



# *Bakersfield Smooth Dancers, Inc.*

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## *Official Newsletter of the Bakersfield Smooth Dancers*



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### *A Very Special Thanks*

A very special thanks to all our 2010 Officers who put forth an extraordinary time, effort, planning and dedication to keep our chapter one of the most recognized top chapters in the National Smooth Dancers organization in California: Frances Hein; Karen Kandarian; Charlene Miller; Bill Landry; Lyle Mills; Estelle Hughes; Jan Mills; Jane Cuellar; Kim Johnson; Jill Calcaterra; Chris Conrad; Margaret Hawkins; Bruce Wendt and our president TG Thomas. A little hint of dedication - Lyle Mills drives three hours in order to attend in every meeting, of course, with him is his wit and wisdom to keep our chapter on the top. Extraordinarily, some have rendered countless years of unparalleled dedication. Now, a majority of them decided to rededicate their service again for the year 2011. This is one of the reasons why our club stood so elegantly strong for more than four decades, to keep us dancing through the years...rain or shine! We, the members, in standing ovation, clap and sway to all of them, singing, "We Are Family!"

### *Dance...A Great Tool For Friendship*

There is rarely any social occasion, with a nice music that will not set the atmosphere for dancing. Dance is an art that attracts everyone's attention in almost any gathering. It's hard to quantify who commands the greater attention, those who do not know how to dance or those who can dance. What is interesting is, whoever walks into the dancing floor, captivates everybody's attention. There, the tool box for friendship is open! The rest is how decent and respectable you are, in the atmosphere of music as you associate with the crowd. **What** you say and **how** you communicate, of course, quickly define who you are. We know that dance is of many forms and styles just as there are variations in music played and the types of social gatherings. The key to this great tool for friendship, is to keep a routine dance practice, until it becomes instinct. If you feel bold enough, you can even create your own moves, after all, dancing is an art of body movements that synchronize and harmonize to the beat and rhythm of music. Now, you are ready!

### *Most Improved Awards*

The Most Improved Dancer Award winners for 2010, went to: Dwight Rollins for men; Susan Salvucci for women; and to Sue and Phil Kimbrell for couple. Congratulations!

### *Reminders*

#### Tuesdays Dance Class:

It was brought to our attention in the last Membership Meeting, that some of those coming early for the 6:30 pm class, should please: Stay on the sides, keep off the dancing floor and tone down their voices, as a courtesy to the on-going private class. **Courtesy** is a jewel...very nice for everyone to have! Thank you.

#### Membership Fees for 2011:

Last call. Your membership fees are due. Bring your payment to our treasurer, Estelle Hughes. If you forget, this could result in your termination in accordance to our bylaws.

## *Calendar of Events*

**Jan. 5, 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, 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.

**Jan. 19, Wednesday**, 6:00 - 9:00 pm- dance practice in Veterans Hall at 2101 Ridge Rd. 93305. Bernice Fiolle, plays the music. Thank you Bernice.

**Jan. 22, Saturday**, 7:00 – 10:30 pm, formal dance. President's Annual Ball at Rasmussen Senior Center. Dance Steppers members are all invited as our special guest.

**Jan. Dance Lesson** – is Foxtrot.

## *December Dances*

**Christmas Dance** – Dec. 11, 2010:

The Christmas was hosted by many of our new members and chaired by our dear Frances Hein. A great chairmanship, to let the new members feel – **they belong!** Indeed, it was an evening to remember. A spotlight by top dancers of our club, presented a dance group formation of waltz. The dance moves were uniquely very entertaining, flawless, synchronized, and with such display of emotion. It was a performance of awe and pleasure to watch! The evening mood was festive and our Jedi master of music, Ken Silver, as always, keeps us through the night with the excitement of his music.

**New Years Dance** – Dec. 31, 2010:

New Year's Dance is always one of our most celebrated gathering of the year, an evening of many extraordinary. It is specially organized with catered fine food and spirits to put up for the high energy evening. The camaraderie of everybody; members, guests, friends from Visalia Chapter and the presence of our acclaimed Dance Instructors, were truly outstanding. As it has always been, it binds us all together in a festive, holiday and romantic moods of swing, cha-cha, tango, rumba, with the rhythm of The Targets played by Ken Silver from our Distinguished Gentlemen of Music. To top it all, it also was, a punctuation to bid farewell to the year 2010 economic woes. A big credit to Queen Jill Calcaterra and our most improved dancer, Susan Salvucci, who both chaired...the thrill of the night! Hurray to the volunteer members who came to help in the preparation of this enchanted evening. A very Happy New Year to 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 team of Dennis Acosta and Dwight Rollins do the music that made them famous on the Fridays, and they play your request as well.

## *Our Deepest Condolences*

Our deepest condolences to Dorothy Chapman and her family in the passing of our beloved member, Wayne Chapman last December. His loss was a very sad news to all of us. But, Wayne's good deeds and fun memories are alive and a treasure to our dance club history. He was a dedicated president. For many years he was our pillar. Sir Wayne Chapman, in the King Arthur Show, was fun and great. He will be loved, dearly missed and fondly remembered...always!