



FOUNDATION FOR RURAL
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2003 Winter FRED Event

Maui Ocean Center Adventure

Maui, Hawaii

Monday, January 20 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Hosted By:



With more than 750 guests, FRED's Maui Ocean Center Adventure had the highest attendance in the history of FRED events. OPASTCO members good-naturedly boarded bright yellow school busses and headed for the Maui Ocean Center, the largest tropical reef aquarium in the Western Hemisphere. Guests roamed throughout the many exhibits, enjoyed a lavish buffet dinner, and caught up with friends under the warm evening sky.

Several exhibits, including the Turtle Lagoon and the Discovery Pool, were interactive and allowed everyone to get up close and personal with some of the sea life. The Open Ocean Exhibit allowed the audience to talk directly to the diver as he swam in amongst the many colorful and exotic fish, and it was one of the most well attended exhibits. Door prizes, sponsored by Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative (RTFC), Sierra Telephone and Public Service Telephone added an entertaining element of suspense to the evening. Thanks to the many sponsors, especially Communications Data Group's generous Grand Sponsorship, the event raised more than \$30,000 for FRED programs.

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