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SCSC proves again that our members not only know how to have fun on the ski slopes but also know how to have a great time in a tropical paradise. Fifty-six members in 28 rental cars made us a crazy bunch touring Maui, Hawaii for a week. If there was an activity to do on Maui, you can be sure that someone from SCSC did it during the week.

SCSC stayed at the Royal Lahaina Resort which is located on the gorgeous Kaanapali Beach north of the town of Old Lahaina. The beautiful white sandy beaches going into the crystal clear turquoise water was a vision of paradise. Old Town Lahaina was a nice town with multiple shops and many nice restaurants. During the week, SCSC folks could be seen regularly strolling through town as well as the nearby Whaler's Village.

Beginning at check-in, (when a parking option was offered that included nightly Mai Tai's) until the end of the trip, the Mai Tai was the beverage of choice of most trip participants.

Monday morning, the TSC sponsored a golf scramble tournament that turned out to be an all SCSC affair consisting of 13 members and 3 tour operator reps on the Kaanapali Golf course. For Ed & Kay Cain, Jeff Sarff, Ted Bergeron, Jim Edwards, John Rice, Kayleen Kill and Don Caldwell this was just the first of multiple days of golf. Of course, Nancy Sarff, Debbie Bergeron and Leslie Caldwell did find other fun things to do while their spouses golfed. Those who did not have the greatest game proceeded to blame the wonderful ocean breeze for the unusual flight of the ball as opposed to how well they hit the ball.

While the golf tournament was going on, Merrill & Sharon Smith, Lisa Smith, Sue Edwards and Susan Blome took a helicopter/van

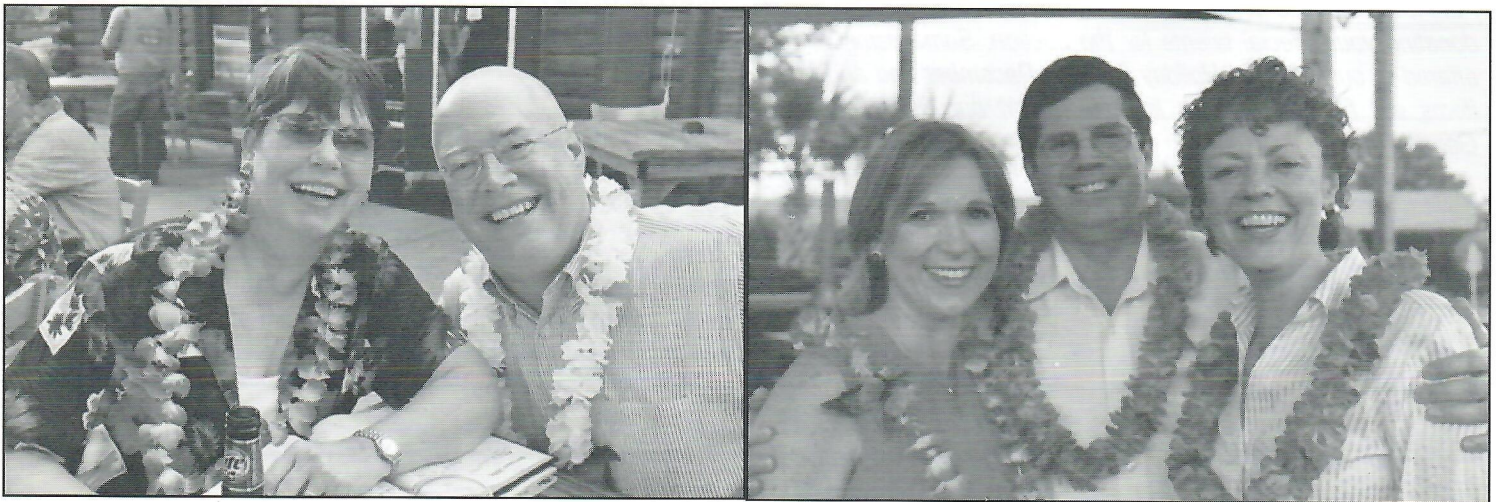
ride that explored the Haleakala Crater and the Road to Hana. Tom & Vicki McLaughlin and Morris & Sally Brown, as well Barney & Norma Cases took a one day trip to Oahu to see the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor.



