

National Smooth Dancers
Dance Whispers
October 2019



October 6, 2019

Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,

Attached is the October issue of the Dance Whispers, "The Convention Issue". Congratulations to State Queen Joan Robinson and the San Fernando Valley Chapter for an absolutely wonderful dancing weekend. The Convention coverage is on pp1-5. You will enjoy a photo collage of memories on pp2-3. Be sure to check out pages 4-5 to see all our competition winners and photos.

As we start heading into the holidays there is plenty of dancing ahead of us. You may want to check out the Fresno Chapter's Christmas Dinner and Dance on December 15th (p14) and Golden Gate's New Year's Gala on December 29th. And you definitely want to mark your calendar for the next coronation; Los Angeles Chapter's Coronation on January 11th, 2020 (p13). Flyers for all of these can be found at the end of this Dance Whispers issue.

Speaking of the LA Coronation, you can read about their Queen-elect, Shari Herzfeld, and discover the unique link with the San Diego Queen-elect (p6). Do you want to remember what your first convention was like, then go to page 7 and read the interview with San Diego's two new members and their experience at their first convention! Just a reminder, that we will have the Bakersfield Dance Weekend on March 27-29, 2020 so start planning to attend (p8). You will find on page 12 an interesting introduction to our 2019 Gavel Club recipient, Marsh Hanson.

There is much more packed into this edition, so you may want to pour yourself a cup of coffee/tea, sit back and enjoy catching up on all that has been happening in our dance family. Hope to see you on the dance floor soon.

Never Stop Dancing,

Tom Wells

Convention LOST AND FOUND:

Please contact Keiko Isshiki at keiko.isshiki@gmail.com if any of these belong to you!

2 pairs of ladies gloves

sunglasses in a case

woman's sweater

1 pair of dance shoes

2 ladies ballgowns 1 blue, 1 salmon in the same garment bag

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San Fernando Valley Chapter
Convention 2019 - NSD Dance Weekend Extravaganza,
“Night and Day - America at Work, America at Play”

edited by Rachel Seward



SFV Smooth Dancers would like to thank the chapters who helped us with either hospitalities or door staffing during our convention. We would also like to thank Debi Cadena, Bakersfield chapter, who arrived a day early and helped us throughout the weekend.

The one mover and shaker, who, outside of the co-chairs, put in more hours than all our other chapter members put together, was Rachel Seward. She planned the staging set up, created the decor, and hand made the table decorations with the help of her “team.” She also planned the Coronation and designed the Crown Circle Luncheon theme to put such nice touches to the Crown Circle Luncheon. On top of all this, she became our “go-to” girl and one of our “trouble shooters” for the weekend. Rachel, who has been an event planner in her past career, was a professional all the way down the line. Our chapter, and especially us co-chairs, are very grateful to her. What a load she took off of our shoulders!

Rachel would like to sincerely and gratefully thank all of her amazing “advance team”, who accomplished wonders. There are too many to mention here but they all know who they are.

We hope you enjoyed our convention as much as we did.

Joan Robinson
Mark Emanuelli
Convention Co-Chairs

Every picture tells a story

As everyone knows, a picture is worth a thousand words, so we are relying on some of the many photos taken to tell the story of our convention, our NSD Dance Weekend Extravaganza, “Night and Day - America at Work, America at Play”. For those who attended, we hope these pictures will add to your memories of the event. Thank you so much for your participation - we couldn’t have done it without you! For those who could not attend, these pictures will show you some of what you missed and hopefully inspire you to attend next year’s Spring Dance Weekend in Bakersfield and Labor Day Weekend Convention in Visalia, where we can celebrate the roaring 2020’s all year!

-Gee Gee Barden, Board President

*Photos by: Dan Ansaldi - Golden Gate Chapter &
Les & Roberta LaZar, Gee Gee Barden – SFV Chapter*









