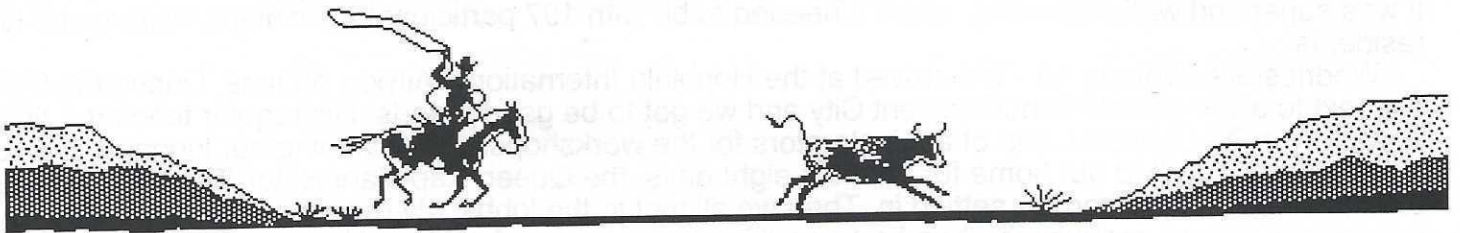


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Happy Valentines Day to all! We have all of our board members for this year and we are anxious to put our plans into motion. Our Valentines dance will be on February 14th. If you would like to bring

finger foods to share, that would be great. The next special event will be on Friday April 11th. We would like to invite everybody to come to Swiss Park for a pasta dinner with Garlic Bread and Salad. The cost to everybody will be \$6.00 for the dinner and admittance to the dance. We will have a sign up sheet at the door starting January 31st. The time will be from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. It will be a buffet. So please sign up as soon as possible so I can give the cook the number of people who will attend. Starting February 4th for ten weeks Rich and Melody Beard will be teaching a beginner class for a group of 30 plus people at Swiss Park. It will be held every Tuesday evening. I am happy to report we have five new members, and I would also like to thank everyone who comes to our Friday night dances for their support.

Stay healthy and keep dancing.  
See ya on Friday night

Helen Phillips, President  
Bucklesdance@aol.com

Over the past year this board has come together from a group of rookies held together by four veterans. Over this time everyone continued to the end of their term. We were taught and have learned our duties and have gained confidence to the point that we are hitting this year running. We have also developed a connectedness that helps us to work as a team supporting growth of the club as opposed to a loosely organized group of individuals. Helen, our president has grown and has taken on her own presidency and now leads with authority.

Dan Odneal



**Friday, FEB 7, 2003**

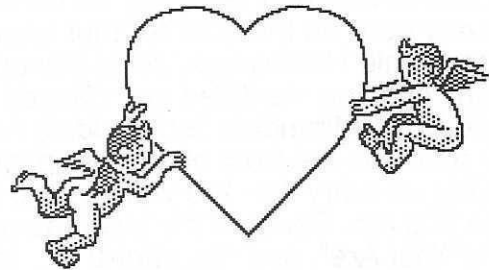
Line Dance with John Bowen

All lessons start at 8:00 pm

**Friday, FEB 14, 2003**

at 8:00 pm

*Valentine's Day*



*Dance*

Bring finger food to share . . .

**Friday, FEB 21, 2003**

Line dance with Evelyn Khinoo



Review these dances on Feb 28 with Connie Silva



## My Aloha III Line Dance Experience - from January 15 to 22 - by Alice Wong

It was an exciting, fun-filled, activity-packed, 8 day/7 night line dance experience on the island of Oahu, in the Waikiki Beach area. This was the longest workshop event I'd ever attended, and it was an intense 8 days - leaving home at 6:00 am one Wednesday and returning at 10 pm the next Wednesday. It was super and well organized, which it needed to be with 197 participants, including visitors and local residents.

Wednesday, January 15 - We arrived at the Honolulu International Airport on time. During the flight I sat next to a line dancer from Crescent City and we got to be good friends. His regular teacher 3 times a week was DQ Johnson, one of the instructors for the workshops. After claiming our luggage, the hotel bus delivered us all to our home for the next eight days, the Queen Kapiolani Hotel. The luggage was brought to our rooms and we settled in. Then we all met in the lobby. My roommate flying in from L.A. arrived and we got acquainted, then had a walking tour to get us familiar with the area surrounding the hotel - the nearby shops and eating places.

