm. Members are free, couples are \$25, singles \$15.00. Please join us for this lovely evening.



# Dance Competition Results

Dance	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Beginners Waltz	Peter & Janice Imperial, Golden Gate	David & Jennifer Morgan Fresno	Nelson Guyer & Yara Gregory Palomar & SD
Seniors Waltz	Bill & Susie Landry Bakersfield	Don Hubbard & Christiane Lannes Palomar	Jack & Marilee Ragland Palomar
Beginners Cha Cha	Don Hubbard & Penny Elliot Palomar	Nelson Guyer & Yara Gregory Palomar & SD	Jack & Marilee Ragland Palomar
East Coast Swing	John & Leanne Wong San Fernando Valley	Richard & Liora Malicden Bakersfield	Peter & Janice Imperial Golden State
West Coast Swing	John & Leanne Wong San Fernando Valley	Les & Roberta Lazar San Fernando Valley	Doug & Jane Hammond San Fernando Valley
Intermediate Smooth	Joseph Hidalgo & Deanne Stanton San Fernando Valley	John & Leanne Wong San Fernando Valley	Peter & Janice Imperial Golden State
Intermediate Rhythm	Peter & Janice Imperial Golden State	Doug & Jane Hammond San Fernando Valley	Les & Roberta Lazar San Fernando Valley
Advanced Smooth	Peter & Janice Imperial Golden State	Joseph Hidalgo & Deanne Stanton San Fernando Valley	John & Leanne Wong San Fernando Valley
Samba	John & Leanne Wong San Fernando Valley	Peter & Janice Imperial Golden State	Jack & Marilee Ragland Palomar



1st - Beginners Waltz      2nd - Beginners Waltz      3rd - Beginners Waltz



1st - Senior Waltz      2nd - Senior Waltz      3rd - Senior Waltz



1st - Beginners Cha Cha      2nd - Beginners Cha Cha      3rd - Beginners Cha Cha



1st - East Coast Swing      2nd - East Coast Swing      3rd - East Coast Swing



1st - West Coast Swing      2nd - West Coast Swing      3rd - West Coast Swing



1st - Intermediate Smooth      2nd - Intermediate Smooth      3rd - Intermediate Smooth



1st - Intermediate Rhythm      2nd - Intermediate Rhythm      3rd - Intermediate Rhythm



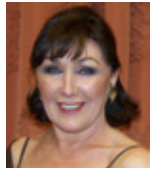
1st - Advanced Smooth      2nd - Advanced Smooth      3rd - Advanced Smooth



1st - Samba      2nd - Samba      3rd - Samba

# Golden Gate Chapter

Edited by Gabrielle von Stephens



Finally a few nice days without rain for the group who drove to Bakersfield for our board of directors meeting. Many of us could not make it this year as it was simply too close to our coronation which will be next week. Too many things to do and unfortunately we have lots of illness in our little family.



Barbara Cardinalli had to be hospitalized as her foot just wasn't healing. John Anzalone is not feeling too well these days and can't come to our coronation this year. Elena Malta had a knee replacement on the 12th and is not able to dance yet, but recovering nicely under the care of that sweet man Joe Malta. Thankfully Rita



Parma had recovered enough from her foot illness to join us on Monday at the meeting along with her dynamic husband Floyd.

On April 8th Yonne Chester (Elizabeth Hage's daughter) bestowed a special gift in honor of her mom to the St. Helena Chamber choir under the direction of Maestro Ragnar Bohlin, who directed Brahms Requiem. Both Yonne

and her husband sang in the choir. Bill Hage and Elizabeth's sister Mae attended and so could not be at our coronation.



The Imperials are going to be on a long time planned cruise, for 18 days through the Panama Canal on the Queen Victoria ship, and will not be able to be at our coronation. We will miss seeing them dance for sure especially as I just found out they won 6 trophies in Bakersfield. Our Queen to be, Vera Harvey, just

called me with this news from the road home.

Almost everything is ready to go for Vera's coronation next week, thanks to the help of so many of our members. Chuck Talmadge just finished the very special seat our gorgeous queen will be sitting on, the music men Les Lin, Joe Malta, Floyd Parma and Gordon Robinson have been working hard to get all her special music ready on our new equipment, which will



sound awesome.

