

National Smooth Dancers
Dance Whispers
February 2022



2022 Coronation Central: San Diego Chapter - March 5; Bakersfield Chapter - March 26; Golden Gate Chapter - April 9; Visalia Chapter - May 21; Fresno Chapter - June 4; Palomar Chapter - July 9; San Fernando Valley Chapter - November 5, Los Angeles - January 14, 2023.

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Publishing Editor

Tom Wells

February 13, 2022

Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,

Happy Valentine’s Day! Valentine’s Day is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge those special people in our lives and in our hearts. This dancing family, the National Smooth Dancers, are definitely special people in mine and many peoples lives and hearts!

The last couple of issues I’ve made a point of saying, “things are feeling different” and they are! This issue is 23 pages long. The last time we had an issue that size was February of 2020. The last time we got to read about the Los Angeles Chapter coronation was February of 2020. There are coronation flyers for San Diego Chapter (p14), and Golden Gate Chapter (p20). The flyer for the Bakersfield “Back To The Future” dance weekend event and board meeting is on pp15-16 and is going to be held on its typical weekend. The last time that happened was 2019! In this issue we are introduced to 20 new members who have joined this wonderful dancing family.

Yep, things are feeling different!

I am very happy and excited to welcome our new Dance Whispers editors: Susan Simmons for Golden Gate Chapter and Carla Hartunian and Loraine Tilton for Fresno Chapter. Congratulations for getting your first issue under your belt and having done it so wonderfully. I am looking forward to

working with you as we report the comings and goings of the National Smooth Dancers!

One of the things that struck me in reading this issue is the resilience of NSD. Los Angeles Chapter’s coronation (pp2-3) went on in spite of the spread of the Omicron variant. Unfortunately it had an effect on the attendance. However, the dancers that made it had a great evening of ballroom dancing, dining and fellowship. The elegance of the coronation did not lose its glimmer either. What a great way to kick off what hopefully will be the year of recovery. Thank you Los Angeles for getting us started.

Talk about resilience, in this issue I counted 11 NSD events planned between now and early April!

Please keep in mind that planning events in this environment of a pandemic transitioning into an endemic is very difficult. Your support of NSD events is necessary for our mutual success. Without it we fail, and if we fail ballroom dancing fades away. So if an event requires a mask, show up despite having to wear a mask. If an event does not require a mask, show up and wear your mask. We are having to learn to adapt to the new endemic. I believe the resilience of NSD will allow us to adapt, and it starts with the individual practicing acceptance and consideration of the group over the individual. I look forward to seeing you on the dance floor, until then, **Never Stop Dancing,**

Tom Wells
Publishing Editor

Los Angeles Chapter Coronation Begins 2022 In Style



into a regal ballroom for a queen's coronation by the skillful Debi Cadena from Bakersfield Chapter. Sandy was honored to have Debi as her crown bearer and Cordelia Sherland as her flower bearer. The hall was beautifully decorated with silver and blue colors and adorned with peacock feathers that were provided by Rita Steed from Golden Gate Chapter and Rachel Seward from San Fernando Valley Chapter. The stage looked magnificent with the eye catching blue-green sequined peacocks hanging on the sparkly silver curtains. The procession of the queens was choreographed by our talented Victor Lee. Queen Sandy looked absolutely stunning wearing an aqua long gown accented with a peacock and sequins. For



the Queen's dance Sandy and Tom performed an elegant rumba to the popular song Havana. The evening's dance music was provided by D.J. by Tom Mendola. The honor dance by Robert and Francy captivated us all. What beautiful dance movements! What a happy and joyful performance!

The evening was preceded with hospitality which was also at the Garibaldina. It was a wonderful time to relax and catch up with our dance friends. The pandemic has kept us away from each other for so long, it was refreshing to visit and enjoy the fun fellowship NSD is known for!



Los Angeles Chapter started the New Year of 2022 with a Coronation Ball for Queen Sandy Wells on January 8th. The theme was "Born To Dance" and was represented by the peacock. The coronation was held at the beautiful Garibaldina Italian Society Hall in Los Angeles. The venue was transformed



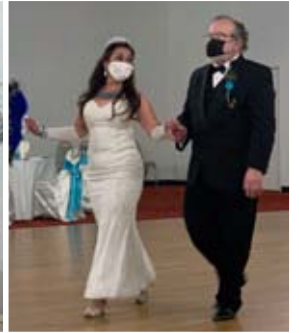
Attendance was light due to the Omicron variant surge; either playing it safe or an aversion to wearing masks and being vaccinated. But the night was magical, enjoying one of the best dance floors in Los Angeles with the NSD family atmosphere fellowship! The meal, catered by Rocco's in Santa Monica, was absolutely delicious.

Sandy was beaming all night with her radiant smile that could be experienced whether she was masked or not! We are very grateful for everyone who came out to support us, and Sandy and Tom are looking forward to attending the rest of the 2022 coronations.





Carla's collection of snowmen and all the fun door prizes also matched the theme of snowmen. We currently have 47 members in our club. We are so happy that we are growing as a club. Look for a pictures of our new members Bree McDowell and Jess Sanchez.



Congratulations to Francy Quan who earned an Pro-am American Smooth Scholarship award for her performance at the City Lights Open Dance Competition held in San Jose, January 27th-30th. Francy took first place in the Bronze Foxtrot Medley with a score of 94.8! Robert and Francy also performed an exhibition dance, the same routine they danced for the Los Angeles coronation, receiving an enthusiastic response from the audience.

New Members. Los Angeles Chapter is thrilled to welcome two new members in January. They are Blanche Feng and George Souliotes. They have been to our dances several times and wanted to be with the friendly people of Los Angeles Chapter.



Fresno Smooth Dancers', members wish all of you a happy and prosperous 2022 and a Happy Valentine's Day!

We are happy to announce our coronation will be on June 4, 2022. Our Queen Elect will be Nancy Cargill. Please save this date. We want to see all of you in Fresno. Nancy's coronation flyer will be ready at boards.