Dance Competition Results



Dance	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Senior Cha Cha	Michael Colishaw & Cynthia Perry Palomar & San Diego	Don Hubbard & Christiane Lannes Palomar	Joseph Hidalgo & Angela Mosinskis San Fernando Valley
Senior Waltz	Michael Colishaw & Cynthia Perry Palomar & San Diego	Joseph Hidalgo & Angela Mosinskis San Fernando Valley	Don Hubbard & Christiane Lannes Palomar
One Star American Smooth	Patrick & Latiffah McGinniss San Diego	Robert Quan & Francly Solano Los Angeles	Jerry Engel & Debbie Bloom San Fernando Valley
One Star Int'l Standard	Amante Reyes & Laura Harvell San Diego	Steve & Angela Martsof San Diego	Patrick & Latiffah McGinniss San Diego
One Star American Rhythm	Kelly & Carol Kimmitt Palomar	Patrick & Latiffah McGinniss San Diego	Jesus & Antonia Quinene Palomar
Two Star American Rhythm	Amante Reyes & Laura Harvell San Diego	Michael Spann & Rachel Seward San Fernando Valley	Jerry Engel & Debbie Bloom San Fernando Valley



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



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



1st - One Star Smooth 2nd - One Star Smooth 3rd - One Star Smooth



1st - One Star Standard 2nd - One Star Standard 3rd - One Star Standard



1st - One Star Rhythm 2nd - One Star Rhythm 3rd - One Star Rhythm



1st - Two Star Rhythm 2nd - Two Star Rhythm 3rd - Two Star Rhythm



Dance Competition Results



Dance	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Two Star American Smooth	Patrick & Latiffah McGinniss San Diego	Robert Quan & Francly Solano Los Angeles	Michael Spann & Bobbi Mapstone San Fernando Valley
Two Star Int'l Standard	Doug Giardini & Ji Kenworthy San Diego	Robert Quan & Francly Solano Los Angeles	Patrick & Latiffah McGinniss San Diego
Three Star American Smooth	Jim Beaver & Susan Wells San Diego	Doug & Jane Hammond San Fernando Valley	Michael Spann & Bobbi Mapstone San Fernando Valley
Three Star American Rhythm	Amante Reyes & Laura Harvell San Diego	Doug & Jane Hammond San Fernando Valley	Les & Roberta LaZar San Fernando Valley
Three Star Int'l Latin	Igor and Nadia Tilinein Golden Gate	Brian Yip & Ji Kenworthy San Fernando Valley/San Diego	Amante Reyes & Laura Harvell San Diego
Four Star American Smooth	Douglas Giardini & Ji Kenworthy San Diego	Brian Yip & Joan Robinson San Fernando Valley	Frank & Jennifer Lacson San Diego



1st - Two Star Smooth 2nd - Two Star Smooth 3rd - Two Star Smooth



1st - Two Star Standard 2nd - Two Star Standard 3rd - Two Star Standard



1st - Three Star Smooth 2nd - Three Star Smooth 3rd - Three Star Smooth



1st - Three Star Rhythm 2nd - Three Star Rhythm 3rd - Three Star Rhythm



1st - Three Star Std Latin 2nd - Three Star Std Latin 3rd - Three Star Std Latin



1st - Four Star Smooth 2nd - Four Star Smooth 3rd - Four Star Smooth

Los Angeles Chapter

Introducing Queen-elect, Shari Herzfeld



Shari's earliest dance memories are standing on her father's shoes as he whisked her around the ballroom (er,) kitchen floor. In high school she was very active in folk dancing. She met her future husband, Victor Herzfeld, on her very first day at UCLA. He had taken a ballroom dance class, and soon he was teaching her the basic waltz steps in the dorm to "Mr. Bojangles," the only waltz he had on a cassette. Shari and Vic always enjoy getting out on the dance floor at every wedding or Bar

Mitzvah they attend. Their self-taught skills served them well enough. 40 years of marriage and 3 children later they are still dancing. But now, with the children grown, they have more time to enjoy dancing and are getting more serious about learning to dance the right way. In addition to ballroom dance, they also enjoy English Country Dance, like you see in a Jane Austen film. They even made it to TV doing a bit of English Country Dancing on the show "Through the Wormhole."

Shari and Vic joined the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Smooth Dancers in late 2016. They were introduced to the National Smooth Dancers by Shari's sister, Liz Tarnove, the current Queen-elect for the San Diego Chapter. NSD has become a very important to Shari and Vic. They especially are grateful for the new friends NSD has brought into their lives. The sisters are happily looking forward to sharing their reigns together.

When not dancing, Shari is a Registered Nurse. She has been a Professor of Nursing at Rio Hondo College for over 20 years. For the last several years, she has managed a workforce grant with the California Community Colleges, helping to promote healthcare workforce development through quality educational programs. It's very satisfying to help connect youth with a quality education that leads to excellent jobs. Shari also enjoys embroidery, opera, gardening and her dog Coco.