You are in for a special treat when you come to our coronation, it will truly be in an enchanted forest, and don't be surprised if you see a Fairy or two.

As always, dance first, thinking can wait.



## Golden Gate coronation honoring Queen Vera Harvey

What a very special coronation it turned out to be. Queen Vera thought of and provided most of the very special details.

Hospitality was catered by our favorite couple Miguel and Angela, but as Miguel



was ill, Angela had to bring all the food herself. Awesome!! The Golden Gate ladies were attired in black dresses with flowers attached, flower crowns and wings. Fairies all around.

The ballroom featured glittery table overlays in green, rented trees all around the ballroom adorned with Fairies (borrowed from Patrick Jude). Beautiful hearts hung off the trees as well and all the guests were treated to a green silk bag filled with M&M's especially created for this occasion.

Patrick raided his garden to bring garlands of Ivy to decorate the amazing swing for our queen which Chuck Talmadge built out of large limbs from his sister's trees; which then became his grandson's favorite toy. The table decorations were fairy houses made and decorated by our club members and were sold after the evening's festivities, as well as a collection of ball gowns donated by our members.

Vera danced a beautiful Waltz with her teacher John Ross of the "Ballroom" in Rohnert Park and her friends Jennifer and



Dan Goss did the honor dance for her, a sensuous Bolero. The chapter queens were given beautiful green evening bags to carry to match the theme and to keep as a special gift. It was a fabulous evening filled with love and friendship and lots of dancing to great music provided by our wonderful music men.



All the Queens men.....Queen Emma with Carl Chesbrough, Queen Emma with Ed Ballin, Queen Emma with Bill Milner, Queen Emma with Chuck Talmadge.

Looking back on this last year of being queen, I have to admit that it was more wonderful than I could ever have imagined. Traveling with my daughter Rita has brought us closer together and meeting all these wonderful women at the chapters, and making many new friends along the way has been a very rewarding experience.

Thank you to all the men who escorted me at the various coronations and to Golden Gate chapter for choosing me to be their representative. I just love being Queen.

-Queen Emma



What an adventure! A year in the making and when I arrived in Foster City on Friday morning, there, already in motion, was the Golden Gate team opening boxes, setting up trees, putting the final touches on the fairy houses for the center pieces (each unique and made by our queens and 2018 queen elect), rechecking seating charts, and everything else needed to make this a magical evening. I don't know what I would have done without this amazing team of wonderful people. They are truly the best!

Walking into the ballroom, I got to see "the swing"! Wow, what a work of art! Chuck Talmadge is so amazing and truly took my vision of The Enchanted Forest to another level. Next, we added fairies and wooden hearts to the pre-lit trees which surrounded the ballroom while the sound of birds and crickets added to the theme.

Finally, the moment arrived. I stood in the hall outside the ballroom thinking of everything that had gone into making this night truly enchanted. My sister and crown-bearer Jane and my brother-in-law Walt (from Yuba City) and great-nephew and scepter bearer Nikolai (from Redding) were here and was I thrilled! My escort Bill Swindle (from Palm Springs)



was here at my side, calming me as I anxiously awaited our queue. I thought of the responsibility of representing the Golden Gate Chapter and how honored I was to be standing there at that exact moment. I thought of my friends in the ballroom from Sonoma County, so happy to

see them.

As we stepped onto the floor, the applause and smiling faces were comforting and immediately made all those months of preparation worthwhile.

It was such an honor to perform the waltz with John Ross, my favorite instructor, to "The Sweetheart Tree" by Johnny Mathis. I was nervous at first, but John totally put me at ease through the entire choreography, practice, and performing process. My friends, Dennis and Jennifer Goss performed a beautiful Bolero! Totally breathtaking!

The evening was filled with dancing to great music by our chapter DJ's, A great dinner was served, then dancing, and more dancing.

Thank you to Gabrielle for my hair & make-up and to Patrick for "fixing" my gown. You are both amazing! Also, to those who traveled from our sister chapters...thank you for being here in The Enchanted Forest.

