

Two Voted Life Membership

Two long-time Club members were voted to Life Membership in the Outrigger Canoe Club. They are Thad Ekstrand and Muriel Macfarlane Flanders.



Thad Ekstrand

Thad Wayne Ekstrand

Many of you know Thad well and are aware of his numerous contributions to this club. He has been a life-long member of Outrigger, having joined the club at the age of 10. He has been a member for 69 years at the present time. His most notable service included being President in 1971-1972 and his stint as a Director for the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971.

He has been a member of and chairmen of numerous standing committees. He has been a member of virtually all the committees the Club has with most of his non-director years on the membership committee.

Thad and his wife Pat have a daughter and two grandchildren. Thad and Pat met at the Outrigger Club and

were married about six weeks later. That was 50 years ago. He worked for and retired from Nabisco in Hawaii having spent 37 years.

Thad was born in Hawaii and graduated from Roosevelt High School. He joined Outrigger Canoe Club in 1930, with Duke Kahanamoku as his sponsor. Duke took Thad under his wing and coached him in paddling and other water sports. He was known then as one of "Duke's Boys". He remembers seeing our founder Alexander Hume Ford around the Outrigger in his early years as a member.

Thad participated in canoe paddling, volleyball and surfing in his youth and continued in these activities for many years. He remembers his first big canoe race in 1943. His crew consisted of Tom Arnott, Bob Bush, Jim Fernie, Thad, John Beaumont and Duke. This crew won in the 4-mile race that day paddling in the *Leilani*. He was friends with, and spent a lot of time with, the legendary beach boys, most of whom have passed on by now.

Thad has spent a lifetime serving, growing with and changing with the Outrigger Canoe Club as it has developed over the years. We feel that it is only fitting and proper that he be honored by being named as a Life Member of this Club.

Muriel Macfarlane Flanders

Muriel Macfarlane Flanders, the matriarch of a family of contributors, has given great service to the Outrigger Canoe Club. She is the grandmother, mother, mother-in-law and sister to four past Presidents of the Club.

- Grandmother to Walter Guild (OCC President 1994-1995).
- Mother of the first woman President, Mary Philpotts-McGrath (OCC President 1998-1999).
- Mother-in-law to Robert 'Rab' Guild (OCC President 1973-74 & 1984-86).
- Sister to Walter Macfarlane (OCC President 1937-43), the second person to hold office the longest and who passed away during his six-year tenure on June 4, 1943, in Oakland, California.

She has been the cornerstone and rallying point of the Walter Macfarlane Memorial Canoe Races since the passing of her brother.

She has contributed spiritually, emotionally and financially to the

races annually.

She is a generous contributor to the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation, specifically designating funds to insure that the Outrigger Canoe Club's 4th of July Race is the premier Hawaiian Canoe Regatta in the State of Hawaii. The race was first conducted in the Waikiki ocean waters on July 4, 1943.

She has donated numerous trophies to help keep the history of the race and canoe paddling alive. In 1999, a new perpetual trophy consisting of a silver bowl on a koa stand was donated by her to the winning women senior six crew in the Walter Macfarlane Memorial Canoe Races.

She is a great friend to all our OCC athletes, as well as athletes state-wide through her generous donations to the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation in support of all athletic activities.

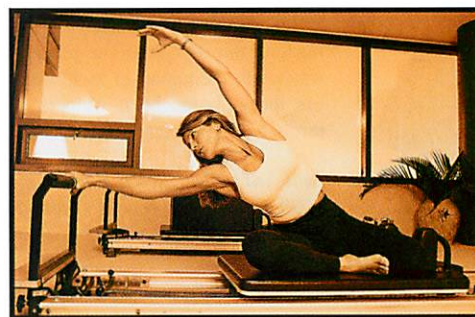
Although deserving for many years, she has just become eligible for this honor designating her as a Life member.



Mary Philpotts McGrath holds up a note from her mother, Muriel Flanders, who was unable to attend the meeting. It read, "Are you sure you want to take a chance? I might live for another 25 years. Thank you for the great honor." Muriel is 94.

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German beers.

- The ladies locker room was transformed into a Halloween House of Terror to the delight of all ages. Tiare and crew wove their magic, creating dark, scary areas throughout the locker room.

- The Princess Kaiulani Holiday Fashion Show was its usual sell out. Club members modeled clothes from the casual to the formal. Great appreciation to Joan Andersen and her family for their participation each year and a big congratulations on Princess Kaiulani on its 40th anniversary.

- The Mardi Gras Masquerade with authentic Cajun New Orleans menu has been created along with a live Jazz Band for your listening and dancing pleasure. We encourage everyone to wear a mask (decorative or plain) and some will be available to purchase that evening.