

National Smooth Dancers
Dance Whispers
December 2018



December 16, 2018

Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,

First things first, I want to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Holiday Season. This time of the year can pull us in all sorts of directions, sometimes diverting us from appreciating what is most important: family, friends, service and celebration of life...how ever you choose to celebrate it.

Even though we are near the end of this year, there is still plenty of dancing to Do! You can go to Golden Gate's New Years Eve, Eve party on December 30th (p 11) and then do the New Year's Eve Ball at Bakersfield (p12) or San Diego (p14) on December 31st!

Then you will want to kick off the 2019 dancing year by attending the Los Angeles Chapter Coronation of Queen-elect Alice Mah Miller, on Saturday January 5th. The coronation registration flyer can be found on page 15.

We are definitely a group that knows how to enjoy life, particularly with dance. We had two Coronations: San Fernando Valley Chapter (pp1-2) and Palomar Chapter (pp3-4). Be sure to checkout the SFV coronation, T42, of Deanna Stanton and Leanne Wong. Also read about Palomar's Coronation for Catherine Lombardi which was themed "Grecian Dreams."

Talking about enjoying life, LA chapter members have visited: Shanghai, Panama Canal, Bimini, Canary Islands, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Munich and Austria (p5). Come to the LA coronation and get travel tips as well as a fun night of food and Dance!

Chapter anniversary celebrations were enjoyed too. San Diego Chapter celebrated their 69th anniversary (p6). Visalia Chapter celebrated their 43rd anniversary as well (p9).

Be sure to mark your calendars for the March "Boards," "Once Upon a Time" scheduled on March 22-24 (p14).

I'm looking forward to seeing you on the dance floor and at the Los Angeles Coronation.

Never Stop Dancing,

Tom Wells

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San Fernando Valley Chapter

“Tis the season” to get out and ramble around to look at Christmas lights and holiday displays. Also, it is a grand time to waltz to Frank Sinatra’s “The Christmas Waltz” recorded in 1954 or jive to another American popular Christmas song, also recorded in 1954, the “Jingle Bell Rock,” and to read the story “Recrowning of Two Queens” and to share that story with pictures.



Queen Deanna Stanton



Queen Leanne Wong



The Recrowning of Two SFV Queens: It all started with a drive, for those nearby and those far away to an afternoon T42 Reception at the home of Les and Roberta LaZar with Ava, one of the Ladies of the Crowns, bouncing in the back seat. The reception was a wonderful mix of warm hospitality, lovely sandwiches, dainty cookies, fruit, and of course, tea that completed the bountiful feast. All the reigning queens were there except Queen Kay Boyer who was ill and greatly missed. As a keepsake to the reigning Queens, each selected a teacup. Every teacup was different and beautifully wrapped with goodies

edited by Rachel Seward



for the trip home. Following the Reception, the Queens headed to the dance studio for the Coronation rehearsal, a quick rest and change of clothes for the evening Coronation.

With the Queens and their escorts dressed and the studio transformed into an elegant royal palace, the Coronation was underway. The procession was fun and lively with Emcee and Master of Music, Mark Emanuelli introducing each Queen and her escort and sharing her favorite place to enjoy tea. Following the recessional Queens-elect, Deanna and Leanne, with their escorts and friends Jane and Doug Hammond performed their Coronation Tribute Dance to “Celebrate Me Home.” The show dance was not only beautifully choreographed and performed, it was also colorful with costumes made by Queen Leanne Wong. Following the Tribute Dance, State and Fresno Chapter Queen Lynn Sanders crowned Queens-elect Deanna and Leanne with their special tiara carried by the Ladies of The Crowns, Ava and Harper. Next was the Queens’ waltz, the procession, photos of the Royal Court on the staircase, everyone enjoying a lovely buffet dinner and dancing some more!

With the clock nearing eleven SFV Board President, Gee Gee Barden closed the evening by giving special thanks to the queens, and their escorts, as well as those in their chapters and our dance community friends and members, for supporting the coronation of Queens Deanna and Leanne. Gee Gee then presented Coronation Chair, Rachel Seward with an original watercolor painted by her.