Our Chapter is very happy to be dancing the last 6 months on the third Sunday of the month at the Clovis Senior Center. We love seeing members from other chapters attend our dances, like Visalia and Golden Gate. In January, the City of Clovis required that all people entering any facility in the town of Clovis are required to wear masks. So, our January 16th dance attendance was smaller than usual. But everyone had so much fun dancing at "Winter Dancing in the Cold January Nights" wearing their masks. Franco Peraza taught us a practical lesson in Tango, where we pass our feet to move around the floor. Every table was decorated with



Third Time is Charming for Been Kao

by Mark Chapman



Kao's first coronation happened so long ago (2007, I believe) that I only vaguely remember anything beyond her sparkly white gown and her Queen's waltz to the strains of "Starlight." But most of her second coronation remains crystal clear to me: from nearly a decade ago,

in March 2013, the "Lady in Red" remains locked away in my memory as deeply as it remains etched in the history of National Smooth Dancers.



Kao's favorite color is red and instead of white she wanted to wear her bright red ball gown for her second trip to the coronation arch. That, of course, was verboten in those days: all NSD Queens wore white for every coronation, including their own. But Kao really wanted that red gown for her special day this time. (I don't know when or how the tradition of wearing white became an entrenched part of NSD coronation tradition; long ago, as I read somewhere, NSD Queens wore pastel colors when they were part of a Coronation Court.)

So, bravely—not knowing what kind of reception her break from tradition would receive outside her own enthusiastic chapter—Kao made plans for her "Lady in Red" evening. As the visiting Queens assembled in the second-floor lobby of the old Champion Ballroom in Hillcrest, Kao joined them dressed in her sparkly white gown. Mingling with the others, she made the usual last-minute adjustments to her hair and her accessories. Then she fell in at the end of the line as the Queens began to enter the ballroom one by one for their procession to the white arch at the end of the ballroom.

As soon as the first Queen began walking with her escort, though, Kao slipped back into Mary Murphy's office

overlooking Fifth Avenue. Since this office sported a floor-to-ceiling picture window, she crawled under the office desk to change discreetly out of her white gown and into the red one.

Meanwhile, I stood near the entrance to the ballroom splitting my attention between the door of Mary's office and the action at the coronation arch, wondering when my lovely Queen was going to reappear so I could escort her to that arch without delaying the ceremony. Just in time there she was, glowing in her red gown and ready to make her break-with-tradition glide across the ballroom floor.

I swear I can still hear—or did I really only sense it at the time?—the sudden soft intake of a hundred or so surprised breaths across the ballroom as we entered the hall and slowly made our winding way to the arch. Kao floated in a shimmering crimson haze as she circled around me, catching her guests' eyes, sending her bright smile to every corner of the room and beaming with the knowledge that she was doing something really special that evening.

Of course, she faced the music later (and it was decidedly not dance music): during the Crown Circle meeting at a subsequent coronation, Kao was excoriated by a few of the long-time Queens who did not want to lose those white dresses. Fortunately, cooler heads did speak up and Kao found support among the majority of her fellow Queens, past and current at the time. And so tradition was modified a bit and Kao found that she had many royal—and loyal—friends who agreed with her position.

Because of Kao's arguably brave gamble, Queens today still wear their color of choice for their own coronations. This new tradition was picked up immediately after Kao's coronation by Queen Gee Gee Barden at hers. As I remember, Gee Gee's gown was a rich teal and her theme was, "We are the Lucky Ones." We're all lucky to be ballroom dancers, and since Kao's "Lady in Red" event I think NSD Queens have also been lucky because they can wear their favorite colors as they are crowned.

Queen Kao doesn't have any surprises planned for her third Coronation. For myself, though, I can't get the image of those early NSD Queens—arrayed in pastels for a softly muted palette of warm colors—out of my mind's eye. Maybe if EVERY visiting Queen were to show up for Kao's third coronation with her must-have white coronation gown AND her favorite pastel dress, we might witness another milestone in NSD history. Who knows...?



At the end of 2021, I, Marci Diller, was fortunate to be able to visit the Los Angeles chapter at the Garabaldina for their Christmas dance. What's really nice about visiting a different chapter is that you realize that dancers are family. I was warmly greeted by the then Queen-elect Sandy Wells and was never left



to feel alone or as an outsider. The instructor taught us some wonderful moves for the continuity waltz and everyone had a partner. The Whisperer Editor (Sandy's husband) Tom Wells was kind enough to take a picture with me as we gathered around the lobby Christmas tree. Thank you Los Angeles chapter family for a fun evening!

Then on to 2022, the Bakersfield chapter started the year with a New Year's Day dance at the Wilson's shed in Shafter. The tables were decorated with red tablecloths and festive decorations. Unfortunately, I "dropped the ball!"



I was too busy dancing and having fun to remember to snap some photos. However, I was able to gather a pic of Barbara and Jack showcasing some festive attire for the evening.

It was a wonderful feeling to start the New Year dancing with our Bakersfield dance family and welcoming some new friends. I believe there were over 40 people on this chilly first evening of 2022. The event was catered with delicious chicken and steak tacos by Maria's Tacos and followed up with homemade red velvet cupcakes. The heaters and dancing helped to keep us warm!

January 2022 was also very special as several people traveled from Bakersfield to Los Angeles for the coronation of Sandy Wells. It was a beautiful ceremony. Debi Cadena helped decorate and then carried the crown for Sandy. Past Queen Kay Boyer along with our current Queen Rose and her husband Steve Peterson enjoyed the festivities as well. Kay commented, "The Queen's entrance routine was fabulous; they walked in by themselves like models."



Now for the month of love! We have several couples in our chapter who have been married for "umpteen" years. Many of you have probably met them over the years of dancing with the California Smooth Dancers. Here are a few that I was able to ask for pictures and comments:



(Top Left) Chris and Jerry have been married for 41 years and love swing dancing.

(Top Right) James and Stacy love to rumba after 32 years of marriage.

(Left) Swing dancing is a favorite of Roger and Judy after 22 years of marriage.

