

# Queen Mary Hirata 1990 Chapter Queen







MARY HIRATA - 1990

#### QUEEN MARY'S FAREWELL

"All good things must come to an end". By the time I was able to match names with faces and places, my reign is over. What a wonderful whirlwind of a year this has been, filled with good friends, good will, fine entertainment and dancing galore!

How lucky I am to have been elected to serve as Queen for the Fresno National Smooth Dancers. Thanks to our Club for allowing me to attend all the Coronations and the various NSD functions.

I treasure the friendship and hospitality extended to me from all the chapter Queens. Dressing room chatter was always exciting and the gift-giving and receiving was a joy. I especially enjoyed being the last Queen in the procession, Fresno being the "baby chapter", gave me time to take in the royal pageantry to its fullest.

Sincere appreciation goes to all chapter members who supported and cheered me on at the Coronations. Bill and I enjoyed our travels throughout California, and without a doubt it has been our highlight of the year.

In representing the Fresno Chapter as Queen, I hope that I have in some small way promoted friendship and good will to all our friends and dancers of our fantastic organization.

Congratulations to our elegant and stately Queen-elect Sue Dowell, and best wishes for a happy and exciting reign.

Mary Hirata,  
Fresno NSD





October 10, 1989

Dear Queen:

The Fresno Chapter of National Smooth Dancers cordially invite you to the Coronation Ball honoring our Queen-Elect, Mary Hirata, on Saturday, November 11th. The social hour will begin at 7pm., dinner at 8pm. and general dancing at 9pm. The coronation will be at 9:30pm. with general dancing to follow. There will be some competition dances as well as entertainment.

Queens will be the guest of the chapter for dinner and also the following day at the brunch. Queens are asked to wear long white gowns with long sleeves or white long gloves. Escorts will please wear black tuxedos, white shirts and black ties. The charge for escorts is \$20.00 for dinner and \$15.00 for the Sunday brunch. There will be dancing at the Sunday brunch also.

The brunch will be at the Picadilly Inn-University at 10am and a map is enclosed.

The Hotel requests that reservations be made in advance by two weeks to observe the package price. Please return your reservations for the dinner and brunch by Wednesday October 27, 1989 to Kathleen Sachse, 8060 N. Glenn #149, Fresno, 93711. Tel. (209) 436-1777 (days), 435-5657 (eves.) or Kevin Mc Cready 432-4245 (Treas.)

Sincerely,

Queen Nancy Palazzo

#### MEET QUEEN MARY HIRATA

Just as Cinderella stepped into her glass slippers, Mary Hirata slipped into her white gown and satin and pearl slippers and was crowned Fresno Chapter's Queen for 1990 by out-going Queen Nancy Palazzo.

Queen Mary (Kubo) Hirata was born in Loomis, Ca. (Placer County in the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas.) She met and married Bill K. Hirata in 1944. They have four children, 3 sons and a daughter. She is thrilled that both Bill's mother, 90 years young, and her mother, 88, were able to attend her coron-

ation along with 20 other family members! Aside from dancing, Mary enjoys knitting and sewing in her spare time does a little "ikebana", Japanese flower arranging.

She thanks everyone for making her Coronation such a special occasion. She is looking forward to representing her club, and to meeting new friends in N.S.D.



