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March Board events...What is this?

What is this March Board event that we yearly celebrate? Most of us know. But, to a lot of our new members, it's a good information for them to understand. The Board is a three day events held yearly on March. This is the meeting of the Board of Directors, representing all California's Smooth Dance Chapters. The events include: The coronation of the Bakersfield Queen, attended by all the other chapter queens; A Las Vegas style Showcase Entertainment by our chapter, the show that always draws crowd and very highly acclaimed by all chapters; A professional dancers entertainment; Dance competition in all levels; A dance seminar by the professional dancers; Lots of social ballroom dancing from beginning to end and also foods; A perfect moment to watch, relax and unwind; Develop friendships with very nice people from members of different chapters. ***Come join - add more fun - to your memories!***

CHA-CHA: The Dance History

Dances are categorized into: Theatrical and Social. The Social is divided into Folk and Popular dances. Cha-Cha is a popular dance. It originated in Cuba, in the 1950s. In the 1940s, American and Latin orchestras alike flocked to Havana, Cuba to perform in the city's lively nightclubs. Musicians attempted to combine the beat of American jazz with Cuban rumba rhythms. Thus, a music and a dance Mambo was created. In the early 1950s, some Cuban dancers began adding extra flourishes to the Mambo, dividing the last two beats in the measure into two half-beats with quick, staccato steps, plus the unique Cuban hip swivels, there the birth of Cha-Cha has began.

Now the Cha-Cha is a prominent international ballroom dance in competitions. Like many ballroom dances, it evolves as dancers experiment by adding more complicated steps, turns and even acrobatics. Reality television programs like ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" frequently feature the cha-cha, and the dance remains one of the most popular Latin American dances in studios and dance halls worldwide.

Reminders

Get ready for the Boards, on March 25, 26 & 27, ***be one of the town's people***. Participating in these artistic program activities, different from what we do in our daily life, will surely bring smiles of memories, to recollect in the rocking-chair days of our lives! ***Charlene Miller***, our famous Show Director, always welcomes your participation. For tickets to these world of fun, contact our always-ready-to-help ***Frances Hein*** or see your friendly guy – ***Norbert Tan!***

Calendar of Events

March 2, Wednesday

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, corner of MT. Vernon Ave. and 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.

March 16 & 30, Wednesday

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

March 25, 26 & 27 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

The Boards - at Marriot Hotel and Convention Center. Bakersfield, CA

March Dance Lesson

East Coast Swing - for beginners and intermediate class.

February Dance – A Valentine’s Affair

What else would be a perfect celebration for February than a Valentine’s Dance. And so it was! Members and some guests came in bright red Valentine’s color and so was the atmosphere. The wonderful evening was chaired by Margaret Hawkins and Richard Keith, with - *the magnificent seven members!* The music by the Targets was fittingly romantic. The evening was full with excitements and the dancers were in the mood for the occasion. To the Dance Committee, we thank you for a lovely evening.

The Board – March 25, 26 & 27

All aboard and ready, we look forward to this big event of the year. An affair to remember by all who participate, as has always been in several years. The preparation is grand and so is the celebration. *This is a gathering, one should never forget – come have fun!*

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.