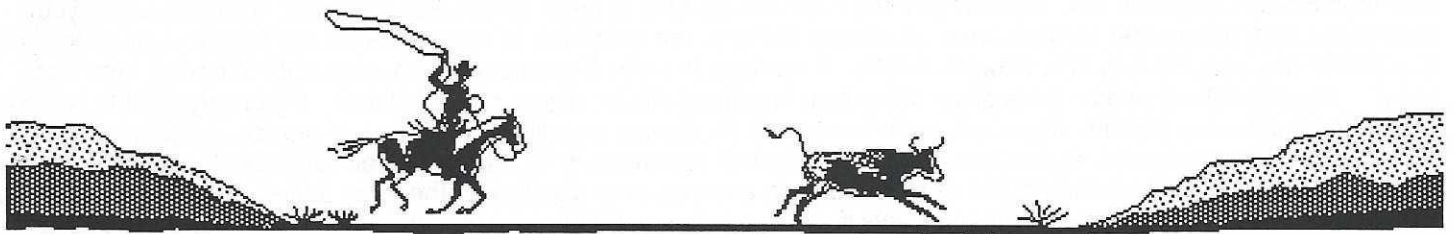


THE ROUNDUP

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BOOTS 'N' BUCKLES NEWSLETTER

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This is my penultimate president's message. As I get ready to hand the reins of control over to the new board, I find that I have ambivalent feelings. On one hand I look forward to being able to fully enjoy all of the club's events without the responsibility of running things. On the other hand, I fear that I will have a void in my life because I am giving up a large part of my responsibilities for the past three years. However, I have complete confidence that the new board will not only keep up the advances the club has made, but also take it to a new level. Next month I will let you know when the first open board meeting will be held so that you can come and greet the new board. (You might want to pencil in the third Friday in January 2002 as the tentative date (the 18th), but we will firm up the date at our November board meeting and publish it in the December Roundup.)

Speaking of open board meetings, the next one is November 16th. Please plan to come at 7:30 that night to voice your opinions and be heard. This will also be your last opportunity to see the 2001 Board of Directors all together.

Here are the results of the September balloting, volunteering, and gentle arm-twisting. On the executive staff: Helen Phillips, President; Kathy Martin, Vice-president, Lee Sollecito, Secretary; and Debby Bloodworth, Treasurer. Also on the board, through direct balloting (B) and by graciously accepting your write-in (W) votes: Connie Silva (B), Leslie Brazelton (B), Carole Glasgow (B), Alice Wong (B), Susan van Wambeek (B), Josie Kirth (B), Dan Odneal (W) and Dolores Meeks (W). This is the first time in many years that all twelve board positions have been filled. On behalf of the entire membership and all of our non-member Friday night visitors, I want to thank all of the new board members for your willingness to serve on the 2002 Boots 'n' Buckles Board of Directors! If you remember, after our book drive in May I promised to let you know who received the unsold books. I finally got off my duff (actually got tired of hearing the (very) gentle reminders from Lynette each month) and divided up the bags and boxes of literature that has been sitting in front of my workbench. (I was also tired of having to move them each time I needed a tool.) I also added a few books from my "collection" as I was cleaning out my den. I delivered 133 hard cover books to the California School for the Deaf, 136 paperbacks to the Washington Hospital, and 126 soft- and hardcover books to the Alameda County Library, Fremont. That is a total of 395 books.

Again, a big thank you to everyone who brought and bought books during the month. I will suggest to the new board that this event be moved to April, as we seemed to bump up against our annual Workshop and Social last year and it got a little too hectic for the board to handle the book and workshop ticket sales. Besides, by

Con't on Pg 2 . . .



Friday, November 2, 2001

A great line dance lesson tonight!

All lessons start at 8:00 pm

Friday, November 16, 2001



**OPEN
BOARD
MEETING**

at 7:30 pm

Line dance with Evelyn Khinoo

at 8:00 pm

Review this dance on Nov 23 with Connie Silva

Thanksgiving Day

Dance



50 - 50 Raffle

at 8:30 pm

Bring finger food to share . . .

Friday, November 23, 2001

We will have our regular Friday Night dance.

