

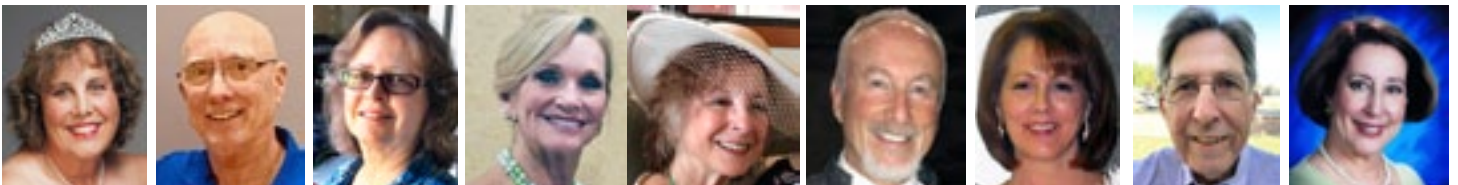
National Smooth Dancers
Dance Whispers
June 2023



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2023 Coronation Central: Fresno Coronation - June 17, 2023; Palomar Coronation - July 8, 2023; San Fernando Valley Chapter Coronation - November 4, 2023.

2023 Convention: Visalia State Convention: September 1-4, 2023



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Publishing Editor

Tom Wells

June 25, 2023

Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,

As we find summer upon us many of us begin to turn our attention to the annual Labor Day weekend NSD Dance Convention...particularly if you belong to Visalia Chapter, this year's hosts! For the rest of us, it is time to start sending in our registrations. You can find convention information on pp 14-16. You can also [Click Here](#) to find online information. At the convention it is customary to recognize a National Smooth Dancer member who has given above and beyond the chapter level to the NSD organization. On page 13 is a letter from the Gavel Club Chairman calling for nominations. Please take a look and if you have a member you believe should be recognized for their service, the deadline for nominations is August 1st.

We have had two coronations since our last issue: Golden Gate Chapter (pp2-3) and Fresno Chapter (pp4-5). Coming up next on July 8 is the Palomar Chapter coronation (pp7 & 12). [Click Here](#) to download the flyer and [Click Here](#) to make your hotel reservation online. You can get to know the Palomar Queen-elect by reading p7.

There are quite a few dances coming up. You will find all the flyers on pages 17-22. Many are patriotic themed, so time to pull out your summer red, white and blue attire!

We dance for the love of dance. I found it interesting how far we have come since that fateful day on Lick Pier in Santa Monica at the ballroom floor in 1937. The distressing spectacle of "Lindy Hop" dance trophies being given out. Oh my Lord, what is this world coming to?! From this experience National Smooth Dancers was created.

In this issue I read about Golden Gates's Boots & Bling with a country western theme (p2), Visalia getting in touch with their inner John Travolta during a disco themed dance (p8) and Los Angeles inviting an instructor to teach urban ballroom (p10). I found myself wondering what our predecessors might say?!!

There is plenty more to read about in this issue of the Dance Whispers. Sandy and I are going to be at the Palomar Coronation and at the Convention. Please consider joining us and send in your registrations

I look forward to seeing you on the dance floor soon. Until then,
Never Stop Dancing,

Tom Wells
Publishing Editor

Golden Gate's Boots & Bling Coronation 2023

April 15: Following GGSD's tradition, we held a luncheon honoring our incoming queen, Liz Talmadge, on the Saturday before her Coronation. This was splendidly coordinated and orchestrated by our Queen Coordinator, Amy Ansaldi at the home of our members Rita and Floyd Parma. The table was beautifully decorated in our incoming queen's theme of "Boots & Bling" and not a detail was missed! Dan & Amy included a great "Western" themed backdrop for photos and our brunch was created by our favorite caterers, Miguel & Angela! It was such a nice surprise to have Queen Maurine Brown join us as we haven't had the pleasure of her company for quite some time!

April 28 – 30: We headed to Crowne Plaza in Foster City to assist and be a part of the many moving parts that went into Queen Liz Talmadge's Coronation, and our Queen Coordinator, Amy Ansaldi, had everything under control! Those who appeared with willing hands were quickly put to work! The results were beautiful queen carry pieces, embellished programs and place cards for the visiting queens, and handmade boutonnieres for their escorts!

The Coronation was a lovely combination of traditional white dresses worn by visiting queens and a light denim dress sported by our Queen Liz, expertly custom made for her by Patrick Jude! That man is so talented! Read on to discover what else he created for this event!