Thursday, January 16 - From 10:30 to 2:30 we had a wonderful, fun picnic at the park across the street from our hotel. They provided fantastic food and drinks and everyone enthusiastically participated in crazy games led by Doug Miranda, who would be our DJ and master of ceremonies for the upcoming workshops and dancing. First we had a water balloon toss where some of us got wet, but it was warm so it didn't matter. Then was the hysterical walk to the end of the area with a fat tube balloon between your legs - everyone looked so funny we couldn't stop laughing. Then the egg on a spoon walk and the pass a balloon held under your chin to your teammates, without using hands race. We voted for the winners in a contest between 4 guys in four hilarious events: 1. Best Model Walk 2. The Most Pregnant (appropriate as Jackie and Doug are at odds about whether or not to have a baby) 3. The Funniest and 4. Best Overall. Prizes were passed out to them. At night we were taken by bus to the Windward Mall. We had the opportunity to meet and dance with the young and energetic local line dancers and learn some of their dances taught by their regular teacher and Doug and Jackie Miranda. I had a great time. One fun dance I remember was a cultural mixer, "Hands Up".

Friday, January 17 - This was our first day of workshops. I picked up my information packet, a bright purple folder with a Hawaiian design on it, the dance instruction schedule, step descriptions and a cute around the neck nametag/pouch (to keep bus tickets in). We were bused to the Palladium. The workshop was just in the afternoon, and like the Golden Gate Classic, called for some difficult choices, as there were two separate rooms offering different dances at the same time. First I had to choose between Jackie Miranda teaching "Mi Gusto Mucho" and John Bowen doing "High Tide". Lessons started every hour on the hour for four hours. Instructors for the event were: Doug and Jackie Miranda, Carmel and Ernie Hutchinson, John Bowen, Karen Jones, DQ Johnson, Terri Slemmons, and Phyllis Tom. Friday evening we dined and danced in the Queen Kapiolani Hotel Ballroom. We celebrated Jackie and Doug Miranda's 1st Wedding Anniversary. One of the organizers made cute party favors with their photo on the front of a paper packet with a fortune cookie inside.

Saturday, January 18 - We were bused to the Palladium again, ready to start this full day of 8 hours of classes at 9 am. Some of my favorites were "Opening Doors", "Never Stop", "Circle of Life", "Wherever Your Are", and "A Letter 2 U". In the evening we went to the Hee Hing Restaurant for a Chinese dinner.

Sunday, January 19 - The third day of the workshop. We had the morning free and then four hours of lessons in the afternoon, followed by a 'Social' until around 9:00. Dinner was provided again and was great. Doug taught us the Cheeseburger and the lively Double Cheeseburger, where the two dancers in front move forward each time. This was the first workshop I've been to where we received a CD of all the music to the dances we'd learned.

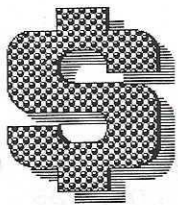
Monday, January 20 - A free day to relax and sightsee, then in the evening, a luau. The luau was incredible entertainment, led by the multi-talented song and dance man/comedian, Danny Couch along with a five piece band. After dinner there was hula dancing entertainment. Danny gave us some lessons with volunteers from the audience - including some talented kids. One very small dancer refused to let go of his leg, but that didn't deter Danny - the show went on. He talked about the meaning of the hand motions of the hula dancers, but teased the guys about looking at the hips, not the hands.

Tuesday, January 21 - A mostly free day again. In the evening I joined a group going to the Outrigger to see SOS LV performing classic impersonations and comedy.

Overall, the Aloha III Line Dance Experience was a really wonderful experience for me.

Alice Wong





Can you believe the nice weather we had during the middle of January? What a trick Mother Nature played on us! It's February as you read this though, so it won't be too long until spring finally does appear.

This month's report covers the revenues and expenses for the month of December. Revenues consisted of admissions from 3 dances, 50/50 raffle ticket sales, rent collected from dance classes held at Swiss Park, shirts, and tickets sold to attend the X-mas/dinner dance. A final tally showed that a total of 106 tickets were sold to the dinner/dance, which totaled \$2,120.00.

A great turnout to one of the favorite events held annually at the club.

I thought I would be able to give you the final totals for the McDonald's "After School Snack Packs", but there are still more to be sold.

Although revenues were good, the club's expenses were higher than usual which netted a loss for the month. The club had to pay the usual monthly expenses such as rent, music, postage & printing, and refreshments, but there were added expenses. They consisted of shirt costs, DJ bonus, and those incurred with the dinner/dance. Swiss Park's bill came to \$2,042.40 for the dinners, which included gratuities. Two other bills were printing of tickets for admission to the dance, and Santa's eveningwear. The checkbook still has a good balance of \$11,654.14.