And what about flamingos? Who can't smile when looking at a flamingo? They are so elegant, beautiful and a little bit silly. Shari just loves flamingos.

Thank you to SFV for giving us such an impressive convention weekend. We were over the moon with dancing, costumes, and set decorations.

We had so many entertaining events that occurred at the annual NSD convention... Alas! The competitions were one of the highlights. LA has our very own dance competitors,



edited by Sandy Wells



Francy Solano and Robert Quan. We thank you both for representing LA in the competition, with grace and poise, they made us proud. They have placed second in 1 star smooth, 2 star smooth and 2 star standard



A diligent staff never has enough time to just kick back and rest on their previous accomplishments. Our work group met over the course of the convention weekend. A corporate meeting over Tom's Coronation Flyer was up for discussion and amendment. We are a persnickety bunch of crazies. That meeting was so stressful that we had a smoke out....Mmm! that does have a different fragrances??



On the teaching side of the convention, Victor and Debby taught some inspired line dancing. Our club is not known for being introverted; consequently, we entered the costume showcase. Representing LANSND, were Ken and Marion Scholtz, the working class, Victor and Debby represented the health services division and Shari Herzfeld and Sister Liz Tarnove were the muscle of the group.



Trips and travel: Our chapter has traveled from Russia to Alaska. (I can see Russia from my windows)

The Wells expedition was peppered with Russian art, sculptures and water falls. From St Petersburg through Moscow (a montage of experiences

via photos are available by request) Victor, Debby, Susan and Chuck took the Princess Cruise to see the last of our ever dwindling icebergs.

"Although I go thru the valley of darkness! There is a light at the end of the tunnel," It's Halloween. Yes, those Halloween costumes are coming out early for our first Pre Halloween Tea Dance awaits us all. Our inaugural tea dance will be on Sunday, Oct 13th at 1:30pm. Come Join us at Soho dance LA Sherman Oaks Studio, 14261 Ventura Blvd LA, 91423 Prizes will be awarded to the best Ghoulish costumes.



San Diego Chapter

Interview with Heidi Dorman and Laura Harvell, by Frank Lacson



Laura Harvell, Queen-Elect Liz Tarnove, and Heidi Dorman showing a little Spanish Flair.

I had the opportunity to interview Heidi Dorman and Laura Harvell, new members who attended an NSD convention for the first time this year.

Frank (F): Thanks for taking the time to talk today. What brought you to Smooth Dancers?

Heidi (H): I had attended a few social dances and group classes and decided to give NSD a try. With more of my children out of the house, I was able to dedicate more time to dancing. It's a great way to train between competitions.

Laura (L): I knew some of the members through Pro-Am competitions. It's a great way to work on my dancing and to meet new people!

F: You two have been members for just under a year, but decided to give the NSD Convention a try. What were your main reasons for attending?

H: Some of the other members - who have attended for many years - told me about how fun the event was. I just went for it!

L: I went to Bakersfield and had a great time there. When I heard that Heidi was going too, we decided to room together.

F: What were your impressions of your first NSD Convention?

L: I was impressed by the amount of time spent to make sure that the ballroom was decorated for the theme. It was like having 4-5 dance parties in a row! The hospitality sessions after each night allowed newer members like me to meet new people and refuel before the next day. Also, I was surprised by the excitement of the Jack and Jill competitions: they filled out quickly and I learned to sign up as soon as possible.

H: Vacations can be expensive, and I found the convention to be a great value while giving good quality. The entertainment was top-notch, with excellent performances from the professionals as well as skits from the other chapters.

F: Each year, the competition organizers do something a little different to keep us guessing. Last year, the chapters participated in a Team Match, complete with mascots and

edited by Mark Chapman



chapter colors. This year featured skits from various chapters. Did you participate in San Diego's skit?

Both: Yes, Anthony Wood put together a great skit to "Standing on the Corner" by Dean Martin. Anthony and Chuck Di Sessa sang while we performed a choreographed show. There were about 15 or so of us and it was a pleasure preparing this for everyone. We're already talking about ideas for NSD 2022!



Anthony Wood and Chuck DiSessa Standing on the Corner.