Liz & Chuck's waltz was beautiful as they seemed to just float across the floor. In addition, Vera Harvey and John Ross performed a Country 2-Step for the Honor Dance. John is the best at choreographing, teaching, practicing, and performing!

For those of you who had the good fortune to be there, what on the tables stood out as amazing?

Yes, it was the centerpiece "Boots" expertly hand made by our own, Patrick Jude! He designed and created all of the center pieces! Wow! How does one man have so much talent? And he can dance!





Monthly Dances

May 14: Our monthly dance themed, “A Day at the Races” was a really fun event! Amy Ansaldi decorated our tables so elegantly for the theme! Many wore their “Kentucky Derby” style hats, and prizes were awarded! Our American Tango lesson by John Ross from Sonoma County had everyone on the floor and nobody sat down! It was apparent that everyone enjoyed his lesson and their dancing showed they learned what he had taught! Thank you to John and his assistant, Annie.

June 11: Our monthly dance themed, “Stepping with Style” was over the top in the decorations department! One of our regular dancers, Kay Rayzor and her friend Ronnie, decorated our tables and they were stunning! A slow and groovy Swing Lesson was taught by Peter Ng and one of his students. Peter always provides us with a fun and instructional lesson!

Other Events

May 21: The GGSD Membership Appreciation Brunch was held at The Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco; a great event, with 27 members in attendance. Our dance rules representative, Igor Tilinin, presented his award for “Most Inspirational” dancers to Dan & Amy Ansaldi. President Vera Harvey thanked each member individually and highlighted what was special about their contributions to the club.

June 17: Several of our members attended the Fresno coronation and thoroughly enjoyed the dancing, socializing, and the gorgeous decorations. Our very own Lynn Sanders and Jerry Bowes mesmerized the audience as they danced the Honor Dance, a beautiful Waltz to the romantic “Il Cielo Una Stanza”.

Upcoming GGSD Dances

July 9: Our July dance is themed, “Red, White, & Blue! Get ready for a great Bachata lesson taught by Melvin & Mila! This will be a lively lesson which you do not want to miss.

Queen Oralia Fowler; Glitz and Glamour Coronation 2023



Oh what a night ,the Coronation party was great starting with the Glitz and Glamour décor in the pink and black theme so many ladies wearing their beautiful gowns and all the handsome men wearing tux or suites, there was a bottle of chilled champagne at each table and wine we had a great steak dinner followed by an amazing array of deserts and candies for dessert and a coffee bar. The entertainment was awesome with a beautiful waltz performed by Lynn Sanders and Jerry Bowes. Nancy Cargill and Franco Peraza did a fun number to a Kick on The Head and let's not forget Queen Oralia's encore dance to Hello Dolly with her back up dancers Henry Wegermann Steve Garcia Jason Morales and her instructor Franco Peraza.

A very special thank you to all the Queens that were able to make it to this event and to all of the people that helped me prepare, my mentor Nancy Cargill, and Yvette Haworth Dianna Gonzales and so many more that helped in so many ways and of course to our President Carla Hartunian for her patience.

To think that the Smooth Dancers organization can bring so many people together from all over the state to enjoy a night of fun, dance, and entertainment makes me very proud to be the queen for 2023-2024

Until next time Getting to Know You

Queen Oralia Fowler

Fresno Chapter





FRESNO SMOOTH DANCERS NEWS

Fresno Smooth Dancer's Coronation of "Glitz and Glamour" was a huge success. 120 ballroom dancers watched Queen Oralia Fowler be crowned by outgoing Queen Nancy Cargill. The coronation was held at Holy Trinity Churches elegant Social Hall. Queen Oralia made sure every table was decorated with tall black vases with pink flower and feathers. Oralia's Queen chair was large in grandeur to match her personality. The escorts were seen by everyone as they sat up tall, in black bar stools. Our queen made sure every table had its own bucket of cold Pink Champagne. There were two large tables of deserts and a coffee bar for everyone to enjoy. The dessert tables kept changing through-out the evening. Queen Oralia made sure every woman who attended the coronation received a long stem pink rose. At the end of the evening each guest received a small bottle of champagne with a heart bottle stopper as a remembrance and thank you from our Queen Oralia.

