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## ALOHA FROM HAWAI'I...

*Dear Pacific Islands Friends,*

It's hard to believe that it is already April! Our office is wrapping up and winding down from a busy January through March and is looking forward to Spring.

You may not realize that while Hawai'i's climate is temperate year-round, we do experience a spring season. Spring flowers begin to bloom; there's a little less rainfall; and the humpback whales head north.

Spring is when we take a hard look at all the evaluations from our travel programs and find ways to improve. While we meet with each group leader after every program for initial feedback, we meet once a year with all of our group leaders to discuss big changes and get

ideas for improvement. We also work with our vendors, from hotels and restaurants to transportation, giving them feedback based on the evaluations and offering suggestions as needed.

If you traveled with us recently, we hope you completed your evaluation, or if you have additional ideas for improving a program, please send them in— we are open to ideas and recommendations. Feel free to email, fax or call us with your ideas.

We also take the time in the Spring to seek out new expert resources, re-visit our destinations to ensure quality is maintained, attend conferences to stay abreast of our ever changing industry and create new travel programs. Basically, we keep busy all year long to provide



the best travel experience for you.

Enjoy reading this issue – there may be a useful tip to help you in your future travels...

Hope to see you on one of our programs soon!


*Aloha,*

**Andrew Lockwood**

*President*

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## WHAT'S NEW?

 Increasingly, more people are becoming eco-conscious in their everyday lives and when they travel. As a result, eco-tours are growing in popularity.

You may think green travel involves sleeping bags in Africa, but it is as easy as

doing simple things in a hotel room. Start with something easy: turn off the lights and air-conditioning when you leave your hotel room or save plastic bottles by bringing your own toiletries rather than using the ones your hotel provides. Many hotels offer a "linen

reuse program", where guests are asked to use their bed linens and/or towels more than once, saving water and energy.

Travel should always be fun, educational and enjoyable, but think "green" too on your next trip!

