

The Dancing and Dining Adventures of Kaneohe Chapter

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“Spy on me baby, use satellite ...” The opening strains of Tom Jones’ funky *Sex Bomb* still echo in our ears. In 2007 members of the Kaneohe Chapter participated in HBDA’s annual Anniversary Ball by performing a sexy cha cha routine. The dancers also traveled to Maui and performed the routine at the Maui Chapter Anniversary Ball in November.

Routine practices, held twice a week from April to August, were fast-paced and exhausting. But what kept the dancers going were the potlucks featuring a different theme such as Italian, Mexican, Chinese, Korean, Hawaiian, and American cuisine each week! Participating members took turns each week, cooking delicious dishes by utilizing recipes from the Kaneohe Chapter *Step-by-Step Instructions Cookbook* and trying new recipes as well.

In October, 14 couples from our chapter traveled to New England and Canada on a cruise where, of course, dancing and dining were the highlights. On ship, their fondest memories are of dancing in the Wheelhouse Bar every night, teaching the cruise staff the Samba line dance, watching movies on deck in the cold open air, and Limoncello, an Italian lemon liqueur. Their favorite on-shore experiences included eating huge deli sandwiches in New York, lobster and blueberry pie in Bar Harbor Maine, and frozen maple syrup in Quebec. Back home in Hawaii, the end of the year was celebrated with yet another dining extravaganza – Sunday Bunch at Sam Choy’s Diamond Head Restaurant.

The couples of Kaneohe Chapter have found that special bond that keeps them together – dining and dancing! They especially love these two activities for the warmth and closeness that it brings to the Chapter.



Members of Kaneohe Chapter on board the Grand Princess.



Teaching the Samba Line Dance on board the Grand Princess.



Members of Kaneohe Chapter at Sam Choy’s Diamond Head Restaurant