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Dance Whispers
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2026 Coronation Central: Get your reservations in for the Fresno Labor Day Convention. The final Coronation for 2026 will be Palomar on October 10 as San Fernando Valley had to move their Coronation from ~~November 7~~ to January 16, 2027.



The Dance Whispers Editors (L-R): Amante Reyes - San Diego; Jerry Bowes - Golden Gate; Letitia Wilbur and Ann Mauro - Palomar; Mark Emanuelli - San Fernando Valley; Christine Conrad - Bakersfield; Lewis Griswold - Visalia; Sharon Chrips - Fresno.



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Carl Chesbrough

Hello Fellow Smooth Dancers,

The NSD State Convention, hosted by the Fresno Chapter is over Labor Day weekend, September 4th to 7th. Reservations should be made by August 31st.

The event will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown Fresno. Reservations at the group rate need to be made by August 20, 2026.

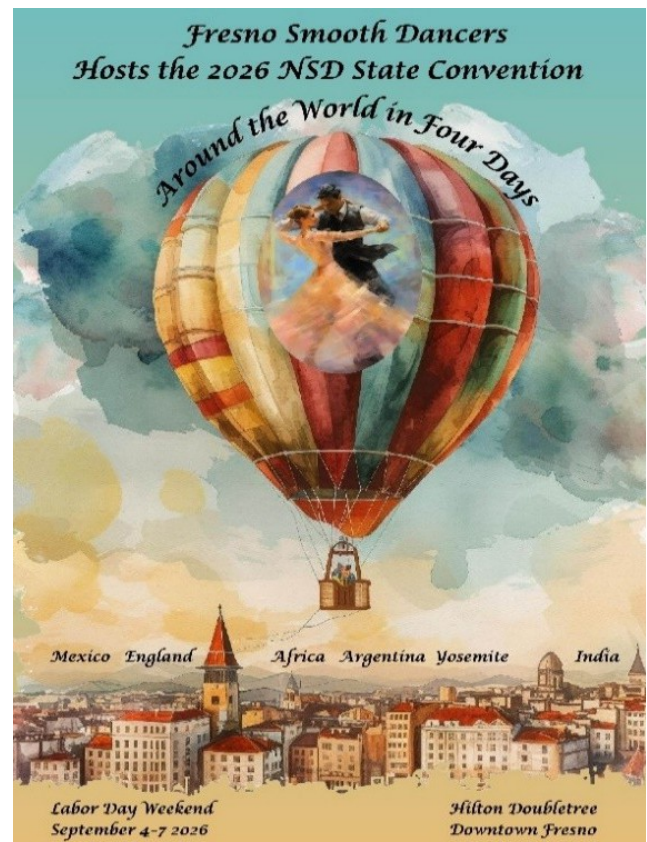
Updates to the next coronations:

Palomar is October 10

San Fernando Valley is January 16, 2027

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

-Carl Chesbrough, Publishing Editor.



