

*National Smooth Dancers*  
**Dance Whispers**  
*April 2022*



**2022 Coronation Central:** Visalia Chapter - May 21; Fresno Chapter - June 4; Palomar Chapter - July 9; San Fernando Valley Chapter - November 5, Los Angeles - January 14, 2023.

**2022 Convention:** September 2-5; Margaritaville Resort, Palm Springs “Give My Regards To Broadway



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Tom Wells

April 19, 2022

Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,  
Happy Spring! The flowers and plants that have been waiting are now blooming. New young animals are joining the world. It is a time of renewal and rebirth. Much the same as it is for NSD!

How gratifying it is to experience NSD and ballroom dancing returning after such a long “winter”. So far in 2022 we have experienced 4 coronations, as we did pre-pandemic. In this issue you get to experience three of them, San Diego (p2-3), Bakersfield (p5), and Golden Gate(p6-7). We’ve been able to experience the Spring weekend event (“The Boards”) hosted by Bakersfield. Every chapter is holding their monthly dances. Dance classes are starting back up. New members are joining the NSD dancing family (p4 & p9).

The future is looking hopeful. Last month we were introduced to Visalia’s Queen-elect, Myra Nielson, who’s coronation is coming up on May 21st. This month on page 11 we are introduced to two more Queen-elects; Fresno Queen-elect Nancy Cargill (June 4th) and Palomar Queen-elect Antonia Quinene ( July 9th). You will find flyers for Visalia and Fresno Chapters coronations at the end of this issue. Please take the time to send in your registrations early. Speaking from

personal experience, it is extremely difficult and stressful to plan social events in this time of renewal and rebirth from the pandemic! Your help through early registration goes a long way in helping the hosting chapters put together an enjoyable event.

Speaking of enjoyable events and early registration; on pages 17-19 you will find all the event and registration information for our annual convention!! How fun it is to start planning for the big dancing event held over the Labor Day Weekend. San Diego Chapter did a great job introducing the convention plans at Bakersfield. The theme is “Give My Regards to Broadway”. What a great way to celebrate the return of ballroom dancing, making a commitment to attend the convention and sending in your registration as early as possible! For complete and up-to-date information on the convention you can visit their website at <http://www.sdsdwebsite.com/Convention2022.html>

I look forward to seeing you on the dance floor soon. Until then, I’ll leave you with one of my favorite photo’s from the Bakersfield Boards!

Never Stop Dancing,

Tom Wells  
Publishing Editor



## Lady in Red Comes Home



Having served as San Diego's Queen in past years, I was confident that I had a very good idea of what to expect during this Coronation and then afterwards during the coming year. From 2009 I remembered the excitement of going to all the coronations for the first time, seeing NSD from my new perspective

within the Crown Circle. From 2013, with time to spare because Mark was retired by then, I remembered how enjoyable it was for us to take an extra day for each coronation and to see so many sights on our road trips up and down the state. From the coronations of both those years, I remembered how fun it was to meet new Queens as they were crowned. How good it felt to be part of the Crown Circle at each coronation. How comfortable it was to sit at the Sunday brunches and chat with the other Queens.

From past experience, I felt I was able to anticipate my experiences this time around in very accurate detail.

What I did not fully anticipate, though, was how wonderful it was going to be to see so many friends again after such a long time, or just how enjoyable it was going to be to make new friends again this year. From the moment our visiting Queens began arriving for Hospitality, I was surrounded by ladies and their gents who chatted with me to catch up on the years; who introduced themselves to me if we hadn't had overlapping reigns together in the past; who welcomed me into the Crown Circle again and truly cared about how I was doing.

It was as though it had not been several years since I'd last seen some of these Crown Circle friends and as though my new friends weren't new at all. Rather, it felt like they were all part of a continuous growing family that have been with me for as long as I can remember. Barbara and Bill, Sandy and Tom, Rose and Steve, Ann and Tom, Carla, Kay and Debi—

when did I not know them? Ruth and Roberto, Carol and David, Rita and Emma, Wendy and Paul—these were more recent but now also wonderful friends (especially Emma, the only NSD Queen to crown her own daughter, Rita). All these current Queens, past Queens and those closely associated with their chapter Crown Circles are family to me in NSD.

And what a fun evening I had with all these wonderful people! I can't remember an evening that has been this special to me in so many ways. To Ann, Queen of Palomar Chapter, I owe a particular mention: she brought three tables of Palomar friends to my coronation and they all sat to the right of my table during the evening. I won't list their names, but one of them, Antonia, will be the new Palomar Queen in July and Mark and I will be there for her just as she, Ann and Palomar were here for me.