Next on our calendar is the Bakersfield Boards event coming in March. Please plan on attending. It will be held again at the Bakersfield Marriott. Last year's event was amazing, and we will do everything we can to make this one even better. The theme is "Back to the Future." We hope to see you in the near future on March 25-27!

For More Information and Registration Forms go to: <http://bakersfieldsmoothdancers.org/conventions/>

New Editor. After serving as Dance Whispers editor since 2018, Carl Chesbrough is turning over the reins to me, Susan Simmons. Thank you, Carl, for all your hard work over the years! I hope I can measure up!

Installation of 2022 Officers. A new slate of officers was installed at our January membership meeting. You can see the full slate of officers on page 20.

A little history from our new president, Vera Harvey...

“On Jan. 6, 2014, I was sworn in as the newest member of GGSD. At the time I had no aspirations of being an NSD Queen nor of serving on the GGSD Board and yet...here I am! I’ve now been GGSD Queen (2017), Vice President (2019-2021), Property Custodian (2021-?), and currently President of the best chapter in all of NSD! WOW...dreams (even those that never were) really do come true! Looking forward to seeing all of you again on the dance floor! All my best to each of you!”

New Members. Two new members were approved at our January membership meeting - Lillian Ng and Ron Rosa. Welcome Lillian and Ron!

Monthly Dances. Golden Gate continued to hold monthly dances in South San Francisco through the end of 2021, while following the county’s safety guidelines of vaccinations, masks, and social distancing. Our December dance was Christmas-themed and included a toy drive and a Bolero dance lesson. The beautiful and festive decorations were provided by our Queen, Rita Steed, and her mother. Thank you, Rita and Emma!

The new Omicron variant seems to have other plans for our 2022 dancing and socializing. As a result of this new variant, we decided to cancel our January and February monthly dances to keep everyone safe. As our new president, Vera Harvey says “Yes, we love to dance, but we also want to be able to live to dance another day! We have this love of dancing that just won’t quit!”

New Year’s Eve Gala. We had a very successful New Year’s Gala this year with 132 in attendance at the Crowne Plaza in Foster City on December 30th. We danced the night away in our formal attire with coordinating masks! The night was capped off with our famous balloon drop, and everyone had fun popping the balloons before the final dance.



Coronation. Our Chapter Coronation will be held on April 9th, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, in Foster City. This year’s Coronation will showcase a time capsule through the years of queens. It will have a theme “Queen Through the Years”.

Spirit of Service Award Recipient. The purpose of the Fragomeni, Wolf, and Malta Spirit of Service Award is two-fold: first, to serve as a reminder of the importance of Bob Fragomeni, Rosalie Wolf, Elena Malta, and Joe Malta to the Golden Gate Chapter; and second, to recognize and honor those members who volunteer their time for the betterment of our Chapter. The recipient of the award in 2021 is Carl Chesbrough. Carl has done so much for our chapter, including serving as Treasurer, Music Coordinator, Hotel Coordinator and Dance Whispers Editor, designing and maintaining our chapter website, implementing an online payment system, and volunteering wherever needed. Thank you, Carl, for everything you do!

Visalia's Myra Nielsen – A Love Story

Ballroom dancer Myra Nielsen will be crowned Queen of Visalia Smooth Dancers at the club's May dance social. She submitted this report about how her journey began.



By Queen-elect Myra Nielsen

I joined Visalia Smooth Dancers in 2009 right after I met my husband, Shane. I have been very blessed to have a husband that loves to dance as much as I love to. It was love at first dance; our relationship has evolved around ballroom dancing. We met when I was looking for a dance partner, and I was so eager to learn how to dance ballroom.

Our mutual friends introduced us, and the romance naturally flourished. In fact, our first date was a dance lesson. Shane wanted to make sure that I would enjoy my first Visalia Smooth Dancers social dance party and not feel left out. I still remember my first social dance - VSD members were so warm and welcomed me wholeheartedly.

Since then, we have been taking dance lessons, performing at the National Smooth Dancers conventions, and participating in dance competitions. We are both very active club members and have chaired several social dances. I have also served as Secretary, Whispers Editor, and Treasurer for the club for several years.

I have been working in the food manufacturing industry since I graduated with a degree in Food Science and Technology. I worked in Research and Development and then accepted a job in Quality Assurance. This was the reason my family and I relocated from San Francisco to Hanford. This will be my 31st year working as a QA Manager in Del Monte Foods. I have two wonderful children, Kevin and Alexia. They have both established themselves and have their own careers. Kevin is married to his beautiful wife Tricia, and I have the most adorable 3-year-old grandson, Finneas.

While this pandemic is turning out to be a very confusing and difficult time for many people, it would be good for us to renew and look at the bright side of our lives, thus my theme, "Dancing Under the Flower Moon". My coronation is in May - it's the time when all the flowers are bursting into bloom under the full and bright light of the Flower Moon. Like the flowers, it is time for us to blossom, enjoy and have fun!

I am honored to be the ambassador for Visalia Smooth Dancers as 2022 Queen. I am so blessed to experience all the fun that the previous Queens have proudly done for us, and I look forward to new friendships with members of various chapters.

Visalia resumes monthly dance social

You can't win them all in a pandemic.

Visalia Smooth Dancers canceled its January dance social when the regular venue closed its doors to comply with the health department's pandemic rules.

But the February dance social is very much on track, President Paul Storey said. It will be held Feb. 19 at the Exeter Memorial Building.

Paul Storey is the club's new president who was installed at the January meeting. Somjai Cochran is the social chair and former President David Bixler remains on the board of directors.

At the same meeting, the potluck dinners that have been a staple of VSD events came up for discussion.

"We voted not to have potlucks until further notice - probably June," Storey said. "There will be a catered dinner for (Queen elect) Myra Nielsen at the May 21 coronation."

For the February club meeting, to be held on the fourth Sunday of the month, the main topic of discussion will be "What will be the theme for the 2023 state convention?" Visalia Smooth Dancers is hosting that event.

"NSD Goes to the Movies" has been proposed, but other ideas are welcome. Put on your thinking caps and bring your ideas.