The entrainment for the whole evening was amazing. First, the Queen's honor dance was performed by Lynn Sanders and Jerry Bowes. They danced a Romanic Waltz which showed their love for each other. After dinner, Queen Oralia's encore performance was, "Hello Dolly". Four Handsome men; Franco Peraza, Henry Wegermann, Steve Garcia and Jason Morales danced with Queen Oralia. This dance demonstrates Oralia's love of performing. She is our own Fresno's SD Dolly. Queen Nancy Cargill and Franko Paraza performed the final dance to the song "Let Us Entertain You and Let Us Make You Smile." This was an evening to remember.

Fresno has a tradition that the out going queen write a poem about their year as Queen. Here is Queen Nancy Cargill poem.

My Memories' Poem By Retired Queen Nancy Cargill

The Mums were white, The Dendrobiums blue

At my Memories' Coronation o,f June 2022.

The evening was beautiful

From beginning to end

As my reign as queen

Was about to begin.

My first coronation was a trip to Palomar.
With Yvette as my guide, the ride didn't seem far.
That evening Queen Antonia floated in on gossamer wings
Elegant, graceful, a beloved butterfly queen.
At Convention, Queen Lou marched
in to the Star Wars theme.
Small but mighty, she was crowned our new State Queen.
For the queen's dance, this tiny Queen Lou,
danced her dance, with not one man, but two.
Our next stop was San Fernando to a Victorian theme.
Queen Loretta looked like a vision in a beautiful dream.
She always has a smile that lights up the room,
Especially when she looks at James, her loving groom.
The Los Angeles Chapter had multiple queens.
Debby, Francy, Sandy and Susan who
were all dressed in a black and white theme.
Black and white is always a class act
And they once again proved it, and that is a fact.
San Diego was next to which Yvette, Oralia and I went
To Queen Lucie's pretty in pink coronation event.
When she danced, she whirled and
twirled and flew through the air
And she floated down like she hadn't a care.
Now it's the end of March and time for Bakersfield Boards
Always one of my favorites, and not to be ignored.
I have known her for years, so I will share this with you,
Like the colors of her pallet, she is beautiful and true.
She's a classy lady, that Queen Jeanette, so
I say with certainty, it's about time a
crown and her lovely head met.
Golden Gate, well drats, I wasn't able to go
Because I had no vaccine to show.
And Visalia, what? No coronation?
Well that is almost an abomination.
And now that my reign has come to an end
I want to tell you all, my dance family and friends,
Even though my reign is now through,
I will always cherish my memories with YOU.



PALOMAR SMOOTH DANCERS NEWS:

We would like to present our new Queen-Elect Carol Kimmitt! We are all looking for to her Coronation:

Date: Saturday, July 8, 2023
Place: Ocean Hills Country Club
4600 Leisure Village Way
Oceanside, CA. 92056

Hospitality: 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Coronation: 6:30 PM (Doors open at 6:00 PM)



Queen-Elect Carol Kimmitt

Let's learn a little bit about our future Queen! In her own words:

"I am honored to represent The Palomar Smooth Dancers this year as Queen and hope that I do the position justice. Thank you for all your support and kindness!

I was raised on a family farm 2 miles from the rural town of Highland, Illinois. My 6 siblings (1 brother, 5 sisters) and I grew up with vista of acres of wheat, corn & beans, and the sounds of chickens, pigs, cows & sheep.

The first exposure I had to any Ballroom Dancing was at local wedding dances. In our community wedding dances were large affairs, often open to the public. My first teacher was my father who patiently took me out on the floor for a Waltz. I loved moving to the music. As kids we danced our own version of the "jitterbug" and the Polka (German influence was strong in our community).

My husband Kelly and I met in college, fell in love, got married, and started a family. We have five children, Michael, Kristina, Meagan, Theresa & Ian. Each one is completely unique and amazing. It's been an incredible journey watching them grow. Now we have 5 grandchildren, Ben, Archer, Declan, Tony & Arthur.

When the kids were small there was no time or energy for dancing, but as they got older things changed. Eventually we decided to take Ballroom Dance classes at a local park. We thought in 6 weeks we would learn pretty much all we would need to know. What we learned was that we really loved to dance. A lot. Those 6 weeks were followed by another 6 weeks and another, and so it went.

In 2011 Kelly & I followed two of our adult children to Southern California. Here we encountered Palomar Smooth Dancers. In the club I found friendship and support. And, more dance lessons! I have learned so much from these caring and devoted people. Going one step further, Kelly & I started individual dance instructions from Carrie Kloss. I could never thank her enough for her patience & generosity of knowledge and for her example. Thank you, Carrie.

Through dancing I have found a way to express myself with motion, to communicate (argue?) better with my partner, to feel the music, to be with friends & to have fun in a way that is healthy & rich. I truly hope I can return some of the gift that Palomar Smooth Dancers have given me. I will do my best to represent you all well this year!"

