

National Smooth Dancers
Dance Whispers
June 2024

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2024 Coronation Central: Palomar State Convention and Coronation: August 30 - September 2, 2024, San Fernando Valley Coronation - November 2, 2024.

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Publishing Editor **Carl Chesbrough**

Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,

As I prepare my second Dance Whispers, I have made improvements to the process to improve based on feedback from my first publication. Be sure to check out the pictures that should have been included in the April edition that I missed in putting together the publication. I have updated the instructions to the chapter editors to help me as I add as many pictures as I can, without greatly increasing the number of pages in the publication.

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Make sure to check out the Gavel Club letter from the Chairman, Dan Ansaldi. The nominations for the 2024 Gavel Club Award are open. The letter includes information about the Gavel Club, who can be nominated, and how to make a nominations.

Continuing from last month, more about your publishing editor: After Elizabeth and I joined the Golden Gate Chapter in March 2011, we were asked about attending state events, as well as Elizabeth being queen. With kids in high school, we were not able to attend the state events. However, in 2013, we checked our youngest into her dorm, then the next weekend, we were in Visalia for our first NSD State Convention. We have been attending both the state conventions and Bakersfield Boards Weekend ever since.

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I hope to see you on the dance floor soon, and remember Never Stop Dancing.

-Carl Chesbrough, Publishing Editor.



Fresno Coronation: June 1, 2024 "Wild & Glam"

What an incredible celebration of Wild and Glam, as the guests arrived at the venue, they were greeted by a huge glam picture of me, Queen Oralia and a tiger rug that set the mood and helped each guest see what was to be expected next. Every guest entered the room to the sounds of the wild jungle music. The stage was beautifully decorated with lions, elephants, cheetah's, zebras and tigers and more lions were on the sides of the stage, surrounded by plants. Each table followed the "wild" motif which had some beautiful zebra, and giraffe masks, with feathers surrounded by different animal figurines. Every black napkin had a necklace or bracelet on them for each guest to take as a souvenir. Every table had a cold bucket of champagne for all to enjoy.



The ceremony started with the queens walking in to the song "The Lion Sleeps Tonight", when Queen Oralia was escorted on to the floor by her grandson and great grandson the music change to "The Circle of Life." Queen Oralia was crowned by one of the longest Fresno Chapter members, Queen Kathy Sachse who was escorted by another long-time member Henry Wegermann.

Soon after, Queen Oralia and her instructor Tom Hicks performed a beautiful waltz. Then the president of the Golden Gate chapter, Amy Ansaldi and her husband Dan danced an amazing performance to the song, "Wild" by John Legend that incorporated seven different styles of dance.

After the coronation ceremony was over, a delicious steak and baked potato dinner was served. Everyone enjoyed the two dessert tables which had an array of different goodies for all of us to eat, including an open coffee bar.



After dinner, Queen Oralia's encore performance was with her teacher, Tom Hicks, Jason Morelos and Joaquin Torres to the song "Diamonds are a Girls Best Friend". This dance shows how much I love to perform.

State Queen Myra and her husband Shane Neilson performed a Fred & Ginger style dance to "Cheek to Cheek". We all ended the night with a surprise performance from Oralia's great grandson Isiah Thompson who danced for us the Michael Jackson song "Billie Jean". All of that fun finally came to an end. A special, thank you goes out to all of you that attended my coronation. How can I begin to thank our friends from the Visalia chapter; Carol and David Bixler and Myra and Shane Neilson who were the only ones that showed up to help with the set up for this event and thanks to all the people that helped with the tear down, I really appreciate all your help.