One last note...I could not have done this without the guidance and encouragement of our queen coordinator, Amy Ansaldi. Her patience and ever-positive attitude was unbelievable. Amy, you are truly amazing! Hugs!

-Queen Vera





*Visalia Smooth Dancers invite you to attend the Coronation  
Ball of Queen-elect Sallie Holden*

# Travel's a Dance Away

*choreographing one adventure at a time*

**May 20, 2017**

**Exeter Memorial Building, 324 N. Kaweah**

**6:00 Wine Reception**

*6:30 Coronation*

**Honor Dance by Margaret Moholt and Dan Goss**

*Dinner catered by the Happy Cookers*

**Entertainment**

**Hospitality 2:00-4:00 Exeter Memorial Bldg.**

**Lodging Best Western, Exeter Inn,**

**805 S. Kaweah Ave., 559-592-8118**

*(early reservations recommended)*

**Queens' Brunch May 21 9:00 am**

**Visalia Country Club, 625 N. Ranch Street**

*Mail reservations by May 12 to Kathy Taylor*

*553 High Sierra Dr., Exeter 93221*

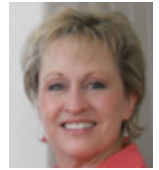
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Dinner choice \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ pork \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian

Queens' Brunch \$26 \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# Fresno Chapter

Edited by Linda Bennett



We are well into our 2017 dance season, and a lot of you have just returned from the Bakersfield Boards and Golden Gate's coronation. Our Fresno chapter is gearing up for Queen-elect Jennifer Morgan's coronation on June 3, 2017, and we are so excited to introduce her to you! We hope to see all of you there! In the meantime, we are enjoying our monthly events.

February's theme was "Love Makes the World Go 'Round," hosted by Carla Hartunian, and the room was decorated with red and hearts of multiple flavors (yum) to remind us that it was indeed February. Throw in some good music, played by David Morgan, and that was all we needed to get us 'round' the dance floor. Following a very fun waltz lesson taught by Alex Pereira, our dancers divided their time between visiting with each other, visiting the well-stocked snack table, and multiple "visits" to the dance floor. We were glad to welcome our guests, some old and some new, and delighted to develop new friendships. As the afternoon went on one could not but notice the heavily laden gift table. Many were winners that afternoon thanks to Carla's generosity; but then, everyone present was a winner. Fun, food and friends were enjoyed by all, some just got pretty packages!

March brought the color of Spring, with the theme "Tiptoe Through the Tulips." Social Chair Jennifer Morgan hosted this event, and flowers were plentiful. Delightful centerpieces, flowers in a decorated tin pot, also served as door prizes; there were a few Tulips but no tip-toeing through them. We began our afternoon with a Night Club 2 Step taught by Ms. Mata. It was wonderful having her back to teach after such a long period off the dance floor. She lost no time getting us on the floor, sharpening our skills, and learning new patterns. Our music playlist was put together by David Morgan and played by Linda Bennett. It was great to have several first-time guests joining us for the lesson and staying for the party, and we are excited to introduce to you our newest member, Bob Stephenson! Bob



will be highlighted in a future publication.

April's dance will be held on the Fourth Sunday this year, due to Easter falling on the third Sunday. Nancy Cargill will host "Spring has Sprung," and a Bachata lesson will be taught by first-time (for us) instructor, Amanda Hanes. Please join us at 2:00 on April 23, 2017!

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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](http://www.fresnosmoothdancers.org) for flyers. We would love to see you there!!



Queen-elect Jennifer Morgan

**Introducing JENNIFER MORGAN!**  
**Fairy Tales Can Come True!**

Like many little girls, I was fascinated by the dream of a Princess and her Knight on a white horse. Beautiful dresses, glamorous throne rooms, and handsome men leading lovely ladies around the floor filled my imagination. That was the Cinderella story. The first time I saw Cinderella on TV I fell in love with the dream. The music was an important part of my dream. I played the songs on the piano and I sang all the words.

Dreams...but no dancing.

Then I grew up and met my Knight...



During the months we courted, we would often sit at the piano, David playing and both of us singing some of our favorite movie titles. Our repertoire was varied and included "The Ugly Bug Ball" from Summer Magic, "Ten Minutes Ago, I Saw You" from Cinderella, and many others.