F: Lots of people are excited to get started on NSD 2022, as we received our official bid earlier this year. You mentioned competing in Pro-Am. Did you get a chance to compete in our Am-Am competitions this year?

L: Yes, I competed in both Latin and Rhythm with Amante Reyes. We had a great time!

H: Not this year, but I'd be happy to compete next year if I can find a partner!

F: Our chapter had a good showing this year at convention, in all styles and levels. Heidi, I'm sure we'll get some new partnerships going for this next year and we look forward to getting you involved! What advice would you each like to give to members that have just joined NSD?

H: Jump right in! There are many opportunities to get involved. If it's something you're not familiar with, that's OK: it's a safe way to give it a try. You never know, it might be a new niche for you! Attending Convention is a sure-fire way to meet new people and dance as much as you want. I'm excited to be part of the San Diego Smooth Dancers and NSD.

L: Take advantage of the various dance projects available for your chapter and be open to new ideas and experiences. I like what the organization stands for and look forward to being a part of NSD for a long time!

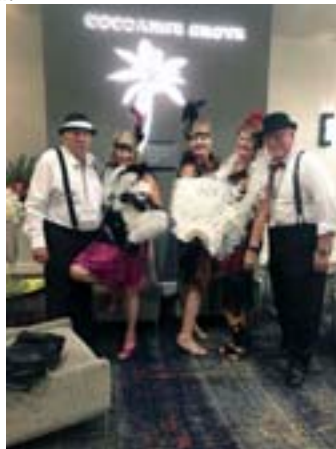
F: Thank you for your time; we're looking forward to an excellent future for you with the Club!



Bakersfield Smooth Dancers danced away both night and day at the fabulous convention hosted by San Fernando Valley. Many thanks to our sister chapter for a glorious Labor Day weekend.

Posing under the moon at the Coronation of Joan Robinson. Bakersfield is all glitz and glamour with our Queen Charlene Miller front and center!

Debi Cadena receives well-deserved special mention from the San Fernando Valley dance committee for arriving a day early to assist with convention set-up. Here she is decked out for 1920s Coconut Grove alongside Neal and Lindy Livingston and Steve and Jeanette Rogers. (Expect flapper outfits galore in Bakersfield and Visalia in 2020!!)



Our 2- and 4-star competitors had to drop out this time around. All best wishes for continued healing to Rose Peterson and Wendy Wilson. Rich and Liora Malicdem were the sole Bakersfield representatives as they gave their all in their first competition outside of Bakersfield - the 1-star American Smooth Waltz. No trophy this time, but we are proud of their efforts. Never Stop Dancing!



Back in Bakersfield, Smooth Dancers gathered to celebrate a milestone birthday of Queen-Elect Rose Peterson along with her family and even some special dance friends from Los Angeles who came up for the celebration.



Every fourth Saturday, we dance the evening away at Riverview Park. These informal dances are included in chapter membership and guests are always welcome. In September Patrick and Maria Leung hosted the dance with a theme of autumn harvest!

It's only been a month since we all gathered in Woodland Hills, but it is not too early to make your plans for The Bakersfield Dance Weekend! This year we are proud to present "The Roaring 2020's" at Bakersfield Downtown Marriott, March 27-29 2020. Details for the weekend can be found at <http://www.nationalsmoothdancers.org/bakersfield.html>

Golden Gate Chapter



Golden Gate at Sea Magic Cruise.

Reported by Elizabeth Li
GGSD on Sea Magic Cruise
On Monday, September 23th, a group of Golden Gate Chapter members and their guests took a 10-day dance cruise – 2019 Sea Magic Mexican Riviera Cruise. This trip was organized by Michelle Kinkaid, 4-time U.S. Swing Dance Champion. What a fun it was to dance on a cruise ship with a group of great dancers, as well as a view of blue ocean, shining sun, and gentle sea breeze. We started with a group cocktail party – “meet and greet” 30 participants.

Our 9 GGSD members and guests were Carl Chesbrough, Vera Harvey, Marianne Hutton, Patrick Jude, Elizabeth Li, Marcia and Gary Nelson, Liz and Chuck Talmadge. We sat together for dinner most of the evenings. There are times we dined with other Sea Magic dancers and got to know them. When it was a sea day, we had group dance lessons in the morning and afternoon. We learned West Coast Swing, Night Club two steps, Salsa, Chi-Chi, East Coast Swing, Balboa, and Bachata.