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT! Last year we welcomed new member Stephanie Cashion to our club. In the same year she "stepped up to the plate" and accepted the position



as our Recording Secretary! Stephanie is a native of Encinitas! Her parents were Swing Dancers so it was in her blood! Her mother also taught dance lessons at the Army/Navy Academy in San Diego. Stephanie began her Ballroom dancing path while dancing at Belly-Up Tavern, Salona beach, where she met her friend & partner, Eddie Rodriguez, then on to Fred Astaire Dance Studios. From

there Eddie suggested they attend Palomar's Monday night dance lessons. They loved it and immediately joined the club. Eventually it all led to discovering our Monday night dance lessons and she immediately joined. Stephanie has worked in the Skin Care Sales & Training industry to upscale resorts in California, Hawaii, Arizona, New Mexico & Las Vegas. Other hobbies include, gardening, raising her chickens and she even belongs to the "SOCAL Boogie Board Club"! We welcome you and all your talents to Palomar Smooth Dancers.

Palomar's monthly socials for April and May were so much FUN! Our music maestro, Mike Cowlshaw & his "side-kick" Geneva Cowlshaw, guided us through both dances with their music, thank you Mike & Geneva! We had a perfect East Coast Swing performance by our Monday night Intermediate Dance Class during our April social choreographed & taught by Carri Kloss. For May we were blessed with a full house of dancers, including visitors from San Diego, Greg, Nick, Alicia & Muying.



[Click Here for the Coronation Registration](#)

[Click Here for Hotel Reservations](#)



Disco dancers channel John Travolta in Visalia

Clothing to match the theme of each dance has been making our monthly dances in Visalia even more fun than they already are – just look at the photos.



Disco dance night in June brought out the bell bottoms and wigs as everyone tried to channel the 1970s, and it wasn't that hard because many of our members actually lived through the era. There was a best dressed contest and all the finalists looked fabulous in their choice of costume, but to no one's surprise Somjai Cochran took first place.

It was an extra fun event because committee chair Amanda Guajardo taught a line dance that incorporated one of John Travolta's classic moves. Well done, Amanda!

"Amanda and the crew were really on top of it," said Tim Inouye, club president.

Attendance was excellent with 50 people signing in.

For May, the Roaring 20s was the theme and judging by all the flapper dresses that night, they are a closet essential. The guys sported their own great stylin' with their hats and vests.



Next up: The luau dance in July, providing yet another opportunity to dress for the occasion.

Visalia Smooth Dancers prepare for annual NSD convention

Visalia Smooth Dancers is hosting the National Smooth Dancers convention over Labor Day weekend in Visalia. The theme is NSD Goes to the Movies!

The main thing is to register for the convention, and it pays to register early because there's a nice discount for registering by July 15. The registration form is at the NSD website, and you can register entirely online. Payment can be made through PayPal.

The convention will be held at the Wyndham Visalia hotel. Visalia is between Fresno and Bakersfield. By the way, the room rate is \$99 a night which is excellent.

There's going to be dance competitions at the convention, Linda and John Gutierrez are in charge of that. Thank you, John and Linda!

Lots of activity is going on behind the scenes, including lots of dance rehearsals. It's going to be a blast.

Our own Myra Nielsen to be state queen

Visalia's Myra Nielsen will be crowned state queen in September at the convention.

Visalia shops for new sound system

Greg Uichanco and Tim Inouye took on the task of shopping for a new sound system and ultimately chose an Electro-Voice portable column system. Instead of those big heavy speakers there's a couple of skinny towers that weigh a lot less and are easier to move around.

"We will be trying it out at the next dance social," Inouye said. Rock on!

Having fun at Fresno's coronation

Several members of Visalia Smooth Dancers attended Fresno Smooth Dancer's coronation ball in June. Excellent food, lots of dancing, great entertainment and everyone being so elegantly dressed made for a memorable event. Thank you, Fresno.



New member

Robert "Bob" Leger is our new member who joined in May. He's married to lifetime member Diane Sellers. Welcome Bob!



San Fernando Valley Smooth Dancers News:

Smooth Dancers of the San Fernando Valley holds dances in Van Nuys on the first Saturday of the month. Our next dance is Saturday July 1st from 7:30-10:00 PM. The theme is “Celebrate What We Have” dance. Dances are \$15 members and \$20 non-members with Munchies, and Beverages Included. So dress up in your favorite 4th of July outfits and join us on the dance floor for a wonderful evening of ballroom dancing with the stylings of DJ Tom Mendola, doing a variety of Ballroom, Swing and Nightclub styles and Mixers.