Much of the smooth flow of my coronation evening was due to the help provided by Carla, Kay and Debi during our preparations and I thank them for being there for me. Carla especially made the ceremony go hitchlessly (I don't know if that's a real word, but it feels good when I say it): she went over the entire process with us at our rehearsal so we would each know where and when to stand, sit or dance. The Queen Mum even coached my grandson "Phinny," telling him to say, "I Love You," when he handed me my flower arrangement. (Afterwards, Carla told us that she heard him say the words just as she had coached him.)

So what did my Coronation teach me in 2022? It showed me that our Crown Circle and NSD members around the state are all enthusiastically supporting me as I take on the responsibility of representing San Diego Chapter again this year. More than this, I know how much I am cared for within this family, even more than I had realized before I took this step back into the Crown Circle again.

What do I anticipate this year now that my coronation is just a wonderful memory? Well, rather than simply making trips to other chapters to take part in their coronations, now I feel as though I will be making trips back home to see family again and again, all over the state. You can go home again.









**To the south and to the north  
Dancers gather as new queens come forth**



*Queen Rose Peterson at the San Diego coronation.*



*Steve and Jeanette Rogers at the Golden Gate coronation.*

**And in the middle of the state  
We dance and dance and celebrate!**



*The Bakersfield Performance Team gives an Old Western Welcome at the March weekend dance.*



*A glamorous Wendy Wilson and husband Ben.*



*(Above) Dennis Acosta steps out from behind the DJ booth to share a dance with Helen Pavich.*



*(Left) Elegant and dapper, Kelly and Boyd Binninger dance the night away.*

**A dance class workout to leave you sore?  
Nah, to dance the waltz move from your core!**



*Working on body awareness during the Tuesday night beginning waltz class. From left to right: Shelly Crotteau, Ed, Levin, Nancy Tiffany, Gail Buckles, Harold Stelly, and Marilyn Stone.*

**Members come and members go  
We end this rhyme with news below**

**Welcome new members  
Jeff and Lynn Krausse!**



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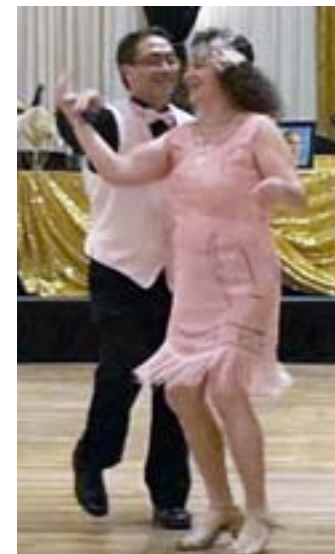
Jeff and Lynn Krausse began taking lessons with Bakersfield teacher Josh Harless to prepare for their daughter's wedding, and their kids are "mystified" that they are still dancing. Lynn describes dancing with the Bakersfield Smooth Dancers as relaxing and fun, while Jeff says it gets him out of his comfort zone. "In a good way," he'll add with prompting.

**Farewell to members Marci Diller and Liora & Richard Malicdem**



*Marci Diller with friend Delcie Feller.*

Marci Diller joined the performance team and stepped in as editor last year. She was fantastic in both roles. After a career as an elementary school and university teacher, she is retiring and has moved to Camarillo. Thanks for all the fun memories, Marci! We hope to see you on the dance floor.



Richard and Liora Malicdem came to the Smooth Dancers with a background in Lindy Hop and a boundless enthusiasm for dance. They will be moving to northern San Diego County (Do I hear Palomar in their future?) as Liora begins her new position as dean of the College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral and Social Sciences at Cal State San Marcos.

*Richard and Liora Malicdem enjoying a swing dance at the Roaring 20s convention.*



# Memories From The Bakersfield Boards





# News From Golden Gate Chapter



*Our queen, Rita Steed, represented us at San Diego's Coronation on March 5th. She enjoyed meeting up with all the chapter queens and attending the crowning of Queen Been Kao.*



## March GGSD Monthly Dance

Our monthly dance was held on March 13th in South San Francisco and carried a St. Patrick's Day theme. Lots of people came dressed in green, and we were pleased to start with a Viennese Waltz lesson by the talented Christian Solares.



## Bakersfield Dance Weekend

Several of our members attended the Bakersfield Dance Weekend, March 25th – 27th, which was themed “Back to the Future”. They had lots of fun catching up with friends from other chapters and enjoying the many great events.

## 2022 GGSD Coronation

Our 2022 Coronation was held on Saturday, April 9th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City, CA. The event started with dancing, of course, which was followed by the Coronation Ceremony, dinner, and more dancing. We all enjoyed socializing with the many members and guests in attendance.

From our Coronation Coordinator, Amy Ansaldi:

As the sun set on our first Coronation since 2019, it was time to reflect on the events of the weekend and all the weeks and months of planning leading up to what was surely a celebration unlike any that I can remember. The theme of our 2022 Coronation

was “Queen Through the Years” and it truly was a moment to look back on the many incredible ladies who have held the title of Queen in the Golden Gate chapter.