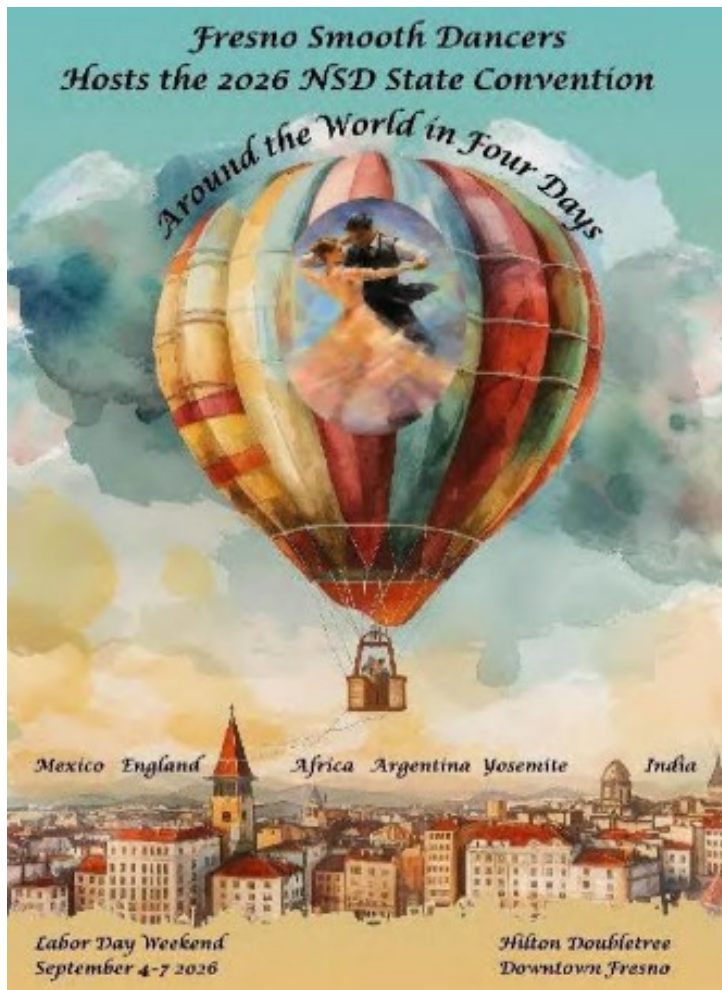
Fresno Smooth Dancers News
by Sharon Crisp

The 2026 NSD Convention hosted by Fresno Smooth Dancers ~ Around the World in Four Days

COMPETITION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 10, 2026.

Due to several categories with fewer than required number of competitors, we have extended the deadline for you all to register for competitions.

If after the August 10, 2026 deadline we still have fewer than three couples in any category, those dancers registered for that category will be given the opportunity to perform as an unjudged exhibition. If no one chooses to exhibit their routine, that competition will be cancelled. Thank you for your continued interest and support.



A Global Dance Journey Awaits! Pack your bags and get your dancing shoes ready! The Fresno Smooth Dancers invite you to embark on an unforgettable adventure right here for the 2026 NSD State Convention, on Labor Day Weekend, September 4th through 7th, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown Fresno. Our theme is "Around the World in Four Days" featuring five spectacular themed dance events that will take

you on a journey through Mexico, India, England, Argentina, Africa, and finally Yosemite National Park. Each event includes themed music, decorations, and attire celebrating the rich traditions of social dancing from around the world. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced dancer, you'll enjoy four professional dance seminars, and four professional beginners seminars and sanctioned ballroom competitions for all levels. Fun Jack & Jill competitions, and plenty of social dancing throughout the weekend.

You'll also be treated to spectacular world-class entertainment by some of the finest professional ballroom dancers. Professional dance hosts will be available for hire throughout the convention, with numerous dance sessions and plenty of opportunities to reserve time with a host. Each evening concludes with hospitality suites where you can reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

Registration is open! Visit us online **fresno-soothdancers.org** or pick up one of our Convention brochures for all the details. Questions? Call Lorraine Tilton: 559-269-9491. We'd love to welcome you this Labor Day weekend and dance around the world with us!

Fresno State Queen Elect ~ Oralia Fowler

Dear Friends,



Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the honor of representing the Fresno Smooth Dancers as your 2026 National Smooth Dancers State Queen. I am truly grateful for your confidence and support. When I was asked if I would accept the nomination, my answer was an immediate "yes" I had such a wonderful experience serving as our Chapter Queen, meeting so many amazing dancers from clubs throughout California, attending coronations, and celebrating the friendships that make our dance community so special. It is an honor to be part of these memorable traditions. My love of ballroom dancing began in 1996 when I attended my very first ballroom dance. I was captivated by the elegance of the dancers but quickly realized I didn't actually know how to ballroom dance! That evening I met a kind gentleman who patiently taught me my very first foxtrot steps. From that moment on, I was hooked. I began taking lessons at studios throughout the Sacramento area and eventually started competing in 2005, continuing for many wonderful years. Although I no longer compete, my passion for ballroom dancing has never faded.

Outside the dance world, I enjoyed a 30-year career with Macy's, which included 10 wonderful years with L'Oréal as an Account and Special Events Coordinator.

Fresno Smooth Dancers News (cont'd)

I'm blessed with three children, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, and my home is happily shared with four dogs and a cat.