On November the 4th we will hold the Coronation for the new Queen Elect Regina Chinweze at the La Canada Country Club. We look forward to seeing as many of our Smooth Dancer Members in attendance as possible. Stay tuned for more information.

On June 16-18, Queen Loretta and I were lucky enough to attend the Coronation of the Fresno Chapters new Queen Oralia Fowler. Queen Oralia went all out with her amazing decorations and style and I’m including a few photos that barely do it justice. This vibrant, energetic and talented Queen amazed everyone with her pink, black, and silver Feathered Table decoration layout and theme. The dessert table was unbelievable with more choices to spoil any sweet toothed fanatic, and the wines and Champagne capped an extremely lovely evening. Joining us at the Coronation were our Queen Elect Regina Chinweze and Past Queen and Social Chair Rachel Seward.

Also be sure and add to your calendar the NSD Convention from 1-4 September in Visalia, CA. It’s a party weekend! Please go to our website: nsdsfv.org for more information and all the details of this and all current events.

Club News! We SFV Smooth Dancers officers are excited about several matters.

1. Our June dance yielded our best profit since the start of the pandemic. The fact that we are still running at a loss to cover our non-dance costs is being addressed. But we are optimistic that the dance revenues will improve enough to cover some of those annual expenses too.

2. Our Visalia Convention Showcase is making great strides under the fabulous direction of producer, Leanne Wong. It will tickle your fancy– AND your funny bone so don’t miss it!

3. We are trying a new host idea for this year’s convention. Instead of the club paying for a host, we will be asking all ladies who wish to share him to split the cost of his hotel & package costs. Visalia has offered a reduced price so that helps the budget a bit. Our host will be an amateur and will not get paid. Last year we had no single leaders sign up from our club so we hope this will help out the situation.



Updates for Los Angeles Chapter

It is time for the joke of the day. Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon? It had great food but no atmosphere.

This is one outlet a retired person has, Jokes on the internet ups!! Cat pictures too... But we at NSD have our dancing shoes and so many venues to exhibit our moves.



Our May Flowers tea dance introduced us to urban ballroom taught by Hip Lui. Hip brought several of his students and we set aside an hour at the end of the dance for this lesson on Urban Ballroom. It was fun and not too complicated. Urban Ballroom is built around the Cha Cha rhythm but with a smooth style rather than a Latin style. Robert and Francy Quan have expanded our consciousness into other dancing teachers. Dance is one of the things we spend a lot of time doing. We love to explore at LANSD.

Our Queens have been visiting other chapters. Chuck and Queen Susan Johnson have enjoyed the hospitality at Golden Gate.

Victor Lee and Queen Debby Ku with Robert and Queen Francy Quan, frolic in Fresno and stayed out of trouble or at least it wasn't reported to this editor.



Tom and Queen Sandy Wells will be in Palomar in July. I am looking forward to the ambience there to move my feet to dance more...

For those who have contacted us, our Facebook group page has not been hacked, cloned or compromised in any way. We are working on launching a Los Angeles Smooth Dancers Facebook business page and did not want to cause a confusion between the group and business pages. Our group page is now called Friends of Los Angeles Smooth Dancers. Please like and follow our business page when you receive an invitation!

Speaking of Tea dancing at the iconic Garibaldina, the Hall made the front page of the LA times, June 23rd edition. Wowza!! The journalist loved us. Of course, It's Italian. Many of the NSD family have experienced the warmth of the Garibaldina via food, music and our 2000 sq foot wooden dance floor. July 30 is our next tea dance. What is LA doing at this venue?? Well, you have to come on down to see what's on our agenda. Ta Ta for now..SSW

Los Angeles Smooth Dancers

2023 Sunday Tea Dance Schedule

- 6/25/2023
- 7/30/2023
- 8/27/2023
- 9/24/2023
- 10/29/2023
- 11/19/2023
- 12/17/2023



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Bakersfield Smooth Dancers Friday Night at The Grange



On May 19th The Fairfax Grange hosted the first ever Rancho Round-Up featuring the Soda Crackers. The Fairfax Grange is the venue our club utilizes for our weekly dance lessons and Friday night social dances. Being able to host these events helps to provide our club the ability to maintain this facility. The Grange has a wonderful dance floor, giving us plenty of room to dance the night away.