Courting... Marriage... Family...

And yet, no dancing.

The intervening years were full of life that in various ways became our pathway to dancing. We worked many years in leadership roles for Marriage Encounter, David nurtured a small consulting business, and we traveled to Russia and returned with three children to add to our homegrown three. My quilting would take a back seat while I spent the next 14 years home schooling our family of six. Then came the glorious empty nest and a new chapter in our marriage.

Dance...

About four years ago, we began looking for an activity we could share. I never dreamed David would suggest dancing!

But then... Fairy Tales Can Come True!

We started our conquest of dance with DVD's and YouTube lessons. Well-armed with "youthful confidence," one Sunday we walked into Fresno Smooth Dance. (I would like to point out that all the confidence came with David. I soon found myself in full-on panic mode.) "Take me HOME," I insisted in David's ear. Tears were very near the surface when several "Fairy God-mothers" appeared, graciously pulled us aside, and taught us some simple steps that made us "feel" like we could dance. From those steps, almost four years ago, we have not stopped dancing. The magic of waltzing around a room has never faded. What started as a daunting task, grew to a passion that fills our life with joy and countless friends.

The honor of serving as Fresno's NSD Chapter Queen is an unexpected dream. You have always been there to encourage, advise, and cheer us on. I look forward to the wonderful opportunity to represent the Fresno club and to meet many more of you, and embrace a much larger family than I could have imagined.

Never stop dreaming.

Fairy Tales Can Come True...

it can happen to you...  
if you are young at heart!

# Palomar Chapter

Edited by Debbie Kincaid and Don Hubbard



The Bakersfield NSD 'Board of Directors' and Coronation made for a fantastic dancing experience. The entire three days and two nights provided a first rate experience which included lots of dancing, good music, a great dance floor, and good food and refreshments. 25 Palomar chapter members attended and enjoyed the excellent hospitality provided by the hosts. Palomar members were particularly active with 7 members entering the dancing competition (see competition results for particulars). Spirits were high as 21 members composed a well-drilled formation team entertaining on opening night celebrating the theme of "Dancing in Rio". The team performed 3 Latin dances with beautiful costumes and included 2 blue Mc Caws (Blu & Jewel from the Disney movie RIO) and the "Girl from Ipanema". Marsha Hanson coached the dancers, and Marsha and Penny Elliot provided the choreography.

**Congratulations Queen Barbara Norcross** for a beautiful Coronation – enjoy your year!

Palomar Queens enjoyed a lovely Queens Champagne Luncheon on Sunday. Everyone raved about the beautiful and delicious buffet! It's always a special event when all Queens gather together!

THANK YOU BAKERSFIELD TEAM FOR ANOTHER GRAND EVENT!

**Our February Dance Social**, hosted by the Jack & Marilee Ragland, Ralph & Mary Anderson and Marion Semler, was a



Palomar's Dancing in Rio Formation Team



huge success! With over 85 RSVPs, many new faces and lots of friends from the past joined us. Folks came in all sorts of costumes celebrating February events: patriotic, Chinese New Years and Mardi Gras.

Irina and James completed the lesson sequence for the Samba pattern they have been teaching for the last several months. Great teaching! Marilee Ragland baked all of the oh-so-delicious deserts including a birthday cake for our February birthdays. Thanks to all who contributed time and effort towards making this social such a great success!



(Top) Hosts for our February Social: Jack & Marilee Ragland, Queen-Elect Marion Semler, Ralph & Mary Anderson.

(Bottom) Marilee Ragland presented the Palomar February Birthday Dancers with a lovely cake.

**Our March Social was BUSY!** Hosted by Fred & Gerry Deutsch, Ann & Tom Mauro and Iara Gregory. Highlight of the evening was a performance by the Palomar Formation Team in full costume as a tune-up for their presentation at "Bakersfield Boards". (see article above). Dance instructors James and Irina Friedhof taught an excellent fox trot lesson which was valuable to all lovers of the dance. Three basic maneuvers, left turn, right turn and twinkle provide dancers with enough steps to get around the floor.

(Top Left) Blu & Jewel (Don Hubbard & Christiane Lannes) and "The Girl From Ipanema" (Debbie Atherton).