New Member

Amanda Guajardo has joined Visalia Smooth Dancers. Welcome Amanda!

Formation Team

The Visalia Smooth Dancers Formation Team did such a nice job entertaining everyone at the December dinner dance that they've been invited to perform at the Bakersfield boards at the end of March.

Also, the team will perform an encore of its bolero-tango-waltz medley at the Visalia club's Feb. 19 dance social. Don't miss it.



Farewell Bill and Lona Dolan

Longtime VSD members Bill and Lona Dolan are moving to Bullhead City, Arizona.

The couple were members of the Visalia club for 16 years. Bill served as treasurer and board member, and Lona helped teach dance lessons on Sunday afternoons at The

Grange.

"They were great and active members who did a lot for the club," President Paul Storey said.

Thank you, Bill and Lona!

The L.A. Coronation

Visiting other dance clubs is one of the joys of representing Visalia Smooth Dancers. Carol and David Bixler attended the Los Angeles Coronation at Garibaldi Hall.

“It was so nice to visit with dance friends we haven’t seen in a while,” Carol wrote in her Queen’s report.

“The evening began at 6:30 with the Presentation of the Queens. Victor Lee from the Los Angeles Chapter choreographed the Queens’ entrance march. Beautiful blue and peacock feathers were given to the Queens. The peacock feathers were from peacocks owned by Rita and Emma Steed from the Golden Gate club. The flower bearer was Cordelia Sherland. Debi Cadena from the Bakersfield chapter performed the duties of Crown bearer. She was also responsible for the majority of the decorations for the event. Sandy Wells and her husband Tom performed a lovely rumba for the Queen’s tribute dance. Sandy was then crowned by outgoing Queen Shari Herzfeld. The Honor dance was charmingly performed by Los Angeles members Robert and Francy Quan.”



from left: Antonia Quinene, Social chair, Frank Lombardi Director, Peter Hanson Treasurer, John Sankis Recording secretary and publication editor, Kelly Kimmitt President, and Ann Mauro (on screen) Sworn in by Duane Thornton long time member.

Photography by Peggy Lee

Mark Chapman is also continuing on in his role as communications secretary (not pictured).

Notes from Palomar Smooth Dancers:

Queen Ann attended the intimate and elegant LA coronation.

Kelly and Carol Kimmitt are anxiously awaiting the birth of their second grandchild.

The need to stay home because of Covid has sparked a number of home projects amongst the Palomar crew: Marion Semler just finished her bathroom remodels. Tom and Ann Mauro are sticking their toes into the remodeling world to redo their bathrooms.

Elliott and Linda are enjoying the complete remodel of their expansive kitchen.

Mark Chapman and Kao Been also braved the world of kitchen remodeling.

Penny Elliot has done some extensive remodeling throughout her entire home.

Palomar has relocated our 4th Sunday of the month social dances to the Carlsbad Senior Center. We are enjoying the large dance floor and the really easy parking. Join us anytime!



Top: Alex and Brian Kingston

Bottom: Bryan Batten on left, with Kelly in the background.



**San Fernando Valley Smooth Dancers
Music, Dance, and the New Year!**

This is a refreshing time of the year where all things seem possible, even those yearly resolutions to make positive life changes, take on an energy of their own.

Who would have guessed something as simple as music and movement could have been so missed in our lives the past 18 months and that they had such excellent benefits to both our physical and mental health?

If you happen to be like me, one who has experienced a setback in exercising and dancing, put on your favorite music and dance for joy because “Dance Expresses Joy Better than Anything Else” – Bob Fosse.” It will put you back on the right track.

NEW MEMBERS

We are glad to have you as part of our dance family!

Anita Aloha, Sandra Fishman, Pamela Frerichs, Sunny Kim, Sheri Klein, Harry Norton,

Michiru Omori, Janaka Perera, Raymond Shum, Elizabeth Simmons, Laura Soileau, Lora Temple, & Traudi Thomason

PARTICIPATING IN OUR MONTHLY DANCES

- Makes learning how to Ballroom dance fun and interactive.
- Allows people to get to know one another.
- “Switching partners” is great because it also makes them learn from each other.

Being a member of our dance club is a great way to learn new dance steps and to become a better social and competitive dancer.

Our 2022 dance lessons will once again include a variety of dance styles, that include, American Smooth,

Rhythm, Latin, and I think there is a rumor that an International lesson is scheduled.

With Special Thanks

As fun as running a dance studio may be, Yelena Chshukarevna, the owner of our Hollywood Academy of Dance and our chapters host studio, has had a lot of weight on her shoulders these months



trying to keep her studio alive during the pandemic.

“I knew that if I closed completely, I’d be letting a lot of people down,” said Yelena. So when everything shut down in mid-March 2020, it only took a short time for her to start offering virtual dance classes with support and guidance from our own Joan Robinson. Through their tenacity and donations from teachers giving of their time to dance friends and family making small and significant financial support, she was able to keep one of LA’s most vibrant studios alive. While not thriving yet – dancers and instructors are dancing again and working in person.

It’s fantastic the amount of energy she put into keeping her dance community alive. Of course, we all worry about the pandemic down the road and what challenges face the dance studios and our dance community. But I believe a dance community thrives because it is a community and knows that we are stronger together.

We also acknowledge our favorite dance instructors, David & Lily Moutrey, and our favorite DJs, Tom Mendola and James Woo.

**CROWN CIRCLE —
Social Ambassador**

**State & Chapter Queen -
Joan Robinson**

The LA Chapter Coronation was splendiferous with its colors, centerpieces, etc.

I don’t remember seeing Sandy quite so happy. She looked gorgeous in her peacock style gown.

The music by DJ Tom Mendola was fantastic as always. Thus, a good time was had by all.

Until we meet again, wishing you the very best in health and happiness, always!

Rachel Seward, Editor

Come dance, dance, dance w/SFV every 1st Saturday of the Month!

You can find all our updated information and dance flyers by going to:

<https://www.nsdsvf.org>

In Memoriam

Remembering very dear friends, Richard Long and Bea Chow.



