

# Queen Kathy Constantino

## 2001 Chapter Queen

### FRESNO CHAPTER

Karen Jensen, Editor



**Kathy Constantino**

Well it is hard to believe that Queen Sue Dowell has already served a year and her reign will soon be over. We are very pleased to announce that our new Queen for this coming year will be Kathy Constantino.

Kathy was born and raised in the town of Bay Village, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, situated along Lake Erie. While growing up a "baby boomer", she enjoyed boating, swimming, water skiing and snow skiing, Elvis Presley, Chubby Checkers and doing the "twist" and "pony".

During high school she won an art contest that lead to her deciding on her major in college. She graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with a B.S. in Art Education. Upon graduation she and a girl friend traveled to Lake Tahoe and sunny California, for a fun summer of calling Bingo numbers. She decided it was time to start her career. Kathy started teaching Kindergarten 25 years ago in Fresno.

Kathy met Rick when she took her dog to the Veterinarian to have it spayed. Rick was widowed with a young daughter, Christina, Kathy had a young son, Scott. They were soon exchanging thoughts and ideas on single parenting and before long became a family. She and Rick have been married for 17 years. As a solution to the impending "empty nest syndrome" they started taking dance lessons. Soon they joined NSD and were introduced to a whole world of friends, travel, competition and exhibitions. They've had many opportunities to perform at NSD functions, benefit performances for some

very worthwhile charities and were the 4 Star America Smooth State Champions for two years running. Kathy enjoys hobbies of watercolor painting, reading, walking and of course, dancing. I know I can hardly wait for her honor dance on the night of her coronation.



#### NEW QUEEN

Of course the BIGGEST event of the season is our Coronation Ball, "Moonlight and Roses" on November 4. We start the day with a terrific hospitality at the La Quinta Hotel for all of our out of town guests. Kathy Sachse, Pat Work and Karen Jensen put on a pretty good feed that gets everyone over those travel doldrums and ready to dance the night away.

Each table was decorated with a small pillar of soft pink chiffon entwined with lovely pink roses, centered on white tablecloth, accented with pink napkins. The meal was just as delightful as the decorations; I can never get enough of that raisin bread. I must say the highlight of the evening was, (as no surprise to anyone) the Queen's honor dance. What an incredible display Kathy and Rick give doing a waltz to the song "Roses and Roses".

We are also privileged to watch James Kleinrath and Melody Singleton, USABDA National Americans Smooth Champions, put on a wonderful demonstration. They do four numbers, starting with a Fox Trot, that won supreme awards at the San Francisco Open this year.

The Queen's farewell brunch for Sue Dowell is done in the Sky Room at the Double Tree Hotel, overlooking all of Fresno. Queen Sue carried her coronation















# "It is good to be Queen"



## *Time to Bid Farewell*

*Dear Queen Karen, the time has come,  
To bid farewell for now you're the one.  
To don the crown and hit the road,  
And Bob to turn into a King (no longer a toad.)  
Oh the fun you will have in this coming year,  
You'll become an expert in packing your gear.  
Gloves, stockings, slip, shoes and white gown,  
Eyelashes, make-up, earrings and crown.  
And at each stop along the way  
There will be laughter and friendships with each passing day.  
The coronations are lovely as candlelight glows,  
The Queen's are treated with fabulous shows.  
The year of fun has simple flown,  
It has been such a treat to share the throne.  
We had the pleasure of traveling many a mile,  
And each special memory leaves me with a smile.  
The times I will cherish, it seems like a dream,  
Working together we made quite a team.  
My thanks to my partner in life and romance,  
Rick, we have enjoyed every fabulous dance.  
And so as I bid adieu with a tear,  
The Queen's circle waits with open arms and warm cheer.*

*Kathy Constantino  
November 3, 2001*





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It has truly been a wonderful year, an honor for me to represent Fresno as Queen. I have enjoyed my travels, the friends I've made, and will continue to cherish the memories. Thank you Fresno, for your support and love given to Rick and me during my reign.

It is such fun to be part of people from all walks of life, coming together with the same goals of dancing and friendship. I will miss the dressing room frenzy of putting on our gowns before Coronation. I will miss trying to get nine queens in the same spot at the same time for group pictures, and I will especially miss the intimate moments we shared of laughter and woes.

My love and best wishes to Karen Jensen.







*Queen's Farewell Breakfast  
honoring  
Past State Queen  
Sue Dowell  
Doubletree Hotel Skyroom  
1055 Van Ness Avenue  
Sunday November 5th  
9:30 a.m.*

Join us at our  
Annual Christmas Dinner  
Sunday December 17th  
Video Ballroom  
650 Fulton, Fresno  
Members \$5.00  
Guests \$15.00  
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.



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**Fresno Smooth Dancers  
presents  
The Coronation Ball  
Moonlight & Roses  
honoring Queen - Elect**



**Kathy Constantino  
November 4, 2000**



## Master of Ceremony

Mike Moyle  
Program

6:00 p.m.	Champagne Reception
6:45 p.m.	Coronation Presentation of Queens
	Fresno Reigning Queen Sue Dowell
	State Queen - Palomar Marsha Hanson
	Los Angeles Monique Swadowski
	San Diego Judy Bruni
	Golden Gate Elizabeth Hage
	San Fernando Valley Barbara Greenla
	Bakersfield Janice Mills
	Visalia Dorothy Shoemaker
	Central Coast Janet Junker
	Fresno Queen Elect Kathy Constantino
	Piano Interlude Rick Wenzel
7:30 p.m.	Invocation Tony Palazzo
	Dinner
8:15 p.m.	General Dancing
9:30 p.m.	Entertainment by: James Kleinrath & Melody Singleton
10:00 p.m.	Dance Competitions:
N.S.D. members only	Beginner's Waltz
	Waltz/ Tango
	Cha Cha/Swing
11:30 p.m.	Farewell



## Acknowledgments

Chairperson/Reservations	Patricia Work
Decorations	Kathy Sachse
Registration Desk	Karen Jensen, Barbara Strickler, Pat Taniguchi
Greeters:	Queen Sue Dowell Kathy Constantino
Guest Book	Dolores Reed
Queens' Hostess	Nancy Palazzo
Presentation of Queens	Norma Schmidt
Attendants	Mary Hirata, Helen Kimura
Music	Bob Dowell, Carol Stiggins
Program-Flyers-Trophies	Kevin McCready
Bar Set-up	Orie Reed
Escorts~	Eugene Carlson, Robert Jensen, Steve Moore, Ted Oba & Bob Strickler
Door Prizes~Max & Jane Eggman, Karen Jensen, Steve Moore and Rick & Myra Wenzel	
Champagne Reception~	Bill Hirata & Frank Kimura
Hotel Hospitality~Kathy Sachse/Kevin McCready	
Competition~	Shirley McCloskey
Scrutineer/Runner~Carol Stiggins/Dolores Reed	
Judges	James Kleinrath, Melody Singleton Tim Hess
Photography	Steve Prueher