Farewells were made the next morning at a champagne breakfast at the Airtel Hotel.

This story ends with Queens Deanna and Leanne giving thanks to the many people involved in the making of their wonderful evening. Special thanks go to Deborah Fields-Perez from By Your Side Dance Studio for her lovely choreography for the Tribute Dance and to Jane and Doug Hammond for their friendship and dancing. Thanks go to Les and Roberta for hosting the afternoon tea reception, to Yelena for her wonderful studio; to Gee Gee Barden, Joan Robinson, Hannah Murray, Sally, and Mark Emanuelli and to Rachel Seward who created the most amazing table decorations and room décor – Queen Leanne said “you made my dreams come true.” Queen Deanna thanks Joseph for sharing in this next years dance adventures and Queen Leanne thanks her husband, John Wong, for being willing to venture on the dance road again with her.



Crowning Ceremony performed by NSD State Queen Lynn Sanders.

Queens only!

2018 Reigning Queens & Escorts with Ava & Harper.



The 2018-19 SFV Royal Court of Queens



Queens' Coronation Tribute Dance – Special Thanks to Jane & Doug Hammond.



Rachel Seward – Chair Receiving Special Art.

Palomar Chapter

edited by Debbie Kincaid and Don Hubbard



Our Harvest Ball was a beautiful way to end our year's activities. It was well organized by Debbie Atherton, Elliott and Linda Lum and Marion Semler; We all enjoyed the effort that went into our beautiful table decorations! Of course, a special thank you to George & Miriam Mozes for their guidance of all set-up preparations! The evening started with a delicious dinner, catered by Ciao Restaurant of Vista; then as usual, lots of dancing with two mixers. Our Holiday 'Showtime' included performances by the following local dancers: Queen Elect Catherine Lombardi and husband Frank danced a well-choreographed medley of Foxtrot, Greek dance steps, and the Night Club 2-Step. Len and Peggy Lee, with Peggy in her flowing green and black gown, danced an elegant Waltz. San Diego's Chuck DiSessa and Lucy Bilyavska, gave us a lively Foxtrot performance choreographed by Mary Murphy! Peter and Marsha Hansen performed a stylish & romantic Bolero. 64 dancers attended and included 12 welcomed friends from San Diego NSD.



costumes including Masquerade Ball attire! He is an avid reader, has a talent for singing (Tenor), is an ardent runner and faithfully goes to the gym. Mario is really motivated about adding dance to his repertoire! Welcome Mario!

Our Coronation Ball, honoring Queen Catherine Lombardi was, as the title implied, an affair of "Grecian Dreams". Coronation Chair Gerry Deutsch's organization and planning made for a smooth operation for the entire afternoon and evening. When congratulated for work well done, she said "I would like to thank all of the members who worked so hard to make this a wonderful celebration".

A few words from our new Queen Catherine Lombardi!

It is such an honor to represent PSD as your Queen. Thank you, Geri, for being the Coronation Chair...could not have been done without you and Marion, who, also, once again, chaired the decorations for the arch & ballroom. The Hospitality Chairs et al, 'nailed it' as well. I feel so much gratitude to the awesome team of creative individuals who worked so hard to bring my theme



(Left) Queen Catherine & Frank perform the Queens Waltz. (Right) Queen Catherine expressing her thanks at the Queens Breakfast.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – MARIO LIRA

by Debbie Atherton.

I had the pleasure of interviewing an extraordinary young man who recently joined our Palomar Smooth Dancers Chapter, Mario Lira. He came to us via Josh Tiegen who has been one of our Dance Hosts

for several years now. Mario is new to Ballroom Dancing and thanks Penny Elliott for her patience and diligence in bringing him to a point where he can now compete! Mario was born and raised in Texas; at 18 he joined the Marines which allowed him later to get two degrees, one in Retail Marketing and the other in Human Behavior. He put these degrees to good use when in joined Disney and became involved in their Entertainment Costuming Department in Anaheim, CA. He has been working with Roddenberry Entertainment where he worked on Star Trek and video sales Department and Costuming. At this year's Star Trek 2018 Convention he proudly costumed Jonathon Scott of the Property Brothers, for a skit he did with William Shatner (Captain Kirk!). Married 35 years to Beverly with a daughter, Rhiannon, 30 years old. His hobbies include making articulate



Queen Catherine and her family enjoying the festivities: (L-R) Aaron Norton, Tesia Norton (Granddaughter), Queen Catherine Lombardi, PSD President Frank Lombardi, AND Areli Norton (Great-Grandson).