Richard Long:

A week before Christmas 2021, Richard Long, our dear friend and long-time member of GGSD, passed away peacefully. He is survived by his wife, June, also a loyal and long-time GGSD member.

Thank you to Amy Ansaldi, our outgoing president, for sharing her memories and thoughts about Richard.

“Thinking of Richard brought to mind some nice memories. There were so many unique things about him: his love of fashion: particularly suspenders in all prints and colors and his love of hot sauce, which he carried with him to season his food.

He also had a strong preference for sitting at Table 1 at our dances. I remember that at one of the dances someone decided to switch people’s tables around. Richard wasn’t too happy! I also remember when he dressed as a chauffeur for our ladies of “Nob Hill High Society” and carried all the shopping bags. He took the outfit very seriously.

My favorite Richard story though is when Dan and I were going to Argentina for our honeymoon. Richard was really worried about us, so at our wedding reception he snuck Dan a container of pepper spray, which Dan informed me is currently in the console of our car. We did not try to bring it on the plane. We didn’t think that would go well for us!” Amy



Bea Chow, 1992 GGSD Queen:

We learned only recently that Bea passed away in February of 2021. She is survived by her husband, Herb, a past GGSD President. Bea was an active GGSD member, playing a key role in the social chair group. On special occasions, she delighted us by performing a Hawaiian dance by herself or with her daughters.

Thank you to Les & Rosa Lin for sharing their thoughts about Bea.

“Rosa and I were introduced to the club in 1999 while Herb Chow was NSDGG president and Bea was recording secretary. We became members in 2000 and traveled to Bakersfield Convention with Herb & Bea annually. We had a great time as we carpoled to Bay Meadows for horse racing, an event hosted by Emma and Rita Steed.

We were honored to attend Herb & Bea’s 50-year anniversary at Far East Chinese on Grand Ave, China Town. It was a great party with wonderful food and the best modern dance performance by

Nadia and Igor Tilinin and Herb and Bea’s daughter performed the best Hawaii dance! The last time we saw Bea and Herb was one or two years before the pandemic occurred. We miss them so much.” Les and Rosa Lin



In Memoriam



Kyle Catterlin: It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Kyle Catterlin in December 2021. Kyle had been a Past President and Vice President of Los Angeles Chapter Smooth Dancers several times, as well as Treasurer. Over the years Kyle and Jodene have been long time members of many dance clubs, Square dance, Round dance and Ballroom. Some of the ballroom clubs they were members of were 40-40, Rondeliers. The Formal Town Club and NSD, Jodene was queen of the LA chapter 3 times, and of course Kyle was her escort. They kept busy dancing several times a week. Kyle and Jodene belonged to a 12 member exhibition round dance group that performed all over California.

Our condolences to his wife Jodene. Kyle will be greatly missed. Below is Jodene's address for those who would like to send her a note.

Mrs. Jodene Catterlin
1401 Civic Court #236
Concord, CA 94520



Al Folkman: We are all saddened by the news of Al Folkman's passing on February 5th during the San Diego Chapter's Valentine's Day Dance. Al was the longtime music man for his chapter dances and a fixture in ballroom dancing in San Diego. Here are a few of the thoughts recently shared on social media:

Al Folkman, we will all miss you. You were a big part of Smooth Dancers. At least you left us under your terms, on the dance floor. Vern & I had a lot of fun times in Hawaii with you and Wandalee & again with you a few years later. You were a good man who was loved by everyone. You were a big part of Vern's & my life. We will always remember you. RIP.

Judy Miranda

We lost great person, a fun dancer, and a great leader of San Diego Smooth Dancers. Al Folkman you are missed by so many!.

Gregory Alexander

AL REPRESENTED THE HEART AND SOUL OF THE SAN DIEGO SMOOTH DANCERS. HE TAUGHT ME TO ALWAYS OPERATE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CLUB. HIS WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE RESOLVED MANY ISSUES, AND HIS CARING HEART AND GREAT ATTITUDE PROVIDED SO MUCH PEACE AND JOY TO THE LIVES HE TOUCHED. EVERYONE THAT KNEW HIM LOVED HIM, AND WE DEEPLY CHERISH OUR MEMORIES OF HIM.

Charles Disessa

I haven't been there very long but what I know of Al he was the most kind loving inspirational considerate Talented Man RIP Al you are with the Angels now.

Teresa Ogden



Visalia Smooth Dancers presents



Saturday February 19th 7:00-10:30

Exeter Memorial Building 324 N. Kaweah

Guests-\$15.00

NSD Members \$10

Entertainment by VSD Formation Team

Music Person – Cheryl Levitan

Light Refreshments

Feel free to wear flapper and gangster attire

Questions? Call Wendy Storey 686-9786

San Diego Smooth Dancers Coronation 2022

Happy Dancing Feet

Honoring Queen-Elect

Been Kao

Saturday, March 5, 2022

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

- Champagne reception: 6 p.m.
- Coronation and Honor Dance: 6:30-7 p.m.
- Dinner and Dancing: 7-10:30 p.m.

Professional Entertainment

Coronation \$60 per person
Black Tie Optional

Hospitality: March 5, at Champion Ballroom
Academy 2-4 p.m.

Queens' Brunch - All Are Invited:
Sunday, March 6 at 9 a.m.
Champion Ballroom Academy

Accommodations may be made at Courtyard Marriott,
8651 Spectrum Center Blvd, San Diego 92123.
Call (888) 236-2427 or visit www.marriott.com/sancy for Reservations.
Mention San Diego Smooth Dancers for discounted room rate of \$129,
valid if reservations are received by February 7, 2022

To attend the Coronation, please write your check to **San Diego Smooth Dancers** and mail to
Mark Chapman, 7637 Rustico Dr., Carlsbad, CA 92009 by February 19, 2022.