If you have been on any cruises, you know that cruise lines provide dance lessons. However, the teachers are usually cruise ship dancers – not ballroom dance teachers. After the lesson, you quickly forget the dance steps. In contrast, all of the Sea Magic dancers enjoyed the lessons taught by Michelle and her assistant, Jim Dolan. Because they have been teaching ballroom dances for a long time. They are great teachers.



Carl and Elizabeth on an excursion near Puerto Vallarta.

The cruise ship stopped at 4 ports: Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, Mazatlán, and Cabo San Lucas. At each port, Carl and I took excursions to see these beautiful places. We enjoyed learning the history and culture of the areas. Many places have been tailored to tourists, but there are still gorgeous beaches where anyone can enjoy water sports and

people watching. This was an amazing trip.

Honor Two of the GGSD Members Who Served in US Military

As we approaching Veteran’s Day, November 11th, it is high time to honor members in our chapter who served in the US military. Due to limited space allocated to GGSD, this issue of Whispers will present two of the many veterans in our chapter. In future issues of Whispers, stories of additional members will be presented.

Bill Hage is a long-time member of GGSD. He was our chapter president in 2010 and 2011. He currently is our honorary member. He served in the US Air Force as a pilot during the WWII. He was from New York City and only 15 or 16 years old when he joined the Air Force. He was fortunate to fly more than 20 missions. Once an enemy air plane got close to his airplane

edited by Carl Chesbrough



tail. He was reaching the button on the control panel. Then it flew away. While not on a mission, he enjoyed dance parties held in the air base. When he came to San Francisco, the charm of the city swept him away. After the war, he received a government grant to attend the city college. He later applied for studying at Stanford University then graduated there. After working at different places, he found a job in a commercial bank in San Francisco. While working there, he found his true love and married Elizabeth Hage. One day, Elena and Joe Malta invited the couple to dance. Subsequently Bill and Elizabeth became members of GGSD. Elizabeth Hage was our chapter queen in 2000. Bill’s advice to GGSD members is: “Find a good woman”.

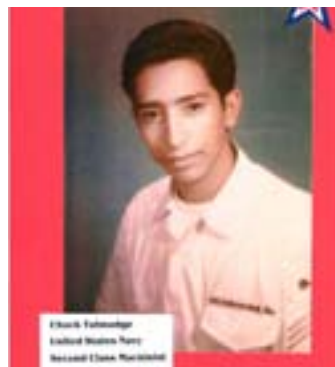


Young Bill Hage



Bill and Elizabeth Hage

Chuck Talmadge has been a valuable GGSD member since 2007. He is very talented in building things, from a huge story book to a limousine, to an enchanted swing set, just to name a few. His work can be seen in GGSD hosted coronations and State Conventions. His love for fixing things can be traced back to the time when he served in the US Navy as a machinist. At age 18, he joined the Navy during the Vietnam War. His ship stationed near Cambodia. When a damaged ship arrived, he and his fellow machinists would repair any damages, so that the ship could be restored to its original condition. Being deployed, he witnessed the realities of the world. He enjoyed learning and independence. After returning to civilian life, he went back to school. He and his wife, Liz, have been independent contractors – helping people to remodel their homes and businesses, for 22 years. Ever since George and Anna Dayeh introduced the couple to GGSD, they have been taking dance lessons and enjoyed dancing. In addition, Chuck has been the beverage master and Liz has been the social chair of our chapter for more than 5 years. Chuck’s advice to GGSD members is: “Once a Queen, Always a Queen!”



Young Chuck Talmadge



Chuck and Liz Talmadge

Visalia Chapter

What a wonderful and joyous dancing weekend on our recent NSD Convention hosted by San Fernando Valley Chapter. **Excellent job SFV and Congratulations to State Queen Joan Robinson!**

Good representation by our chapter all throughout the weekend, 34 members and guests. It was a great weekend, everyone enjoyed the dancing and meeting new members from our sister chapters and renewing friendships with our old friends.



VSD members at the SFV Saturday night convention.