(Top Right) Queen Miriam Mozes, Queen Debbie Atherton, Queen Darlene Drury and Queen Geri Deutsch "pose" during the Queens Champagne Luncheon on Sunday.

(Bottom) We managed to get the Palomar Smooth Dancers GANG together at The Boards for a fun picture moment!

# San Fernando Valley Chapter

Edited by Rachel Seward



It's winter . . . no, wait . . . it's spring! February and March have definitely been one-of-a-kind in the weather department. February, the month of love and friendship, and March, the month of Dr. Seuss's birthday as well as the month we entered into spring and had a blast as the annual Bakersfield Smooth Dancers weekend!

## Here's a recap of the highlights these past two months:

**I'll say it with music; I'll say it with dance; I want you to be my Valentine.** The February dance is always a fun and entertaining time. While we didn't spend the night on the red carpet or wear neon shoes, red was the color of the evening, representing our love and passion for dance.



*Roberta LaZar, Barbara Greenlaw, Andrea Gutman, Sally Emanuelli, Rachel Seward, Leanne Wong, Joan Robinson, Gee Gee Barden.*

**An unplanned Queens' Reunion.** Here's another reason to believe it's a "small world". In February not one, not two – EIGHT "SFV Dancing Queens" attended our February, "Love Is in the Air" evening. It was a moment everyone enjoyed!

## Ballroom Madness -

Every spring a sort of illness strikes millions of Americans. It's called "March Madness." Symptoms include screaming uncontrollably, panic sweating, and sitting motionless in front of the TV. It's arguably the most popular sporting tournament in America. While March Madness affects both men and women, I am happy to say that while our members are MAD about basketball, it does not keep them from dancing and enjoying great music with friends. SFV is proud to announce a very high turnout for our March 4th Ballroom Madness dance, in spite of the obsessing over hastily filled-out NCAA brackets and the wearing of garments representing favored Sweet 16 teams.

## Yes, You Can Dance Without Music! But...

- Dance without music can be called hyperactivity or craziness.
- Music and dance support physical development in positive ways.
- Dance lessons teach about rhythm, beat, styling, leading, foot work.
- Dance and music go hand-in-hand.
- And as for me, "You can't have one without the other..."

How can we dance without great teachers for lessons and inspiring DJ's to bring us music? We can't!

With special thanks we acknowledge our Foxtrot instructors, David & Lily Moutrey (February), Samba instructor, Natalia Lind (March), and DJ's, Tom Mendola and Mark Emanuelli.

**Let The Rhythm Move You!** This is just what the San Fernando Valley contingent of approximately 30 members and friends did at the Bakersfield Smooth Dancers weekend on

March 31st --April 2nd.

While there was a lot of business to attend to and a coronation ceremony to perform, taking center stage were the competitions in both Rhythm and Smooth, Jack n' Jill dance contests, an array of professional dance shows, the Queens' luncheon -- all with the excitement of being together and dancing the night away.

## Without further ado, our SFV dance champions!!!

- East Coast Swing - 1st John & Leanne Wong
- West Coast Swing - 1st John & Leanne Wong  
2nd Les & Roberta LaZar  
3rd Doug & Jane Hammond
- Latin - 1st John & Leanne Wong
- Intermediate Smooth - 1st Joe Hidalgo & Deanna Stanton  
2nd John & Leanne Wong
- Intermediate Rhythm - 2nd Doug & Jane Hammond  
3rd Les & Roberta LaZar
- Advanced Smooth - 2nd Joe Hidalgo & Deanna Stanton  
3rd John & Leanne Wong
- Jack & Jill - 1st Robert Ho & Jane Hammond

## Crown Circle — Social Ambassador, Queen Rachel Seward

In March I had the pleasure of attending two coronations.

"San Diego Smooth Dancers" hosted a joyous coronation filled with colorful peacock inspired décor, honoring Queen Elizabeth Tarnove. "Dancing with Joy" was Queen Elizabeth's theme. This joyous evening included an Honor Dance by Frank Lacson and Jennifer Ethridge-Fan, and a Pro/Am performance by Dave Saul and Irina Chalkevitch.