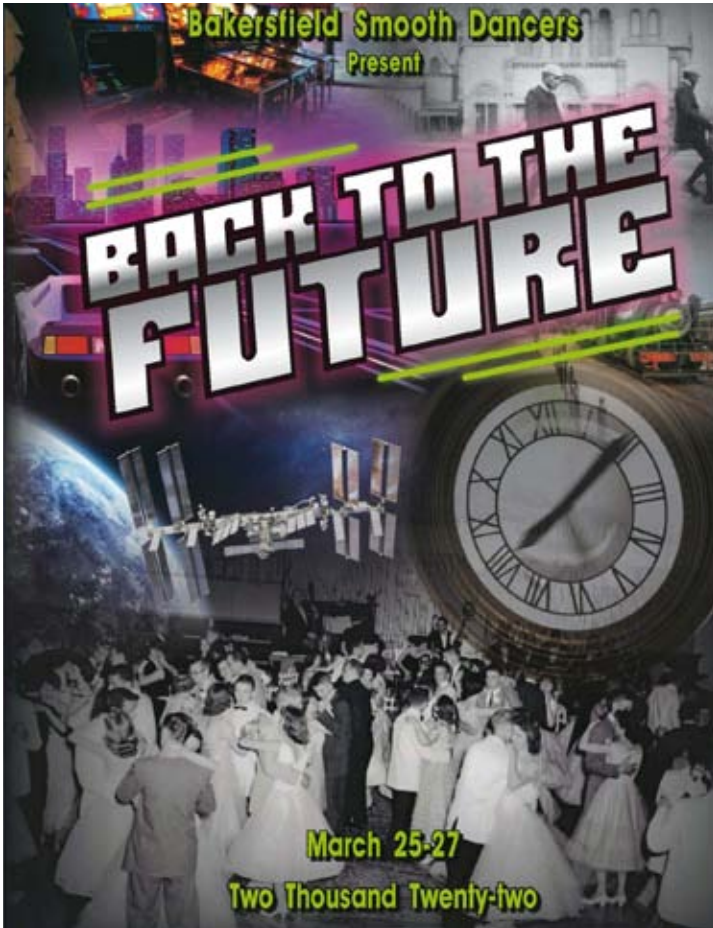
Name(s) _____

Chapter (non-members leave blank) _____

Coronation/Buffer Dinner: _____ @ \$60 Queen's Brunch _____ @ \$35 Total Amount _____

For more information, please contact Liz Tarnove at etarnove@sbcglobal.net
or Alicia Quintero Alexander at Aliquin10@gmail.com
For information on reservations contact Mark Chapman at mcchapman88@gmail.com





FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Registration	Lobby of The Marriott Hotel
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Early Dancing	Marriott Ballroom
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	"Back to the 80's" <i>\$40.00 per person, 1980's attire</i>	Marriott Ballroom
8:00 pm	General Dancing	
11:00 pm	Spotlights and Team Dances Hospitality Begins in the Presidential Suite (9th floor)	

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast On Your Own	Marriott Lounge
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Editors Meeting	Hammonds Ballroom
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Presidents Meeting	Hammonds Ballroom
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Board of Directors Meeting	Presidential Suite - 9th floor
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Queen's Champagne Reception	The Potato Room-Marriott
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Queen's Lunch \$45.00 Per Person	
12:30 pm	All Current & Former Queens	
1:00 pm - 1:50 pm	Nines Restaurant (On Site) Opens	
	Professional Dance Lesson	
	From Katia Kyrylenko & Andriy Woloshko	

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	"Back to the 1880's" \$30 per person - Western Attire Spotlights and Dance Team Formations Dance Ends, Queens Court Rehearsal	Marriott Ballroom
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm	"The Enchantment Under the Sea" (50's Style Prom) Bar Opens / Doors Open Queens Court Presentation Dinner is Served Formal Dinner, Exhibition & Formal Dance <i>\$95.00 per person, Formal Attire</i>	Marriott Ballroom
8:00 - 11:00 pm	Social Dancing Throughout The Evening Between Exhibitions and Spotlights	
10:15 pm	Professional Showcase - Katia Kyrylenko and Andriy Woloshko	
11:00 pm	End of the Festivities	

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

8:30 am	Ballroom Open For Early Dancing	
9:00 am	"Back to the Present" Farewell Breakfast and Dancing <i>\$45.00 per person, Casual Attire</i>	Marriott Ballroom
9:10 am	Breakfast	
9:45 pm	Acknowledgements & President's Comments	
Master of Ceremonies	Steve Peterson	
Introduction of Board of Directors	Ben Wilson	
Drawing - Free Package Deal	Rose Peterson	

Event Questions

Steve Peterson - Event Director - 661-487-9744
stevenjpeterson@me.com

JoAnn Georgio - Event Registrations - 661-304-5284
jgeorgio@bak.rr.com

Debi Cadena - Spotlight & Formation Team Registration - 661-281-9923
deborah_cadena@icloud.com

Hotel Room Reservation:

Bakersfield Marriott
801 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301, (661) 323-1900
Room Rate \$135

For Reservations Contact:
Sara Walker - (661) 565-9320
sara.walker@bakersfieldmarriott.com
Under group code enter: SdrSdr (Bakersfield Smooth Dancers)

CUTOFF DATE: Please Book by February 18, 2022 to ensure group rate.

For More Information and Registration Forms go to:
<http://bakersfieldsmoothdancers.org/conventions/>

Bakersfield Smooth Dancers
 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Event Registration
"Back to The Future"
 March 25-27, 2022

Purchaser Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Attendee #1: _____

Attendee #2: _____

Chapter: _____

Chapter: _____

Attendee #1 Attendee #2

_____ _____ **Weekend Dance Package** \$179 per person _____

Includes admission to all these weekend events. *(Best Deal)*

Friday Evening
Saturday Afternoon
Saturday Evening

Evening Dance & Spotlights,
 Afternoon Dance & Spotlights,
 Coronation Ceremony,
 Formal Dinner, Dance & Spotlights,
 Professional Entertainment,
 Buffet Breakfast & Awards Ceremony

Sunday Morning

Individual Events

_____ _____ **Friday Evening Party Only** \$40.00 per person _____
 Evening Dance & Spotlights

_____ _____ **Saturday Afternoon Party Only** \$30.00 per person _____
 Afternoon Dance & Spotlights

_____ _____ **Saturday Evening Party** \$95.00 per person _____
 Queens Processional
 Formal Dinner, Dance & Spotlights
 Professional Entertainment

_____ _____ **Sunday Morning Breakfast Buffet** \$45.00 per person _____
 & Convention Presentation

_____ _____ **Queen's Lunch** \$45.00 per person _____
 Open to all Queens from all Chapters

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Saturday Evening Special Meal Request:

Attendee #1 Vegetarian _____ Chicken _____

Attendee #2 Vegetarian _____ Chicken _____

For special food allergy concerns, contact JoAnn Georgio

CANCELLATIONS before March 15, 2022 will receive a prorated refund.