I am so thankful to the Fresno Smooth Dancers, National Smooth Dancers, and all the dance organizations and studios that continue to provide opportunities for people like us to enjoy dancing, friendship, and community.

Thank you again for this incredible opportunity. I look forward to representing Fresno with pride, meeting many of you throughout the coming year, and sharing the joy of ballroom dancing wherever I go.

With love and gratitude,

Oralia Fowler

Queen for a Day

Our special dance in June "Queen for a Day!" was a huge success. We had 113 people join us to dance to a live band, eat a wonderful dinner and socialized with friends.

Dinner Music was by Sasan Rahmatian on piano.

A massive shout out to our neighbors at the BSD Bakersfield Chapter and our incredible FSD ladies for teaming up to bring the house down with gorgeous decorations!



Fresno Smooth Dancers News (cont'd)



Our July 19th Red White and Blue celebration of 250 years!

Golden Gate Smooth Dancers News

The last Dance Whispers should have included the Golden Gate Coronation. For those of you that attended, hopefully this will spare some good memories. Enjoy the recap from our President, Svetlana Gites.

“Ignite the Night” a Night of Sparkles and Royal Splendor!

On the sunny morning of April 18th, a small army of GGSD members descended upon Dominic’s SF. Our mission? To bring the vision of our then Queen-Elect, Amy Ansaldi, to life—and hopefully not throw our backs out in the process! Amy and Dan even rolled up in a rented U-Haul, which was topped by decorations.

I’ll admit, looking at the mountain of boxes, I thought we’d still be untangling string lights by next Christmas. But boy, was I wrong! Amy channeled her inner drill sergeant (the glamorous kind, obviously) and dished out assignments with surgical precision. Before we even had time for a second coffee break, the work was finished - well ahead of the coronation rehearsal. It was like watching a DIY miracle unfold!



The room went from “standard banquet hall” to “ethereal dreamscape” in record time:

- The Decor: We’re talking rich floral centerpieces, a central arch dripping in red roses, and a red carpet flanked by approximately one million flameless candles (safety first, majesty second!).
- The Vibe: With photo backdrops and magic lights



dancing on the floor, the “magic of coronation” wasn’t just in the air—you could practically taste it (though that might have just been the glitter).

- The Finishing Touch: Debi Cadena made the trek from Bakersfield to install shimmering window treatments that turned the space into a bona fide fairy tale.

By 5 PM, I took my post at the registration table alongside the lovely Stella Wong. Even though I’d been there all morning, seeing the room fully lit and populated made my jaw drop. We were swamped by guests, including a massive turnout of NSD members from other chapters.



It was a regular “Who’s Who” of California royalty! While our Northern California chapter usually feels like a lone star on the map, our friends from the “Big Three” clusters in Central Cal (Fresno, Visalia, Bakersfield) and Southern Cal (San Fernando, Palomar, San Diego) showed up in force. The ballroom was a literal sea of red - majority was rocking their finest crimson shades to honor Queen Amy.

The festivities kicked off with a light show that would’ve made a rock star jealous, followed by the royal procession:

Our State and outgoing Chapter Queen, Vera Harvey, was escorted in by John Lozynsky to her seat of honor.

A parade of visiting Queens followed, decked out in customary white dresses and enough tiara-bling to be seen from space.

Rita and Floyd Parma - longtime companions on Amy’s GGSD journey - proudly carried the crown and scepter.

Finally, Queen Amy made her entrance, escorted by her husband, Dan. Remember that silk robe she was wearing earlier? Mystery solved. She shed it to reveal a sparkling red gown with gold accents that looked like actual flames. Topped with a red regal cape, she looked like a princess ready to take over the kingdom.

Golden Gate Smooth Dancers (cont'd)

Queen Vera officially did the honors, placing the flaming red crown upon Queen Amy's head.

To celebrate, Amy and Dan took to the floor for a spectacular dance to John Legend's "Nervous," choreographed by Christian Solares (and they didn't look nervous at all!).