On Saturday evening, April 1st, "Bakersfield Smooth Dancers" crowned Barbara Norcross as their chapter queen during a bright and cheerful coronation. Barbara, along with her instructor, performed a lovely Viennese Waltz that set the tone for a wonderful evening.

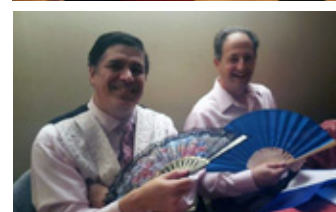
It was an honor representing SFV at each of these coronations and being part of such a gracious tradition. I am enjoying seeing more of California, wearing beautiful dresses, and getting better acquainted with all of the chapter Queens.

## "Dance Expresses Joy Better than Anything Else" – Bob Fosse



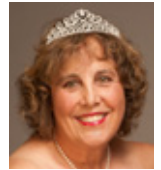
*(Left) A Trio of Our Favorite Chapter Members: Les LaZar, Gee Gee Barden & Bill Steeber*

*(Below) We are big fans of these two cool ones and our fabulous lady in red: Joseph Hidalgo & Mark Emanuelli and Pam Au.*



# Los Angeles Chapter

Edited by Sandy Wells



Why is it cool to be a dancer? Because no one tells you off for having too much attitude..Yea!! That's us. We start our adventures with the San Diego Coronation. This was a joint celebration for our chapter... Shari Herzfeld's sister was San Diego's Queen "Liz Tarnove" and Shari was the honored sister to participate. Vic Herzfeld was the Queen's escort. Fun for all that attended.

Queen Vera Harvey sat on a swing so "Cool"... Golden Gate did a marvelous job.



Robert Quan with Queen-elect Francys Solano.

State Queen Susan Johnson and Chuck Johnson at the Golden Gate coronation.

Trips and travel: Judi Van Brocklin is forever on the move. Her latest adventures lead her to Buenos Aires. She took Argentine Tango lessons and danced at a milonga. Ahh.. No photos. Wonder why..Judi.. "What happens in Buenos Aires stays in Buenos Aires"!

(Left) Vic Herzfeld escorted his sister-in-law and San Diego's Queen, Liz Tarnove, at the San Diego Coronation in March.

(Right) Shari Herzfeld served as crown bearer at her sister's coronation at the San Diego Coronation of Liz Tarnove.

Our very own line dancing instructors are now on an Asian cruise teaching. It was a last minute call and they did not struggle with the decision to go. Debby will be visiting relatives while enjoying the cruise.



Los Angeles Chapter members enjoyed the San Diego Coronation.



Craig and Alice Mah Miller also cruised Southeast Asia in March. The most memorable moment of the trip was riding on the elephant in Thailand.

We congratulate Alice Mah Miller, former President of Chinese American Education Association, she was selected to the Board of Advisors for 2017.

(Left) Craig and Alice Mah Miller enjoy a cruise on an elephant during their Southeast Asia trip.

(Below) Alice Mah Miller (1st row far right) was selected to the Board of Advisors to the Chinese American Education Association.

Representing Los Angeles Chapter at the Bakersfield Dance Weekend (Back Row L-R): Tom Wells, Chuck Johnson and Victor Lee. (Front Row L-R): Sandy Wells, Susan Johnson and Debby Ku.



The Queen and her posse partied in Bakersfield until 10pm...Well, we are aging...

The music, food and steel drum band, and competitions made the Bakersfield's coronation another winner.

Having rested, the next weekend the posse left for Golden Gate...Now, Robert Quan and Francys Solano replaced the Wells contingent. The trip was not hectic but carpooling does help.