After March 15, 2022 - No Refunds can be made.

All Dancing, Meals and Meetings will be held at the **Bakersfield Marriott**
 801 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California 93301. (661) 323-1900

Make checks payable to:
Bakersfield Smooth Dancers.

Mail Event Registrations to:
JoAnn Georgio
 14035 Rosedale Hwy. #10
 Bakersfield, CA 93314
jgeorgio@bak.rr.com



San Fernando Valley Smooth Dancers

Masks and Proof of Vaccination Required

*Saturday
March 5, 2022
7:30 - 10:30 PM*



Luck o' the Irish

**Get these dance dates
on your calendar!**

April 2

**Dance Weekend!
March 25 - 27
in Bakersfield**

*Please enter from the
rear of the building
(under the blue awning),
and observe caution as
the security gate has a
raised track.*

*Please do not park
next to CitiBank, as
those spots are reserved
for ATM customers.*



Music

DJ - Tom Mendola

All Ballroom, Swing
and Nightclub styles
Mixers

Schedule

Doors Open 7:30 PM
Dancing 7:30 - 10:30 PM

Members \$15, Non-Members \$20

Dance class, munchies, beverages included.

Become a member! Ask at the dance or see the website nsdsfv.org.

We remind you that an indoor mask mandate is in place at this time.

Join Us For A St. Patrick's Day

Sunday Tea Dance!!

Presented by the The Garibaldina



Los Angeles National Smooth Dancers



*Proof of
Vaccination
and masks will
be required for
admission*



Sunday, March 13th
1:00 - 4:00pm

Dance Lesson at 1:30pm
The Garibaldina M.B. Italian Society Hall
4533 N. Figueroa St.
Los Angeles, CA 90065

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

\$12 - NSD and Garibaldina Members
\$15 - Other Non-Profit Dance Club Members
\$18 - Non-Member Guests

Light Snacks Served

Music by Tom Wells - Dance Lesson by Kim Clark

BEST Dance Floor



In Los Angeles!

Book a Private or Group Lesson
before the dance.
Contact Kim Clark at
(818) 903-0305 or
KimClarkKimClark@gmail.com



RESERVATIONS DUE BY MAR 10TH
NO REFUNDS AFTER March 11th

Name _____

Phone # _____

of NSD/Garibaldina Members _____ x \$12 _____

of Other Dance Club Members _____ x \$15 _____

of Guests _____ x \$18 _____

Total _____

Mail Reservations and Checks (payable to LA NSD) mail to:

Susan Johnson
1420 Santo Domingo Ave.
Duarte, CA 91010

(626) 794-1101 / staplers@aol.com

Or pay for your reservation online at:
losangelessmoothdancers.com

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

The Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, Inc. Presents:

Lucky Charms!

A Salute to St. Patick's Day

Sunday, March 13th

\$25 Admission

Class at 1:30-2:30 PM

Dancing from 2:30-5 PM

Featuring Professional Smooth,
Ballroom, and Latin specialist
Christian Solares



- Lesson in the elegant, flowing Viennese Waltz
- Individually packaged snack following dance lesson
- Open dancing to DJ music!

Make reservations at: goldengatedancers.org before 4:30 PM, March 9th.

Walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

Questions? Contact Stella Wong (650) 255-5522. stellwong@hotmail.com

Make checks payable to GGSD & mail to:

3171 Susan Dr, San Bruno, CA 94066

Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, Inc. and the city of South San Francisco shall not be held liable for injuries or illness (including Covid-19) sustained by persons attending this event. Proof of vaccination must be presented as a condition of admission to this event. No alcohol is allowed in the building per our contract with the city.

**Masks must be worn at all times in this building,
except when actively consuming food or beverage.**

Find our group on Facebook! Search for: Golden Gate Smooth Dancers

Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, Inc.
Proudly Present Our:



QUEEN

Through the Years

**CORONATION BALL &
DINNER DANCE**

Saturday, April 9th, 2022

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
1221 CHESS DRIVE. FOSTER CITY, CA

\$95/person

5:30 P.M. - 11:30 P.M.
FORMAL ATTIRE REQUESTED

Please make checks payable to "Golden Gate Smooth Dancers" and Mail to:
Stella Wong at 3171 Susan Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066
Please include entrée selection on your check or via our online reservation
system:

GGSD Website

Hotel Rooms Available at Group Rate of \$129.00 (King)

\$139.00 (Two Queens) -Rate available through March 25th

Reserve Online: <https://book.passkey.com/go/GoldenGateSmoothDancers22>

Reserve by Phone: 888-233-9527 Ask for: Golden Gate Smooth Dancers/April 9th

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Hospitality Reception

5:30 PM -6:00 PM

**Registration
& No-Host Cocktail
Reception**

6:30 PM

Coronation Ceremony

7:30 PM

**Three Course Dinner w/
Choice of Entree:
Prime Rib
or
Mahi Mahi
or
Ravioli (Vegetarian)**

8:30 PM -11:30 PM

Dancing

**Reservations and Entrée
Selection Required by:
April 2nd @ 4:00 PM**

**Online Reservations are
encouraged at:**

[https://www.goldengatesmoothdancers.org/
reservations](https://www.goldengatesmoothdancers.org/reservations)