Presenting Queen Catherine Lombardi and her Court 2018.

“Grecian Dreams” to fruition. The food at Hospitality included Baklava; Greek/English signage; themed costumers; even a 5’X7’ Greek Villa photo op! Thank you to Peggy & Len Lee for the Honor Dance performed to “Watermark”. It was beautiful! Frank & Jennifer Lacson, SDSD Chapter, epitomized two unforgettable dances; both showed their fun personality and flexible dance acumen. Thank you! The Queens from the other NSD Chapters were such good sports to enter the Ballroom doing modified Greek dance steps to “Miserlou.” The day and night were so amazing. The next morning, our Queens’ breakfast was at El Camino Country Club...Thank you Debbie.

Queen Marion Semler sends you all a farewell message: I embarked on this journey with excitement, anticipation and nervousness, wondering how I had allowed myself to say yes to being queen for a year. It is such an honor and I hoped to be able to fulfill my duties with the grace and elegance required. Every coronation was so unique and beautiful in it’s own way and I was very happy to become a part of this wonderful sisterhood. There were many lovely memories along the way and the highlight of my year has to have been the convention in Fresno. At every event, the support of my fellow Palomar members was outstanding and so very much appreciated. I am delighted to welcome Queen Catherine to the Crown Circle and I am sending her my sincere best wishes as she begins her reign.



Queen Marion Semler & Escort Don Hubbard.

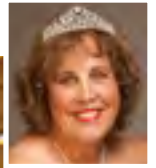


(Above) Christine Faschini (our Mistress of Ceremonies) and Hospitality Committee Member Stella Kanterakis enjoying the poolside Hospitality. (Below) Frank & Jennifer Lacson provided lively entertainment for the eventing!



Los Angeles Chapter

edited by Sandy Wells



Merry Christmas and happy holidays to everyone
Let's start with some of my favorite holiday jokes..

1. What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?..Frost Bite
2. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?..Frosted Flakes or Ice Crispies
3. How did the ornament get addicted to Christmas?.. He was hooked on trees his whole life.
4. What do you call a broke Santa Claus?..Saint-nickel-less
5. Lastly, What part of the body do you only see around Christmas?..The mistletoe

Now that we have you in a jovial mood..lets follow Chuck and Susan Johnson down the Mississippi river. The food was Great and stories about Mark Twain in his home town of Hannibal, MO were delightful.



One of the most Art Deco stlye Paramont ballrooms in Shanghai was decorated by our very own Judi Van Brocklin. She danced at a tea dance with multiple dance hosts. There was also a large video screen at the end of the ballroom with Fred Astaire dancing films.

Next trip was with our dance instructors Ken and Marion Scholtz. They taught beginning ballroom on the Vision of the Seas in November on a 16 night sailing from Miami to LA through the Panama Canal.



Debby Ku, Victor Lee and Chuck and Susan Johnson are crusing again on Crystal Symphony.Right now they are in Bimini.



Craig and Alice Mah Miller along with Emily Lee and Tia Squire cruised to the Canary Islands. They enjoyed Spain, Portugal, Morocco , and two Canary Islands. They had an exceptional time getting to know each other better during the cruise.



Ahh , Octoberfest in Munich, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart museum and Chocolada Edel-vollmilch was not to be missed in Salzburg. Then by rail to Vienna, these were experienced by Tom and Sandy Wells while touring by Train.



Dancing news: Robert and his teacher Kim, participated in the recent Hollywood Danceport championships in early November. They were finalists in all five international ballroom dances

Holiday dance at Sloan and Sloan..Ken and Marion dresses to Impresses.



