

Kahiki Supper Club

Bar & Restaurant

3583 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio, United States

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Humuhumu's description:

Kahiki Supper Club is a legend in the tiki world - a massive polynesian palace in the frozen land of Columbus, Ohio. Kahiki founders Bill Sapp and Lee Henry started work on the Kahiki after their bar, the Grass Shack, burned down on this site in 1959.

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Opened in 1961

Closed in 2000

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distances are as the crow flies.

Tiki Bowling Lanes, Lancaster	24.3 mi 39.2 km
Young's Cafeteria, Glen Dale	114.0 mi 183.5 km
Chin's Chop Suey, Livonia	167.2 mi 269.0 km
Jade Tiki, Bloomfield Hills	183.8 mi 295.9 km
Tiki Bob's Cantina, Pontiac	185.3 mi 298.2 km

Sadly, I never got to see Kahiki, it closed in 2000. The Kahiki's building was a classic example of midcentury polynesian pop architecture, and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1997. Despite this, Walgreen's purchased the building and bulldozed it. The Kahiki company now is focused on selling a line of frozen foods.

Some of the interior decor had been stored in a warehouse, and there was talk of the restaurant reopening in a new location. The potential for that seems to have ended: some of the decor was installed in the frozen food factory; the Kahiki's last owner, Michael Tsao, has died; and many of the remaining artifacts appear to have been sold at auctions.

However, the Kahiki has not entirely died... in 2006, former employees opened a new restaurant in a strip mall in nearby Hilliard, called **Tropical Bistro**. It doesn't have the Kahiki's grand looks (much of the decor comes from the space's earlier, typical Chinese buffet incarnation), but the food and drink recipes remain the same, and drinks are served in tiki mugs.

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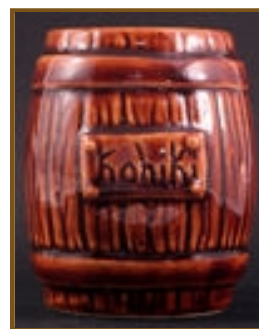
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