Normally, my job is to guide a Queen-Elect along her journey to becoming Queen. This year the task was to pay homage to our entire Crown Circle beginning with our very first Queen Marty Harms, who was crowned in 1952, exactly 70 years ago. We were planning to host this event in 2020 back before our dancing world came crashing to a halt, but it took on a new level of significance for me as we began to resume our post-pandemic activities. When gathering photographs to prepare a slideshow of Queens past and present and seeing the memorabilia that we had gathered from previous Coronations, I developed an even deeper appreciation for the history of this role within our club. In photograph after photograph, I could see the happiness on the faces of these ladies as they became a “Queen”. How fortunate are we that we get to participate in something so unique? If you've ever told your colleagues or acquaintances that you are attending a Coronation and watching a new Queen being crowned, the look on their face probably tells you just how unique this is.

On Saturday April 9th, we were fortunate to have 10 of our Past Queens participating in the ceremony. All were dressed in beautiful red gowns, crowns perched on their heads, parading in as a sisterhood. Side by side we sat with NSD's reigning Queens, 17 abreast. Our hearts were with the Queens we have lost. Our thoughts were with the Queens who could not join us.

As if all the NSD Queens in the room were not enough royalty, we were graced with additional royalty in attendance. Each of our tables was adorned with a stunning representation of a Queen in doll form, majestically towering above her subjects below. Each doll was wearing a different, breathtaking, and one-of-a-kind gown designed and made painstakingly by the incomparable Patrick Jude. Ten of them in all. It was imperative to examine each of them because the detail and work that Patrick put into them was beyond words. There were many jaws on the floor as people observed them for the first time. Patrick outdid himself once again. We are so blessed that he shares his numerous gifts with us and wows us every time.

What an incredible weekend it was beginning on Friday afternoon when an enthusiastic team of Golden Gate members began to arrive with sleeves rolled up and smiles on their faces, ready to turn vision into reality. Many hands working together made swift work of all to be done. Together we created a museum of Coronation history and set the stage for what was truly a beautiful evening as we honored the past, embraced the present and look forward to the future.

Our 2022-2023 Traveling Queens

Visalia: Queen Vera Harvey

Fresno: Queen Liz Talmadge

Palomar: Queen Vera Harvey

Convention: Queen Amy Ansaldi

San Fernando Valley: Queen Rita Steed

Los Angeles: Queen Elizabeth Li

San Diego: Queen Svetlana Gites

Bakersfield: Queen Gabrielle von Stephens



# Coronation Memories From Golden Gate





**Visalia chooses “NSD Goes to the Movies” as theme for 2023 convention**

Start thinking about how to dress like a movie star because “NSD Goes to the Movies” will be the theme of the 2023 statewide convention being held in Visalia.

Visalia Smooth Dancers is hosting the event at the Wyndam Hotel in Visalia, to be held in September 2023. Full details will be announced in plenty of time to prepare.



*Shane and Myra Nielsen of Visalia Smooth Dancers pose for a photo following their foxtrot performance at the April dance social.*

**Queen coronation for Myra Nielsen takes place May 21**

Myra Nielsen’s coronation as Queen will take place May 21 at the Exeter Memorial Building.

“It’s going to be a fun night of great entertainment, social dance, food & fellowship,” said social chair Somjai Cochran. “You don’t want to miss the night of dancing under the flower moon. Please mail reservations by May 7.”

Myra and her husband Shane are confident and energetic dancers. She will do a great job as Queen.

**Dance team performs in Bakersfield**



*Visalia dancers gather for a photo in Bakersfield in March.*

For Visalia dancers, it’s a happy coincidence of geography that Bakersfield is just down the highway from Visalia.

The Visalia Smooth Dancers formation team was

*Queen Carol Bixler represents Visalia at the Queen’s Court in Bakersfield.*



honored to perform at the Bakersfield “boards” in March. The choreographed bolero/tango/waltz sequence went off without a hitch, and the support of fellow dancers in the hall was palpable. Thank you.

Those performing: David and Carol Bixler, Lewis Griswold, Florence Kabot, Linda Ruiz, John Forest, Randy Bardone, Laura Encinas, Dean and Cheryl Levitan, and Paul and Wendy Story.

Also attending the Bakersfield dance weekend were Jim and Sue Renfro, and new member Amanda Guajardo.

The Bakersfield event featured a 1980s theme. The Visalia table came in second in the 1980’s trivia quiz.

**Monthly dance report: return of the mixer**



*Sue and Jim Renfro dress for the occasion -- the Roaring 20’s -- at Visalia’s February dance.*



*Visalia dancers take the floor at the February dance social.*



*Sandy O’Hara attends the February dance social.*



*Decorations celebrating The Roaring 20s grace the tables at Visalia’s February dance social.*

The Roaring 20’s was the theme of the February dance social at the Exeter Memorial Building. Wendy Story served as committee chair. Cheryl Levitan handled the music.