Coronation wrapped up with the traditional Queens' Waltz, where Amy invited all reigning and past Queens to the floor. It was a beautiful, exclusive moment, long-time NSD tradition – you have to be a Queen to dance this one!

All good things must come to an end—especially when there's a contract involved! Many GGSD members and guests stayed to help remove and store the decorations. We were obligated to vacate the event space and the parking lot before midnight, and thanks to the team effort, we did it with a whopping 10 minutes to spare. Talk about a Cinderella exit!

It was a night of elegance, laughter, and just the right amount of red sequins. Long live the Queen!

Svetlana Gites,

GGSD President 2026



On Sunday, June 14th, 2026, we officially brought the magic alive with our "Enchanted Forest" dance! While setting up the decorations, I went on a full-blown mission to capture enough local woodland fairies to light up the room and help us float across the dance floor.

But alas... it turns out you can't lock down magical creatures. A few rebellious pixies staged a jailbreak because they were simply born to be free! And apparently, they prefer to dance on their own terms! Who knew!

Luckily, we didn't need fairy dust to absolutely crush it on the dance floor. James Kleinrath (with the fantastic assist from Sue Plasai) taught a breathtaking tango lesson that left us all feeling incredibly smooth. To top it all off, Dan Ansaldi brought down the house by leading an electric slide line dance that had absolutely everyone grooving. Fairies or no fairies, it was a truly magical afternoon!



Contributed by
Svetlana Gites



SDSD Members Continue Their Presence in the World of Dancesport Competition

San Diego Smooth Dancers (SDSD) continues to strengthen its presence in the world of ballroom dancesport competition, proudly demonstrating that our chapter is not only committed to social dancing but also to the pursuit of excellence on the competitive dance floor.

Frank Frabotta reported:

Several SDSD members represented our chapter at this year's Desert Classic Dancesport Championships, showcasing their talent, dedication, and passion for ballroom dancing.

Competing in American Smooth were Susan David, Frank Lacson, and Jennifer Lacson. Representing SDSD in International Latin were Deena DiStefano, Frank Frabotta, and Laura Harvell. In addition, Deena DiStefano and Frank Frabotta also competed in International Ballroom, demonstrating their versatility by participating in multiple dance disciplines.



Heidi Dorman [a former member] also competed in International Latin. We congratulate her on her participation and dedication to the sport.

Every competition serves as another opportunity for SDSD members to represent our chapter with pride while inspiring fellow members to challenge themselves, set new goals, and continue growing as dancers. Their willingness to step onto the competition floor reflects countless hours of lessons, rehearsals, physical conditioning, and mental preparation. Behind every performance is an inspiring story of perseverance, discipline, courage, and a genuine love for ballroom dancing.

As more SDSD members participate in regional and national competitions, our chapter continues to build a reputation as one of the National Smooth Dancers chapters that actively supports both recreational and competitive ballroom dancing. Their accomplishments demonstrate that ballroom dancing is a lifelong journey where members continually learn, improve, and encourage one another.

A Spectator's Reflection, By Pat

"As a social dancer attending the Desert Classic as a spectator, I came away with a whole new appreciation for the dedication that both amateur and professional dancers invest to become part of a competition.

Watching the competitors perform made me realize

that regardless of our skill level, we all share one thing in common—the love of dance. Whether dancing socially or competing on the floor, that passion unites us all.

Thank you, Susan, for giving me the opportunity to experience the competition from a different perspective. It has deepened my admiration for everyone who has the courage and commitment to step onto the dance floor and perform."

Pat's reflections remind us that dancesport competitions are not only about medals and placements—they are celebrations of artistry, determination, sportsmanship, and the joy of dancing. They also inspire spectators and fellow dancers to appreciate the extraordinary effort behind every routine.

San Diego Smooth Dancers congratulates all of our competitors for proudly representing our chapter at the Desert Classic Dancesport Championships. Your enthusiasm and commitment continue to inspire our members and reinforce SDSD's growing presence in the ballroom dance community. We look forward to seeing even more of our members participate in future competitions and continue promoting the spirit and excellence of American Smooth, International Ballroom, International Latin, and other ballroom dance styles.

