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## A Dream Vacation in Hawaii

By Pauly Brown

Several years ago I had a dream that my whole family had a reunion in Hawaii. At that time it was prohibitive, but after many years of research, I finally made the plans to go. Not all were available because of school, work, etc., but most were able to be there. I found a house on the beach in Oahu with a large swimming pool, eight bedrooms and a cottage with two more bedrooms. So we made our plans to unite there on July 27.

We celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in Waikiki with 12 of our offspring. After that, we played tourist and saw the *USS Arizona*; the Dole Pineapple Plantation; Kualoa Park, where they filmed some of "Jurassic Park"; and the Polynesian Cultural Center. The weather couldn't have been better and everything went according to my dream. (See "Town Crier" on pages 16-17 for photographs.)

## Have You Heard . . . ?

**Municipal tree ordinance remains intact.** The proposed legislation that would have done away with all municipal tree ordinances in the state never reached the floor of the North Carolina House of Representatives. It went to committee for review and was put to rest there. Representative Pat McElraft said she received a lot of emails and feedback on the proposed legislation, and the bulk of it came from Pine Knoll Shores—evidence that your communication with your legislative representatives is heard and can make a difference. Having a tree ordinance in effect is one of the requirements levied by the National Arbor Day Foundation in determining eligibility as a "Tree City USA," a distinction Pine Knoll Shores has held for 14 years.—*Ken Jones*

**Tryon Palace Candlelight Tour Tickets available.** Tickets for Tryon Palace's annual candlelight holiday tours, to be held on December 3 and 20, are available for purchase. This year's program, "Eve of Revolution," will allow visitors to meet families in historical clothing and soldiers dressed in uniforms from four different wars: the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War and World War II. The 2014 event celebrates 300 years of Christmases past with music and dancing, holiday decorations and performances of fire eating, magic and slack-rope walking. Visitors also will be treated to a lively performance of Jonkonnu, an African-American cultural celebration that has gone on in Eastern North Carolina for nearly 200 years. To cap off each night's events, there will be a colorful display of black powder fireworks on the palace's south lawn. Tickets are available at the North Carolina History Center at 529 South Front Street in New Bern, by phone at 639-3524 and online at [www.tryonpalace.org/candlelight](http://www.tryonpalace.org/candlelight). Pricing is as follows: before December 1, \$18 (adults) and \$8 (youth grades 1-12); and after December 1, \$20 (adults) and \$10 (youth). Information on large-group discounts is available by calling 639-3524.

**State Archives receives grant to preserve films.** State Archives of North Carolina preserves hundreds of motion picture films, many of which document historic events, people and places. Recently, State Archives received a grant from the National Film Preservation Foundation to preserve two additional films in its collection: "The North Carolina State Fair" (circa 1974), a day-long glimpse of the Raleigh-based event, including appearances by Bob Hope; and "Scott for Lieutenant Governor" (circa 1965) and a campaign ad for Robert W. Scott's bid for lieutenant governor. Films are part of a growing and important body of North Carolina historical material that State Archives collects and makes available to researchers. From Depression-era common folks in cities and towns, to home movies depicting real lives or real families in the 1960s, to Governor Terry Sanford's address to the citizens of North Carolina upon the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the archives chronicle the state's history. View films from State Archives on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/ncarchives/](http://www.youtube.com/ncarchives/). State Archives is within the Office of Archives and History of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources.