



Bakersfield Smooth Dancers, Inc.
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Official Newsletter of the Bakersfield Smooth Dancers

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***We welcome our community! Dance classes held at: Fairfax Grange,
 Cor. Fairfax and Brundage. Come see us! Classes every Tuesday @ 6:30 to 8:30 pm***

NEW MEMBERS... We are very proud to have You!

To our New Members, joining the *Monthly Hosting Committee* is fun and an easy way of bonding with us. That's how all newcomers did many years ago! With the very friendly members and the accommodating atmosphere, it rapidly acclimates and brings you to a feeling of *we belong!* Our Club is *A Gathering Treasure* of decent, respectable and very nice people. To all of you newcomers, welcome to the world of...*Ballroom Dancing*. It has been a tradition in our club to approach any advanced students or your equal and politely ask for advice/help on some dance steps or posture that you would like to improve ...*YES, we are family!*

CONVENTION – What is this?

To our newcomers, and anyone interested, this is important information to share. Once a year, all chapters gather for a Convention in one of the eight chapter locations in California. The Convention is rotated among the other seven chapters excluding the Bakersfield chapter, because we volunteered to host the State Board yearly. This year the Convention will be held by Fresno Smooth Dancers, in Fresno. It is a very exciting four-day dance event, from September 2nd to 5th. It normally begins on Friday and ends on the Monday morning where the awards and ceremonies of all dance competition winners are introduced and an exciting presentation of NSD preview and view to its future.

The Convention covers a lot of the National Smooth Dancers program: Meetings of officers from all different chapters; Queen's Coronation; A professional dance entertainment; Dance competitions in all levels; A dance seminar by the professional Dancers; All kinds of social ballroom dancing from day one to the end and also foods; A perfect moment to watch, relax, unwind and be a part of; Develop friendships with very nice people coming from all other chapters...a rare moment of fun and camaraderie !

REMINDERS

Next Board and Membership Meetings: temporarily moved to **September 12th**, the second Monday, due to the Fresno Convention. Then, back to every 1st Monday of the month.
Complimentary Admission: Each member can only invite two *individual people* per year for the monthly social dance. Excluded are: State Board, New year's Eve and Special Dances.

***Always drive safely:
 It is not only cars "Recalled" by their Maker.***

Calendar of Events

Meetings :

Every **first Monday** of the month. Board Meeting at 6:00 pm;
POTLOCK at 6:30 pm and Membership Meeting at 7:00 pm. *at the Grange.*
Remember that we need a quorum at our membership meetings, so please be there and bring someone. The food and fellowship are well worth your time and effort.

August Dance Lessons: Waltz for beginners; Bolero for advance class.

Dance classes are held at the Grange, corner Fairfax and Brundage.
For beginners and advance.

Waltz & Bolero Dance Classes: Aug 16, 23, 30 to Sept. 6 & 13; (no classes Aug. 2 & 9).

Every Tuesdays: 6:30-7:30 pm for beginners; 7:30-8:30 pm for advance.
Held at the Grange, by *Dan Goss, a Professional Dance Instructor.*

Dance Practice: August 8, 15, 22, & 29.

Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Mondays of every month at 6:30 to 8:30 pm. at the Grange. Our dedicated members: Bernice Fiolle and James, play the music.
Truly, we appreciate these two wonderful members!

Monthly Social Dance: 7:00 to 10:30 pm

August 27, Saturday

Dance Theme: *Dance The Night Away – on board - The Smooth Dancers' Love Boat.*

Attire: *Party Dress; guest: \$15/single; \$25/couple.*

Music: *Music master Dennis Acosta of The Targets.*

Location: *Rasmussen Senior Center @ 115 East Roberts Lane.*

Hosts: *Irene & Paul Leung and The Committee.*

Spotlights: *All aboard! As we cross the ocean on a calm sea, lit under a full moon and the bright stars... the rhythm of the ocean will hold still..*

These Love Boat passengers will proudly present to entertain us:

Sze and Chiuyee Ho

Paul and Irene Leung

The July Dance – Report

From the newswire (I was out of country), the Beach Party theme sure did deliver the summer party atmosphere that brought the excitement into a lively festival evening of Ballroom dancing. The American swing, tango, chacha, waltz, foxtrot and all, were the rhythm sound of our Jedi Master of music, Kenneth Silber. To the chair Norma Neil and the wonderful Hosting Committee, what a fun-filled evening - Great job. Thanks to you all !

At the Grange

Don't forget about the weekly Social dances, sponsored by and held at the Grange every Friday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The famous team of Dennis Acosta will play your request as well.

Remember:

No one is in charge of your happiness but...You!