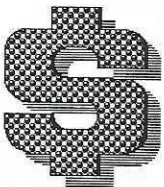
Con't from Pg 1 . .

April we all should have finished reading the books given to us at the end of the year's holidays.

The last thing I have to tell you about is our holiday dinner. This will happen on Friday, December 21st. You can arrive at 6:30 PM to socialize at the no-host bar and reserve your seats at the table, or come close to 7:00. Dinner will be served starting at 7:00 PM. We plan to start the dance around 8:15, but we will not get upset if you want to take a few extra minutes to eat. Also, there will be a lesson that night that will start about 15 minutes into the dance session. You will find a flyer in this Roundup that give you all of the details and menu as well as a reservation form. We must receive your dinner order no later than Friday December 7th. This will give the chef enough time to order the chicken and beef. You can turn in your reservation form (remember to let us know what main dish you are ordering!) to the cashier on any Friday night, or mail them to Boots 'n' Buckles, PO Box 875, Newark, 94560. It must get to us by December 7th so remember to mail or drop it off early. The \$20.00 per person price given in the flyer includes both the dinner and the dance. If you only want to come to the dinner, the price is \$20.00. If you only want to come to the dance, we will be charging our regular admission price (\$8.00 non-members/ \$6.00 members), and you can get into the hall starting at 8:15. I hope you all can make it to the dinner. You do not have to be a club member to join us for the dinner, and yes, your significant other may attend. We do not have a limit on the number of dinners, but I think the hall only seats a maximum of 200. Last year we had around 80 people at the dinner, but more at the dance. I response to several questions from dancers, we WILL be dancing on the Friday immediately after Thanksgiving Day (November 23rd). Make sure you plan to come by and dance off that extra helping of pumpkin pie. Also remember that we will NOT be having a dance on the Friday AFTER the dinner dance, December 28th. Look into enjoying your New Year's Eve evening with one of the clubs (Cactus Corners, if they have openings) or at Mike Sliter's event (if he has openings). Look for flyers on our table for these, and other places to go at the end of the year. Or, check out www.linedancefun.com for the latest and greatest dancing news in the Bay Area and other parts of the world.

See you on Friday night! God Bless America!

Bob Webber bootsnbuckles@hotmail.com



On a national scale September was a very tragic month, but Boots 'N' Buckles had a great month from the standpoint of attendance and patriotic spirit. All of our dances during the month were profitable, which is only the second time this year we can make that claim. We had a record month in dance attendance as well as participation in our 50/50 raffle, and that resulted in a profit of \$685 for the month. Because of the way the dates fell, I made two rent payments in September, so that resulted in a monthly profitability figure to \$300.52. Otherwise, the figure would have been \$1700.52. In light of our good fortune and sound financial standing, the club decided to donate its raffle proceeds from the September 14th and 21st dances to the New York

Relief effort, and through a tremendous outpouring of kindness and patriotism, the winners at those two dances also donated their share. Boots 'n' Buckles submitted a donation of \$400, and as I mentioned last month, Johnson & Johnson is going to match our contribution. There are several club members who are also holding benefit events or making patriotic pins etc. for the cause. It is gratifying to know that out of our circle of dance friends at Swiss Park, several thousand dollars will be donated to the relief fund. Thank you all and keep up the good work.

God Bless America.

Lynette Webber, Treasurer

As the soot and dirt and ash rained down, we became one color.
As we carried each other down the stairs of the burning building, we became one class.
As we lit candles of waiting and hope, we became one generation.
As the firefighters and police officers fought their way into the inferno, we became one gender.
As we fell to our knees in prayer for strength, we became one faith.
As we whispered or shouted words of encouragement, we spoke one language.
As we gave our blood in lines a mile long, we became one body.
As we mourned together the great loss, we became one family.
As we cried tears of grief and loss, we became one soul.
As we retell with pride of the sacrifice of heroes, we become one people.

We are...

- One color
- One class
- One generation
- One gender
- One faith
- One language
- One body
- One family
- One soul
- One people

We are The Power of One.

We are United.

We are America.



Happy Birthday
to You . . .