This version emphasizes SDSD's growing visibility in dancesport, celebrates the competitors' accomplishments, and incorporates Pat's heartfelt observations to encourage other members to consider competing in future events.

Amante Reyes

SDSD Dance Whispers Contributor



Bakersfield Smooth Dancers News

Friday Night Dances

We continue to hold dances every Friday night at the Fairfax Grange from 7:00 to 9:00 pm with a cost of only \$10 per person. This is a great time to practice the steps you learned at the weekly lessons.



Weekly Lessons at the Grange

Mondays – Beginning July 27th Franco Peraza will start a 5 week series teaching the Tango. Classes will be held from 4:30-5:30 pm.

Tuesdays- Josh Harless, 6-7 pm, Beginning Country, 7-8 pm, Intermediate Country, 8-9 pm Beginning West Coast, 9-10 pm Intermediate West Coast.

Monthly Dances

June 28th – Summer Dance

July 26th – 250 Years of American Dance

Hosted by Debi Cadena, with a dance lesson by James and Stacey Loubey, August 23rd.

San Fernando Valley Smooth Dancers News

Greetings, Smooth Dancers – Hope you are all ready for Convention! We can't wait to rock the weekend up in Fresno! If you don't have a package reserved, you should hurry up and book one!

Coronation Update - Save the Date!

Due to scheduling issues, we've had to move the date of our Coronation Dinner Dance!

The royal tradition continues...

The Grand Coronation of SFV 2026 Queen-elect Sally Emanuelli will be held Saturday, January 16, 2027! Join us to enjoy an evening of dance, tradition, and whimsy, because life is 'Better When I'm Dancing'.

Full details will be released at the Labor Day Weekend Convention in Fresno.

Be the first to know – be there in person! - Book your Convention package today!

Same Location, New Name – Welcome to Imperia Dance Academy!

Well, we've had a change of ownership, and the Hollywood Academy of Dance has now become Imperia Dance Academy.

There's lots of changes in the works, but the new owners are excited, energetic, and eager to make their mark on the dance world. The studio pros are all still there, so come on down and join us.

Convention 2027 Update:

Lights, Camera, Action! The troupe is busy rehearsing lines and practicing our dances and building props and effects for the Labor Day morning showcase.

The Convention team is signing contracts and getting great professionals lined up for our 2027 event. We have been meeting monthly and have some great ideas that we are gonna try out!

The Hollywood Burbank Marriott will be our location – with convenient (and complimentary) airport and train shuttle service.

Keep us in your 2027 planner & calendars – Sep 3-6, 2027!



San Fernando Valley Smooth Dancers (cont'd)

Outreach Event (from Leanne Wong)



The San Fernando Valley Chapter did another fundraiser for the Family Rescue Center. We were able to raise \$355 so the center can provide school supplies for the 600 families that they support in the San Fernando Valley.

The center was surprised by the amount of the gift, and very grateful. We hope to continue this wonderful use of gathering up our power as a small group to make a big difference.

Travel News

Summer has been travel season here in the valley – with many of us out of town on adventures.

Joan Robinson and her brother, Trevor, went along with about 80 dancers on a ‘Dancers Cruise’ to Alaska. See the details below.

Mark & Sally Emanuelli took a posh train ride on Amtrak’s Coast Starlight up to San Luis Obispo, and later a week up in June Lake (Mammoth Lake area) for a relaxing time at a cabin in the mountains.



Mark & Sally Emanuelli



Joan Robinson and brother Trevor Robinson

Travel Notes from Joan Robinson, SFV SD Board Member:

Trevor and I got an incredibly priced sales deal for an 11 day cruise in Alaska aboard the Queen Elizabeth [through a Canadian dance cruise company called “BLSDC”. It stands for ballroom, latin, swing, dance club]. It was simply an offer “we couldn’t refuse” and Marlon Brando wasn’t even in sight.

By virtue of the fact that this travel company had 80 ballroom dancers on board, we had rights to special

floor time at the Yacht Club, and the live bands truly catered to us by providing wonderful ballroom music. One of the funniest aspects was when we got an email from our travel leaders the night before departure advising us to pack wellington boots and macintoshes (that’s English/Canadian for mud boots and rain gear.) That’s fine last minute if you don’t live in a desert like we do! Needless to say, we chose to stay on board, close to dance floors, and to stay dry.