Getting to know you, *Queen Oralia Fowler*





Fresno Smooth Dancers News

Queen Oralia's repeat performance: Fresno coronation of "Wild and Glam" was a huge success. over 100 Ballroom dancers watched Queen Oralia be crown by Kathy Sachse, she was our State Queen in 1993. The coronation was held at Holy Trinity Armenian Churches elegant Social Hall. Queen Oralia made sure every table was decorated with gold tall vases filled with feathers and two zebra's heads looking at you and a selection of wild animals of all species surrounding each vase. The stage looked like a photograph of Out of Africa. The entire room looked elegant and simply beautiful. Oralia's white queens chair was large in grandeur to match her personality. The escorts were seen be everyone as they sat up tall, in animal-print bar stools. Our queen made sure every table had a bucket of cold champagne. There were two large tables filled with deserts and a coffee bar for everyone to enjoy. The entertainment for the whole evening was spectacular. First, the honor dance was performed by Amy & Dan Ansaldi from the G.G, Chapter. They incorporated elements from seven different dances and danced to the song "Wild" by John Legend. After dinner, Queen Oralia's encore performance was "Diamonds are a Girls Best Friend". Three handsome men, Tom Hicks, Jason Morales and Joaquin Torres danced with Queen

Oralia. This dance demonstrates Oralia's love of performing. State Queen Myra and Shane Nielson performed Check to Check the Fred and Ginger style as requested by Queen Oralia. Finally at the very end of the evening, Queen Oralia's grandson, Isiah Thompson surprised his grandmother with a Michael Jackson impersonation dance to Billy Jean. The crowd went wild. This was another amazing and unforgettable coronation. Thank you to all the members of other chapter that attended our Wild & Glam Coronation.

Fresno's next dance will be July 17, 2024 at the Clovis Senior center. The theme is All American, The Red White and Blue Dance. Tom Hicks will be come all the way from LA to teach a lesson in Rumba. Make sure you attend this Fresno Third Sunday Dance, you don't want to miss it.



Palomar Smooth Dancers News

Palomar's Queen-Elect Deborah Atherton



*Queen-Elect
Debbie Atherton*

Our coronation this year will be a grand affair, and I would like to introduce our new State Queen-Elect Debbie Atherton, who will be crowned during our convention on Saturday, August 31st, at the Wyndham Hotel Ballroom, 6:00PM - 11:00PM.

The hotel is right on the Bay at 1355 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, Ca 92101. Please see our flier - attached - for more information. Debbie's theme for the evening is a 'Victorian Night at the Del', her colors are regally purple and gold. The Honor Dance will be performed by Steve and Rose Peterson from the Bakersfield Chapter.

Queen Elect Debbie is a native Californian, born in Santa Monica, raised three daughters and has four grandchildren. When Debbie moved from Pasadena down to Fallbrook in 2010, she met Don Hubbard at the Fallbrook Senior Center. He introduced her to

Palomar Smooth Dancers and her passion for ballroom dancing began.

Debbie loves to go hiking, cooking, traveling and also eating Sushi. She has a large garden plot at her home where she grows both flowers and all kinds of vegetables etc. Obviously has a green thumb and probably talks to her plants.

Debbie will be a very special Queen for our Palomar Chapter, both charming and beautiful.

Visalia Coronation



*President Penny
Elliott and Queen
Jeannette Steck*

Eleven Palomar Smooth Dancers members attended the Visalia Coronation and said they had a blast. Below are a couple of pictures from that fun weekend.



Palomar members having fun at Visalia

(more) Palomar Smooth Dancers News

Fresno Coronation

Nine Palomar Members attended Fresno. The theme of the Fresno Coronation was "Wild and Glam" and aptly celebrated through the coronation of Queen Oralia. The 'Glam' continued through the night, with the 'Wild' highlighted by her great grandson's rendition of Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean" Great Moonwalk! The Dessert Bar added a special touch to the evening's meal. What fun.



Our Social Dance held on May 26th had a Flowers Theme. Many of our lady dancers sported floral outfits and even a few of the guys wore floral shirts. 63 dancers attended and had a great time. The highlight of the evening was a mock competition, brilliantly organized by Mark Chapman, for our Beginner/Intermediate and more experienced dancers performing the Waltz and Cha Cha. This was a first experience of competition for most of the Beginner/Intermediate dancers and they performed splendidly.