Respectfully, Debbie Bloodworth



Is it in the water???? Can it be the dances???? Have you noticed a bright light glowing from the table of dancers near the front door at Swiss Park???? It's coming from the radiant faces of two couples sitting back there. If you approach the table, be sure to wear sun-

glasses because you'll be blinded by the sparkle illuminating from the ring fingers of both Hong Ying and Carole! YES, it's true!!!! They both have become engaged. Rob is the lucky man who has won the heart of Hong Ying. He popped the question in November and has placed a beautiful ring on her finger to prove his love - just ask her, she'll show you in a flash! And while we were all watching the Raiders win the AFC Championship, Glenn was romantically on his knees proposing to Carole! But to see her ring you'll have to wait for Glenn to stop spinning her on the dance floor! Congratulations to both couples, and may your happiness shine on forever!

P.S. If you remember, Jim and Yolanda said their vows in 2002 as did Gary and Joyce. Perhaps Boots n Buckles should consider providing wedding services as a part of the club's function. Is there a pattern here? Are there any others out there getting bit by the L.O.V.E. bug? Come forward and share your joy!

Signed: Tid Bit Duo Leslie Brazelton

Been on vacation?? Been to a new dance club?? Been to a dance event??? Had a special event in your family?? We would love for you to share your travels, experiences and events. Just write a few lines for our newsletter and give it one of the board members, email it to [mystyide@aol.com](mailto:mystyide@aol.com) (text format only) or fax it to 510-661-0371. Don't forget to put your name on it . . . . Thank you.  
Judi Grater, your editor

#### Inner Strength

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,  
If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,  
If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,  
If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,  
If you can overlook when people take things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,  
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,  
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,  
If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
If you can relax without liquor,  
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,  
If you can do all these things,

Then you are probably the family dog!  
Debbie B



DID YA ALL KNOW that the "X" symbol started with the medieval practice of allowing those who could not write to sign documents with an "X". This was done before witnesses and the signer placed a kiss upon the "X" to show sincerity. Therefore the "X" symbol became synonymous with the kiss . . .

## Happy Birthday

## To You..!



Clint Black	2/4
Bonnie Dejoie	2/7
Travis Tritt	2/9
Joan Dawson	2/16
Adam Gee	2/16



## - Singapore & Thailand Report -

After being away an entire month, I am happy to be home from the most memorable trip to Asia and Canada. I returned on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, desperately missing my SUV and my own BED! Singapore was awesome ... it is by far the most beautiful; pristinely clean country I've ever visited. The people were warm, gracious and kind to a fault. As most of you know, I assisted Bill Bader in conducting a 4 day P.A.L (Professional Association of Line Dancers) Instructors Training workshop for the Lifeskills & Lifestyle Division of the People's Association of Singapore. This was, for the most part, Bill's brainchild and he did a magnificent job ... did you know that he was once a Professor by trade? It certainly showed in his knowledge, professionalism, delivery and knack for communicating volumes of everything relating to "Dance" to 60 student Instructors of various levels of experience (Trainers is the term used in Sing.) in just 4 short days. We ran 2 sessions each day, morning and evening to accommodate those who had daytime jobs. I was very pleased to have contributed and to have been part of one of the most comprehensive programmes I've ever experienced. I've encouraged Bill to continue to pursue this line of work, it would be useful to all Instructors; even the most experienced would benefit from his section on Basic Music Essentials and Concepts. Check his web site for the "Mission Statement" regarding this organization at [www.billbader.com](http://www.billbader.com). The 3 P.A. (Peoples Assoc.) ladies who had the job of taking care of our every need, spoiled us beyond description. We were treated each day to an incredible variety of local and ethnic food that only the natives would know about. Singapore's favorite pastime is shopping and eating ... and we did! The only problem I found with the shopping part is they sell 'itsy bitsy tiny clothes', not much luck shopping at the numerous mega-malls for this western body. After saying our good byes, Bill returned home to begin the evaluation process and I continued on to Thailand with my fiancée Archie Begin.