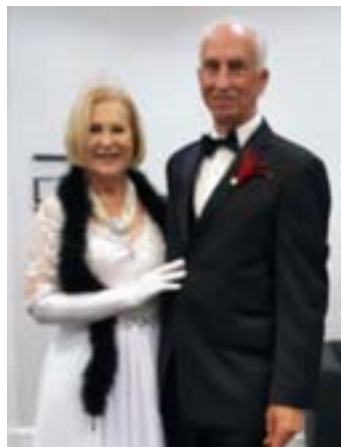
Our Monday morning breakfast presentation to promote VSD's 2020 Convention, the Roaring 20's went off very well and provided brilliant entertainment. We were full of energy and enthusiasms and received roaring applause from the audience. Thanks to the time and effort put in by our members, we successfully showed our goal of enticing them to attend our convention.



Myra and Barbara.



VSD's Charleston Dancers Robin, Margaret, Marivel and Laura.



Carol and David Bixler.

A word from VSD President, David Bixler on San Fernando Valley Chapter Convention - San Fernando Valley's convention was very successful as well as innovative. A lot of great entertainment was presented from both the professional entertainers and San Diego and Golden Gate clubs.

San Fernando Valley organized several activities such as the Jack and Jill contests,

edited by Myra and Shane Nielsen



flash mob, and costume parade to get as many dancers on the floor as possible. Congratulations on a job well done!

Queens Report by Carol Bixler on Saturday's Coronation-There was a lot of activity on Saturday morning, from meetings to line dance lessons, and pro instruction. The theme for Saturday Afternoon was "Blue Collar Coffee Break". Competitions, including a Jack and Jill, filled the afternoon. "An Elegant Evening at the Legendary Stork Club" followed the Coronation of State Queen Joan Robinson. The evening featured dancing to a live band Summer Winds, competitions, a Nightclub Act (Ricky and Lucy) and pro dancers. A dessert bar was presented at Hospitality.



Ladies Night Out at SFV Coronation night.

Our August Social dance was hosted by Karl and Carolyn Richards, themed "Western Ballroom Night!". As always anytime VSD hosts a Western Dance, it's always a great success. Y'all enjoyed the Cowboy Cha-Cha lesson taught by Eileen. All throughout the night, Cheryl played wonderful music mixed with some western music.



Johnny and Linda, Angela, Sue Cercone, Sue and Tom.



September Social Dance Committee.

Excellent turn out as well on our September Social Dance chaired by Margaret Moholt with a theme "Havana Night". The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the cake for the wedding anniversary celebration of Linda and Johnny Gutierrez and Sue and Tom Giampetro. Congratulations!



Nellie Uichanco Shane, Nellie and Myra.

Nellie Uichanco, VSD's Life Time Member celebrated her 80th birthday on September 21. It was a wonderful and happy event, Shane and Myra Nielsen performed a Waltz for Nellie.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

VSD's 44TH Club Anniversary Dance, theme "Safari", will be on October 19th featuring VSD's Roaring 20's Presentation

Sunday Dance Workshop for Beginners - Waltz lesson will start on Oct. 6th for 4 sessions, Lona and David will teach Waltz for Beginners.

Fresno Chapter

edited by Linda Bennett

Thank you and congratulations, San Fernando Valley, for a fabulous Convention! Fresno Smooth Dancers had a number of attendees, a few of whom enjoyed participating in the Jack & Jill competitions:



We are now back home experiencing early, lovely fall weather in Fresno! But we could not leave summer behind without a couple of very summer-ish bashes first!



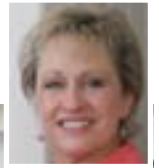
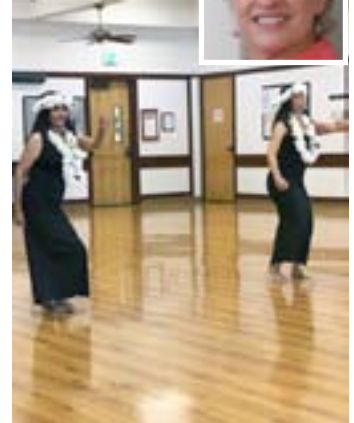
Our newest member Robert Espana with president Carla Hartunian and Queen Ruth Galvante.

Nancy Cargill hosted our "Lazy Days of Summer" event in August. Ms. Mata always brings energy to the classes she teaches, and August's Rumba lesson was no exception. We welcomed our newest member Robert Espana and spent the afternoon enjoying our shared pleasure of dance and wonderful treats!