The Mock Dance competition was divided into two groups with the more experienced dancers dancing first. Results as follows...

Waltz group A:

First Place: Michael Cowlshaw and Ji Kenworthy
Second: Robert Goniprow and Corrie McLaughlin
Third Place: Danny Caraza and Iara Gregory

Waltz group B:

First Place: Jesus and Antonia Quinene
Second Place: Bill Fujikawa and Ann Mauro
Third Place: Paul and Concepcion Richter

Cha Cha group A:

First Place: Michael Cowlshaw and Ji Kenworthy
Second Place: Danny Caraza and Stephanie Cashion
Third Place: Kelly and Carol Kimmitt

Cha Cha group B:

First Place: Jesus and Antonia Quinene
Second Place: Roger Sokoloff and Marylea Toher
Third Place: Penny Elliott and Alicia Sanchez



Mock Competition Winners

2024 NSD CONVENTION
hosted by the Palomar Chapter

Holiday on the Bay

Labor Day Weekend
August 30 - September 2

Wyndham Bayside Hotel
1355 N. Harbor Drive
San Diego 92101

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 dances will be JULY 06, 2024, and AUG 03, 2024. Doors open at 7:00 PM with dancing until 10:30 PM. Our dances are held at the Hollywood Academy of Dance located at 6732 Van Nuys Blvd. Van Nuys. \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. We offer a FREE group lesson from 7:30-8:00 PM, and open dancing from 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM, with TWO bus-stop mixers to meet new friends.

In July, with DJ Tom Mendola spinning the tunes, dress in your favorite Patriotic Inspired attire !! Our Dance Lesson will be a Foxtrot by David & Lily Moutrey.

In Aug, with DJ James Woo mixing it up, it's time to celebrate Summer, and wear your favorite summer attire! David & Lily will be back on the floor to teach a Tango.

Please go to our website at nsdsfv.org for all the information of all our upcoming events! Our amazing webmaster, Bill Steeber, has all the latest info, flyers, calendar events and everything you need to know about the San Fernando Smooth Dancers.

Queen's Report

Over the past two weeks, I had the honor and pleasure of representing our SFV Dance Club at two memorable NSD coronation events. Here's a brief summary of my experiences:

1. Coronation of Queen Margaret Moholt, Visalia Smooth Dancers, was held on May 18, 2024. My escort was Steve Moore, with the theme of "Friendship and Dancing, a Perfect Duet"

Queen Margaret is a dedicated 30-year member, and expressed heartfelt gratitude to her chapter for their unwavering support, especially following the loss of her husband. The ceremony was profoundly emotional, with few dry eyes during the reading of Queen Margaret's Biography.

A touching moment was Queen Margaret's dance with her daughter, who learned ballroom dancing in



just six weeks to be her partner.

The Honor Dance was performed by Shane and Myra Nielson, and the entertainment featured Lynn Sanders and Jerry Bowes.

2. Coronation of Queen Oralía Fowler, Fresno Smooth Dancers was held on June 1, 2024. My Escort was Franco Peraza, with the theme of "Wild and Glam".

The night was filled with vibrant animal print fashions, abundant food, and exciting raffles, with many attendees winning gifts.

Queen Oralía's encore dance post-dinner was a highlight, showcasing her enthusiasm and love for her role. The Honor Dance featured Dan and Amy Ansaldi performing a fusion of seven dances to "Wild, wild, wild," and Shane and Myra charmed us with a Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers Foxtrot to "Cheek to Cheek."



Reflections:

Representing our chapter at these coronations has been an enriching experience, allowing me to connect with NSD members from other chapters and learn more about their activities. I noticed the strong representation from other chapters, with at least four representatives from each, unlike our SFV chapter.

The camaraderie, support, and friendliness at these events have been truly inspiring. I look forward to continuing to represent our chapter and encourage more members to join in these wonderful events to strengthen our connections within the NSD community.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my experiences.

