

DINING

Escape to the islands at Cafe Hawaii

Aloha - welcome to Cafe Hawaii in Dearborn where you're treated like you've on vacation and just traveled 2,000 miles.

"We're trying to create a little romance," said Kip Anderson smiling as he glanced at a couple enjoying dinner. "Kids love this place, we need to get more high chairs."

Anderson and his partners, Steve Schmacher, Pat O'Neil, and Neil Shuell transformed a former Poland's store into a colorful island paradise.

"I love nature because nature is so theatrical," said Schuell. "If you can mimic it in three-dimensional form you catch the public's attention."

There's a lot of drama at Cafe Hawaii from a 17-foot waterfall to a volcano with lava flow floor. Catch the Bonnai Pipeline Wave. Diners sit in curved booths sheltered from a curtain of water that pours off the wave at timed intervals. You can stand on a surfboard and have your picture taken, it looks like you're surfing inside the wave.

Seven, 300-gallon salt water aquariums surround diners in the Coral Room. Some of them contain native Hawaiian fish. The aquariums are works in progress. Each of them contains a delicate eco-system, and Anderson adds a couple of new fish every week.

Two huge trees branch out over diners under a star-studded sky in the tropical forest area. There are totem poles carved from palm trees, and lots of surfboards.

In the evening, Cafe Hawaii takes on a nightclub atmosphere as the 25 and older set gather in the Walkiki Beach and Bar area to listen to live music.

Chief Steve Turek and his crew work in the open kitchen. Lunch is served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early Bird Dinner specials start at 3 p.m. Turek studied culinary arts at Oakland Community College, and worked at Jack's on the Waterfront and the Golden Mushroom.

"We try to make every dish a great value," said Anderson. For starters he recommends the spring rolls, "which are great," or Chef's Reef Wrapped Shrimp. If you're dining with friends, order the Lunu Fu Pa Platter - a tasting of island sausage, chicken satay, spring rolls and Lomi Lomi salmon that serves 4.

Entrees include Owahu Ahi - big island yellow tuna served with pineapple, coconut curry relish; Crab Salmon Cakes, and Banana Wrapped Kamano - salmon steamed in banana leaves with steamed Asian vegetables.

Maui Wowi Filet has "wow! appeal" - twin medallions of tenderloin with grilled Maui onion and portobello mushroom with sweet Maui demi glaze. Pineapple chicken is Chef Steve's signature dish - Chicken Volcano with grilled pineapple and fresh berry lava. There are also candied Samson ribs, a variety of Stir Fry, and Noodle Bowls such as Sizzling Vegetarian Stir-Fry and Polynesian Noodle Bowl with chicken and shrimp. The lunch menu offers sandwiches, and main course salads are available for lunch and dinner.

Cafe Hawaii offers some sensational wine, many are available alcohol free. Ohelo Papa Moa One is classic ice creamy strawberry shortcake, there's a "Book'em Dano Martini" and "Lava Freeze" with Oreo Crunch. There's a Banana Smoothie, Royal Kona Coffee and an assortment of beer, wine and soft drinks.

Anderson graduated from Troy Athens High School, and attended grade school in Plymouth. A cook, carpenter and inventor, he always enjoys creating things and cooking for friends.

He and his partners worked over a year on Cafe Hawaii. "I moved my tool shop here," he said. "I had the idea for the wave in my head, I couldn't explain to someone how to make it, and under-son also upholstered the booths."



Tropical retreat: Kip Anderson, co-owner of Cafe Hawaii in front of the rear entrance, which is decorated by a colorful mural. Inside, a 17-foot waterfall, and other surprises promise a whale of a good time.

Open almost a month, word of Cafe Hawaii is traveling fast. "I've seen some customers seven or eight times already," said Anderson. "Everyday we try to concentrate on improving the dishes. If we get complaints, we say 'what can we do to improve.'"

Their family and friends thought they were crazy. "A Hawaiian restaurant?" he backed it with everything we had," said Anderson. "I always wanted to be my own boss. To be really creative you have to be your own boss and never give up, you have to fight the odds."

Cafe Hawaii
Where: 22048 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (west of the Southfield Freeway) (313) 724-2233. There is a rear entrance on Garrison.
Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday-Saturday; 1-9 p.m. Sunday. Lunch served until 3 p.m., Early Bird Dinner Specials begin 3 p.m.
Menu: Hawaiian theme menu including American fare with a Polynesian flair.
Cost: Lunch \$5.95 to \$10.95; dinner \$7.95 to \$18.95
Credit cards: All majors accepted
Reservations: Groups of seven or more. Can accommodate groups up to 50 people.
Highlights:
• Live dancers and Hawaiian singer - 8-10 p.m. Wednesdays
• Live bands - 9 p.m. to close Thursday-Saturday

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

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Duet - 3663 Woodward Avenue (at Mack), Detroit (313)851-Open: Lunch Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 2:30p.m. Dinner Monday-Thursday 5-11p.m. Until midnight Friday and Saturday. Sundays 4-8p.m., only when the Detroit Symphony Orchestra is performing. Menu: Urban upscale theme plays on continental cuisine notes with overtures and orchestrations bringing the word creative to heightened tones. Cost: Preludes \$5-13; main course orchestrations and duets (combination plates) \$16-34. Reservations: Accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted. Smoking: Cigar-friendly bar. All dining areas non-smoking.

Portabella - 2746 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, in Somerset Collection South, (second level, adjacent to sky bridge) (248) 649-6625. Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Italian with creative diversions. Many dishes play on the portabella mushroom theme. Cost: Starters and pizzas \$5-8; sandwiches and salads \$6.50-10; pastas \$7-10; and main plates all under \$13. Pastas and main plates come with bread and choice of mine-strone or salad. Reservations: For parties of six or more. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

American Table - 33501 W. Eight Mile Road (one 1/2 mile west of Farmington Road), Livonia, (734) 888-1000. Open: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Menu: Family style restaurant serving American, Italian, Greek specialties including burgers, meat loaf, pork chops, spaghetti, spinach pie and gyro plate. Breakfast served anytime. Children's menu available. Cost: Reasonable. Sandwiches \$2 to \$4.50; entrees \$6 to \$12. Credit cards: All majors, except Discover. Private dining room: For parties of up to 40 people. Reservations: Recommended for parties of eight or more. Carry-out: Yes. Sente: 200

Bob-Lo Island Marina Bar And Grille offers river view

The Bob-Lo Island Marina Bar and Grille is open seven days a week 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. throughout the boating season.

The Grille features riverside seating with spectacular views where people can enjoy sumptuous char-grilled chicken, steak, sandwiches and a variety of other delectable dishes.

The Bob-Lo Island Marina is on the west side of Bob-Lo Island. It is open to transient boaters with a \$5 daily dockage fee that can be refunded for food at the restaurant, and an overnight fee of \$125 Canadian per foot.

Seated on an open air patio, the Marina offers diners a

unique view unlike that from any other vantage point in the Metropolitan Detroit area. "Many people reminisce about coming to Bob-Lo to enjoy the amusement rides and other entertainment," said John Oram, developer of the Island. "Today they can experience the Mackinac Island atmosphere we have created with newly constructed

Victorian style homes, townhouses and condominiums being built on the north end of the island."

Oram has created a residential, resort community with vacation homes, a 9-hole executive golf course, swimming pools, sandy beaches, an island fishing pond, baseball fields, basketball, volleyball, tennis courts and much more.

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