MARCH - Bakersfield  
Coronation



**NATIONAL SMOOTH  
DANCERS  
1992 STATE CONVENTION  
● FRESNO ●  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

**FRESNO CHAPTER  
NATIONAL SMOOTH DANCERS**

**QUEEN'S CORONATION BALL**

**HONORING  
QUEEN MARY HIRATA**



**NOVEMBER 11, 1989**

**FRESNO CHAPTER  
QUEENS**

- 1986 KATHERINE QUALLS
- 1987 LUCILLE LoFRESO
- 1988 DORIS BOWLING - FIDALGO
- 1989 NANCY FAYTER - PALAZZO

**FRESNO CHAPTER  
1989 - 1990 SOCIAL CALENDAR**

**THIRD SUNDAY DANCE CLASS -  
PRACTICE PARTIES**

4:00 Beginners Lesson  
5:00 Advanced Lesson

6:00 Potluck & General Dancing until 8:30 pm

**1989**

November 19      December 17

**1990**

January 21      May 20      September 16

February 18      June 17      October 21

March 18      July 15      November 18

April 15      August 19      December 16

**FIFTH SATURDAY PARTIES**

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

June 30      September 29

**AFFAIR TO REMEMBER  
AUGUST 11, 1990**

**QUEEN'S CORONATION  
NOVEMBER 10, 1990**



**MASTER OF CEREMONIES  
KEVIN MC CREADY**

**MUSIC BY  
KIM MORAND**  
Arthur Murray Studio

**PROGRAM**

7:00 pm      **HOSPITALITY**  
                  **General Dancing**

8:00 pm      **DINNER**

9:00 pm      **General Dancing**

9:30 pm      **CORONATION**  
                  **Queen's Honor Dance -**  
                  **by HENRY & HELENA HWANG**

**QUEEN'S WALTZ**

10:00 pm     **General Dancing**

10:30 pm     **COMPETITION**  
                  **Novice Waltz**  
                  **Open Waltz**  
                  **Cha-Cha / Rumba**

11:15        **CONTEST AWARDS**

'til 12:00     **General Dancing**

**CORONATION CEREMONY**

**CROWNING QUEEN  
NANCY ANN PALAZZO**

**STATE QUEEN - SAN DIEGO  
MAGGIE DEMING**

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<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	<b>ELOIS DAWSON</b>
<b>GOLDEN GATE</b> (San Francisco)	<b>VIOLA SAISI</b>
<b>GARDEN CITY</b> (San Jose)	<b>IRENE CHRISTY</b>
<b>PALOMAR</b>	<b>DONNA THORNTON</b>
<b>SAN FERNANDO</b>	<b>BARBARA GIBSON</b>
<b>BAKERSFIELD</b>	<b>EVELYN STANLEY</b>
<b>VISALIA</b>	<b>STELLA YOCUM</b>
<b>HIGH TIDES</b> (San Luis Obispo)	<b>BETTY BAXTER</b>

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**QUEEN ELECT                      FRESNO CHAPTER**

**MARY HIRATA**

**ESCORTED BY BILL HIRATA**

<b>Flower Girl</b>	<b>Andra Hirata</b>
<b>Crown Bearer</b>	<b>Garin Hirata</b>

**THANK YOU, COMMITTEES**

Chairperson	Kathy Sachse
Ticket Sales	Kathy Sachse, Kevin McCreedy
Hotel Reserv.	Kevin McCreedy
Dinner	Kevin McCreedy
Hospitality	Kathy Sachse
Brunch	Kevin McCreedy, Kathy Sachse
Program	Lynn Sanders
Competition	Floyd Qualls
Queens Hostess	Lucille LoFreso

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Judges	Frank Lopez, Kim Morand, Elroy Lisenbee
Scrutineer	Art Heil
Tickets	Kevin McCreedy
Hotel	Fresno Hilton
Catering	Willie Glass & Faye Mitchell
Flowers	Holiday Flowers / Roy Nagamine
Trophies	Omega Trophies
Danceware	Varieties International

**1989 OFFICERS**

President	Antonio (Tony) Palazzo
Queen	Nancy Ann Palazzo
Vice-President	Ted Oba
Treasurer	Kevin McCreedy
Secretary (Rec.)	Ruth Lawson-Green
Secretary (Cor.)	Janette Scott-Hart
Social Chair	Kathy Sachse
Board Member	Kathryn Qualls
Dance Rules	Floyd Qualls
Whispers Editor	Lynn Sanders

**QUEEN'S FAREWELL  
BRUNCH**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1989**

**PICADILLY INN, UNIVERSITY**

**4961 N. Cedar Ave**

**10:00 am**

**Brunch & Dancing**