



***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***

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***DANCE – Spotlight History***

The year was 2002, a very worthy program for all our dance club members was hatched. The concept was and still is, to open up and bring forth the best of our dancing skills. The bright idea was authored by one of our noble club presidents – Paul Leung. Marietta Tan and I, together with Judy Evans and Joseph Lathrop were new members of the club. Advanced, caring members, Karen and Bob Kandarian, took us under their guidance, lead us through and brought us to the dancing floor on our monthly social... *to perform!* Thus: *the first spotlight of the club had begun.* I was told, it was Viennese Waltz, that was nine years ago! I encourage everyone/newcomers to participate. Interestingly, you will develop *confidence*...guaranteed! It's challenging, fun and entertaining. Yes, we all have different beginnings - that makes it very interesting. Come join, let's keep our spotlight...*Shining!*

***THE RHYTHM – That resides within Us***

It was 1957 in Thailand, in the process of relocating a Buddhist monastery, a group of monks were assigned to move the giant clay Buddha that resides within. The monks started to push the huge statue, but soon noticed a crack on one side. The night was falling so they decided to wait for morning, by then they could figure out how to move it very carefully and avoid damage. However, that night, one curious monk returned to examine the clay Buddha. He shined a light close to the crack and saw something glitter. Gently, he chiseled and chipped away the clay. Hours later, in great astonishment, he stood back in awe...standing before him was a solid gold Buddha!

It was later discovered that several centuries before, while the Burmese army was advancing in the area, Thai monks had concealed the Buddha in clay, to keep it from being taken away. During the attack, all the monks were killed. So the true nature of the treasure lay in secret mystery until 1957.

*You and I*, sometimes resemble the clay Buddha. The righteousness is concealed with protective "clay" disguising from a world *we perceived* as overwhelming and hostile. That clay, chipped and tossed away, can reveal the caring, friendly and compassionate people that we are; free to embark a happy journey, dance our dreams, and gently sway with *the rhythm that resides within us!*

***NSD Convention at Fresno on Sept 2-5, 2011***

***Come Join the dance...add more fun to your Memories!***

***Being happy - doesn't mean everything is - Perfect.***

***It means you have decided to ... Go Beyond the Imperfections!***

# 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.

## September 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 and Bolero Dance Classes:

### Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27.

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:

### September 5, 19 & 26; (12<sup>th</sup> temporary Meetings schedule).

Every 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.  
If you need help, they will even show you the dance moves... We salute you both!

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

### September 24, Saturday

**Dance Theme:** *New York, New York.*  
**Attire:** *Semi-formal; guest: \$15/single; \$25/couple.*  
**Music:** *Music Director Robert Kandarian of The Targets.*  
**Location:** *Rasmussen Senior Center @ 115 East Roberts Lane.*  
**Hosts:** *Steve & Rose Peterson and The Committee.*  
**Spotlight:** *Phil & Sue Kimbrell - Proudly present to entertain us!*

## *Standing Ovation - August Dance*

*It was a standing ovation and fittingly so! The author/pioneer of the Spotlight Dance, President Paul Leung (2000), together with his lovely wife Irene, revisited his creation and performed an exquisite Tango, to entertain all of us, to prove once more that this program truly brings the best of those - who venture to participate!  
Have you ever danced without seeing ??? Well...He did! Unbelievably, his "vision", exceeds far beyond many, including mine!*

*Equally thrilling that night, was another standing ovation of Waltz Dance performance expressed in the sincerest of emotions by Sze and Chiuyee Ho. The music played was a symbolic melody of - Whispering Hope. Sze Ho, M.D., is a medical doctor and our dedicated long time member. He is not just a cancer survivor, he is a winner!  
Read his articles/books about cancer, you will be informed and be inspired.*

*To the Committee Members, you did not only brought us a Thrilling Show;  
You served us the best Chinese chicken salad of the evening... We thank 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 plays your request too.

*Sometimes:*

*Teamwork is Essential – When All Else Fail – You have Someone to Blame !*