Tinker is waiting for Santa!
Happy Holidays!

San Diego Chapter

Edited by Vern Miranda



Lou Reyes, Patrick McGinness, Nina Duffy, Jeannie Holmes, Jeannie Waite and Marcia Rainey donated food. Chuck DiSessa, Joe Goldhammer, Rose Madrid and Jazmin Chow brought food.



President Frank Lacson thanked Denise White for her two years of service.

Nancy Ross and Kay did reception and check-in. Amante Reyes set up the champagne fountain and took more than 150 photos during the evening.

Lou Reyes, Latiffah McGinness, Ji Kenworthy, Alicia Alexander, and Cindy Perry each took home some of the black tablecloths to launder.



Black and White Anniversary Ball, November 3, 2018

by Liz Tarnove

Approximately 125 people attended this social, celebrating our 69th anniversary as a chapter.

The ballroom looked particularly elegant with a majority of guests in black and white gowns or suits. But with an extra special menu, elegant black-and-white decorations, Al Folkman doing DJ duties, and lots of dancing, the evening was as magical in enjoyment as it was in appearance.



Latiffah and Patrick McGinness along with Marty Freihofer and Cindy Perry performed the cool moves of Bachata as taught in September's dance class series by Serena Cuevas. Latiffah announced that Serena would be returning in September 2019 for another series of dance classes.

Later in the evening, Latiffah lead the Chicken Dance and a Foxtrot line dance to "New York, New York" both of which had been featured in the recent Fresno NSD convention. In addition to the entertainment and novelty dances, the event included three mixers.

President Frank Lacson thanked Denise White for her two years of service being the Social Dance Person of SDSD. Denise and Lou spent much of the evening in the kitchen making sure the food and drinks were replenished and plentiful.

David Saul, our chapter historian, sent along a scrapbook showing documents and photos from the earliest days of our chapter. It added a sense of the chapter's long history for those of us who were not long-time members.

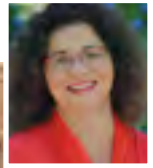
As always, the event would be impossible to put on without the help of our members. Special thanks to Marty Freihofer, Ji Kenworthy, Les Forare, Cindy Perry, and Amante Reyes for help setting up the tables and chairs. The set-up team, with the addition of Maria Wilson, Kay Ryan, Ann Meador, Marcia Rainey, and Liz Tarnove, set out the decorations.



San Diego Smooth Dancers are Supporting the Marines Toys for Tots program this holiday season.

Bakersfield Chapter

edited by Liora Malicdem



True Confession: I own more than 50 dresses. When I sheepishly confessed this to a long-time member of smooth dancers (who shall remain nameless), I learned that some ladies have entire closets dedicated to ballroom attire! Whether it's long gowns, tiaras, and tails or poodle skirts and fedoras, one of the best parts of ballroom dancing is the ability to transport into another world.



Bakersfield Smooth Dancers dressed in their finest and prepared to dance the night away. Pictured left to right Mario Viveros, Rosie Munoz, Antonio and Wen-Shi Rodriguez, Marcy Aroy, Laura Viveros, James Schmitz, Rosa and Edgar Viveros, Debi Cadena



Bakersfield Smooth Dancers know how to rock a poodle skirt! Pictured left to right Rosie Munoz, Wen-Shi Rodriguez, Wendy Wilson, Lindy Livingston, Barbara Norcross, Debi Cadena

The 1950s were all the rage on November 3 when 27 Bakersfield Smooth Dancers attended the Sock Hop dinner dance event sponsored by the Shafter Symphony Orchestra. The proceeds of the event will help provide youth education concerts for elementary students in the Shafter area at no cost to the students or teachers. The Shafter Symphony Orchestra's mission is to promote music and fine arts in Shafter, a city in Kern County with a population of just under 20,000.

Queen-Elect Charlene Miller and Danny Rangel show-off their swing.



