



Bakersfield Smooth Dancers, Inc.

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Official Newsletter of the Bakersfield Smooth Dancers

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Just in Case You Wonder – Why

It is a wonderful and exciting feeling what *you and I* have become on the dance floor, in social gatherings anywhere in the world: like cruises; international reunions in college and other organizations. To be able to: step into any dancing floor, on any stage, among anybody, enjoying and proudly dancing your graceful moves and the alluring looks, even including having fun at your wrong steps!

All these, *you and I*, have acquired from the best smooth dance chapter in California. The top rated dance programs we have; the statewide activities; the national and international *dance champions* brought into the dancing floors in Bakersfield, by Charlene Miller, are among of the many benefits we enjoy from our prestigious club...The Bakersfield Smooth Dancers.

We, the members, have evolved to become improved and graceful dancers, because of our quality programs: *professional* dance instructions; *tutelage* from a gathering of *unselfish*, friendly members; advanced classmates willing and ready to correct or improve our dance steps and posture; and truly encouraged our dancing ability!

**HAVE YOU EVER ASKED :
"WHAT LITTLE TOKEN CAN I DO FOR OUR CLUB ... IN RETURN ?"**

Did You Know ?

FOR 6 YEARS OUR VERY LOW DUES WAS NEVER RAISED !

Our \$85 ONCE A YEAR membership dues has never changed **since the year 2005**. This fund provides all the excellent dance programs we all enjoy *as members* of the Bakersfield Smooth Dancers club – the best Smooth Chapter in California.

Through the years, we were able to maintain a very high quality *Dance Programs*, with the very low yearly dues. The nation's economy has significantly changed.

This impacted all businesses including our nonprofit organization:

- 1). Our fees for Professional Dance Instruction – **has increased** twice.
- 2). Our dance club Insurance Premium– **has increased**.
- 3). Our rent for Women's Club Dance Hall – **has increased**.
- 4). Our queen's travel allowance – **has increased**.
- 5). Our expense for Rasmussen Dance facility – **has increased**.
- 6). Price of supplies needed for our club – **has increased**.

The \$5 entry for the monthly social dance, effective June 2011, is *temporary* until our Board of Directors can layout a lesser expense approach without sacrificing the high quality dance programs *that bind us together* and *we all enjoy!*

**THE MAGIC OF MUSIC IS IMMEASURABLE AND
THE JOY OF DANCING IS...PRICELESS !**

Calendar of Events

May 4, Wednesday:

Meetings: 6:00 - 9:00 pm. = Board Meeting at 6:00 pm; **POTLOCK** at 6:30 pm; and Membership Meeting at 7:00 pm. At the new location of Veterans Hall, 2101 Ridge Rd. 93305. 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.

Every Tuesday :

Dance Classes: 6:30-7:30 pm for beginners; 7:30-8:30 pm for intermediate class.
At the Grange.

Dance Lesson for May:

Waltz –for beginners and intermediate classes.

May 18, Wednesday:

Dance Practice: 6:00 - 9:00 pm. dance practice in Veterans Hall at the corner of Columbus St. and Ridge Rd. (2101 Ridge Rd. 93305.) Bernice Fiolle, plays the music. Thank you Bernice.

May 28, Saturday:

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

Dance Theme: April Showers Bring May Flowers

Attire: Semi Formal

Music : Dennis Acosta - our Jedi Master of Music

Location: Rasmussen Senior Center

Hosts : Susan Salvucci and The Committee

Spotlights :

*Prepare to be entertained: The Blue Moon, will bring **An Enchanted Evening of Queens!***

***Queen Karen** and her husband **Bob Kandarian** - will showcase a Sensuous Bolero ... 'Ole!'*

***Queen Susanne** and her husband **Bill Landry** - will perform the Classic Art of Waltz...Hurray!*

Gretchen Garretson Award

Every year, a committee composed of the current president, previous presidents and recipients of previous awards, cast their votes to a single member who has done an outstanding service to our club. Announcement of this prestigious award will highlight our May Social Dance, on May 28, 2011. The anonymity of the winner is kept tight, no one knows, not even the winner until the moment of the award, to be presented by our club president.

Queen's Trophy

The Queen's Perpetual Trophy ceremony of handing down the trophy from our wonderful outgoing Queen Kimiko Johnson to our newly crowned 2011 award-winning Dancing Queen Wendy Wilson, will be presented on the May Social Dance.

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 team of Dennis Acosta and Dwight Rollins do the music that made them famous on the Fridays, and they play your request as well.