For entertainment, the formation team reprised its bolero/tango/waltz routine first performed at the December dinner dance.

Several members of Fresno Smooth Dancers attended our February dance social – thank you for the support.



*Dancers take the floor at the March dance social held by Visalia Smooth Dancers.*

For March, the theme was Spring Fling. Somjai Cochran chaired the committee.

“It was a beautiful dance,” said Queen Carol Bixler. “Somjai’s decorations were amazing. Franco taught a Cha Cha lesson. Dean Levitan taught 2 line dances – Jerusalem and Chilly Cha-Cha.”





Matthew Lott visits David and Laura Encinas at the April dance social.



John Forrest volunteers at the entry table.

The Visalia club has resumed Sunday afternoon dance workshop at the West Visalia Grange on Shirk Avenue.

It's intended for beginners and the price is right: \$5 for non-members, \$3 for members.

"The objective is not to replace a professional class, it's to get people started," said president Paul Story. "We might get new members into the club."

The April theme was Taste of Italy. Sally Bailey chaired the dance committee.

The April dance marked the return of the waltz dance mixer, a popular tradition dropped in the pandemic – but now it's back.

Also, dance instructor Eileen Chavez taught a fun and doable cha-cha routine.

Shane and Myra Nielsen performed a wonderful foxtrot performance to "This Business of Love."

Club member Dean Levitan again taught the Chilly Cha Cha line dance.

Next: Will the potluck return? Stay tuned.

### Dance workshop resumes at The Grange

Well, after three years Palomar is finally crowning a new queen! Let me introduce you to our 2022 Queen-elect Antonia Quinene. She has been Palomar's long time Social Chair. Antonia has been waiting patiently in the wings but now her coronation is actively being planned and is scheduled for July 9, 2022 at Ocean Hills Country club. More about Antonia later.

Palomar has started having Sunday afternoon tea dances—in addition to their regular 4th Sunday dance--at the Carlsbad Senior Center. We are also testing out a new sound system that doesn't involve lugging around big heavy speakers and that require storage in the Quiniene's garage every month.



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Queen Ann and Tom along with 20 Palomar members attended the coronation of San Diego's Queen Kao Been. The Queens all had a wonderful time being a bit silly during post coronation photos:



Bakersfield again outdid itself with amazing decorations including Saturday evening's massive blue liquid filled fishbowls & live fish as table center pieces!! Live fish!!!



Palomar had 8 attendees: Kelly & Carol Kimmitt, Duane & Donna Thornton, Peter & Marsha Hanson, Tom & Queen Ann Mauro.

Donna Thornton & Carol Kimmitt at the Bakersfield Spring event.

Dance lessons continue under the amazing tutelage of Carrie Kloss. In both the beginner and intermediate classes--with Mike Cowlshaw's assistance--Carrie focuses on technique and skills not just rote pattern learning.

Carol Kimmitt has returned home after spending many difficult--but loving--weeks caring for her father in his final days. Debbie Atherton and Penny Elliot are both focusing on recovering from knee surgeries. Debbie and Mike have sold their San Diego home and have moved temporarily to Fallbrook while they decide where to live next. Al Harruff and Marion traveled to the Santa Barbara area to visit friends. Peggy & Len Lee met with Linda & Elliott Lum to practice dance class lessons and play cards.



(L-R) Francy Solano (LA), Donna Thornton (Palomar), and Ali Quinn (SD) enjoy the champagne Queens Brunch during the Bakersfield Spring Weekend event.



New members sworn in at the April business meeting.(L-R) Ed Rodriguez and Stephanie Cashion



## From State Queen Joan Robinson



"I am so happy to be alive, and well at time of this writing - and I hope for another 20 years to come. We have - how many more conventions to handle?"

I got hit with pneumonia but my lungs have greatly improved and I am back to "gentle" dancing and am improving by the week. My first outing was in Bakersfield -

a short but sweet trip. And while I'm grateful to my "substitute queens," Leanne Wong and Barbara Greenlaw for covering several Coronations for me, I am looking forward to being hale and hearty at the Fresno Coronation where we'll be working on our "Can Can" routine for this year's "Give My Regards to Broadway" - San Diego's convention. Yes, our showcase will spread over to Fresno where we will be hopefully putting to good use some of their newer, younger members who did such a great samba routine at last year's Bakersfield dance. Hmm... maybe I'll recruit some LA Chapter members too! The more the merrier!"

### SFV BOUNCED INTO SPRING WITH THE LUCK OF THE IRISH & WITH A NEW BOUNCE IN OUR APRIL DANCE ATTENDANCE

The charm of the Irish spread far and wide with our St. Patrick's Day dance theme and Get Well Wishes sent to our Queen of the Ballroom, Joan Robinson, during her long-term ICU stay in the hospital.

