

Queen Sue Dowell

1999 State Queen



Sue Dowell

The Fresno Chapter is very pleased to introduce our State Queen-elect, Sue Dowell. Sue was born in Santa Monica and raised in Bakersfield where she was active with ballet and violin lessons during her elementary school days but turned to water skis and hot rods in her high school years. She attended Bakersfield College for one year before enrolling in California State University, Fresno, to pursue a degree in Nursing. As she was pledging an on campus sorority (Delta Zeta) she met her husband, Bob, at a "Meet the Pledges" open house and on September 7th they will be celebrating their 37th wedding anniversary. Sue has enjoyed her career with Fresno Unified School District for the past 20 years as a registered nurse with a health and development credential.

Sue and Bob have two beautiful daughters who are both on the verge of beginning their married life, Jacque in late September, and their younger daughter Stacy in March next year. As you can imagine, Sue will be very busy this year!

Sue was very active in tennis tournaments for about ten years before ballroom dance became her hobby of choice. Sue and Bob began dancing after returning from a seven-day cruise to Mexico where they watched a small group from a dance studio in Kansas City, Missouri entertain them every evening. It was Henry and Roganne Wegermann who introduced them to National



Smooth Dancers during the 1988 Convention in Visalia and Sue has not missed a single Board of Directors or Convention weekend during the past ten years.

Sue enjoys her dancing very much and that interest has taken her into dance competitions and performances for many NSD functions and Queen's Honor Dances. Sue and Bob were honored to bring an American Four Star Championship to Fresno Chapter and Sue has stated that the encouragement and support by NSD members has been the real driving force behind many of her dance accomplishments.

Sue has been a very dedicated and active member of NSD holding the following Chapter offices: Recording Secretary; Social Chairman, Corresponding Secretary; Vice President; President; and 1991 Chapter Queen. She states that this commitment has truly been "a labor of love" because she has received so much pleasure and enrichment from her friendships with NSD members.

She has certainly lived up to her philosophy that if you are going to belong to an organization try your best to be involved and make things happen for the benefit of everyone.

See you at Convention 1999 in Fresno September 3-6.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM STATE QUEEN SUE

Dear NSD friends. I want to express my sincere gratitude to each of you who attended our Convention weekend and made the evening of my coronation such a magical night.

It is my deepest honor to have been selected by the Fresno members to represent the Chapter as NSD's State Queen and I will do my very best to make all of NSD proud of your ambassador.

I would also like to thank Chapter Queen Oleta Rush for sharing her spotlight with me for the past two months of her most gracious reign. Thanks to everyone for your great support!

Sue Dowell A FAREWELL FROM STATE QUEEN

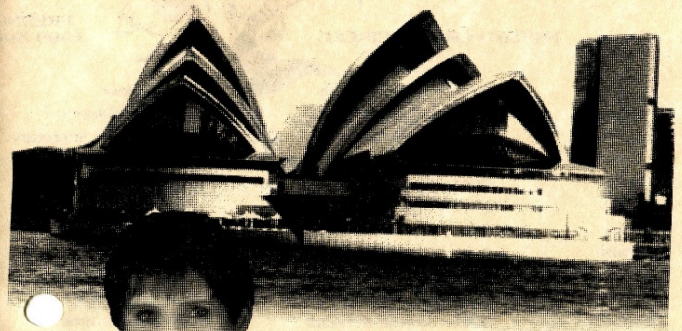
Where do I begin with recognizing the many individuals and enjoyable moments that made this year so unforgettable? I'll start by expressing my sincere gratitude to the very special members of our Fresno Chapter for granting me this honor to serve as Chapter and State Queen. I would like to thank each Chapter that presented their respective Queen's coronation with great hospitality, warmth of friendship, traditional pageantry and a demonstrated love of Ballroom dance.

The rapport that developed between my sister Queens and myself grew out of hospitality parties, the dressing room experiences, the collective offering of support to each Queen Elect for her very special performance and the farewell Queen's Brunch.

I want to thank my loving husband, Bob for being my escort and making me feel like a Queen both on and off the ballroom floor. I shall treasure the friendships made that were strengthened and memories for the rest of my life. I wish State Queen Marsha Hanson all the joys, excitement and fun during her reign as I enjoyed. Her Coronation theme was "Observing the Shooting Stars" and like a shooting star streaking across an enchanted nights sky, my reign as your State Queen has been brilliant with joy but ever so brief. Thanks to everyone for expressing your love and friendship, it was truly an honor to serve.

FRESNO SMOOTH DANCERS

State Queen Sue Dowell
Wishes You Many
Happy Memories
Of Your
Australian Waltz About

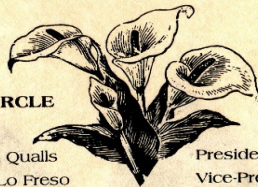


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FRESNO CHAPTER SMOOTH DANCERS

CONVENTION 1999
and CORONATION

FRESNO CROWN CIRCLE



1986	Queen Kathryn Qualls
1987	Queen Lucille Lo Freso
1988	Queen Doris Bowling - Fidalgo
1989	Queen Nancy Payter - Palazzo
1990	Queen Mary Hirata
1991	Queen Sue Dowell
1992	Queen Phyllis Sasaki
1993	State Queen Kathleen Sachse
1994	Queen Patricia Work
1995	Queen Shirley McCloskey
1996	Queen Norma Schmidt
1997	Queen Helen Kimura
1998	Queen Sharlene Mills
1999	Queen Oleta Rush

PROCESSION OF REIGNING QUEENS

State Queen, San Fernando	Vivian Pennock
Los Angeles Chapter	Hilda Trop
San Diego Chapter	Ruby Opfer
Golden Gate Chapter	June Long
Palomar Chapter	Naomi Hicks
Bakersfield Chapter	Rosemary Duffy
Central Coast Chapter	Jane Darling
Visalia Chapter	Enid Sellars
Fresno Chapter	Oleta Rush

ROYAL COURT

Jacquelynn Dowell
Stacy Dowell

FRESNO CHAPTER 1999 Board Members

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1999 Convention Chair	Bob Dowell
Queen	Oleta Rush
Life Members	Floyd & Kathryn Qualls

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Sharlene Mills

PROGRAM

6:00 p.m.	No Host Bar
6:30 p.m.	Dinner
	Invocation - Tom Rooney San Diego Chapter
8:00 p.m.	State Queen's Coronation Ceremonies
9:00 p.m.	Competition
11:00 p.m.	Professional Show
12:00 p.m.	Hospitality

APPRECIATION



Escorts	Bob Jensen Max Eggman Orié Reed Gil Mendoza Tony Palazzo Bob Strickler Steve Pietrzyk Gary St. Clair Henery Wegemann
Soloist Accompanist	Elena Malta Dottie Duncan
Guest Book	Carla Hartunian
Official Hostess	Oleta Rush
Program	Shirley McCloskey
Queen's Gown	Carol Stiggins
Queen's Waltz	Franco Peraza
Queen's Attendants	Mary Hirata Norma Schmidt
Queen's Procession	Helen Kimura
Queen's Floral Arrangements Program Design	Nancy Palazzo Sylvia Skelton
Gift Attendant	Patricia Work

CORONATION COMMITTEE

Sharlene Mills, Chair
Nancy Palazzo
Carla Hartunian
Bob and Karen Jensen
Joanne and Harvey Oh

