

New Life Member

Ernest "Tommy" Thompson was elected to Life Membership at the Annual Meeting. Tommy has been an Outrigger member since June 1943.

A book could be written about Tommy, one of the Club's most active members. Among his earliest recollections was being charged \$1 to join the Horizontal Athletic Club, a group of the Club's older members who had set aside a patch of sand fronting the Club for their exclusive use to bask in the sun. This was not for Tommy. A newcomer to Hawaii who loved water sports, he soon became an accomplished surfer, outrigger canoe paddler, spear fisherman and one of the Club's top volleyball players.

He has served on the Board of Directors, including President of the Club in 1969-70. He has



served as chair of the Entertainment, Judges of Election, Nominating, Long Range Planning,

Bylaws, Volleyball, Water Safety, Canoe and Sailing committees, plus numerous Ad Hoc committees.

Tommy was a paddler and member of the Club's championship junior crew from 1943-49, and was coached by Duke Kahanamoku.

He also served as Secretary and President of the Kamaaina Hui which he joined in 1943.

While Vice-President in 1967, he was instrumental in establishing the Club's Historical Committee. After his term as President, he served 25 years as a member of this committee.

Using his computer talents, he developed a valuable printout of a profile of this Club's Senior members for committee use and reference.

During his presidency, he negotiated a favorable solution with the State for the use of the Club's anchorage which had been challenged.

He continues to write occasional interesting and entertaining historical articles for the Outrigger magazine.

He has taped the proceedings of the Annual Meeting since 1964 at no cost to the Club. He and his wife, Rusty, have made the Club their second home. Hardly a day passes without their presence.

Congratulations to our newest Life Member.