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Social Hall of the  
Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
2226 Ventura Ave, Fresno, Ca

*Formal Ball:*  
6:00 pm Champagne Reception  
6:30 pm Coronation Ceremony  
7:00 pm Dinner  
8:00 pm General Dancing  
& Entertainment  
10:30 pm Farewell

Hotel Reservations  
Doubletree Hotel  
2233 Ventura St, Fresno-Ca  
Call 559-268-1000  
Room Price \$125 + tax  
Group: "Fresno Smooth Dancers"  
Reserve by May 17

## Coronation Ball for Queen-Elect Jennifer Morgan Saturday, June 3, 2017

Hospitality  
2:00 to 4:00 pm  
at the Social Hall  
2226 Ventura

Farewell Breakfast for  
Queen Sharon Crisp  
Sunday June 4, 2017  
Doubletree International Cafe  
8:30 No Host

[www.fresnosmoothdancers.org](http://www.fresnosmoothdancers.org)

Coronation & Breakfast Reservations - RSVP by May 31, 2017 - Payable to "Fresno Smooth Dancers"

Mail to: Linda Bennett Phone: 559-917-1815 (after 5) 5629 E Tarpey Dr, Fresno, CA 93727

Name(s) _____	# _____ Fresno Members \$50 \$ _____
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Phone _____	Total Due: \$ _____



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Name _____	Lady _____
Address _____	
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**ORDER**

QTY	PACKAGE	
_____	Package Plans @ \$199 each (\$219 after June 15, 2017)	_____
_____	Gavel Club (Saturday-Current and Past Presidents) @ \$45 each	_____
_____	Crown Circle (Sunday-Reigning and Past Queens Only) @ \$45 each	_____
_____	Dance Seminar - Saturday (2 seminars - \$5 / person / seminar)	_____
_____	Dance Seminar - Sunday (2 seminars - \$5 / person / seminar)	_____
_____	Single Event Tickets as shown on reverse side (please place total here)	_____
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	<b>Total</b>	_____

**Saturday Night Dinner Selection**

Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes Regarding Special Dietary Needs:**

Deadline for Package Plan is June 15th to be eligible for Early Bird rate of \$199 and to be automatically entered into the drawing for a free 2017 Convention package.  
Cancellations after August 15, 2017 will receive a pro-rated refund. No refunds will be made after August 26, 2017.

Make checks payable to **Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, Inc.** and mail to:  
Rita Palma, 251 Wicklow Dr., So. San Francisco, CA 94080. For questions, call (650) 455-2402 or email [rita.palma51@gmail.com](mailto:rita.palma51@gmail.com). An email acknowledgement will be sent within 10 days of receiving your registration. Please contact Rita Palma if you do not receive your acknowledgement.

**Hotel Reservations** (See separate page for Hotel Information)  
San Francisco Airport Marmot Waterfront Hotel located at 1800 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA 94010  
Tel: (650) 692-9100

**2017 NSD CONVENTION**  
**SINGLE EVENTS**

Date	Time	Event	Individual Event Price	Order QTY	Extended Cost
<b>Packaged Events</b>					
Friday, September 1	5:30 - 7:30pm	<b>Buffer</b>	Available only to buyers of the package plan		
Friday, September 1	7:30 - 11:30 pm	<b>The Stars Come Out at Night</b> Celebrity Impersonators	\$25		
Saturday, September 2	2:00 - 4:30 pm	<b>Going to the Chapel White Party</b> with competitions	\$25		
Saturday, September 2	6:00 - 11:30 pm	<b>Casino Royale Coronation</b> Including formal dinner, professional dance show and competitions.	\$90		
Sunday, September 3	2:00 - 4:30 pm	<b>Sin City Swing</b> with competitions	\$25		
Sunday, September 3	7:00 - 11:30 pm	<b>Abracadabra - A Night of Magic and Illusion</b> Including professional dance show and competitions.	\$55		
Monday, September 4	9:00 - 11:00 am	<b>What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas - Farewell Breakfast</b>	\$45		

Total of single events purchased (please post the total on the reverse side of this form under the heading Single Event Tickets) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Saturday, September 2	10:30 - 11:20 am	<b>Dance Seminar 1</b>	\$5		
Saturday, September 2	11:30 - 12:30pm	<b>Gavel Club Luncheon</b>	\$45		
Saturday, September 2	1:00 - 1:50 pm	<b>Dance Seminar 2</b>	\$5		
Sunday, September 3	10:30 - 11:20 am	<b>Dance Seminar 3</b>	\$5		
Sunday, September 3	11:00 - 12:30 pm	<b>Queen of Hearts - Crown Circle Luncheon</b>	\$45		
Sunday, September 3	1:00 - 1:50 pm	<b>Dance Seminar 4</b>	\$5		