The attendance that night was amazing and everyone seemed to be having a great time! Our member, James Schmitz made the following comment.

“A very special audience of all ages. The small kids got up on the dance floor to dance by themselves. the teenagers felt the glow and wonderment of a great Country and Western Band, some of them dancing for the first time, the regular dancers showed off some of their fancy steps, and the beautiful folks of an earlier generation could set back and let all their precious memories live again. It doesn't get much better than it did Friday night, May 19, 2023 at the Fairfax No 570 Grange. Very thankful to all who had a hand in making this happen! Blessings!



As a reminder, we have dances at the Grange every Friday night. We would love to see more of our members take advantage of this opportunity to practice what we learn in the Tuesday night lessons.

Travel to Fresno

Debi Cadena joined Visalia and Fresno Smooth Dancers at a dance workshop taught by Amanda Hanes. Thank you Queen Nancy for arranging this wonderful workshop.

Golden Gate Coronation

Queen Jeanette Steck and her husband Steve Rogers were honored to represent Bakersfield at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth Talmadge.

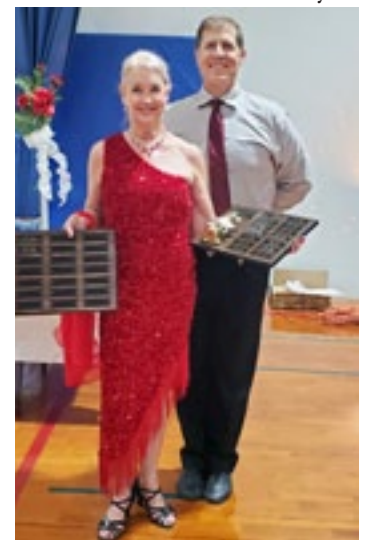
A Celebration of Queens

Each year at our monthly May dance we honor all past and current Queens of the Bakersfield Chapter. We are so thankful to them for all they do to represent Bakersfield.

This year we had eleven Queens in attendance. Our new Queen, Jeanette was presented with the Queens Perpetual Trophy.



At the May dance we also present the Gretchen Garrison award to a member that goes above and beyond in service to the club. This year the award was given to Kay Boyer. Kay has served in many capacities and is always there to help and support the Smooth Dancers. Thank you



There's Magic in the Air

Palomar Smooth Dancers cordially invites you
to our Coronation Ball honoring

Queen-Elect

Carol Kimmitt

Saturday, July 8, 2023

Ocean Hills Country Club

4701 Leisure Village Way

Oceanside, 92056

Guest parking located
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Dinner/Dancing 6pm - 10pm

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Sunday July 9 at 9am

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Kindly RSVP by July 1, 2023. Checks payable to "Palomar Smooth Dancers"

Please send checks to Penny Elliot, 627 Silverwood Street, Oceanside, CA 92058-1683

Name _____ # _____ Coronation \$65. \$ _____

Buffet Dinner Choice: Beef tips/chicken _____ or Vegetarian Stuffed Portabella _____

Chapter _____ Phone _____ # _____ Breakfast \$15. \$ _____

Email _____ Total Due. \$ _____

Please indicate any food allergies on the back of this registration. We will do our best to oblige.

NATIONAL SMOOTH DANCERS, INC.
GAVEL CLUB
2023

Dear Fellow NSD Members,

In preparation for the 2023 "NSD Goes to the Movies" State Convention hosted by the Visalia Chapter, I am writing this letter to remind you that nominations for the 2023 Gavel Club Award are now open.

What is the Gavel Club Award: The Gavel Club Award is the highest honor bestowed on a member of the National Smooth Dancers.

What is the Gavel Club: The Gavel Club, made up of all past and current Presidents, is the body that recognizes and rewards outstanding and exemplary service.

Who can be nominated: To be nominated for this high honor, an individual must be a member in good standing and have performed Outstanding service for the National Smooth Dancers Organization at both the Chapter and National levels. The ordinary functions that many perform, while not unimportant are not the criteria for nominating an individual for the Gavel Club Award. The Gavel Club is searching for that exceptional member who is dedicated to the ideals and traditions of NSD and does not recognize chapter boundaries.

How to nominate someone: Nomination letters must contain a description of the qualifications that the nominee possesses. Due to a rule change passed at the 1997 State Convention, only an individual may be nominated (Nominations made for joint candidates are no longer accepted). Any member of the National Smooth Dancers may nominate an individual for the Gavel Club Award. Additionally nominees do not need to be from your own Chapter-feel free to nominate any individual from any of the 8 NSD Chapters whom you feel deserves this recognition. The name of one nominee from 2022, Ben Wilson-Bakersfield Chapter, has been carried over and is in consideration along with any new nominations.