Submitted by SFV *Queen Regina*



SFV Member travels to Norway to support USA Team in International Competition

SFV Member Mark Emanuelli traveled to Bodo, Norway, to support the FIRST Lego League team 1711, the Vincent Van Gogh Bots, in their journey to represent California and the United States at the FIRST Scandinavia OEC (European Open Championships). Mark helps mentor this team in their research, development, build, and programming of the robots, and development of their STEM research projects, and coaching them to perform to their limits during FIRST competitions in California.



Team 1711 created a phone application “Mysterious Entertainment” to allow people to explore hobbies where things are created, available now on the Apple Store. Inspired by the interactive Van Gogh exhibit, the team made their robot into color-themed represen-



tations of Van Gogh’s artwork. In addition, they created 3-D styled posters instead of simply pasting pictures to the boards. Their boards earned them special praise by the judges, who acknowledged that this was a tribute to the students’ hard work. The team also scored 455 out of a possible 550 points in the Robot Game - placing them in 22nd position in this event.

AND - Mark got to meet their emcee - “PK” who did a fantastic job with the opening and closing ceremonies.

– Submitted by *Mark Emanuelli*

Club News! We SFV Smooth Dancers officers are interested in our members and want to hear from you about events you’re up to that you can share with other dancers about interesting travel locations, dance events you may be a part of or public service that you may be involved in. Please feel free to contact me if you have anything to share with our club. Contact me at jamesbaron11@gmail.com or call 805 732-0260.

Birthday Announcements! A big SFVSD Happy Birthday for June to Holly Scott, Cora Bucklin, James Gutman, Judy Lee, and Bill Steeber! Happy Birthday for July to Edwin Craig, Ron Aloni, Cliff Nathanson, Rachel Seward, Raymond Shum, and Judith French!

Pictures left out of April 2024 *Dance Whispers*



Visalia Smooth Dancers News

Dance friends from far and wide journeyed to Visalia to attend Queen Margaret Moholt's coronation ceremony in May. People from Fresno and Bakersfield participated, as well as from Palomar and Golden Gate, and more.

They all came to honor our new Queen Margaret.



"To her credit, Margaret has been an ambassador for the club and has met many people over the years," said Tim Inouye, Visalia Smooth Dancers president.

A total of 105 people attended the coronation ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Exeter. Among them were personal friends of Queen Margaret from the community.

Margaret has been asked many times to be Queen. This year, she finally agreed to take on the role.

"The only reason I wanted to be Queen was to honor all my friends, and my daughter," she said.

After being crowned, Queen Margaret and her daughter Mary together performed the traditional "Queen's Dance." The performance – a combo of nightclub two-step, foxtrot and waltz (choreographed by Eileen Chavez) – proved both touching and heart-felt.

After Margaret accepted the nomination to be queen, she at once contacted Sue Giampietro to invite Max Briano and Mallory Briano, Tom and Sue's grandchildren, to serve as ringbearer and flower girl.

Sue Giampietro served as master of ceremonies. She introduced Margaret, telling her life story of challenges and accomplishments in her new country. "Sue did such a good job," Margaret said. "Sue was emotional – and those were my emotions, too." There was hardly a dry eye in the house.



Sue Giampietro and Cheryl Levitan designed the tables and put the decorations together. Debbie Cedena from Bakersfield provided red satin tablecloths and fabric for the stage. Dean Levitan served as

Margaret's escort and dance partner.

For the Queen's breakfast the following morning, Carolyn and Karl Richards graciously opened their home on a beautiful spring morning.

Margaret thanked Queen Myra for everything she

accomplished in her reign: "Myra, thank you for the past two years. You did so much for us. It was an honor for you to crown me."

Attending Fresno's coronation

To support Queen Oralia in Fresno, about 17 VSD'ers attended her coronation in Fresno in June. Carol and David Bixler helped decorate the hall.



