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## **- Julie's Newsletter -**

### **NEW FAN CLUB PRESIDENT!!**



We had a great time in Walcott, IA again this year. One of the highlights was the election of a new fan club president.

Jim Lincoln from Walcott held the office for the past four years and it was time to pass the hat to a new president. Jim had been a great president, a great supporter of me and my band. On one occasion he even made special fans to pass out to keep all of our followers cool. They were pretty neat too, with a flower shape.

After several candidates came to campaign for the position, the winner was Ray Bawks of Muskegon, Michigan. Ray has been a great follower of mine for some years now and gave a great campaign speech. Way to go Ray!!

A great time was had by all at Walcott. One special event was a hula hoop contest during our "Hukilau Party" on Friday night. Men and women alike took their turns at showing their stuff. Thanks to all who participated – you were all winners in my book.

### **Get on board our 2012 AK Cruise!**

We are once again going to cruise to Alaska. This time it will be aboard Princess Cruise Lines and the destination is Anchorage. We have added an optional land tour as well which will take you to Mt. McKinley, Denali Nat'l Park and Fairbanks.

Call Gwen Coles for more info at: 1-800-939-4870 or outside USA call 1-847-961-5199. She has the answers to all your questions. Check my website for more details on our 2012 Alaska Cruise. Deadline for \$25.00 early booking discount is Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bus Trips to MN Ballrooms!!**

We are excited to announce two bus trips to two of the great Minnesota ballrooms that we play regularly.

The first one is on Tuesday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> and is completely filled. We will be joining the other great dancers at the Medina Ballroom for an afternoon of dancing and fun. The Medina Ballroom, owned and operated by Bob Raskob, has been one of our regular jobs once a month for the past 3 ½ years.

These trips are day trips with early morning departures and pick-ups along I-94. We will have all home at a reasonable hour the same night.

The next ballroom we will be visiting will be the Withrow Ballroom in Hugo, MN on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. We have just started taking sign-ups so if you're interested, email me or call me. Cost is \$50.00/person which includes the bus trip, tickets to the dance and refreshments on the bus. Reservations are made on a first come, first serve basis.

This is one way that I am trying to support and thank the places we work at and help them show off their great dance venues. Hope those that join us will enjoy the day.

*- Julie Lee*

### **Festivals for fall 2011 !!**

Here are the festivals we are working for the remainder of 2011 -check website:

- Great Bend, KS – Aug 20,21
- Bismarck, ND – Aug 27
- Humboldt, IA – Sept. 2,3,4
- Rapid City, SD – Sept. 9,10
- Mitchell, SD – Sept. 16,17,18
- Napoleon, ND – Sept. 24
- Deadwood, SD – Sept. 30,Oct.1,2
- Dubuque, IA – Oct. 7,8,9

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!**

**- Walcott Fun Scrapbook -**



*Ron & Carmi - male and female winners of the hula hoop contest!!*



*Ray Bawks giving his winning campaign speech - other candidates also present!*



*The "Bag Lady"!!*



*Me with outgoing President - Jim Lincoln and newly elected President - Ray Bawks!!*



*She calls herself "Miss Piggy"?!*



*Me & the "Prez" with all the ladies with "I Love You Honey" hats!!*