When are nominations due: Nomination letters for the 2023 NSD State Convention Gavel Club Award, must be received by August 1st, 2023. Please email them to me at daniel.ansaldi@yahoo.com (preferred method) or mail them to the street address below. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Convention!

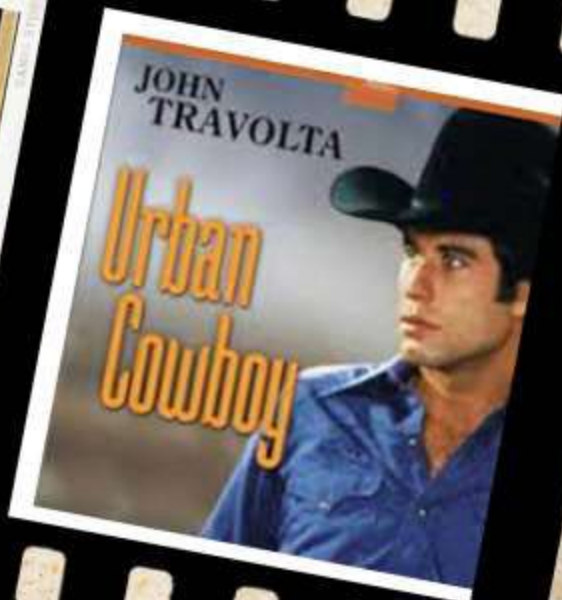
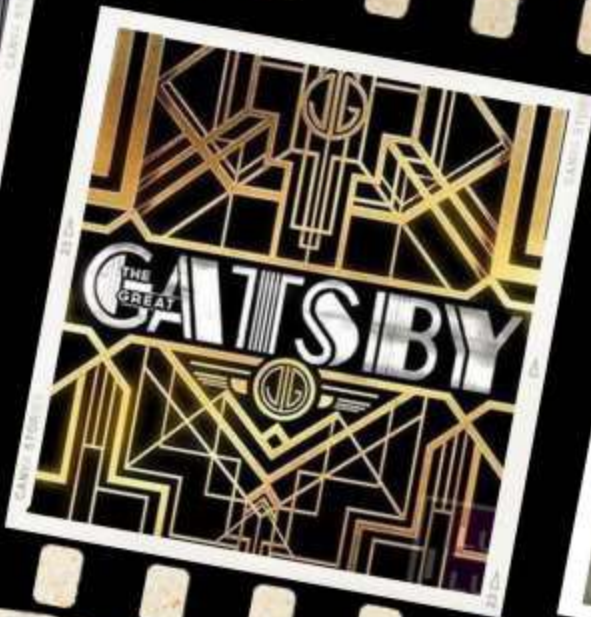
Sincerely,



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Sept. 1-4, 2023

Package & Ticket Registration

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Email _____ Email _____

Chapter _____ Chapter _____

Phone Number _____

Your Choice:

_____ Full Package @ \$265.00 each (285.00 if paid after 7/15) \$ _____

Full Package includes: Friday Evening Dance, Saturday Afternoon Dance, Saturday Evening Coronation Dinner and Formal Dance, Sunday Afternoon Dance, Sunday Evening Dance, and Monday Morning Breakfast and Awards Presentation.

_____ Saturday Gavel Club Luncheon @ \$45.00 \$ _____

_____ Sunday Crown Circle Luncheon @ \$45.00 \$ _____

_____ Dance Seminar (Saturday) (Sunday) \$5.00 ea. \$ _____

_____ Sunday Night Dinner (Not included in Package) \$ 40.00 \$ _____

_____ Friday Dance only \$ 45.00 \$ _____

_____ Saturday Afternoon Dance only \$ 40.00 \$ _____

_____ Saturday Coronation and Dinner Dance only \$105.00 \$ _____

_____ Sunday Afternoon Dance only \$ 40.00 \$ _____

_____ Sunday Evening Dance only \$ 45.00 \$ _____

_____ Monday Morning Buffet Breakfast & Awards only \$ 45.00 \$ _____

_____ 2023 Printed State Roster \$10.00 \$ _____

_____ Want to use PayPal (5.00) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

The Crown Circle Luncheon is open to all Queens from all chapters.

Gavel Club is composed of present and past Chapter Presidents.