Old-world elegance was the theme of the evening on Saturday, November 10 for nine Bakersfield Smooth Dancers and guests who

rented a large van and headed north to San Francisco for the Gala Autumn Viennese Waltz Ball in the Grand Ballroom of Hotel Whitcomb. The San Francisco Waltzing Society hosts this white-tie event in homage to the balls of Vienna with a 30-piece orchestra and strict waltz tempo music especially arranged for the event, and a 5-piece band plays live music for other ballroom dances. This year set a record with 160 dancers. Smooth Dancer, James Schmitz, who organized the Bakersfield contingent described the scene: "We participated in a qadrille. It was like being on a movie set. All level of dancers were there, and you have never heard so many familiar Viennese Waltzes played live." Asked if he would go again, the answer was an enthusiastic "YES!"



(Left) Debi Cadena and Barbara Norcross show off the famous \$100 cookies. They taste amazing and are worth every penny in support of education.



(Right) James Schmitz acquires a work of art.



Bakersfield Smooth Dancers showed their support at the annual Bakersfield Chinese Women's Club Scholarship Fundraiser.

As 2018 comes to an end, all are welcome to our two holiday dances.

- Snowman Ball, December 15 7-10 p.m. at Riverview Community Center 401 Willow Drive. Please continue the spirit of generosity and bring a gift for Toys for Tots.

- A Chinese New Year, December 31 7 p.m. – 2019 at Bakersfield Women's Club 2030 18th Street. \$60 per person for dinner catered by Hodel's, music by the Targets, and a champagne toast at midnight. RSVP by December 26 to JoAnn Georgio 661-304-5284.

End your 2018 by making your reservation for a weekend escape in 2019. "Once Upon a Time" is the theme for March Convention. We are back at the Marriott hotel with a much larger capacity than the Women's Club. I know it will be magical.

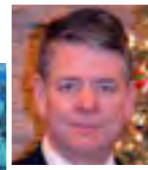
<http://www.bakersfieldsmoothdancers.org/conventions>



Viennese Waltz at the Hotel Whitcomb.

Golden Gate Chapter

edited by Carl Chesbrough



John Anzalone

The day before Thanksgiving, John Anzalone passed away. He had not been doing well for a few years, however, whenever you saw John at a dance or meeting, he would tell you he was doing just fine. John loved to help with the Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, and will be greatly missed as a valuable member of our chapter.

Gabrielle von Stephens shared the following about her recent travels...

On September 5th I travelled to Nice to visit Karen, a friend of mine at her beautiful condo on the French Riviera. We spend a week exploring her little town Beaulieu, and a romantic medieval town called Eze. We took a 20-minute train ride to Italy to go grocery shopping and have lunch, and a 20-minute car ride to see fabulous Monaco. We went to the beach in Beaulieu-sur-mer and, of course, went shopping.



My trip continued on to my college town Heidelberg, Germany where I met my daughter, her husband, granddaughter and grandson, as well as Lynn Sanders from Fresno chapter and Shirley McCloskey from San Diego chapter who were travelling in Germany at the same time. After a few incidents with the monstrous car I had rented (big car, small streets, sensors all around and beeping all the time), we walked all over Heidelberg. We took a wonderful boat ride on the Neckar river and enjoyed wine and food, which I repeated when Karen from France arrived for the last 4 days of my stay in Heidelberg. I also



spent a wonderful weekend in Riquewihr and Colmar, Alsace with my daughter and granddaughter.

For the first time in all these years of going home to Germany, I did not want to come back to the US, but here I am. -Gabrielle.

New Year's Eve (December 30, 2018)

We will be having our annual NYEE dance at the Crowne Plaza in Foster City. Cost is \$95 per person. Parking is free for the dance, and those spending the night. Please make reservations by December 14, 2018. Rooms are available at a rate of \$129 (plus taxes). Flyers are available on our website: www.goldengatedancers.org.