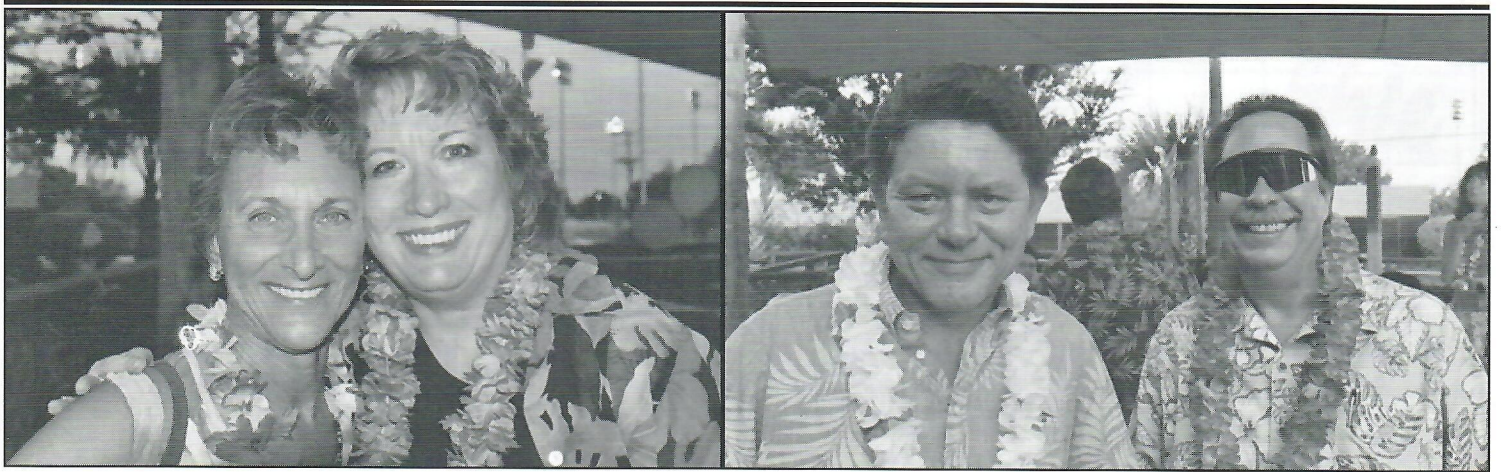
On Tuesday, Maria Saade, Brenda Soileau, Barbara Della Longa, Cheryl Esposito, Mark Monroe, Sean O'Brien and Norm & Sue Rund woke up early (2 AM) to watch a beautiful sunrise over the Haleakala Crater and enjoy a 39 mile bike ride down from 10,000 feet to sea level. Brenda, Maria and Sue however took the more sane approach and took a van ride down the mountain.

Wednesday morning was a planned excursion to go snorkeling.

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Hawaiian Fun in Maui



More smiling faces at the SCSC Maui trip

Very high ocean swells made it necessary to cancel this excursion and everyone had to scramble for alternate plans. Not to be discouraged, many folks ended up touring the very beautiful Iao Needle State Park with its gardens as well as visiting an island plantation.

Wednesday evening was a club party poolside that was enjoyed by all who attended. Van & Suzanne Miles chose to go out for a romantic dinner instead and Ron & Roberta Rambin attended a magic show prior to joining the club party. Ross & Diane Baker showed up a little late from having enjoyed another fun day of activities on Maui. Several other folks were smart enough to make reservations at the famous Mama's Fish House and they all agreed that it was the best meal of the trip.

Maui has a very impressive aquarium that is well worth visiting just ask Yvonne McMahon, Lynda Hysell, Marianne Pearce and Mildred Jude.

On Thursday, Ellen Eastham with encouragement from Chip Stokes convinced 17 members to go on a blue water raft ride that would include some snorkeling. From the brochure, everyone thought this would be a nice mellow ride along the coastline. Were we ever wrong! When we noticed that there were two 225 Hp engines on the raft we knew we were in for an adventure. Once boarded, we headed at fairly high rates of speed directly into 4 to

6 foot seas that sent the raft airborne in the water only to crash into the water on the backside of the wave. Calvin Doody, Lynn Geiger, Barbara Rosetti and Melody Bohlmann can tell you that the participants have a new appreciation for the phrase "Assume the position". Roger Holzman planned to do some pleasure reading and chose to wear regular street clothes instead of a swimsuit. He along with everyone else got soaking wet. At the end of this adventure, we snorkeled at the Molokini crater in both the interior and exterior of the crater. The tropical fish were amazing.

Thursday evening was the Luau. The Luau began with Maria Saade, Kim Olinger, Barbara Della Longa, Camille Laroe, Diana Wright and Suzanne Hegemier going up on stage in front of a very large crowd to strut their stuff doing a Hula dance. It was very impressive. Maynard Chance agrees. Afterwards, the dinner and Luau show were great fun.

Throughout the week, participants drove the famous Road to Hana. It is a long winding road through a tropical rain forest. The ocean views and waterfalls you see along the way are incredible. In fact, Ron Hayes and Judy Schiro loved the Road to Hana so much that they did it twice.

At the end of our week in Maui, 18 of us had to accept the reality of having to return to Houston while 38 continued onto Kona on the Hawaii Big Island for 4 more days of adventure. MAHALO!