Our April Spring dance was a blooming success. We had a great turnout and saw many members we had not seen in a long time. It was pretty heartening. Joan was back after two months' absence, and everyone was thrilled to see her out and about again. We hope that this happy trend will continue - and continue - and continue."



*(L-R) Regina Chinweze, Susan Potthoff, Leanne Wong, and Les LaZar. Can you imagine how wonderful it is to dance when surrounded by these smiling faces? Their level of support for the SFV Chapter during Joan's absence is appreciated and enjoyed.*

Excited to see our dance friends Bobbie Mapstone & Greg Checketts. It is a sign that life is finding its way back to what it was once before, at least somewhat... we delighted in seeing dance friends we have not seen for months.



*Greg Checketts and Bobbie Mapstone*



*George Kunkle*



*Spotlight Dancer Extraordinaires Barbara Greenlaw & Bill Steeber.*

There is no place better to enjoy ballroom dancing than a weekend with friends, where nightly dancing and dressing up for dinners have been a tradition. The Bakersfield chapter Coronation & Dance Weekend was just that setting for our NSD chapter members.

### Our Heartfelt Thanks!

This handsome 92 year-old dancer, George Kunkle was honored with a plaque and hugs for helping to keep SFV chapters dances financially successful with his financial contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic reopening phases...

Congratulations to Bakersfield Chapter returning Queen Rose Peterson, and her court on a beautiful Coronation.

As you see the past several months have been busy for our chapter, and there's still plenty of activity to come. So, if you missed the fun of St. Patrick's Day and are looking for another opportunity to dance with us, our May, Cinco de Mayo themed dance is sure to delight with music, food, and drink.

**FIND YOUR JOY IN EVERY DAY!**

Fresno Smooth Dancer members invite all of you to our coronation on June 4, 2022. For Queen Elect Nancy Cargill. Her theme is "Memories". The Dinner dance will be held at Holy Trinity Armenian Churches social hall, which has been totally remodeled and looks like nothing you have ever seen before in a church. The Double Tree Hotel is across the street from the church. All you have to do is walk to the coronation. Double Tree has raised the price of the rooms to \$159.00. So sorry of the inconvenience the hotel did not honor their prices from 2020.

Fresno's Queen Ruth Galvante and her escorts and Queen Mum have been going to all of the coronations. We San Diegans flew to the Coronation of Been Kao. We were off Bakersfield Board weekend with 16 members of our Fresno Chapter, Next, we attended Golden Gates Coronation with all the past Queens of G.G. in the actual coronation. Queen Ruth and I hope to see all of you in Fresno for our coronation. Happy dancing.





## Introducing NSD's Queen-Elects for June and July



### Fresno Queen-elect Nancy Cargill

I was born and raised in Visalia and have lived here all my life, other than two years in Fresno after high school. I received the DAR Award in 1969 and again in 1973 along with the B of A Business Scholarship. I worked predominantly in criminal

courts as a court reporter for 40 years and retired in August of 2018. I have many wonderful memories with my Dad. He was soft spoken but loved to tease and tell jokes. We would go on walks, rides to the mountains and even a few trips to the beach.

I have four children, Jacob, Rebecca, Roger and Audra. Years ago I was dubbed "Grammy" by Jacob's twins, Hope and Faith. I have 12 grandchildren. I also have Instant Grandchildren, friends of my grandchildren who call me Grammy. Other than my children, there is nothing more precious to me than my grandchildren, my babies.

My love of dancing started with line dancing. As time went on, it was getting harder to find a place to dance, so a friend, Ben, suggested I go to a Visalia Smooth Dancers' party. We went, and although it was intimidating, it looked like fun. With Ben's encouragement, I started taking lessons at the Grange with Robert Allgeyer. Robert always made learning fun. Eventually I started taking private lessons with Robert and the all-too-often phrase I heard was, "That's not pretty."

My first Showcase was with Robert at Studio 65. We danced to Vito's Waltz. I have competed at Boards and Convention with Stan Medina. Stan is such a gracious man. And also Gerry Cusick from Bakersfield or "Btown" as he called it. What a nice Club. They always make you feel at home. Needless to say, the more I dance, the more addicted I get, so I continue to look for that special someone to compete and perform Showcases with and through NSD.

Franco Peraza and I performed a West Coast to "Rumor Has it" at Visalia's Anniversary Dance years ago and then after at Fresno's Sunday Dance. And now I get the privilege of dancing with Franco at my coronation. The most common words of wisdom from Franco are, "For the love of God, put your weight on it."

My youngest dance teacher has been William VanHeusen. He, too, is funny and makes learning fun. All kidding aside, that handsome young man has such amazing technique in foxtrot.

I had the privilege of serving as the Visalia Queen in 2009-2010. When I first went to coronations, I didn't know anyone and I was afraid to talk to them but everyone was so friendly, and they all called me by my name and acted like they had known me forever. Everywhere I went it was, "Hi Nancy." By the third Coronation, I started to relax and enjoy time with my

new dance family.