Queen Elizabeth Li's Travels

The Palomar Coronation "Grecian Dreams" started with a hospitality with many interesting snacks. Among them, blue chocolate in different shapes of crowns and baklava with little Greek flags deserve honorable mention. After the hospitality, we went to our hotel to change for the coronation. As Carl and I dressed up and walked out of the hotel, people congratulated us,



since they thought that we were getting married. It was no time to explain, so we smiled back and said "thank you!" A gorgeous dance, "I have a dream", was performed by Palomar's new queen, Catherine Lombardi, and her husband Frank. Frank and Jennifer Lacson, from San Diego chapter performed exhibition dances. Their dances were beautiful and full of passion. They have been competing in different states. The whole evening everything ran smoothly, due to the hard work by Geri Deutsch, Peggy Lee, Carol Kimmitt, and Ann Mauro - Coronation Chairpersons, along with other Palomar chapter members. During Sunday breakfast, I sat next to Queen Catherine and had opportunity to get to know her a little more. She was born into a Greek family, thus the Grecian Dreams theme.

The San Fernando Valley Coronation, "T-4-2" started with hospitality at the home of Roberta and Les LaZar. Carl and I arrived at their home 15 minutes early. We both started to help with setting up the hospitality snacks. Every reigning queen got to pick a tea cup and saucer set from a table holding different sets. I picked up a set with patterns of pink roses. The coronation hall and tables were beautifully decorated by Rachel Seward and her team. Each table had different teapots as center pieces. The ceremony started with the entrance of the State Queen, Lynn Sanders, escorted by Les LaZar. Followed by the chapter queens and their escorts. Both queen elects, Leanne Wong and Deanna Stanton, entered room together - it was a tea for two. Jane and Doug Hammond joined with Leanne accompanied by John Wong and Deanna accompanied by Joseph Hidalgo, and danced a gorgeous Waltz routine. After the dance, both queen elects were crowned by the State Queen. After the coronation ceremony, buffet dinner and general dancing followed. The food was very good, which was catered by a company used by Bakersfield chapter. The catering company sent 3 people with a food truck. They prepared dinner for 75 people, very impressive. Sunday breakfast was at the Airtel Plaza Hotel. They have a



very nice patio for breakfast for our group of 27 people, however, our conversations got interrupted by airplanes taking off and landing, as we were next to the Van Nuys airport. I sat with Queens Cathy Lombardi, Jeri Deutsch, Marion Semler, and Francy Solano. I also got to spend time chatting with Queen Leanne Wong. Leanne is a teacher who helps mentally challenged adolescents. She loves travel and visiting her grandchildren in Sacramento.

Visalia Chapter

For the last couple of months, Visalia Smooth Dancers celebrated three of their most memorable Social Dances of the year; our 43rd Anniversary Dance was held on October 20th, our November Social Dance which was dedicated to our Veterans was held on November 10th and our Christmas Dance which was celebrated on December 1st.



David and Carol Bixler, Mary Short



Marivel Villareal and our guest, Frank Aguiar's daughters, Hannah and Hailey.

Our 43rd Anniversary Dance was celebrated with a “Masquerade Ball” theme. In total, over 80 members and guests attended. This was a good time to recognize our members especially our Lifetime members for continuing to support our club. Most of the ladies arrived with concealing beautiful masks and dresses. The “best mask” contest was awarded to David Bixler for his “exotic” look. The guests were entertained by an outstanding come back performance from Bill and Lona Dolan.

November 10th Social Dance “Honoring Our Veterans Dance” by Stan Medina

In honor of our remembrance of all Military Veterans, our committee readied the hall with flags, WWII posters, a display of Cheryl Levitan’s Service uniform, artistic stars, and a display explaining the meaning of cloth “Star Emblems” that are hung in a window for all to see. Also displayed was a poem of the origin of the Poppy pins, with a Poppy for every attendee to pin over their hearts. A Wall of Heroes was also on display featuring the photos of many of our own veterans in the prime of their youth. Two photos featured servicemen we have lost but will never be forgotten, Tom Moholt and Jared Verbeek (Marivel’s nephew).

A nice send off for the Holiday Season, our Christmas Dance celebration was held on December 1st with the theme “A Christmas Miracle”. As VSD’s tradition, the dinner tables were beautifully decorated by members with their own ideas on Miracles of Christmas. We had breathtaking entertainment by “Rising Stars” professional John Holzworth and Nicole Wooding from San Diego.