On July 30th, we will have left you all for New Zealand. Trevor and I are not there to look at the Alps and Fjords, but to support my sister’s serious cancer issues. We hope to come back with some semblance of hope or cheerful acceptance. We know we are not alone. We all face such challenges. We are friends. We are NSD. And we are supportive of one another.

Never Stop Dancing! - San Fernando Valley Dance Calendar:

When your travels bring you to the San Fernando area, look us up!



Sat Oct 03 - Social Dance @ Imperia

Sat Nov 07 - Social Dance @ Imperia (NOTE: Coronation Dinner Dance has moved)

Sat Dec 05 – Social Dance @ Imperia

Sat Jan 02 – Social Dance @ Imperia

Sat Jan 16 – Coronation Dinner Dance – La Canada Country Club

BIRTHDAYS!

Wrapping things up for this month, Happy Birthday to our birthday dancers:

AUG: Mark Emanuelli, Keiko Isshiki, Debi Cadena

SEP: Alice Truong, Donna Erikson, Anita Carrasco, Sunny Kim, Sherry Thomas

See you on the dance floor!

- SFV Smooth Dancers



Palomar Valley Smooth Dancers News by Letitia Wilbur

Palomar Events for June and July

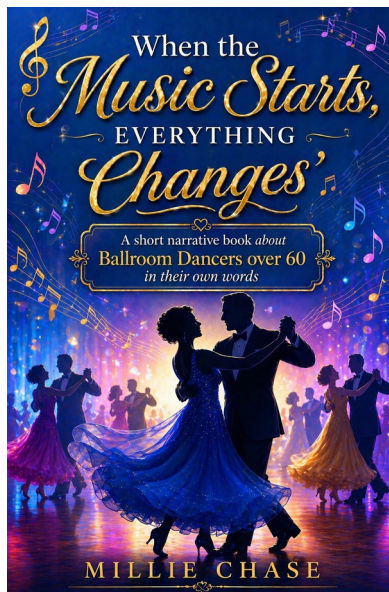


On June 20 our current Queen Penny Elliot and Queen-elect Alicia Sanchez participated in Fresno's Queen for a Day event. They all dressed as princesses and were individually announced as they entered the ballroom. All of the ladies were presented with tiaras and special gifts as they enjoyed live ballroom music throughout the event that included a delicious dinner.

Palomar Coronation: Please remember to complete and return the registration form for Palomar's Coronation of Queen-elect Alicia Sanchez on October 10. The form is on our website palomarsmoothdancers.com

When the Music Starts, Everything Changes

PSD is celebrating a newly-published author in our ranks, Millie Chase, who has penned the above-named book. The book asks the question: What keeps someone dancing into their 60s, 70s, 80s, and beyond? Inspired by a dancer whose greatest concern during a hospital stay was missing her next dance, Millie interviewed ballroom dancers over 60 about what dancing has brought to their lives. Through their heartfelt stories, they share how dance provides friendship, purpose, joy, resilience, connection, and a reason to keep moving forward.



Adam and Millie
dancing on the beach

June and July Socials

Our June social had an "Aloha to the Ballroom" theme celebrating Summer at the Beach. Everyone arrived in beach and Hawaiian attire. We welcomed a vacationing Florida couple with music, dancing, friendship, and photos of the fun to remember their SoCal sojourn. They even participated in our group photo. And a note of appreciation to our music makers, Michael and Geneva Cowlshaw, who were also able to kick up their heels a little "on the beach."



Music makers
Geneva & Michael Cowlshaw



Carol & Kelly



Above: Dance
Instructor, Carrie, &
Social Director,
Mario

Our July social was themed "Movies and the Ballroom" with members attending in their comfy go-to-the-movies ensembles or as a favorite movie character.



Right: Ann & Carrie,
Don't hurt the
dance instructor!

