

Happy Holidays to All !!!



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PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL MESSAGE:

The year 2007 was another good year for San Diego Smooth Dancers. As President, I couldn't have asked for a better Board of Directors, your leaders.

Thanks to Chuck DiSessa, Dance Class Chair, the club ended the year in the black. Chuck contracted with a variety of instructors, giving us an opportunity to learn from our regulars as well as some new to our dance class.

Kay Ryan, Treasurer, did her usual exceptional job of keeping track of our funds, ensuring everyone stayed within their budget and making the most of our investments. Anthony Wood, Vice-President, was his charming self, welcoming people to our dance classes and bringing in some new members.

Patricia Burke, Secretary, accurately recorded our meetings, both General Membership and Convention—a very time-consuming job.

Al Folkman, as Board Member Delegate, was his usual competent charismatic self as he represented our club at out-of-town meetings.

And Wandalee Dimond...our Social Chair for fourteen years. She is a font of knowledge about our club and all of NSD.

So, to my Board, I salute you. Not on the Board but who has served us: Maggie Deming for her *Dance Whispers* reporting for several years, Stasia Colfer for taking on the Holiday giving program... and where would we be without Dave Saul as our *Smooth Talk* Publisher!!!

Thank you all for your support this year.

Saturday, December 15 found 18 of us touring the Grand Hyatt, home of our convention next year. We had the opportunity to view the ballroom, meeting rooms, etc., and ask questions, before lunch. We then walked from the hotel to the Embarcadero to determine the site for our Hospitality Picnic the first afternoon (Friday) of our Convention 2008. It's a lovely grassy area with beautiful views of San Diego harbor.

Events coming up are: New Year's Eve Party where your three new officers will be sworn in: President, Mark Chapman; Board Member

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Delegate, Vern Miranda; and Social Chair, Melissa Dennison. Be sure to get your reservation in to Wandalee so you don't miss this elegant evening.

Our January 12 General Membership meeting will be at the home of Vickie and Slim Durham and will be chaired by your new President. Be sure to attend, as we need a quorum to vote on Anastasia Colfer as our 2008 Chapter Queen, the automated external defibrillator mentioned in the November *Smooth Talk*, and our 2008 budget.

The next Convention meeting will be on January 19 at Wandalee and Al's.

And remember that dues are payable now!!!

In closing, I want to thank all of you I have not mentioned by name who contributed to making 2007 such a success—those of you who generously opened your homes for meetings, those who worked to make the socials a place where people want to come...event chairs, food, greeters, music, decorating and cleaning up--and those who worked with the dance class making it a springboard for better dancers as well as new members. The old saying "It takes a village to raise a child"—well it takes all of you to make our SDSD village work. I am honored to have served as your 2007 President, your 2006 Queen and to be a member of this village. What a wonderful ride I have had. Thank you all.

Ann Meador, President

SOCIAL CHAIR'S REPORT by Wandalee Dimond



DECEMBER SOCIAL

This social was called "Winter Wonderland" and Wandalee and her helpers made it indeed look that way. Vickie and Melissa prepared the buffet dinner which was excellent. Chuck and Vickie organized the entertainment for the evening which consisted of the dance class doing two formation demonstrations and eight couples performing solos. All our performers were in good spirit and their exuberance carried over into the audience. Mani did a great job with the music having both ballroom and traditional Christmas music to listen and/or dance to. We had over 130 people attend and many commented on the great time they had.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

We have again reserved Champion Ballroom for welcoming in the New Year. Our party will start at 8:30 pm and goes till ????? We will have hats, horns, balloons and plenty of hors d'oeuvres and champagne to get and keep everyone in the merry mood. All details are included in the attached flyer.

Reservations are required, so please call and let me know how many are in your party.

In closing I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Wandalee

(619-299-4062)

NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING

SDSD's next business meeting will be at 2:30 PM Saturday, January 12th, 2008 at Vickie and Slim Durham's Home, 1321 Gertrude Street, San Diego, CA 92110. This is a pot luck, so bring something to share.

CONVENTION MEETING

Our next Convention Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2008 at the home of Al and Wandalee. The time will be 2:30 PM.



Upper L : Kitchen togetherness—Wandalee and Mellissa

Lower L : When Irish Eyes are Smiling—Sure 'tis near to seein' a Queen !!
Chapter Queen Nominee Anastasia Colfer and granddaughter Talia

R : Ines presents a token of the Sunday dance class's appreciation
to Carrie Kloss.