Saturday Coronation Dinner Choice:

Filet Mignon _____ (G/L) Pacific Salmon _____(G/L) Lasagna W/Veggies _____(G/L)

Sunday Night Dinner Choice: (note: not included in package)

Lemon Pepper Chicken _____ Pork Loin _____ Mindful Chik'n & Mushroom _____
(Vegetarian dish)

Deadline for Package plan is 7/15/2023 to be eligible for the **free package** drawing for Convention 2023. Please note that NO package or dinner dance tickets will be available after 8/15/2023 due to hotel's contract. After 8/15/2023, meals will be deducted from any refunds.

Make checks payable to Visalia Smooth Dancers and mail to Margaret Moholt, 2118 Anthony Ct., Visalia, CA 93277

All dances, meetings, and meals shown on the registration page will be held at the Visalia Wyndham Hotel.

Hotel Reservations: The Wyndham Hotel, 9000 W. Airport Dr., Visalia, CA

Telephone (559) 651-5000

Group code: 090123VIS

GOLDEN GATE SMOOTH DANCERS, INC. PRESENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 9TH 2023

"RED, WHITE & BLUE"

AFTERNOON DANCE

South San Francisco Municipal Building, 33 Arroyo Drive, South San Francisco



\$25.00 Admission includes

- 1:30 – 2:30 PM.....Bachata Lesson by Melvin & Mila
- 2:30 PM.....Refreshments following dance lesson
- 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM.....Open dancing to CD music

Make reservations at: [goldengatedancers.org](https://www.goldengatedancers.org) before 4:30 PM, July 5th.

Walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

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

Make checks payable to Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, Inc. & mail to: 3171 Susan Dr, San Bruno, CA 94066

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San Fernando Valley Smooth Dancers

Saturday,
July 1, 2023
7:30-10:00PM



Celebrate

What



We Have

Get these dance dates
on your calendar!

August 5
CONVENTION
Starting Sept 1

Hollywood Academy of Dance



Enter at the front door on
Van Nuys Blvd or the rear
of the building under the
blue awning, watching out
for the raised gate track.

Music
DJ - Tom Mendola

All Ballroom, Swing
and Nightclub styles
Mixers

Schedule
Doors Open 7:30PM
Dancing 7:30-10:00PM

For free parking use the street,
especially Van Nuys Blvd, and
the back of the Wells Fargo lot.

Members \$15, Non-Members \$20
Munchies, beverages included.


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



San Diego Smooth Dancers

INDEPENDENCE DAY DANCE




 July 1st 7:00pm-9:30pm

 Music by Greg Alexander

 \$20 (NSD Members \$15)

 Dress: Red-White-Blue

 Food: Fried Chicken,
Potatoes, Apple Pies,
Blueberry Pies, mini
Croissants, Fruit,
Veggies, Cookies, Water
& Lemonade. The works!

Champion Ballroom Academy
4255 Ruffin Rd., #200
San Diego, CA 92123



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Prizes for Best
Dressed!

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH

6:30PM-10:30PM

EXETER MEMORIAL BUILDING 324 N KAWEAH AVE, EXETER

- Dinner will be provided.
- Dance lesson included.
- Photo Booth

Members: \$15

Non Members: \$20

*Everyone will receive a FREE Raffle
Ticket w/ admission*

For more information or to RSVP: (559) 936-6897

Dance Committee: Craig McNeilly, Linda Gutierrez, Carolyn Richards, Karl Richards, Somjai Cochran, Amanda Guajardo

The Garibaldina Presents

Hosted by the
Los Angeles National Smooth Dancers



Sunday Ballroom Tea Dance



Sunday, July 30th
1:00 - 4:00pm

Dance Lesson at 1:30pm

The Garibaldina M.B. Italian Society Hall
4533 N. Figueroa St.
Los Angeles, CA 90065

\$12 - NSD and Garibaldina Members

\$18 - Non-Member Guests

Light Refreshments Served

Foxtrot Dance Lesson by Elliot Christian

Music by Robert Quan

Dance
with your
heart
and your feet
will follow
♥

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Contact Judy at 818.378.4055 or email heyjude91202@yahoo.com.

For further information, please contact Francy at LosAngelesSmoothDancers@gmail.com or call 626.725.4185 (leave message).

Pre-pay thru PayPal at:

losangelessmoothdancers.com

or pay at door, cash only (no credit cards); tables for parties of 6 or more may be reserved by e-mailing LosAngelesSmoothDancers@gmail.com