Palomar Valley Smooth Dancers (cont'd)

Palomar Member Spotlight: Al Harruff



Al Harruff

This month we are getting to know Al, a member of our chapter since 2012 whose well-known voice calls us to dance every week.

Al's family lived in Mexico until the government nationalized the oil company where Al's father worked. The family then moved to St. Louis where Al was born. He had two older sisters; the younger, Frances, was limited to a wheelchair because of polio. The family moved to an isolated 10-acre farm in Brownsville, Texas, when Al was nine months old to hopefully improve Frances' health. His father went to look for work in Venezuela. In Brownsville young Al was exposed to a different culture: hurricanes, chain gangs, and armed servicemen. He helped on the farm, and it was also Al's job to help with Frances.

When Al was eight years old, his mother learned that there might be a hospital in the LA area that could help Frances manage her polio. So Mom sold the Brownsville property, and off they went to Hollywood. Al was in for another culture shock! He attended Blessed Sacrament Catholic Grammar School, became a choir boy, altar boy, and a Boy Scout, and cleaned the church, the school, and the cafeteria at around 13 years old. After school Al would go to Jack Teagarden's Music Hall and Wallak's Music City to enjoy Dixieland and jazz. In eighth grade the nuns taught Al to dance East Coast Swing and Waltz, and he liked it.

Al attended Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, which was a good distance from his home in Hollywood. He wanted to play football and sometimes hitchhiked to practice. Football practice helped Al discover that he liked long-distance running, and he became a member of a running club that helped underprivileged kids. This is when he noticed that girls liked the fact that he could dance.

At around 19 years old Al had saved enough money to buy a car to help Frances take German classes at LA City College. Al was accepted at UCLA and USC, but ended up attending Cal State-LA in order to continue helping his sister with her transportation to school. So Al was living at home, going to school, working, and chasing girls. Frances married, and shortly after Al achieved a BS in Finance. He worked for various unions (Teamsters and Diary Workers) and was a House Dad for a kids' probation camp in San Dimas at night for six months. Then he worked in real estate for a while, knowing from his mother's example that real estate investing was a good thing.

Al started dating an Irish girl, Sharon in 1964, who was a student teacher when they met. They married in 1971 and were married for 49 years. They honeymoon camped (where a bear got into their food the first night). In 2003 Al and Sharon bought a home in Ocean Hills Country Club. They were very active: bird club, tennis, paddle tennis, hiking, scuba diving, travel (Sicily, Hawaii, Mexico), and cruising (one trip was around Cape Horn). Sharon also loved reading and making ceramics, but Al just couldn't get Sharon to take a dance class with him.

Al was a probation officer for 34 years and retired at 59. He continued buying investment properties. Al was an important influence in many young lives, and his Boy Scout leadership skills made him ideally suited to turning around kids who had gotten into trouble. The kids under his authority in the probation camps not only learned rules and appropriate behavior, but Al also planned real life adventures for them: cleaning culverts in exchange for fishing on a boat at Paradise Cove, proposing and receiving federal grants at an all girls' school for work programs and field trips, including a concert at the Hollywood Bowl. At one point he was a court officer, did drug testing, and trained boys to run the LA Marathon. Al was an Assistant Boy Scout Leader and an LA Zoo docent between 2006-2011.

In 2010 Sharon was diagnosed with brain cancer. Before she passed away in 2012, she told Al to take the dance classes he wanted to take. Later he began taking classes at senior centers, but he felt intimidated until Miriam Moses introduced him to Palomar Smooth Dancers. He also began taking classes at Ocean Hills Country Club, where he met Marion Semler. Al and Marion became dance partners and attended NSC conventions together. They particularly enjoyed visiting national parks.

Al has had a colorful and vibrant life with all his experiences and skills in education, career, and hobbies. He is quite the accomplished dancer with a smile on his face and a booming voice to bring us all together. It's always a pleasure to see him on the ballroom floor.



Above: Picard look-alikes
Mark & Greg

Left: Penny & Al
2017 Rio formation costume

Visalia Smooth Dancers News by Lewis Griswold



Carol and David share home-grown tomatoes

Visalia dancers are scooping up a lot of fresh tomatoes at The Grange. It's a summer tradition.

