

NATIONAL SMOOTH DANCERS PARENT ORGANIZATION

The Various Chapters by Years Begun

Chapter	Year
Los Angeles	1937, incorporated November 1947. Disbanded at end of 2023.
San Diego	1949
San Francisco (Golden Gate)	1950
Fresno (Rainbow)	1952, disbanded in 1976 (restarted later – see below)
San Jose (Garden City)	Began ca 1953, disbanded in 1993 (insufficient members), restarted briefly
Palomar (Oceanside)	1953
Santa Rosa	Existed in 1958, not in 1961
Long Beach (Starliter)	Hosted convention in 1960, not listed in 1961, disbanded in 1990
Fallbrook	Existed in 1961, disbanded before 1971
Mt Whitney	Disbanded in 1971
Oakland (Lake Merritt)	Existed in in the 1950s, disbanded in 1992
Lakewood	Existed in 1961, disbanded before 1971
Santa Monica	Existed in 1961, disbanded before 1971
Visalia	1958, disbanded in late 1960s (restarted later and is still active)
San Fernando Valley	1961 earlier was called North Hollywood
Bakersfield	1964
Coronado (Crown)	Existed during 1967-1971
Visalia	1975 - restarted
San Luis Obispo (High Tides)	1978 – later called Central Coast. Disbanded in September 2004
Fresno	1985 - restarted

Comments

History: LA initiated the organization in 1937 for “Smooth Dancing”

Women invited to join in 1939

Club disbanded in October 1942 because of World War II

Club restarted after the war, and LA incorporated in November 1947

In 1949 San Diego affiliated, followed by Golden Gate

The Oakland Chapter hosted the Convention in 1957, '67, '73

San Jose reportedly formed in November 1972 but also around 1953. **They hosted Convention in 1955**

Fresno affiliated as the Rainbow Chapter in May 1952, and disbanded in 1975

Palomar formed on September 27, 1953

A Santa Monica Chapter formed, but disbanded, with most members joining the Los Angeles Chapter

Long Beach started in 1957, but disbanded in 1990

In October 1960, San Fernando Valley formed and affiliated with NSD in 1961

Bakersfield began in March 1964

Visalia began in 1958 and disbanded a few years later

Visalia restarted in 1975

The High Tides (Central Coast) Chapter began in 1978, disbanded in 2004

Fresno restarted in 1985

Interesting “Firsts”

First State Convention was hosted by Golden Gate in 1951

Dance Whispers published its first issue in February, 1950

First yearbook was by Fresno’s Rainbow Chapter for 1952-53

Oakland started the Crown Circle gathering in 1961

Gavel Club started at the 1974 Convention

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Convention Hosting Chapters, State Queens and Themes

	Convention Host	State Queen	Convention Theme
2027	San Fernando Valley		
2026	Fresno		
2025	Golden Gate		Diamond Jubilee—A Celebration of GG's 75 th Anniversary
2024	Palomar	Debbie Atherton	Holiday on the Bay
2023	Visalia	Myra Nielsen	NSD Goes to the Movies
2022	San Diego	Lou Reyes	Give Our Regards to Broadway
2021	No Convention due to COVID 19 pandemic		
2020	No Convention due to COVID 19 pandemic		
2019	San Fernando Valley	Joan Robinson	Night and Day – America at Work, America at Play
2018	Fresno	Lynn Sanders	The Big Apple
2017	Golden Gate	Svetlana Gites	Viva Las Vegas
2016	Los Angeles	Susan Johnson	Dancing on Parade
2015	San Diego	Kay Ryan	The Orient Express
2014	Palomar	Miriam Mozes	America the Beautiful
2013	Visalia	Barbara Uichanco	Out of Africa, a Safari Adventure
2012	San Fernando Valley	Barbara Greenlaw	Dancing through the Holidays
2011	Fresno	Carla Rose Hartunian	Under the Sea
2010	Golden Gate	Amy Ansaldi	Leave Your Heart in San Francisco
2009	Los Angeles	Jodene Catterlin	Cruise to Paradise
2008	San Diego	Judy Miranda	Once upon a Dream
2007	Visalia	Dee Peterson	NeSDyland
2006	Fresno	Norma Schmidt	Coming of Age Party
2005	San Fernando Valley	Sally Emanuelli	Fantasy Adventures – A Magic Carpet Ride
2004	Los Angeles	Susan Lewis	A Trip Down Memory Lane
2003	Golden Gate	Rita Parma	A Sentimental Journey
2002	San Diego	Wandalee Dimond	Around the World in 80 Hours
2001	Visalia	Lotti Carr	A Chance to Dance Las Vegas Style
2000	Palomar	Marsha Hanson	Observing the Millenium
1999	Fresno	Sue Dowell	Australian Walk About
1998	San Fernando Valley	Vivian Pennock	Hollywood Holiday
1997	Golden Gate	Elena Malta	Cable Car Caper
1996	San Diego	Claudine Rooney	Portals in Time
1995	Los Angeles	Evelyn Russell	America the Beautiful
1994	Visalia	Bernice Orr	An International Affair
1993	Palomar	Mary Anderson	Putting on the Ritz
1992	Fresno	Kathy Sachse	Fantasy Cruise
1991	San Fernando Valley	Rae Thilo	Through the Looking Glass
1990	Golden Gate	Rosalie Wolf	Dancing through the Decades ???
1989	San Diego	Maggie Deming	Dance Fun in the Forties ???
1988	Visalia	Joan Dewey	Let's Meet in Visalia
1987	Los Angeles	Betty Newgreen	
1986	San Jose	Charlene Longaker	
1985	Palomar	Anne Brantley	
1984	San Diego	Irene Mata	
1983	Golden Gate	Mary Panciera	
1982	San Diego	Raquel Wilson	
1981	San Jose	Cassy Hinds	