Judi Grater	11/1
Kathy Menzies	11/4
Joanie Mack	11/12
Jim Cromie	11/13
Phil Ehrhorn	11/13
Rob Lynch	11/15
Hong Ying Wang	11/17
Lynette Webber	11/17
Johanna Sanders	11/18
Donna Ginnelly	11/18
Barbara Glen	11/22
Etta Walton	11/22
Jim McGrogan	11/28
Jim Maggini	11/30



**BOOTS 'N' BUCKLES ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS DINNER-DANCE**

DECEMBER 21, 2001

NO HOST COCKTAILS FROM 6:30 PM TO 7:00 PM

DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 7:00 PM

MENU CHOICES ARE:

**CHICKEN CORDON BLEU OR
FILET MIGNON WITH MUSHROOM SAUCE (STEAK DIANE)**

\$20.00 PER PERSON

PRICE INCLUDES: SOUP, GREEN SALAD, STARCH, VEGETABLES, ROLLS, BUTTER AND COFFEE PLUS ADMISSION TO THE DANCE. DANCING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 PM WITH A LINE DANCE LESSON TAUGHT BY EVELYN KHINOO. IF YOU PLAN TO COME ONLY TO THE DANCE, DOORS WILL OPEN PROMPTLY AT 8:30 PM. ADMISSION TO THE DANCE WITHOUT DINNER WILL BE AT REGULAR PRICES.

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPACE EARLY BY FILLING OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 7, 2001.

YOUR NAME _____

DINNER CHOICE _____

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE BOOTS 'N' BUCKLES BOARD

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"YANKEE COME BACK" -- That is an expression I bet you haven't thought about. There actually is a place in the world that feels this way. It is South Korea. In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the start and finish of the Korean War, the South Korean government, along with the Korean War Veterans Association, is sponsoring the return of veterans of that war. They are furnishing hotel, meals and tours of various events for five days to a select few veterans and spouses that apply. Marie and I were lucky to have been included. I don't mean to infer that I was a warrior. Actually, I was the dental officer for Marine Air Group 12 of the 1st Marine Air Wing. Though issued a weapon, I had no training with it and, fortunately, had no occasion to use it. The only grim duty I had was body identification.

When I left Korea after the armistice in 1953, it was less than a third world country. I considered it the 'you know what' of the universe and swore I never wanted to see that place again. Well, I was wrong. I seem to be frequently wrong. In the fifty years since, South Korea has gone from nothing to become the 12th largest economic entity in the world. Seoul is a bustling city of 11 million people with crowded freeways, immense apartment complexes, high rises, sports stadiums and every modern convenience. The people are extremely appreciative of the sacrifices made by the Armed Forces of the United States in their behalf. Our group of veterans were treated like visiting royalty. We were greeted there by a military band along with an impressive honor guard which we reviewed. We were presented with a medal (Ambassador for Peace), cuff links, a tie clip and a VHS tape depicting the war and the history of their armed forces. A very large War Memorial Building has been built and, along with other displays, the name of every American killed there is emblazoned in bronze letters on the walls according to the states they were from. It was very impressive as well as saddening. Viewing the some 39,000 names brought tears to most of us.

Our tour included a trip to the DMZ and Panmunjom where we observed the place where Captain Boniface of the US Army was axed to death over the trimming of a tree. The 151 mile border with North Korea is the most heavily fortified and guarded one in the world today. The ROK army is extremely well trained, equipped, tough and dedicated to preserve their freedom. They present a formidable force that the North Koreans are constantly watching. We were guests at their annual Military Academy Sports Festival in Dongdaemoon Stadium. Here they paraded troops, three military bands, dropped 26 paratroopers into the stadium, demonstrated 3 shirt trick cheering sections that were beyond belief, and to top it off, played an army/air force soccer game. It is hard to describe the feeling of friendship these energetic people have for us. The South Koreans are worth defending again if it comes to that.

As an anticlimax to this visit, we continued on to Beijing, China for 5 days. Of course we walked on the Great Wall, Tian An Men Square, Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven, Beijing Zoo, and all that good stuff. To describe China by this short stay would be like a foreigner visiting Washington DC and describing the whole of the United States by that impression. It can't be done so I won't. If you really want my limited ideas on China, ask me in person.