"They taste wonderful," was the universal response.

David and Carol Bixler live on a ranch and their two gardens produce a bounty of tomatoes and

more. Carol has been a certified Master Gardener for 14 years.

They also grow squash, bell peppers and red onions, and strawberries and asparagus in season. Additionally, they have 14 fruit trees – pluot, persimmon, Asian pear, peach, lemon, apple and cherry trees.

So dance lesson folks have been taking home lots of good stuff, and all for free. Thank you, David and Carol.

Annual Luau brings out Hawaiian shirts

The last two monthly dance socials have been the annual July Luau dinner-dance, preceded by June's "Wild Rhythms" fun.

At the Luau, a tropical vibe filled the air thanks to all the lovely Hawaiian shirts and colorful tropical dresses. Some ladies wore flowers in their hair.

Flowers leis and lovely music by DJ John Gutierrez greeted us all at the door and added to the ambience. It was all very pleasing to the eye and helped us forget the 100-degree weather during the summer heat wave season.

Centerpieces of palms, fresh fruits and flowers graced each table, framed by colorful tablecloths of yellow, red, green and orange, plus matching napkins. Plus there were Tiki dolls on the tables.

The dinner of lovely salads, tropical fruits and expertly cooked chicken (prepared by the amazing Karl Richards) was organized under the supervision of Linda Gutierrez. The dessert table was also a clear winner.

We danced to an amazing array of tunes – waltz, tango, foxtrot, country, rhythm, Latin etc. Dancers showed off their moves and steps, and the more seasoned dancers were very patient in leading newcomers, and everyone felt involved and included.

The door prizes were thrilling as usual. The centerpieces also served as door prizes, with one person per table claiming the tropical fruit trays and add-



ing to the excitement.

The 50/50 raffle was happily won by Marivel.

The dance committee received so many compliments: Manuel Madrid, Tamara Galli, Hitomi Ramirez, Sukhdeep Grewal, Marivel Villarreal, Larry Brown, Mary Brown, Maria Helm, John and Linda Gutierrez.



And a very special thanks to all the club members and guests for sharing their enthusiasm on a dreamy evening filled with the warmth of friendships old and new.

"Wild Rhythms" brings out jungle attire

June's dance party brought out the "wild" in everyone, or at least "Wild Rhythms." It must be the jungle attire.

"From the Cumbia lesson to Bachata to Cha-Cha, there was energy abounding!" committee chair Sally Bailey wrote in her after-action dance report. The "Jerusalem" line dance was on tap, and the Waltz mixer was a beautiful sway around the floor.

The table decorations were black table cloths, vases filled with palm leaves and bright tropical flowers, and don't forget the little wild animals hanging about.

The delicious appetizers & desserts were donated by all of the committee members and were enjoyed by everyone throughout the night. As always, the food table continues to be a favorite part of our monthly dances!

It was amazing to see such great dancing by the young and old, the beginners and the seasoned.

Many thanks to the committee: Linda & John Gutierrez (John played some great music), Tamara Galli, Diane Sellers, Michelle Peters, Ahmed Bahar, Ed Torres, & Linda Ruiz. Sally Bailey and Kristine Lewis served as co-Chairs. A special thanks to Stan Medina for kindly agreeing to MC.



Palomar Smooth Dancers Presents
Queen-Elect Alicia Sanchez

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Tel: +1 (760) 7417117 ask for Palomar Smooth Dancers

Reservations By September 10.

Please RSVP by October 2 Checks: Palomar Smooth Dancers

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**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED by
AUGUST 7th at 4:30PM**

**Please Make Checks Payable to
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**CREDIT CARD, CHECK, AND
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Visalia Smooth Dancers presents a

WESTERN BALLROOM DANCE

Saturday September 12, 2026

Exeter Veterans Memorial Building

324 N Kaweah Ave, Exeter Ca

Lesson by Susan Morelock 6:00-7:00

Music by Johnny Guttierrez

15 minute break at 9:00 for door prizes
and announcements

Light snacks and sodas

All NSD members \$10.00 Guests \$20.00

Questions? Call Carolyn at (559) 288-3654