Our September dance featured Queen Ruth's Hawaiian "Luau," complete with appropriate edibles and entertainment! Mr. Alex taught a challenging Tango lesson and we enjoyed a playlist that included "beachy" pieces. Ruthanne Fung's Polynesian dancers performed Haleakula and Pahoho (Tahitian), and Queen Ruth performed Mele Ohana with Teresa Velasquez. Pineapples served as both centerpieces and door prizes. And, we even managed to get together for a group photo showing off our Hawaiian attire!



Ruthanne Fung's Polynesian dancers performed Haleakula and Pahoho (Tahitian), and Queen Ruth performed Mele Ohana with Teresa Velasquez.



Check out our Upcoming Events!

Carla Hartunian will host Spooky Spooky for our October dance on Sunday the 20th, when Dan Goss will teach a Cha Cha lesson. Lorraine Tilton will host our November "Nuts to You" dance on November 17, with a Bolero lesson taught by Franco Peraza. We wrap up our year with our annual Christmas Dinner Dance and Installation of Officers on December 15 (by reservation only!). Please visit our website (www.fresnosmoothdancers.org) for October and November flyers; because of the reservation requirement and the December 8 publication of Dance Whispers, we are providing December's here.

Our Members:



The 13th of the month marked a long awaited event for the Morgan Family...the finalization of dear Kelsey's adoption. David and Jennifer Morgan's son, Jeff and daughter-in-law, Jenny have welcomed a new daughter to their family, and another granddaughter for David and Jennifer! The family photo also includes Rebekah, the Morgan's oldest daughter. The rest of the day was a special day of fun ending with unicorn cupcakes and smiles ALL around. Congratulations to you all!!

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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 all NSD 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!!

Palomar Chapter

edited by Debbie Atherton and Don Hubbard

**PALOMAR CHAPTER THANKS
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
& NEW STATE QUEEN JOAN ROBINSON, FOR A
WONDERFUL WEEKEND!**



What a delight to get to know individuals better and wonderful to share other interests and perspectives along the way. I'll continue to connect in the future. Finally, a big hug of gratitude to

our chapter for your support and for your generous parting gift – a double hinged brushed silver 1 side for a picture/ other side has a clock. It's a very pleasant reminder of a memorable year!"

Our August Social "Dancing Around the World" allowed dancers to arrive in costumes of many different cultures, and our hosts, Christiane Lannes, Marion Semler, Al Harruff, Len & Peggy Lee and Christine Faschini, provided Continental cuisine of ratatouille and a variety of tasty salads. Carrie Kloss and Mike Cowlshaw continued with instruction of the night club 2-step with excellent results.

Our September Social had beautiful decorations of brown, red and gold leaves which gave a lovely setting for the evening! Snacks of 'Sloppy Joes' vegetables and salads were also provided by our hosts Rob Goniprow, Mariko Turner, Antonia & Jesus Quinene, Ann & Tom Mauro, and Jackie Tipple. Carrie Kloss and Mike Cowlshaw introduced a "Sequence Dance" (similar to Round Dancing) to us. Carrie called this particular lesson – Rhumba One. There were 34 participants in class. We thoroughly enjoyed dancing together in unison!



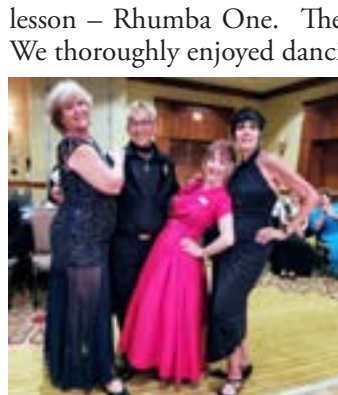
Thank you to our Out-Going Queen Catherine Lombardi.



Geri Deutsch & Mario Lira celebrate the September Theme: Autumn Dancing.



Some of our September hosts! – Mariko, Rob, Antonia & Queen Ann.



Always having FUN! Penny Elliott, Mario Lira, Queen Ann Mauro & Stella Kanterakis.



What a beautiful photo moment! Stella Kanterakis & Joe Hidalgo.



Palomar Attendees!

We are especially proud of all of our award winners and participants in all of the great competitions that took place all weekend! Great work! Please see the "Award Page" for all the names & pictures that Tom Wells so thoroughly put together – thanks Tom!