Dancing Around San Diego by Sandy Long

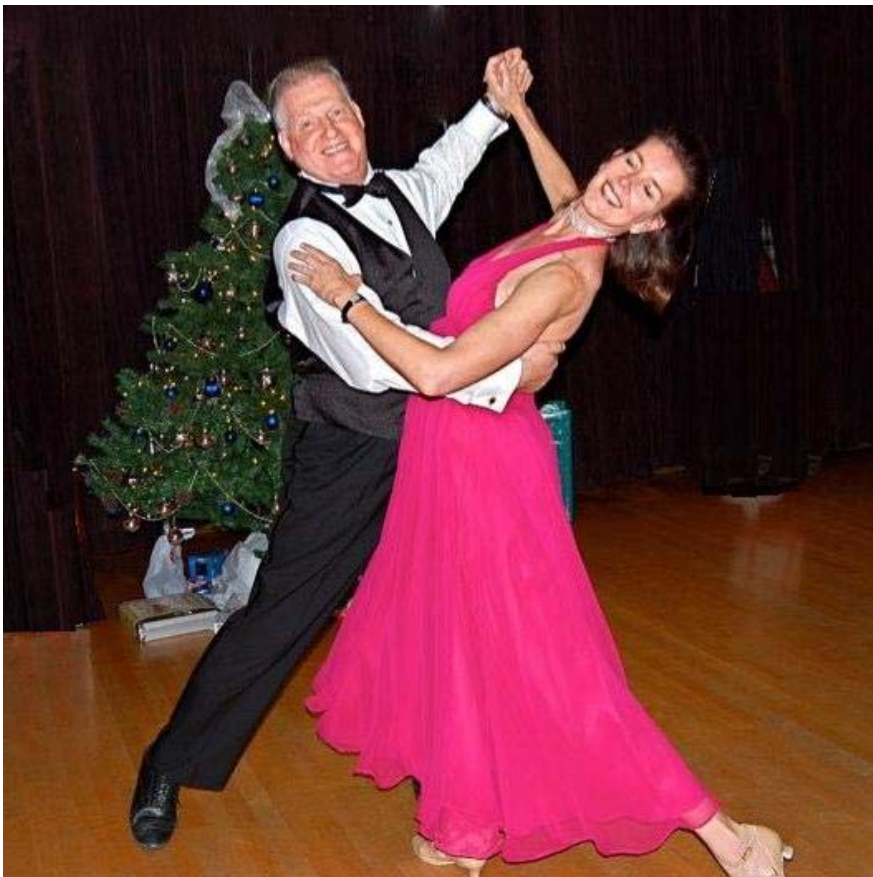
GREETINGS! Please consider whether or not this page is still a desirable asset to our newsletter and club members because I'm burning out on keeping it up. Would you believe that I've been doing this page for the past 12 years + ? Have lost count! There's been an infinite number of places come and go (mostly go) as public dance venues AND it's been fun, AND I'm ready to pass the torch if you want to continue this page.

Contact me to let me know your interest and we'll get you going with your creative ideas!. 619-583-8263

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ALWAYS CALL THE VENUE TO CONFIRM THE DETAILS. THEY CHANGE!!