I have told people serving as Visalia's Queen has been one of the highlights of my life.

Now I get the honor of serving as Fresno's Queen and am already excited about the new memories I will be making in the upcoming year.

### PALOMAR SMOOTH DANCERS WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE

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**QUEEN-ELECT ANTONIA QUINENE**  
***YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO HER CORONATION***  
***BALL ON SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2022 AT THE OCEAN***  
***HILLS COUNTRY CLUB, OCEANSIDE, CA***  
***(PLEASE SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS)***



Antonia, a daughter of immigrant parents. I came from Mexico when I was 15 years old, along with my 7 brothers. We lived and worked in a migrant camp in Salinas area for about three years (north of Sacramento). After that we relocated to the Oceanside area where my brothers attended school while my parents and I still worked

in the fields and I started to attend Mira Costa College in the evenings.

I have worked in the field of education for 30 years. Special education for the most part, as a translator, parent advisor and classroom educator among other things and I "love it".

It was while attending night classes that I met my (next door neighbor) best friend Jesus whom I am still married to for almost 39 years. Jesus retired eleven years ago from being a high voltage electrician. We have 3 beautiful daughters; Antonnette is 37, she is disabled and lives with us; Sabrina is 34 years old & married to Ivan Sanchez and they both are Chiropractic Doctors who have our first grandchild, delightful baby Malia; Lisa Marie is 31 years old, she works as a Chemical Engineer while married to Kasey Luna, who works in the field of Sales.

Like most parents we took our daughters to soccer, softball, swimming practices and games and when they left the house to go to college we had to find a hobby, that's when we started dancing! We attended dance classes and learned enough to go to dance socials and National Smooth Dancer's Conventions. We have competed in Waltz and Cha Cha. Most important we love our Palomar dancing family and friends.

I am honored and grateful that I was asked to represent Palomar Chapter as Queen. I will do my very best.

[PLEASE SEE FLYER ON OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS](https://palomarsmoothdancers.com)

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**The Los Angeles Chapter is mourning the loss of one of our Queens.** Alice Mah Miller passed away on Monday, April 11th. Alice suffered a severe stroke on Wednesday April 6th from which she could not recover. Craig has been inundated with loss. His mother had passed away earlier in the week and then Alice. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



proud our Francy and Robert Quan who performed and represented LA Chapter. Many thank you's go out to the Bakersfield Chapter for all the hard work they put into making such an enjoyable event.

Speaking of feeling like old times, Chuck and Susan Johnson, Victor Lee and Debby Ku are back on a cruise! This time they took a round trip cruise to Hawaii and will be returning back to Los Angeles soon.

**Sandy's Scribble:**



San Diego was a treat and a pleasurable experience. Kao was a beautiful Queen. Her Queen's Dance was a wonderful, engaging experience as Mark so expertly lead Kao across the floor. Kao's radiant smile spoke of joy and fun. It was so enjoyable to reconnect with so many of our NSD "family" after this pandemic hiatus!

Golden Gate was an extravaganza for the abilities of Amy Ansaldi and her crew. Patrick Jude created the table decorations with bridal dolls (beyond exceptional) and all the Golden Gate Queens added to the Crown Circle ceremony. Tom and I have not been to Golden Gate for 4 years, so a lot of chit chatting was on the agenda.

After another pause in our dancing schedule, WE ARE BACK! At our St. Patrick's Day tea dance, we had 42 participants and danced to the music by Tom Wells. We are so fortunate to have a great dance floor at the Garibaldina Society. Kim Clark, from Sloan and Sloan, began teaching us a tango, which she will continue at our May tea dance on May 15th.



The LA chapter had 9 members attending the Bakersfield Boards. It almost felt like old times! The dancing and fellowship was refreshing. The chapter spotlight performances were entertaining, and we are so

# In Memoriam



**Alice Mah Miller - April 11, 2022**

Alice Mah Miller passed away April 11, 2022 surrounded by family when she was removed from life support following a severe stroke on April 6, 2022.

She was born in Hong Kong, and emigrated to the US when she was 12. She grew up in New York city where she met and married Herbert Ott. While raising her two sons, she furthered her education and received two Masters Degrees.

Her family then moved to California, where she became a lifetime credentialed teacher. For 27 years she enjoyed educating children.

During Alice's retirement years she and her second husband, Craig, enjoyed dancing and traveling the world. Her last trip was to Antarctica, the last continent she wanted to visit.

Alice has always given of herself and has been involved with several organizations over the years, including the following:

National Smooth Dancers – Secretary, Social Chair, Newsletter Editor, and 2019 Queen, Foothill Unity Center, SGV local food bank, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Chinese American Citizens Alliance – GSGV Vice President 2012-2013, Chinese American Education Association – Vice President 1994, and President 2008-2010, Toastmasters Club – CTM, Area B-3 Governor 1996-1997, Monterey Park, Art and Culture Commission – Commissioner, Los Angeles 1984 Olympics – Public Relations, Translator.