Bakersfield Smooth Dancers News

Monthly Dances

During our monthly dance, held on May 24th we celebrated the 60th Anniversary of our chapter. May is also the month that we honor our current and all former queens. Thank you to all the ladies that volunteer for this role! Paul and Irene performed a wonderful



Bakersfield Smooth Dancers 60th Anniversary

spotlight rumba.

Our June dance will be held on the 23rd at the Fairfax Grange. Please see the flyer for more information. The theme is "June Luau" and will be hosted by Paul & Irene Leung with music by The Targets.

Friday Night Dances

The Fairfax Grange is open Friday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm for social dancing. This is a great time to practice your moves!



Wendy's Birthday Celebration

Weekly Lessons

Josh Harless is offering beginning Salsa lessons starting at 6:00 pm and Intermediate Night Club Two Step lessons starting at 7:00 pm. Followed by Intermediate Hustle lessons at 8:00 pm.

Franco Perraza is offering beginning Bolero lessons at 6:30 pm. And West Coast Swing lessons immediately following at 7:30.

Be sure to check out the flyers for more information.

Chapter Member's News

Wendy Wilson celebrated her birthday in April cruising aboard the Navigator of the Seas with fellow dancers.

A big congratulations to Patrick and Maria Leung who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this year! We were so blessed to be able to attend the celebration held at the Marriot hotel.



Leung 50th Anniversary

In Memoriam

Bakersfield member, Harold Stelly, passed away on April 23, 2024. His services were held on May 13th at Hillcrest Memorial Park. Several members of our chapter attended his service and our hearts go out to his partner Gail Buckle.

Harold had been a member for many years. He was always smiling and it was such a joy to watch him and Gail dance.



Golden Gate Smooth Dancers News

Home Games: GGSD Monthly Dances



May 12: Our May dance, themed "Day at the Races" started off with a Waltz lesson from Ylva Wintzell. We had 64 in attendance. Our 'Best Hat' contest was won by first time visitor Eva Huang and John and

Stella won our horse race.

June 9: Our June Dance, themed "Splash Into Summer" began with a Foxtrot lesson taught by James Kleinrath. We had 75 in attendance.

Upcoming GGSD Dances

July 14: Our 'Hooray for the Red White and Blue' (for our US Independence Day and French friends celebrating Bastille Day) dance will begin with an East Coast Swing lesson by John Ross.

Away Games: Visalia and Fresno

Visalia



There were 14 members representing Golden Gate at the 'Friendship and Dancing is the Perfect Duet' themed Coronation of Margaret Moholt in Visalia. Lynn Sanders and Jerry Bowes performed an encore performance of Lynn's Coronation Queen Dance, a foxtrot to the tune of 'This Is The Life' by Matt Monroe.

The Sunday brunch hosted by Carl and Carolyn Richards at their beautiful home was a wonderful social time and the perfect 'dessert' course for the weekend before we got back into our cars to bask in the fun and connection on the way home.



Fresno



There were 12 people representing Golden Gate at the 'Wild and Glam' themed Coronation at Fresno on June 1, 2024. Our very own Dan and Amy Ansaldi performed the honor dance done to the (very



fitting to the theme) song 'Wild' by John Legend. Their dance, choreographed by Christian Solares out of Oakland, incorporated 7 dance styles and was a treat to behold.



GGSD Members Appreciation Brunch

On May 5, the Golden Gate Chapter had a members' appreciation brunch at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. This is a time for us to socialize and for us to celebrate with stories and awards for some of the achievements and contributions of our members. We also love to welcome and get to know our new members better. Specifically:



- Jerry Bowes and Lynn Sanders were presented the 'Most Improved Couple of the Year' certificate by our dance rule committee representatives Igor and Nadia Tilinin.

- Emma Steed was presented the President's Award by President Dan Ansaldi.

- Donald and Beverly Fong completed their membership application process and were welcomed as new members by Vice President Svetlana Gites.



Convention and Dance Competitions

Encouraging and hosting dance competitions is one of the pillars of why NSD was created.