Day	Place	Music	Type	Floor Size	Cost
<u>SUNDAYS</u> <u>Jan. 13th</u> 5 – 9 p.m.	Palomar Social at Ocean Hills country Club	DJ; Call George Mozes for directions 760-941-5175 and to confirm date for this month	Ballroom	large	\$8
<u>Jan. 6th & 20th</u> 3 - 6 p.m.	Escondido Elks Lodge @ Escondido & Ctr City Pkwy 760-745 - 1687	Pier Group PLZ call to confirm dates	Ballroom	med	\$10 inc snacks
<u>Wednesdays</u> 7:30 pm – 10:30	Cheek 2 Cheek 8/270-7100 909 Grand Ave., Pac. Bch.	DJ Mary Manzella's Party	ballroom	huge	\$8
<u>THURSDAYS</u> 7:00 – 9:30 pm	Lucky Star Restaurant 54 th & University Ave. 229-8228	Moonlight Serenade	ballroom	med.	\$6 plus 1drink
<u>FRIDAYS</u> 8 – 10 p.m. 10 – 11 p.m.	Champion Ballroom 619-291-7722	DJ Champion staff DJ Jack Staudte	ballroom	huge	\$5
8 – 11 p.m.	Synergy Dance Zone See Saturdays	DJ Peter Edwards	ballroom	med	\$5
<u>Jan. 11th</u> 7 – 10 pm	Balboa Park Club	DJ	ballroom	huge	\$4
<u>Jan. 4th & 18th</u> 7:30– 10:00 pm	Dance for 2 5150 Murphy Cnyn. Rd. 858 565 9575	DJ	ballroom	med	\$7
<u>FRI & SAT</u> 8 – 11 pm 7:30 lesson	Cheek 2 Cheek See Wednesdays	DJ	ballroom	huge	\$7 Fri. \$10 Sat.
8 - 11 p.m.	Trellises. Town & Country Hotel. Hotel C..619-908-5017	Pier Group	ballroom/Lain./Club	small	2 dr. min.
<u>SATURDAYS</u> <u>Jan. 19th</u> 8 – 11 p.m.	Synergy Dance Zone 7480 Miramar Rd 8/2684011	ROB GRADDY, host & DJ free technique lesson @ 7:30	ballroom	med	\$7
<u>Jan. 19th</u> 7:30 – 11 pm	Starlight Dance Studio 619-287-9036	DJ Michael Kiehm Jack & Jill contest	ballroom	huge	\$7



Some Highlights of SDSD Christmas Showcase 12-1-2007

Above: Chuck & Brenda, Mark & Kao

Below: all formation and solo dancers who performed

—Thanks to Judy Miranda for these photos.



SDSD's Royal Court and members of San Diego Smooth Dancers congratulate those special people among us who celebrate birthdays in January.

Member: January Birth Date:

D. G. (Ollie) Olivas	2
Shelly Backus	5
Cherie Ganzer	6
Iliana Uretsky	10
Mark Chapman	11
Wanda Thoman	27
Sanny Tong	25
Ron Zucker	26

— Happy Birthday! —



It's Renewal Time for 2008. Please renew TODAY.

Membership RENEWAL for 2008

San Diego Smooth Dancers, Inc.

For easy renewal: Please fill out, clip, and submit with 2008 dues of **\$30 per person** to S.D.S.D. Membership Chairperson Anthony Wood at the address listed below **before January 1, 2008**. To re-instate after 30-day delinquency, you will have to apply as a new member. Thanks! (Note: use of this form is optional, but encouraged.)

Member 1: _____ \$ _____

Member 2: _____ \$ _____

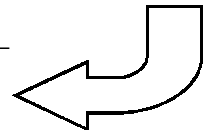
Checks payable to San Diego Smooth Dancers. **Total Enclosed :** \$ _____

IMPORTANT— !!! — PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION FOR THE ROSTER:

Include such items as Change(s) of name, address, telephone and/or e-mail for membership records and for 2008 roster. Please write any changes below:

Mail to: **Anthony Wood, Membership Chairperson**
 9450 Mira Mesa Blvd.
 #B-308
 San Diego, CA 92126

Mail this form with check to:



SUNDAY NIGHT DANCE CLASS DECEMBER, 2007

by Chuck DiSessa

Our Sunday Night Dance Class ended on a high note with two brilliant performances by our dance class members. Those attending our Christmas Showcase on December 1st saw a very entertaining East Coast Swing demonstration by our dance class to start Act I of the show, and later, a passionate Tango demonstration to begin Act II.

The liveliness and enthusiasm of the participants added much enjoyment to the evening's festivities. In addition to the fine job Carrie Kloss did to prepare our class demonstrations, many class members also worked hard to prepare for their first showcase with the San Diego Smooth Dancers.

In Act II, Anthony Wood and Mary King danced a very impressive Viennese Waltz choreographed by Carrie Kloss. Attired in white tails and ballgown respectively, Anthony and Mary were dazzling in executing a very well choreographed routine. In the final act, Ken Kadansky and Kathy Myers wowed a very enthusiastic audience with a Cha-Cha/Swing medley that was electrifying in its presentation, and well executed to the delight of all.