Thailand is a bit different from Singapore, with quite a contrast in how the people live ... there is no middle class ... you either have \$ or you don't ... 75% of Thai's are farmers earning \$15,160 baht (\$350 USD) a year. Many people live on the river in little ram shackled huts propped up by sticks and entire families live on their little working boats. On one of our many boat rides on Bangkok's ChaoPhaya River (other than roads, the river is the 2<sup>nd</sup> main mode of transportation) I saw women dunking their babies in the river while their neighbor used the same to wash clothes. It was a common sight to see groups of Buddhist Monks walking about. Thailand is a religious country rich in Buddhist Temples and Palaces, most trimmed in glorious facades of shining gold and interleaved between the most humble of shacks. But the people didn't seem to mind the contrast and appeared to be quite happy ... they were just as warm and gracious as in Singapore.

We visited the Bridge on the River Kwai (remember the movie) and rode the train on the Death Railway, constructed by POW's and slave labour during WWII. We both cried as we walked among the graves of the 1600 POW's (from all over the world) who died while being forced to build that railroad. We next rode an Elephant, what a magnificent creature! Our guide let us both take a turn in the drivers seat ... we slipped down onto the elephant's head and desperately tried to steer ... HA! As luck would have it, there were 5 babies in the herd, one little guy was just 16 days old. The mothers had no problem letting us pet their babies. An experience I will not soon forget! We next visited the ancient city of Ayutthaya, the Summer Palace of Kings past; we visited the Floating Market at Damnernsaduak in a Longtail boat; we shopped the weekend market, 6000 stalls crammed into approximately a 4 city block area; we walked (you would have to be insane to drive) through much of downtown Bangkok ... an experience in itself! Shopping is paradise as everything is negotiable, Archie loved that part. We then returned to Canada, transitioning from Thai 95 degree, 100% humidity climate (I've never seen a Canadian sweat like that!) to -5 in Kitimat, British Columbia ... brrrrr! Of all my travels, this was the most memorable. We will return someday and take the Orient Express to the northern province of Chaing Mai, noted for its hill tribe people of the mountains and its dense forested valleys.

Cheers, Charlotte Skeeters



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# **VALENTINES DAY DANCE**

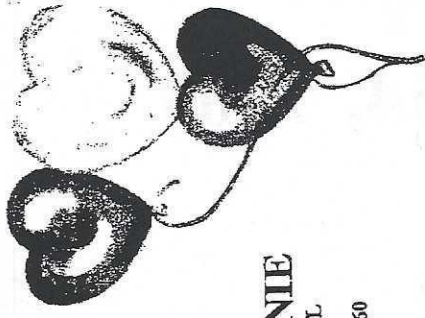
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*Connie*





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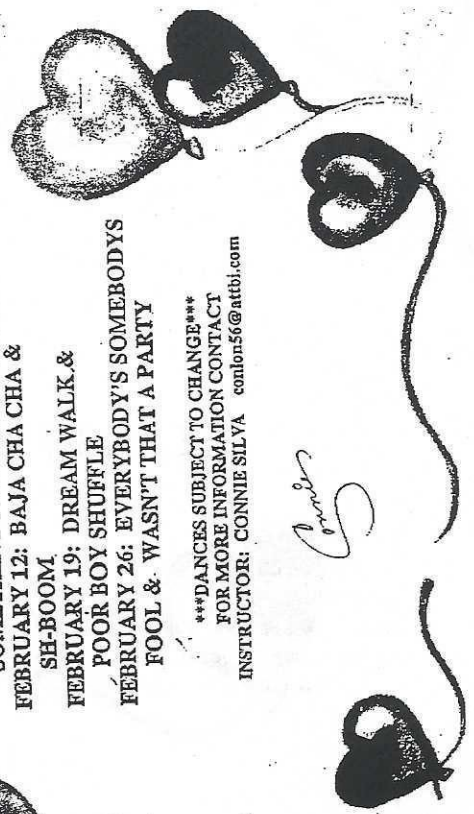
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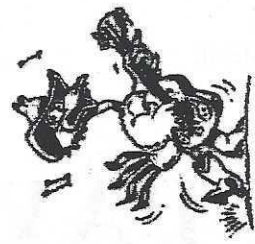
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 FOOL & WASN'T THAT A PARTY

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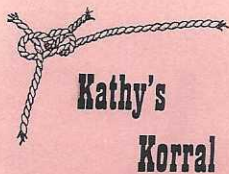
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February 3 <sup>rd</sup> Play It Again, Sam Choreographed by Charlotte Skeeters Back To Bein' Blue Choreographed by John Robinson	February 10 <sup>th</sup> Something from Cactus Corner's Classic II
February 17 <sup>th</sup> Something from Cactus Corner's Classic II	February 24 <sup>th</sup> I Do Choreographed by Mike Sliter

Monday 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm  
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The Boots 'n' Buckles Board had its first meeting of the year and election of officers on Tuesday, January 21. As usual, after the first meeting, we are all excited about the upcoming events that are planned for our Club. As your vice-president for another year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that included in your membership you are also entitled to discounts from the 9 merchants who sponsor our club. When visiting them, all you need to do is show your membership card and you will receive your discount. I would like to tell you a little

about them.