**Credit card and check
payments accepted.**

*Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, Inc
shall not be held liable for injuries or
illness (including Covid-19) sustained
by persons attending this event.*

*Proof of vaccination must be
presented as a condition of admission
to this event.*

*Current county requirements specify
that a mask must be worn except when
actively eating or drinking. If masks
become optional, that will be
communicated to all attendees.*

Visalia Smooth Dancers

Invites you to:

“A Taste of Italy”

April 9, 2022



ITALY

*Exeter Memorial Bldg
528 Kaweah, Exeter, CA*

7pm—Lesson by Eileen

8-10:00—Dancing Music by Tim Inouye

Light Refreshments Provided

Casual Dress

Chairperson: Sally Bailey 799-9212

Committee: Margaret Moholt, Laura Boland, Linda Ruiz, John Forest

Los Angeles Chapter Officers

President	Robert Quan
Vice President	Sandy Wells
Treasurer	Francy Quan
Board Member	Chuck Johnson
Board Member	Craig Miller
Board Member	Victor Lee
Delegate	Victor Herzfeld
Corresponding Secretary	Alice Mah Miller

Coronation - Jan 14, 2023

Recording Secretary	Marion Scholtz
Social Chairman	Donna Erickson
Dance Rules	Ken Scholtz
Dance Whispers Editor	Alice Mah Miller
Music Coordinator	Tom Wells
Publicity	Chuck Johnson
Queen	Sandy Wells
Webmaster	Victor Hertzfeld/ Tom Wells

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President	Amante Reyes
Vice President	Sunny Francisco
Treasurer (Acting)	Glenn Thomson
Board Member	Cindy Perry
Secretary	Judy Miranda
Social Chairman	Lou Reyes
Dance Class Chair	Chuck DiSessa
Sunshine	Cathy O'Harra

Coronation - March 5, 2022

Dance Rules	Anthony Wood
Smooth Talk Editor	Mark Chapman
Dance Whispers Editor	Mark Chapman
Music Chair	Greg Alexander
Queen	Liz Tarnove
Queen-Select	Been Kao
Webmaster/Publicity	Liz Tarnove
Historian	Dave Saul

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President	Kelly Kimmitt
Vice President	Ann Mauro
Treasurer	Peter Hanson
Board Member	Frank Lombardi
Corresponding Secretary	Mark Chapman
Recording Secretary	John Sankis
Social Co-Chair	Antonia Quinene
Dance Rules	Penny Elliot
Dance Whispers Editor(s)	John Sankis

Coronation - July 9, 2022

Music Coordinator	Peter Hanson, George Mozes, Len Lee
Publicity	John Sankis
Queen	Ann Mauro
Queen-elect	Debbi Atherton
Webmaster	Ann Mauro
Membership	Cathy Lombardi

Golden Gate Chapter Officers

President	Vera Harvey
Vice President	Dan Ansaldi
Treasurer	Carl Chesbrough
Board Member	Amy Ansaldi
Corresponding Secretary	Liz Talmadge
Recording Secretary	Elizabeth Li
Social Chair	Stella Wong
Dance Rules	Igor Tilinin
Dance Whispers Editor	Susan Simmons
Music Coordinator	Carl Chesbrough
Queen	Rita Steed

Coronation - April 9, 2022

Queen Elect	Crown Circle
Webmaster	Carl Chesbrough
Parliamentarian	Svetlana Gites
Sergeant-At-Arms	Les Lin
Historian/Special Occasions	Rita Steed
Property Custodian	Vera Harvey
Beverage Master	Chuick Talmadge
Hotel Coordinator	Carl Chesbrough/Dan Ansaldi
Dance Host Coordinator	Janice Snyder
Dance Captain	Dan Ansaldi
Queen Coordinator	Amy Ansaldi

San Fernando Valley Chapter Officers

Coronation - November 5, 2022

President	Joan Robinson	Dance Rules	Les LaZar
Vice President	Roberta LaZar	Dance Whispers Editor	Rachel Seward
Treasurer	Regina Chinweze	Queen & State Queen	Joan Robinson
Board Member	Joan Robinson	Webmaster	Bill Steeber
Recording Secretary	Susan Potthoff	Equipment Manager	John Wong & James Baron
Corresponding Secretary	Roberta LaZar	Marketing	Joan Robinson
Social Chairman	Rachel Seward & Loretta Kalan	Venue Liaison	Joan Robertson

Bakersfield Chapter Officers

Coronation - March 26, 2022

President	Steve Peterson	Membership Chair	Lindy Livingston
Vice President	Debi Cadena	Dance Rules	
Treasurer	Jo Ann Georgio	Dance Whispers Editor	Marci Diller
Board Member	Ben Wilson	Queen	Rose Peterson
Corresponding Secretary	Debi Cadena	Music	Steve Peterson
Recording Secretary	Wendy Wilson		Rich Gonzales
Social Chairman	Barbara Norcross		Dennis Acosta

Visalia Chapter Officers

Coronation - May 21, 2022

President	David Bixler	Dance Rules	John Gutierrez
Vice President	Karl Richards	Dance Whispers Editor	Myra and Shane Nielsen
Treasurer	Myra Nielsen	Webmaster	Carol Bixler
Board Member	Paul Storey	Queen	Carol Bixler
Corresponding Secretary	Robin Graves	Sunshine	Joan Dewey
Recording Secretary	Robin Graves	Historian	Greg Uichanco
Social Chairman	Somjai Cochran		

Fresno Chapter Officers

Coronation - June 4, 2022

President	Carla Hartunian	Dance Rules	Kathy Constantino
Vice President	Ruth Galvante	Dance Whispers Editor	Carla Hartunian & Lorraine Tilton
Treasurer	Lorraine Tilton	Music Coordinator	David Morgan
Board Member	David Hailpern	Queen	Ruth Galvante
Corresponding Secretary	Carla Hartunian & Lorraine Tilton	Queen-elect	Nancy Cargill
Recording Secretary	David Morgan	Webmaster	Lorraine Tilton
Social Chairman	Lynn Sanders	Sunshine	Dolores Reed