



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*

UPDATE – Financial Planning

Planning ahead is essential in anything in life. The absence of financial planning and action for six years brought us a severe, unwanted consequence. Now, a committee of five from our Board of Directors was appointed by the president, plus additional five from our membership. They will explore the necessary membership *dues* to keep our club running smoothly with all the programs that we loved, enjoyed and bound us together. We must keep in mind, that our *non-profit* dance club is solely funded by our membership dues only. Other fund raising is limited by law.

Therefore, this is the *only fund* we use to run our wonderful dance programs for the whole year. For *several years*, our membership dues *remained the same* – this resulted in the current insufficient funds; the reason why we opted to adopt the *temporary* \$5 door entry until the end of this year. Make no illusions, our club is still considered the best National Smooth Dancers chapter in the state of California.

You may ask, what happened? Well, the previous Club Officers were just very generous to all members BUT *forgot to raise the dues* for - six years! NOW, our tank is *empty* and *must* be refilled to move forward and continue to do the things we love – Dancing! The proposed dues will take effect on 2012. That amount will reflect our club needs and ensures we never run out again. Thank you for your love of our club, dedication, cooperation and most of all, thank you ... *for being a part of the solution!*

WE DANCE... To Celebrate !

A once serene and very peaceful village was disturbed by incidents of personal belongings stolen. In their search for the culprit, three suspects were rounded up, but there was no evidence of their wrong doings. A wise elder, stepped forward and told the people, “Far beyond several mountains away, to the east, there lay a sacred bell called - **Bell of Justice** - It rings when a criminal is identified.” Ten strong men went and brought the bell to their village with hope that peace, serenity and calm may reign in their community once again.

As soon as the bell arrived, the elder had it safely kept in a very dark room, in the commune building to shield it from the curious eyes. The day came and the three suspects were summoned in front of the building for the final judgment. The villagers gathered to witness. Each suspect was told to go individually inside and touched the bell to determine who is the thief.

The bell was eerily silent, the crowd stood shocked in awe - as each one came out jubilantly declaring their innocence. The wise elder, in front of his people, begged forgiveness to the three. Then, asked them to pledge their honesty to the crowd with their hands raised. There! One of them had a clean and *spotless hands!* Terrified that the bell will ring to proclaim his guilt to the entire village, believing that nobody saw what he does in the dark –he *did not touch* the *charcoal-smear*ed bell. This culprit was put away. The *Bell of Justice* brought back the peace and serenity, and the *village people danced*. You see, since the ancient times, *We Dance...to Celebrate !*

*Surround Yourself with People Who Charge Your Battery
 ... Keep Away from Those Who Drain It !*

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.

October Dance Lessons:

Viennese Waltz - for Beginners and Advance Classes.

Both dance classes are held at the Grange, corner Fairfax and Brundage.

Dance Class Schedule:

October 4, 11, 18 & 25

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 Schedule:

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

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 Minyard**, play the music – thank you!
Forget some dance moves, don't know how, or want to polish them? *Come... We Are Family!*

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

October 22, Saturday

Dance Theme: Halloween Party

Attire: All that Halloween looks; guest: \$15/single, \$25/couple; \$5/member.

Music: Jedi Master of music, **Ken Silber** of *The Targets.*

Location: Rasmussen Senior Center @ 115 East Roberts Lane.

Hosts: **Robert & Karen Kandarian** and **The Committee.**

Spotlight: A line dance presentation/participation

September Dance - Review

An electrifying evening of New York, New York, experience!

A romantic and dazzling show of Rumba Spotlight Exhibition by **Phil and Sue Kimbrell!**
Considering this charming couple has been with us for a short period of years, we are very proud to see their long list of participation/contribution to our club...hurray to Phil and Sue!
The dedicated Committee Members delivered the evening atmosphere with the thrill of New York, New York... loaded with fun and excitement. The dining table was overflowing with home-made sandwiches, grapes and cookies. What a wonderful way to spend a weekend.
To our hosts **Steve & Rose Peterson**, the wonderful **Committee Members** ...we all say:
THANKS, GRACIAS, XIE-XIE, DANKE, GRAZIE, KOMAWOYO, ARIGATO, SPASSEBA, SALAMAT !

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 fabulous one-man team of **Dennis Acosta**, a very good dancer himself, brings a rhythm to the floor - you will not stop dancing. Believe me, he plays your request as well !

*Dancing is not how perfect your steps are
It's ... How Happy You Have Danced !*