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1980	Palomar	Kappy Kigel	A Fantasy of Dance
1979	Los Angeles	Eleanor Phillips	
1978	Visalia	Trish Elam	
1977	Golden Gate	Frances Moore	
1976	Palomar	Edith Bertram	
1975	San Jose	Ginny Bergeson	
1974	Los Angeles	Dona Holm	
1973	Oakland	Sue Vaughn	
1972	Golden Gate	Dotty Schwartz	
1971	San Fernando Valley	Belle Arnold	
1970	Palomar	Irene Gilstrap & Dorothy Oliver	
1969	San Jose	Genevieve Hylton	
1968	San Diego	Wanda Thoman	City in Motion
1967	Oakland	Oma Evans	
1966	Visalia	Tracy Arnett	
1965	San Fernando Valley	Doris Dunlap	
1964	Visalia	Hon Clingenpeel	
1963	Golden Gate	Nola Nessi	
1962	Los Angeles	Liz Bradford	
1961	Fresno	Florence Mitchell	
1960	Long Beach	Mildred Davis	
1959	San Diego	Eileen Price	
1958	Golden Gate	Ester Mattix	
1957	Oakland	Elinor Merry	
1956	Los Angeles	Frances Horn	
1955	San Jose	Connie Young	
1954	San Diego	Virginia Thompson	
1953	Los Angeles	Stella Warner Couey	
1952	Los Angeles	Virginia Crawford	

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Themes of the Bakersfield Board Meeting

Event	Theme
2024	The Love Boat
2023	Coloring Outside the Lines
2022	Back to the Future
2021	The Roaring 2020s
2020	No event due to COVID 19 pandemic
2019	Once Upon a Time
2018	Dancing Is Forever
2017	Come Dance with Me
2016	Weekend at the Awards
2015	Area 51 Close Encounters
2014	The First 50 Years
2013	Race to the Winners Circle (Tour de Dance)
2012	Comic City Capers
2011	Satin & Spurs (City Slicker Ball)
2010	Under a Cherry Blossom Moon
2009	King Arthur of Murray
2008	Sway Caribbean
2007	At the Movies – It's a Wrap
2006	Homecoming Weekend
2005	A Salute to NSD (California's Gold)
2004	Broadway on Parade
2003	Cruising with the Big Bands (Sentimental Journey)
2002	California Dreamin'
2001	World Dance Tour
2000	Back to the Future
1999	Come Fly with Us
1998	Moonlight and Roses - Swinging on a Star?

Event	Theme
1997	Over the Rainbow
1996	Some Enchanted Evening
1995	The Dancing Decades (1910 – 1950)
1994	A Sentimental Journey Down Memory Lane
1993	Wings of Spring
1992	The Rainbow Connection
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1987	Dancing Around the World Together in Bkrsfield
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1972	No theme listed
1971	No theme listed