Congratulations to this year’s recipients to the Most Improved Dancers and Achievement Award!

The Most Improved Male Dancer was Stan Medina, Most Improved Female Dancer was Maria Rozum Diego, Most Improved Couple Dancer was David and Carol Bixler and the Achievement Award was Bill and Lona Dolan.

Our VSD members Cheryl and Dean Levitan are avid international travelers. The couple just returned from a 2-week trip through South Africa and Zimbabwe with stays in Cape Town, Johannesburg, the game reserves of Kruger National

edited by Myra and Shane Nielsen



From L to R – Shane Nielsen, Bill & Lona Dolan, Mark & Adelle Martinez, David & Carol Bixler, Robin Graves, Maria Diego and Stan Medina.



Lotti Carr, Nicole Wooding, Caryl Creason, John Holzworth, Yvette Haworth.

Park and Sabi Sabi as well as Victoria Falls. From the southernmost point of the continent, the Cape of Good Hope to the magnificence of the largest falls in the world, Victoria Falls, they are hard pressed to choose which event or site was the highlight of this once in a lifetime experience.



Married in 1968, David and Carol Bixler and Paul and Wendy Storey celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on a tour to Italy, picture taken at Amalfi Coast, Italy.



David and Carol Bixler, Wendy and Paul Storey.

Fresno Chapter

edited by Linda Bennett



Happy Holidays to all of our Smooth Dancers family! Christmas season is already upon us – where has time gone?!!

Fresno members welcomed **Halloween in October** with a Spooky dance for which we were to either wear costumes or dress in orange and black. It was a fun day! Dan Goss taught a very enjoyable Cha Cha combination, Linda Bennett played music and hostess Carla Hartunian provided excellent décor



and yummy snacks.

Our **November “Wine Stomp,”** offered a “snappy” Tango lesson by Melanie Reno and even wine to go with the appropriate snacks provided by hostess Jennifer Morgan. Our Music Man, David Morgan, played the music for our dancing pleasure.



We will celebrate the Holidays on **December 9** with our annual catered, semi-formal Christmas dinner-dance. A champagne receptions kicks the festivities off, followed by dinner, installation of our 2019 Officers and plenty of dancing. Shane and Myra Nielsen from our sister Visalia chapter will provide the evening’s entertainment.

Join us in **January** for some “Winter Dancing,” to be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019.



Our Members:

David and Jennifer Morgan took some vacation time in October to visit their daughter in Connecticut, enjoy their beautiful granddaughter and see some gorgeous fall colors! We missed them at our October dance but know they had a wonderful time!

Please visit our website for monthly flyers and more information: www.fresnosmoothdancers.org.

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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 \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. **Members from other Smooth Dancers chapters will pay Fresno’s member cost of \$10! We would love to see you there!!**

Important! We are bringing back our February “Fantasy Ball!” 2019’s will be held on Saturday, February 9. Mark your calendars and please join us for this formal event.

Fresno Smooth Dancers
invites you to our 2019

Fantasy Ball

Saturday
February 9, 2019

At the Social Hall of the
Holy Trinity
Armenian Church
2226 Ventura St
Fresno Ca

Entertainment by
**Franco Peraza
& Company**

No Host reception 6:30 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm
Dancing 8:00 pm
Entertainment 9:30 pm
Forewell 10:30 pm



Formal Attire www.fresnosmoothdancers.org

Mail to Lorraine Tilton 2727 E Hampton Way Fresno, Ca 93726	Contact: lorraine@etherwalker.com 559-269-9891	Please Reserve by Tues Feb 4, 2019
Name(s): _____	All NSD Members @ \$45.00 x _____ = \$ _____	
Email: _____	Guests @ \$55.00 x _____ = \$ _____	
Phone: _____	Total Payment \$ _____	



Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, Inc.