The Hub Shoe Repair is no longer located in the Hub in case you went there and could not find them. They are located at 40645 Fremont Blvd. across from the Cloverleaf Bowl. The Hub Shoe Repair has a wide line of Western clothing, boots, belts and jewelry in addition to doing great repairs on leather goods. They offer a 10% discount to our members. Rowell's Saddlery and Western Wear is located at 3473 Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley. They also offer a wide range of Western clothing, boots and accessories and offer a 10% discount on merchandise. Western Outfitters has two locations, Baughman's at 2024 First St. in Livermore and Christensen's at 633 Main St. in Pleasanton. You may want to call them in advance for their hours. Baughman's is open on Saturday and Christensen's is open on Sunday so if you decide to do a little wine tasting in the Livermore Valley, you can also shop for clothes at one of their locations. Avon Products, offered by your Vice President, Kathy, is a great way to pick up some unusual gift items as well as fragrances and skin care products. Skin So Soft has been approved by the FDA to be used as mosquito repellent and it really works while making you smell good, too. I will give members a 10% discount and remember all products are satisfaction guaranteed whether they have been used or not. You can exchange anything that does not meet your expectations. J.R. Rose & Co./Fashions by Sharon is very well know in the dance circle. Sharon did a show for us last year and I am trying to get her to come back this year, so stay tuned for updated information on that. In the mean time you may be able to catch her at one of the workshops so be sure to mention you are a Boots 'n' Buckles member and get your 10% discount. Ralph Campbell, Tax Practitioner is the newest addition to our sponsor list. Ralph has been doing taxes for many years and is not only reliable and reasonable, but he will have a joke or two for you as well. His practice is located at 910 E. Lewelling, Hayward, close to Bart and I-880. Ralph will offer Club members \$15.00 off income tax services. With free e-filing, as well, you know immediately how much your return will be and you have it back within a couple of weeks. After you visit Ralph and find out how much money you have to spend, you can go to "The Cobblers at 22443 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward where you can spend your return on their huge assortment of boots and Western wear. The Cobblers also has a line of comfort shoes and sandals as well as luggage and other leather goods. They do repairs on those items, too. The Cobblers offers members a 10% discount. Don't forget that Valentine's Day and Mother's Day are coming up so you can either call or visit Sharon's Fremont Florist. Sharon has a huge assortment of beautiful arrangements for every occasion as well as balloons and potted plants. She is located at 40501 C Fremont Blvd. in Fremont and gives members a 10% discount.

Last but not least, our own Swiss Park Restaurant offers members a great meal before or during line dance lessons and dances. Walt and his crew will be doing our Christmas Party again this year and they will also be offering members a special Spaghetti dinner night. More details will be coming from President Helen on that. There are also specials almost every night of the week, so be sure to try this cozy, friendly restaurant which is located in the same building as our dance club.

A huge thanks to all of our sponsors who continue to support us. We sincerely appreciate it and we will continue to support you as well, especially in this troubled economy.

Next month, please watch for my interview with Julie Myers whose Irvington High School Social Dance Class may be the future of many of our clubs.

### ***African Bean Soup***

1/2cup water  
2T.Soy sauce  
1onion  
2small sweet potatoes or Yams  
peeled & diced 2cups  
1Large carrot thinly sliced  
1celery stalk  
1red bell pepper diced  
1-1.5oz. Can crushed tomatoes  
3-4cups vegetable stock

1-1.5oz. garbanzo beans  
1/2cup chopped cilantro  
3T. peanut butter  
1/3 cup water  
1-2 teas. Curry powder

Heat cup water & soy sauce - add onion & sweet potatoes. Cook 5 minutes over high heat.

Add carrots, celery, peppers. Cover & cook for 4 minutes.

Stir in tomatoes, vegetable stock, beans, cilantro.

Blend peanut butter with 1/3 cup water, add to soup W/ curry powder.

Cover and simmer for 15min. Serve over rice.





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