Bill Parrish-- wparr@earthlink.net.

Timeline of American Thanksgiving --

- 1541 - During Coronado's expedition, a Eucharistic thanksgiving - with the friendly Teya Indians present - occurred in Palo Duro Canyon, West Texas.
- 1621 - Pilgrims and Native Americans enjoyed a harvest feast in Plymouth, Mass. This was held after the 1st harvest in late September and was never repeated. This feast, however, became the model for subsequent celebrations.
- 1630 - Settlers and colonists from many continents brought customs of days of prayer and thanksgiving, especially in New England, where the first Thanksgiving of the Massachusetts Bay Colony was observed on July 8.
- 1777 - The first Thanksgiving of the new United States occurred when George Washington and his army stopped in bitter weather in the open fields on their way to Valley Forge to mark the occasion.
- 1789 - Washington's first proclamation after his inauguration as the first President declared Nov 26 as a national day of "thanksgiving and prayer".
- 1800's - The annual presidential thanksgiving proclamations ceased for 45 years in the early 1800's.
- 1863 - President Lincoln resumed the tradition in 1863.
- 1941 - President Roosevelt signed the bill establishing the 4th Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. Because two years out of every seven have five Thursdays in November, some states for the next 15 years celebrated on their own on the last Thursday. Since 1956, the 4th Thursday in November has been observed by every state.



*Annual
Christmas
Dinner-Dance
Friday, Dec 21, 2001*

Reservations for dinner are due
by Friday, Dec 7, 2001
See flyer in this newsletter.



THINGS TO REMEMBER:

11/11 - Veteran's Day

11/12 - 2nd Saturday Dance for Charity - Belmont

12/7 - **RESERVATIONS DUE FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER**

12/21 - Annual Christmas

Dinner/Dance

12/28 - HOLIDAY BREAK - NO DANCE

Swiss Park Dance Classes

NOVEMBER 2001

MONDAY
(Intermediate / Advanced)



WEDNESDAY
(Beginner / Easy Intermediate)

~5th~

"G*E*L*" *(GGC 2001 winner)*

"IT FEELS SO RIGHT" *(E.Khinoo)*

~12th~

"SWINGTIME BILLY"
(Noel Bradey/Michael Vera-Lobos)

"DREAM CATCHER" *(Mike Sliter)*

~19th~

"MOONSTRUCK" *(Terry Hogan)*

"PROMISES" *(Terry Hogan)*


~26th~

"ABELARUMBA" *(Chris Hodgson)*

"I'LL BE YOURS" *(Paula Dornstedt)*

❄️ CHRISTMAS PARTY ❄️

Mark your calendars for the Annual All Class Christmas Party (Mon. & Wed.)
December 19th

Bring some Holiday Goodies to share
(... I like chocolate ...) 

~7th~

"G*E*L*" *(GGC 2001 winner)*

"SHOOP, SHOOP" *(Jo Thompson)*

~14th~

"HEY BABY" *(Paula Bilby-UK)*

"SUSPICIOUS MINDS"

~21th~

"HASTA MANANA" *(repeat)*

"BOTTLE THIS UP"

~28th~

"FOLLOW THIS" *(Bill McGee)*

~ REVIEW ~

7:30 Review, 8-9:00 Lesson, 9-9:45 Dancing
Drop in classes \$6 - no sign ups necessary
Free Step Descriptions for all dances taught
Class e' info. CharSkeeters@aol.com
Tel. Info. (925) 462-6572 (push #3)
Instructor: Charlotte Skeeters & Guests

SWISS PARK DANCE HALL, Fremont/Newark, CA - From Hwy 880, exit West on Mowry Avenue, Turn right at the 1st light. The Dance Hall is the building on your left, next to a small Park. Social Dances every Friday hosted by the "Boots N' Buckles" Dance Club. Club contact: Bob_Webber@msn.com or Kmartin2@LFSUS.JNJ.CO