Proudly Presents Our New Year's Eve Party

Sunday, December 30, 2018



Crowne Plaza Hotel

1221 Chess Drive

Foster City, California

(650) 570-5700

\$95 per person

Reserve by December 14, 2018

Room Rate \$129.00 Plus Tax, Booking Code (4TZ)

Online: <https://book.passkey.com/go/ggdancersinc>

By phone: 1-888-233-9527 (Ask for Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, Inc rate)

The Hotel's Deadline Date to Secure Your

Hotel Reservation is December 16, 2018

No Host Bar

Cocktail Reception: 6:00 PM
Dancing: 6:30 PM
Dinner: 7:30 PM
Dancing: 8:30 to 11:30 PM



We invite you to check out our website www.goldengatedancers.org

To Make Reservations: Please make check payable to "Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, Inc.", \$95.00 per person and mail before December 14, 2018, the stub below with the following information to Liz Talmadge, 759 Grand Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080 (telephone 415-265-7063):

Please check choice of entrée and complete the following information and mail with your payment to reserve your tickets for the New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance:

____ Prime Rib
____ Roasted Sea Bass
____ Vegetarian*
* Mushroom Baked in Phyllo

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Carl Chesbrough, President

Happy New Year!

**BAKERSFIELD SMOOTH DANCERS
PRESENTS**

NEW YEARS IN CHINA TOWN

Please join The Bakersfield Smooth Dancers at the
Bakersfield Women's Club
2030 18th Street on December 31, 2018

MUSIC BY THE TARGETS

DANCING – 7:00PM PAST MIDNIGHT

CATERED BY HODELS WITH A CHAMPAGNE TOAST



**COST IS \$60
PER PERSON**

**DOORS OPEN AT
6:30**

**All dancers are
welcome**



**RSVP TO JOANN GEORGIO
Before December 26, 2018**

**Mail Reservations To:
14035 Rosedale Hwy,
Space 10, Bakersfield,
CA 93314-9688**

**Or by calling JoAnn Georgio
(661)304-5284**

San Diego Smooth Dancers Social
Dance Into 2019

**Monday,
December 31
8 p.m.-12:30 a.m.**

- ★ Dress: Formal Attire
- ★ Light dinner and hors d'oeuvres
- ★ Special entertainment planned
- ★ Music by Greg Alexander
- ★ Noise makers, party favors, and champagne will be provided
- ★ \$50 (NSD Members \$35)

Champion Ballroom Academy
4255 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA 92123

For info call Kay Ryan at 619-994-4303



Reservations strongly encouraged ★ Seating/attendance is limited

New Year's Eve Reservation

All checks must be made to **San Diego Smooth Dancers**. Reservations must be RECEIVED by 12-28-18! Absolutely no refunds after 12-28-2018! If you wish to reserve an entire table, you must pay in full and provide the names.

Name(s) _____

Address/City/Zip _____

Number of Persons _____ Total Amount _____ (NSD Members \$35 each/Non Members \$50)

Check one: Open seating or Reserve a table of eight.

Detach and mail to: Kay Ryan, 4303 Coronado Ave., San Diego, CA 92107



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MASQUERADE BALL

January 5, 2019



Queen-elect
Alice Mah-Miller

For the Coronation of
Los Angeles Chapter Queen-Elect

Alice Mah-Miller

The Glendale Hilton Hotel
100 W. Glenoaks Blvd, Glendale, CA 91202
(818) 956-5466

Hospitality 2:30 - 4:00 pm
Reception 6:00 pm, Coronation 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Dinner and Dance \$65.00, Black Tie Optional
Breakfast for two included with hotel room

NSD Hotel Room Rate - \$129.00
Self-Parking \$10.00 & Valet \$19.00

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Please Detach and Mail RSVP By December 28, 2018 to:
Susan Johnson, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave, Duarte, CA 91010
E-Mail: staplers@aol.com
Make Checks Payable to LA NSD

Name(s) _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Dinner Choice: Chicken _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian _____ Special (specify) _____ @ \$65.00 ea _____
Queen's Breakfast included for hotel guests or \$10 for non-hotel guests, paid at breakfast