We have a strong desire to focus mainly on social connection and it is easy to believe that the preparation and travel involved in competition is too much of a bother. I would like to personally encourage people who have ever taken lessons and are thinking of going to Convention to sign up to compete. If you have any questions, contact the Competition Chairman Mark Chapman (mcchapman88@gmail.com) and register to compete before the Aug 9th deadline. It sounds like a big deal and a lot of effort, but I can tell you from my experience that your first competition at the 1 star level is not hard and it is a lot of fun. Because my partner, Lynn, is a 4 star dancer, I could not compete with her for my first competition as I was unrated. I found someone that I really enjoyed dancing with in a Jack 'n Jill dance at the prior convention who was from another chapter and we signed up for a 1 star competi-

tion and won. Even if we had not won we still would have had a lot of fun. The one star is only about one dance per division (waltz, rumba, or cha-cha) and you can compete in just one division and have only one dance to focus on. By competing you become a member of a new group with peers that support you and give you more and deeper connections. Where else in your life can you be witnessed and applauded by people who only want you to have a good time?

Initiatives of Interest

GGSD Photo Library

Progress is being made on a prototype website to allow secure members-only management and display of photos and the information needed to make associations and to display albums at <https://ggsd.cloud>. Jerry would love anyone who actually enjoys cataloging their photos to sign up to help him test starting mid July.



NATIONAL SMOOTH DANCERS, INC.
GAVEL CLUB
2024

Dear Fellow NSD Members,

In preparation for the 2024 “Holiday on the Bay” State Convention hosted by the Palomar Chapter, I am writing this letter to remind you that nominations for the 2024 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 7 NSD Chapters whom you feel deserves this recognition.

When are nominations due: Nomination letters for the 2024 NSD State Convention Gavel Club Award, must be received by August 1st, 2024. 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,



Dan Ansaldi, Golden Gate Chapter
Gavel Club Chairman

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Fresno Smooth Dancers presents

All American Red White & Blue Dance

Hosted By: Carla Hartunian

Wear Red White and/or Blue



Sunday, July 21, 2024

Rumba Lesson by Tom Hicks

NSD Members- \$10.00

Guests- \$15.00

Lesson 2:00

Dancing 3:00 to 5:00



For More Information call

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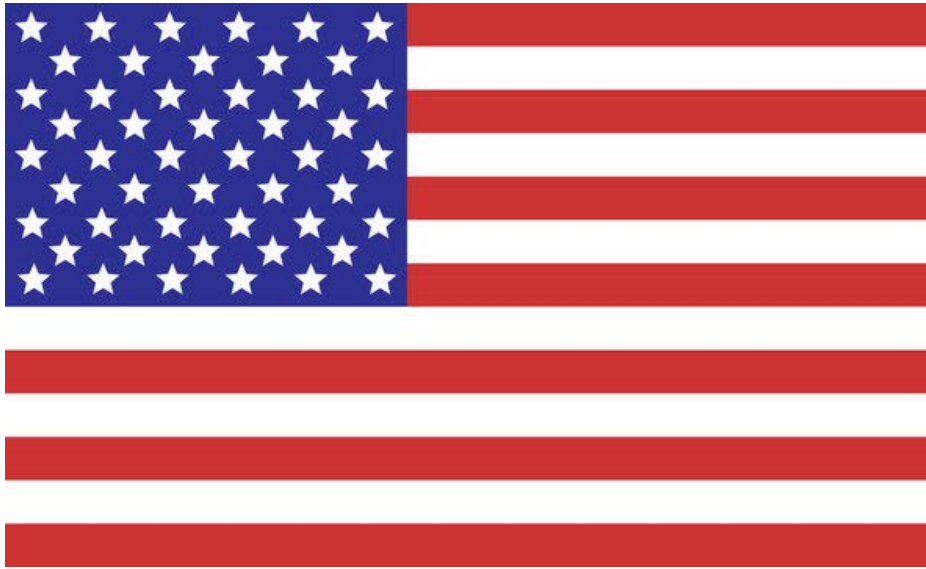
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735 Third Street