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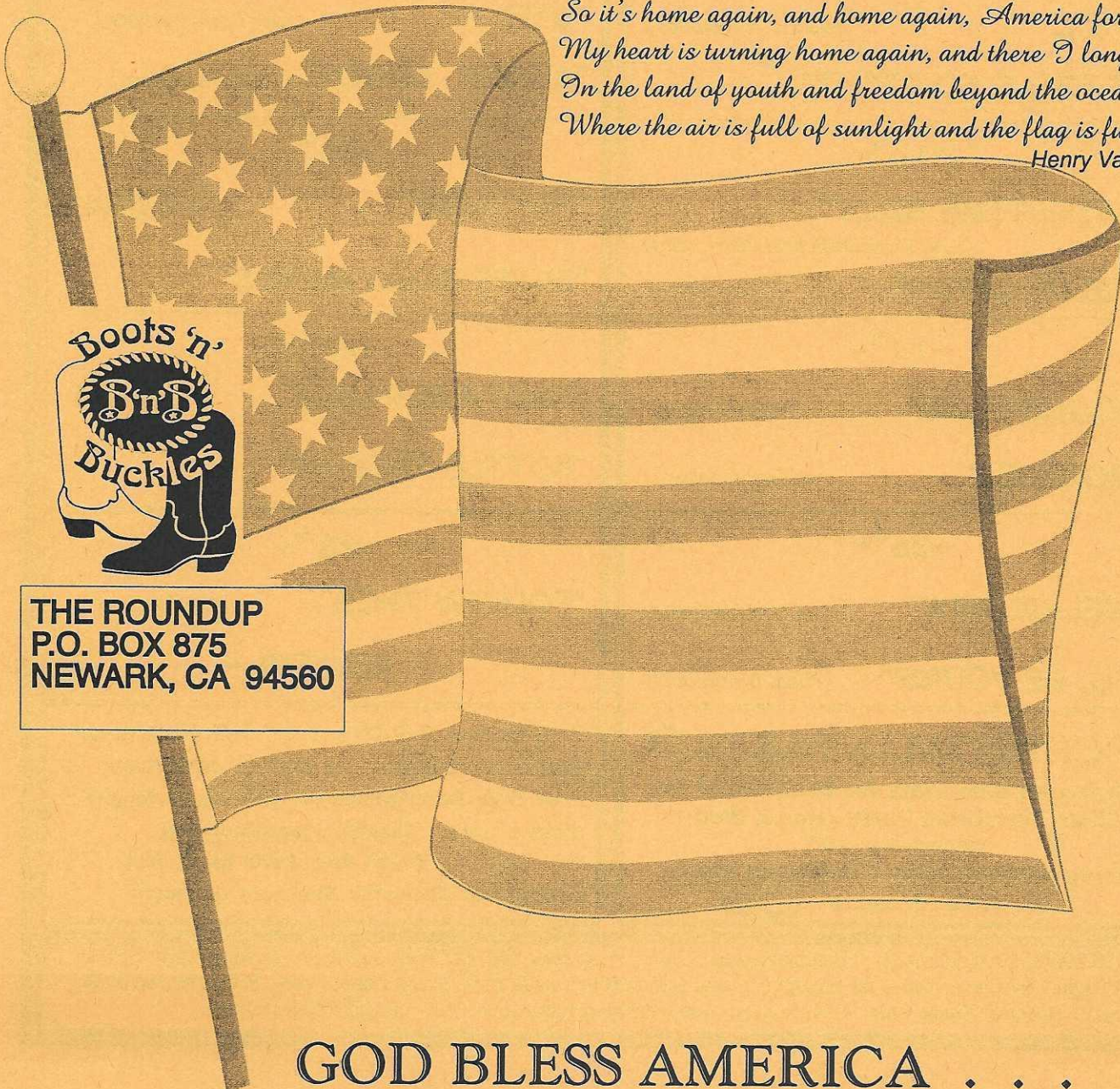
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So it's home again, and home again, America for me!
My heart is turning home again, and there I long to be
In the land of youth and freedom beyond the ocean bars,
Where the air is full of sunlight and the flag is full of stars.
Henry Van Dyke, v2



GOD BLESS AMERICA . . .