Making her showcase debut in a Foxtrot routine choreographed by Michael Kiehm, Brenda Gettig was spell binding as she danced with Chuck DiSessa through a variety of intricate moves executed with elegance and grace. Brenda endeared herself to our hearts as the newest dancing sensation of the San Diego Smooth Dancers.

Every class member involved in the Christmas Showcase can be proud of their efforts which, once again, reflected the high standard of dancing for our organization.

Some changes in our class format will be taking place in our 2008 classes. All classes will be ten dollars each. Carrie Kloss will start our year of instruction with a Cha Cha at 5:00 p.m., and an American Waltz at 6:00 p.m. After two hours of class instruction, the third hour will be devoted to an assisted practice session where anyone with questions about anything taught in class will be able to get answers with help from the more experienced dancers. At that time, the dance floor will be open to practice for everyone. We are a family of dancers, and we feel this is a good way to share our time and talent with each other. (Our potluck will continue as usual.)

Fun and frivolity was the name of the game as the dance class once again got together for our annual Potluck and White Elephant Gift Exchange party held in the recreation center at the shorefront residence of Peter and Alberta Valentini. Most of you heeded our request for home cooked foods, and the dinner was both creative and diverse in its presentation. Anthony Montalto led our gift exchange, responding to a 12th hour call for help. Thank you Anthony for a job well done!

Everyone put their gifts beneath the beautiful Christmas tree trimmed by the dance class committee, which included the Plikshe's, the Valentini's, and yours truly. In addition, Alberta did a nice job of making us feel cozy with several white stuffed teddy bears located around the room. Many thanks to so many who stayed late to box everything up after the party and helped with the clean up.

Al Folkman provided details about our New Year's Eve Party/Dance, and Ines Plikshe presented to Carrie Kloss a monetary gift and card signed by all of our class members. We enjoy opportunities like this to remind Carrie of how much we appreciate her professionalism and contributions to our club throughout the year.

Here is an early preview of our 2008 dance class schedule:

Jan-Feb	Cha-Cha and American Waltz	Carrie Kloss
March-April	Hustle and Bolero	Shawn Torgerson
May-June	Viennese Waltz and Foxtrot	Carrie Kloss
July-August	(To be announced)	
September	Guest Instructor Month	
Oct-Nov	Quickstep and American Rumba	Carrie Kloss

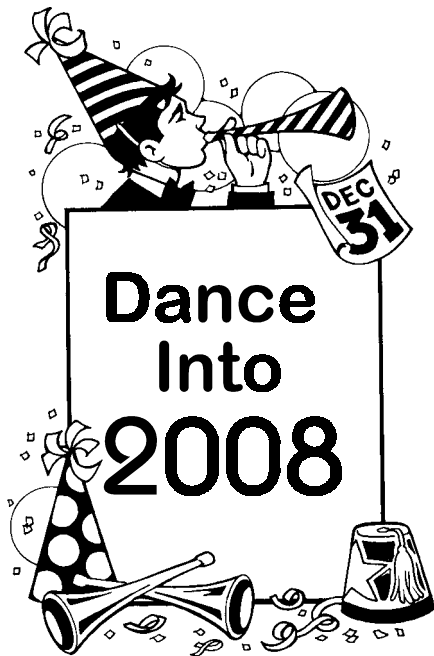
Detailed flyers will be available when you arrive at the studio for our first class which starts on January 6th. Arrive early, and join our dance family for another great year of growth in your dancing and comederie with your friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Sincerely yours for better dancing,
Chuck DiSessa, Dance Class Manager
San Diego Smooth Dancers, Inc.

Announcing
San Diego Smooth Dancers'

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE PARTY



- †† Best Ballroom Floor in San Diego
- †† Great Dance Music
- †† Hors D'oeuvres -a- plenty
- †† Hats and noise makers
- †† Champagne or Sparkling Cider
to toast the arrival of Year 2008.

TIME:
8:30 PM until ???

ATTIRE:
Dressy — Tie or Tux

DONATION:
Guests: \$25 ea., or \$45 per couple
SDSD Members: \$20 ea.

— RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED —
Reserve by Dec. 27

Check payable to San Diego Smooth Dancers, mail to:

Wandalee Dimond
4107 Arden Way
San Diego, CA 92103

Location:
Champion Ballroom
3580 Fifth Avenue
San Diego, CA

For more info, call 619-299-4062
Attendance limited, First come, first served.

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