Congratulations Marsha Hanson, the 2019 recipient of the "Gavel Club Award"! Our Chapter couldn't be more pleased! The "Gavel Club Award" presentation is a highlight of the Convention because it is the highest honor that any NSD member can receive. Marsha, a 34 year NSD member is recognized as a tireless worker for the Palomar Chapter and the entire NSD organization. She is an encouraging leader and a voluntary teacher of ballroom dancing. Many Palomar Chapter and NSD members have benefited from her positive influence. Thank you for all of your hard work!



2019 Gavel Award Winner – Marsha Hanson.

Marsha expressed her feelings: "It's always nice when people appreciate things you have done and are recognized by your colleagues for the work you do! I am grateful to all the members of our club that nominated me – it means an awful lot to me to receive this meaningful award!!".

A majestic farewell from Queen Catherine Lombardi 2018-2019! Queen Catherine expressed her pleasure: "To be Queen is a life changing experience! It was certainly an adventure. Our California NSD circuit of dancing friends is incredible. There are so many interesting, kind & talented personalities. People dedicated to enjoying dance.

Flamingo Ball

*Los Angeles Chapter Coronation
For Queen-Elect
Shari Herzfeld
Saturday, January 11, 2020*



Hotel NSD Rates \$129
Self Parking \$10.00

Glendale Hilton Hotel
100 W. Glenoaks Blvd.
Glendale CA 91202
818/956/5466
Hospitality 2:30 pm
Reception 6pm, Dinner 7pm
Presentation of Queens 6:30 pm
Dinner and Dance \$65.00
Black Tie Optional
Breakfast for 2 included with room

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Duarte, CA 91010

Please RSVP by Jan. 4, 2020

Names _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Chapter _____
Email _____

Dinner Choice: Chicken ___ Fish ___ Vegetarian ___ Dinners @\$65 _____

Fresno Smooth Dancers Presents

*Christmas Dinner Dance and
Installation of Officers
Sunday, December 15, 2019*

Champagne Reception

6:00 pm

Catered Holiday Dinner

6:30 pm

*Dancing and
Entertainment*

7:30 pm

Farewell

10:00 pm

Semi-Formal

Tux Optional

Please RSVP by Dec 11

Open Seating



*Clovis Senior Center
850 Fourth Street
Clovis, California*

www.fresnosmoothdancers.org

Mail to Lorraine Tilton
2727 E Hampton Way
Fresno, Ca 93726

Contact:
lorraine@etherwalker.com
559-269-9491

Name(s) _____

NSD Members @ \$30.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Address or email _____

Guests @ \$40.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Phone _____

Total Payment \$ _____



**GOLDEN GATE SMOOTH DANCERS, INC
PRESENT OUR:**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH
NEW YEAR'S GALA



DINNER DANCE
\$95/PERSON
5:30 P.M.- 11:00 P.M.



ELEGANT THREE COURSE DINNER



CHAMPAGNE TOAST



DJ MUSIC



DANCE HOSTS



COMPLIMENTARY PARKING



SPACIOUS DANCE FLOOR

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

1221 CHESS DRIVE, FOSTER CITY, CA

5:30-P.M. REGISTRATION & NO HOST COCKTAIL RECEPTION

6:00-7:00 P.M. DANCING

7:00-8:00 P.M. DINNER

8:00-11:00 P.M. DANCING

FORMAL ATTIRE REQUESTED

Hotel Rooms Available at Group Rate of \$129.00 Plus Tax

(Rate available through December 13th)

Reserve Online: <https://book.passkey.com/go/GoldenGate2019> **Code: ZGG**

Reserve by Phone: 888-233-9527 **Ask for: Golden Gate Smooth Dancers**

**\$95.00 ADMISSION
INCLUDES
THREE COURSE DINNER**

CHOICE OF:

**PRIME RIB
OR
SEA BASS
OR
BUTTERNUT SQUASH
RAVIOLI (V)
CHAMPAGNE TOAST**

**Reservations and Entrée
Selection Required by:
December 10th @ 4:00 PM**

No refunds after December 18th

**NO WALK INS CAN BE
ACCOMMODATED.**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS
PAYABLE TO "GOLDEN GATE
SMOOTH DANCERS" & MAIL TO:
Liz Talmadge
759 Grand Avenue
S. San Francisco, CA 94080**

**Please include entrée selection on check
or return the below form.**

Qty _____ @ \$95.00= _____

Entrée(s): Prime Rib _____

Sea Bass _____

Butternut Squash Ravioli (V) _____

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____