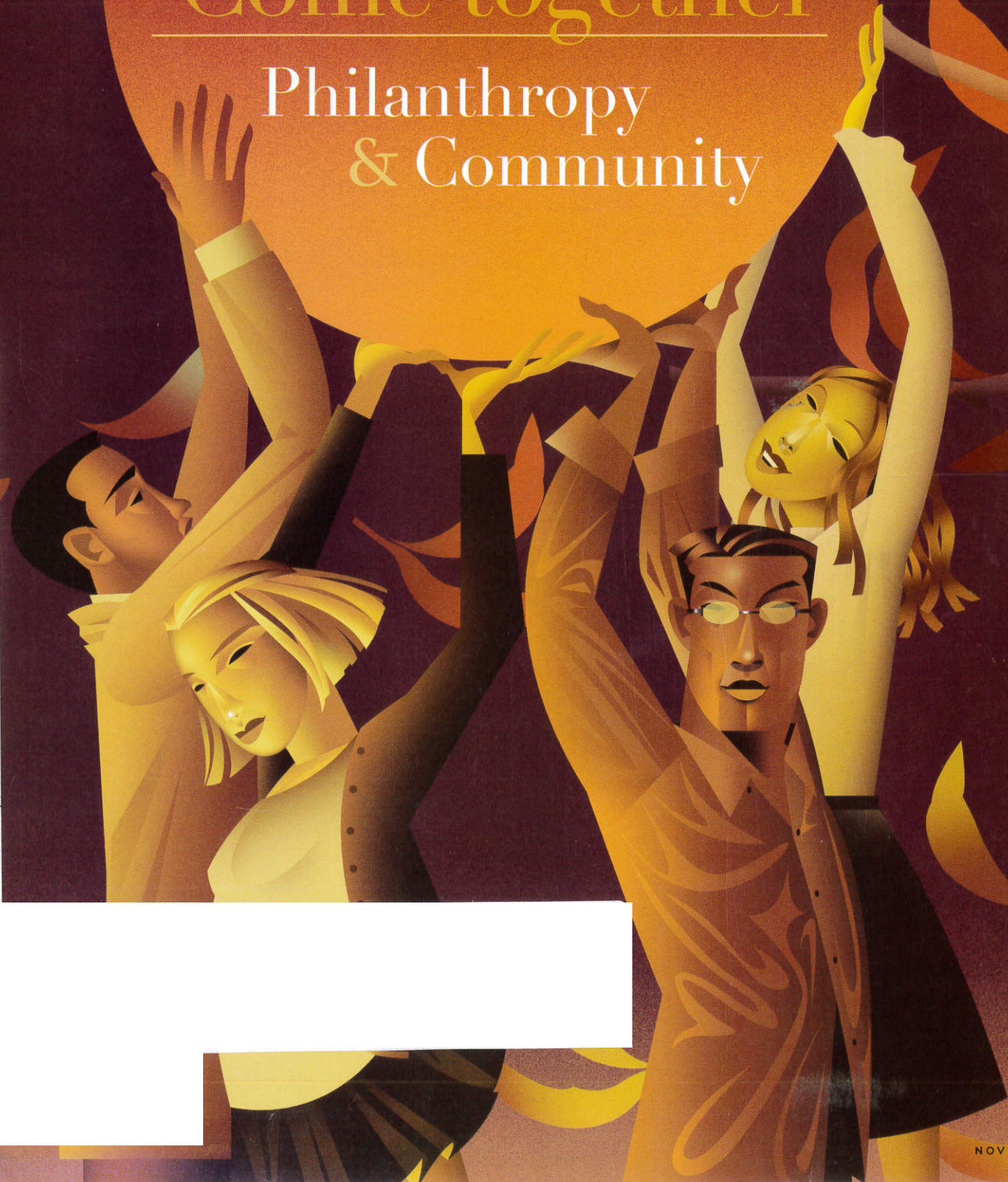


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ANYTIME IS *Kauai* TIME

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A rooster crows, waking me to the sun rising over Kukii Point Lighthouse and highlighting the emerald peak of Kalanipu'u off my balcony. The surf pounds against the rocks, sailboats bob on their moorings and egrets stroll along the oceanfront fairway of the Jack Nicklaus signature golf course. Just another magnificent morning in paradise at the ultra-luxe Timbers Kauai in Hokualea.

Open just one year, Timbers Kauai provides owners and guests with residences and townhomes on the last direct oceanfront property on the island. It's decorated in the soothing tones of surf and sand, with high-end, eco-friendly amenities and expansive views, so you really only need to pack a bathing suit before boarding the plane to your island home.

What sets Timbers Kauai apart could be the 18-hole, award-winning golf course that boasts the longest stretch of oceanfront fairways in Hawaii. Or the unlimited swimming, surfing, paddle boarding and kayaking at Kalapaki Beach. It might even be Hualani's, the organic, farm-to-table restaurant where you can search for dolphins while you dine.

But what truly separates Timbers Kauai is the peace, tranquility and complete serenity you experience when you arrive.



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I could spend the entire day reclining on my lanai soaking in the view, reading by the infinity pool, or enjoying a signature treatment at the spa. And believe me, I did. But today, I am headed out on two nature adventures unique to Timbers Kauai.

First stop is The Farm at Hokuala, an organic community project dedicated to agri-education managed by local farmer Cody Meyer. Meyer is quick to hack off a coconut top, pop in a straw made from the stem, and offer a refreshing sip of the freshest coconut water available. Residents, especially kids, are encouraged to pick vegetables and fruits for their meals straight out of the garden. The red-soiled beds are rich with greens, corn and watermelon, and the trees hang full of papayas and mangos.

The Farm is part of 17 miles of property trails that were once a golf course and now are a nature preserve, home to many native and endangered Hawaiian birds including the stilt, coot, gallinule, and a rare pair of nesting owls. The Hawaiian state bird, the nene (a goose), also loves these lagoons. In turn, the remaining endangered birds thrived and I crossed six species off my life list without needing a pair of binoculars.

Redefining what it means to be farm-to-table, The Farm supplies ingredients for Hualani's restaurant at the Timbers Kauai and the local schools. The menu focuses on traditional canoe crops and puts a refined spin on classic Hawaiian ingredients.

After a poke bowl, I join fellow hikers to a private waterfall led by the activities team. Although the trail is closed to the public, the landscape would look familiar to fans of "Jurassic Park" and the many other movies filmed in the preserve. We hike along a



The open-air lobby at Timbers Kauai overlooks the lighthouse at Ninini Point.

tropical path to Bamboo Falls, cool off with a dip in the pool, and then continue to the upper falls, where we climb behind the 60-foot waterfall and let it cascade over us in a natural massage.

Back at the resort, I stroll back to my residence along the plumeria-scented pathways and fall asleep to the crash of the surf.

The Hawaiians have a blessing that says, "May there always be warmth in your hale (house), fish in your net and aloha in your heart." Until next time, Timbers Kauai! ■