Alice is survived by her husband Craig, together for 25 years; siblings Chester, Shirley, Shing, and Richie; sons Lawrence and Michael.



**BAKERSFIELD'S SMOOTH DANCERS**

**"April flowers" Dance April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021**



**7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. @ 401 Willow Dr. Oildale**

**Riverview Park, Gymnasium**

**Free to BSD Members: \$15.00 for non members**

**Refreshments will be served: Snacks, Coffee, Soda's & Water**

**THE TARGETS WILL BE OUR DJ**

**Dress for Spring time, let's have lots of cheerful color's**





# The Garibaldina Presents

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## Los Angeles National Smooth Dancers



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



**COVID-19 Compliant Event**  
*"Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, for all persons, regardless of vaccination status, in other indoor public settings and businesses."*  
 -County of LA Public Health Order 314122

Sunday, May 15th  
 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 Robert Quan - Dance Lesson by Kim Clark

**RESERVATIONS DUE BY MAY 12TH**  
 NO REFUNDS AFTER May 14th

Mail Reservations and Checks (payable to LA NSD) mail to:  
**Francy Quan**  
 815 S. California Ave.  
 MAILBOX 10  
 Monrovia, CA 91016  
 (720) 290-9902 / [FrancesAnita@hotmail.com](mailto:FrancesAnita@hotmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of NSD/Garibaldina Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of Other Dance Club Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of Guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18 \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Or pay for your reservation online at:  
[losangelessmoothdancers.com](http://losangelessmoothdancers.com)



**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**



Visalia Smooth Dancers cordially invite you to a Coronation Ball

## Dancing Under the Flower Moon

Honoring Queen Elect

Myra Nielsen

Saturday, May 21, 2022



Exeter Memorial Bld, 324 N. Kaweah Ave.

Hospitality: May 21, 1:30-3:30, Exeter Memorial Bld

Wine Reception 6:00 PM

Coronation Ceremony 6:30 PM

Dinner and Dancing 7:00 – 10:30 PM

Professional Entertainment by Jeffrey Garza and Berkeley Hayes  
Honor Dance by Barbara & Greg Vichanco



Catered Dinner Dance \$55 per person

Hotel Reservations: Wyndham 9000 W Airport Drive, Visalia (559) 651-5008 Room Rate of \$95  
Group code is: 012622VIS Early Reservations Recommended

Queen Farewell Brunch honoring Queen Carol Bixler Sunday 9:00 AM at the home of  
Sallie Holden & Tim Inouye 509 S. Verde Vista Visalia (directions on back) All are invited.

Contact persons Carol or David Bixler (559) 737-8696 [dgbixler@yahoo.com](mailto:dgbixler@yahoo.com)

Please mail reservation by May 7<sup>th</sup> to: Margaret Moholt 2118 Anthony Ct. Visalia, CA 93277

Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55 Tri tip \_\_\_\_\_ or Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Names(s) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_ Queen's Brunch \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

*Fresno Smooth Dancers  
invites you to our*

# *Memories*

*Coronation Ball for  
Queen-elect Nancy Cargill*

*Honor Dance by  
Lynn Sanders and Jerry Bowes*

*Entertainment By  
Amy and Dan Ansaldi  
Yvette Haworth and Franco*

*Holy Trinity Armenian Church  
2226 Ventura Avenue, Fresno  
Saturday, June 4, 2022*



*Vendor:  
Couture New York*

*Hospitality 2 to 4  
at the Social Hall*

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

*Hotel Reservations  
Doubletree Hotel  
2233 Ventura St  
559-268-1000*

*Farewell Breakfast  
Sunday June 5, 2022*

*10:30 pm Last Waltzes*

*Group Code: "SMO"  
Rate: \$159 + tax  
Reserve by May 20*

*Doubletree International Cafe*

*9:00 No Host*

*www.fresnosmoothdancers.org*

**Names(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ **NSD Members @ \$65 \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ **Non Members @ \$75 \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP by May 31 - Cks payable to Fresno Smooth Dancers, inc. Total Due \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to Lorraine Tilton 2727 E Hampton Way Fresno CA 93726 559-269-9491**





**San Diego Smooth Dancers  
Present  
2022 NSD CONVENTION  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>  
Package and Ticket  
Registration**

For Online Dance Package and Hotel  
Reservations go to [sdsdwebsite.com](http://sdsdwebsite.com)  
Hotel info also on attached map

Purchaser Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

NSD Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

First Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

Our Dance Package includes admission to all general weekend events.  
(Gavel Club, Crown Circle luncheon, & dance seminars are **not** included)