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

*“Hooray for the Red,
White & Blue”*



AFTERNOON DANCE
Sunday July 14th

 **\$25 Admission**  **Dance Lesson**  **DJ Music**

 **Free Parking**  **Dance Hosts**

South San Francisco Recreation Center
901 Civic Campus Way, South San Francisco

1:30-5:00pm

Questions? Reservations? Contact us:

Stella Wong (650) 255-5522 or stellwong@hotmail.com

Reservations can be made online at:

<https://goldengatedancers.org/reservations>



\$25.00 Admission

Includes

1:30-2:30 PM

**East Coast Swing Lesson
w/ John Ross**

2:30-5:00 PM

Dancing

**RESERVATIONS ARE
REQUIRED by July 12th at
4:30PM**

**Please Make Checks Payable to
“Golden Gate Smooth Dancers, Inc.”**

Mail To:

Stella Wong

3171 Susan Drive

San Bruno, CA 94066

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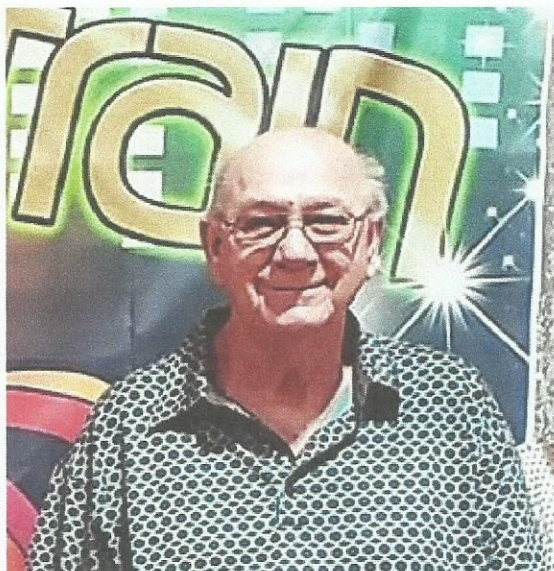
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Harold Stelly



January 11, 1950 - April 23, 2024

Bakersfield Harold Lee Stelly of Bakersfield, California passed away surrounded by loved ones on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

Harold was born on January 11, 1950 to Antionette and Laly Stelly in the St. Martin Parrish of Louisiana. He spent his career within the California oil industry retiring from Halliburton in 2008 after 30 years of service and later formed Harold Stelly Consulting Inc in 2009.

Harold is survived by his Life Partner Gail Buckles, daughters Roxanne Chaves and Amanda Stelly-Quintana, step-daughter Cat Whitelock, brother Russell Stelly, sons-in-law David, Ryan, and Joe, and grandchildren Yasmine, David, Makayla, Blaine, Derrick, and Jaiden.

Harold was most happy when he was ballroom dancing with Life Partner Gail, drinking coffee with close friends, showing his Corvette in California competitions, playing golf, and spending time with family and friends. Especially during his annual Gumbo Christmas Eve dinner.

Graveside services will be held at the Hillcrest Funeral Home in Bakersfield on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 12:00pm. Harold's family invites friends to come honor the life of Harold Stelly.



Beginning Bolero & West Coast Swing Dance Lessons

The new series of dance lessons at the Grange start on
Monday, June 17, 2024

6:30-7:30PM Beginning Bolero
\$60 per person for a 5-week course

7:30-8:30PM West Coast Swing
\$60 per person for a 5-week course
(\$100 for both classes)

Classes Meet:

June 17, 24, July 1, 8, and 15.

BASICS – FRAME – FORM – FOOTWORK – CONNECTION

INSTRUCTOR: FRANCO PERAZA

Preregister @ francoproduction11@gmail.com or show up to class.

Drop in's welcome! \$20 per class.

Location: The Fairfax Grange located at 4 Fairfax Road.

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June 16, 2024

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