Quantity		Amount
_____	Package Plans @ \$239 per person (\$259 after June 18 <sup>th</sup> deadline)	_____
_____	Gavel Club Luncheon (Saturday) @ \$42 per person (Past & Current Presidents)	_____
_____	Crown Circle Luncheon (Sunday) @ \$42 per person (Past & Reigning Queens)	_____
_____	Dance Seminar Pass (4 seminars) @ \$20 per pass	_____
	(Seminar Pass available only with package; single class prices are on reverse)	_____
_____	2022 State Directory @ \$10 each	_____
	Individual Event Tickets are shown on reverse.	Individual events total: _____
	Individual Dance Seminars are shown on reverse.	Individual seminars total: _____

**Registration Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday evening dinner selections (included in package):

Check One:	Chicken	Vegetarian Lasagna	Vegan TBD	
First Attendee	_____	_____	_____	List any special dietary needs by attendee's name: _____
Second Attendee	_____	_____	_____	

All Package Plan sign-ups received by June 18<sup>th</sup> deadline will be entered into a drawing for a free Convention Package; the winner will be reimbursed the full \$239 purchase price. Cancellations after August 1<sup>st</sup> will receive a prorated refund. No refunds after August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Mail this registration form with checks payable to SDSD to:**

**Greg Alexander  
1469 Oakpoint Ave.  
Chula Vista, CA 91913  
Phone: 619.846.1109**

**Confirmation will be sent to your email.  
For questions, email to:  
[SDSD2022Convention@gmail.com](mailto:SDSD2022Convention@gmail.com)**

Waiver: I/We understand and agree that the National Smooth Dancers, Inc (including all chapters) will not be held responsible for loss or theft of articles, nor be held liable for injuries sustained by persons dancing and/or competing at this NSD convention. I/We also hereby irrevocably gift and grant to the National Smooth Dancers Inc. (including all chapters) the right to produce, use, refer to, or reproduce any still photographs taken and video/audio recordings made at this NSD Convention.

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Attendee

Second Attendee

## NSD Convention 2022 Single Event Prices

These single events are included in the Dance Package but may be purchased separately.

Fill in Quantity and Total Cost

Event Date	Time	Event	Event Price	Quantity	Total Cost
Friday 9/2	7-11 PM	*The Big Deal Dance Party	\$35 each		
Saturday 9/3	2-4:30 PM	*Grease Dance Party and competitions	\$30 each		
Saturday 9/3	6-11 PM	My Fair Lady Coronation Ball, including formal dinner, professional dance show and competitions	\$90 each		
Sunday 9/4	2-5 PM	*Moulin Rouge Dance Party and competitions	\$30 each		
Sunday 9/4	7-11 PM	*Chicago Dance Party, including professional dance show and competitions	\$45 each		
Monday 9/5	9-11 AM	Farewell Breakfast and awards	\$45 each		
Total of single events purchased - please enter this total on the reverse side of this form under the heading "Individual Events Total." * May be purchased at the door - reservations not required.					<b>Total</b>

These single Dance Seminars may be purchased as a pass (with the Dance package on reverse side but also may be purchased separately). Fill in Quantity and Total Cost

Seminar Date	Time	Dance Seminar	Dance Type	Price	Quantity	Total Cost
Saturday 9/3	10:30-11:30 AM	Seminar #1 Natalia Lind	American Smooth Foxtrot	\$10 each		
Saturday 9/3	1-2:00 PM	Seminar #2 Natalia Lind	America Rhythm - Swing	\$10 each		
Sunday 9/4	10:30-11:30 AM	Seminar #3 Andres & Veronika End	International Standard - Waltz	\$10 each		
Sunday 9/4	1-2:00PM	Seminar #4 Andres & Veronika End	International Latin - Rumba	\$10 each		
Total of single Dance Seminars purchased - please enter this total on the reverse side of this form under the heading "Individual Seminars Total." Tickets for dance seminars may also be purchased at the door.					<b>Total</b>	



# Margaritaville Resort Reservations:

Phone: 1-760-327-8311

Room Group Code for NSD : 2771375

Or Register Online at [SDSDwebsite.com](http://SDSDwebsite.com)

Look for: NSD Convention 2022

## MARGARITAVILLE

1600 N. Indian Canyon Dr  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Book by Aug 2nd for

**NSD rate**

Room: \$139 + tax  
+ Resort Fee: \$10



### GUEST AMENITIES: included in resort fee

- Two resort pools
- Island-inspired drink and dining outlets
- Fins Up! Fitness Center
- Self Parking
- Pet-friendly accommodations
- Complimentary Wi-Fi and unlimited toll free and local calls
- Complimentary in-room coffee and water bottles
- Bicycle Rental
- Business Center
- Golf Bag Storage
- Text Concierge Services

### VALET FEE: is \$18 and includes

- 24 hour service
- Unlimited in and out privileges
- Convenient and reliable service
- Vehicle Security