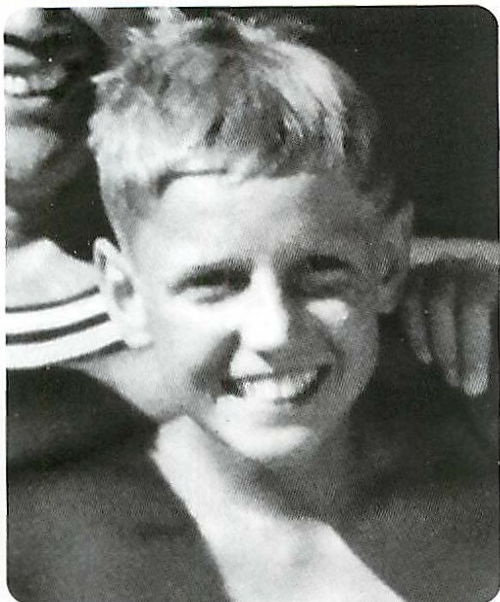


# New Life Member: Paul Dolan

By Barbara Del Piano



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At the Annual Meeting on February 22, a name was added to the list of Life members of the Outrigger Canoe Club, making Paul Dolan a recipient of one of the Outrigger's most prestigious honors. This richly deserved award culminates an outstanding list of contributions Paul has made over the years to the OCC.

Paul's official membership in the Club came in the form of a Christmas gift when he was 11 years old; his older brothers, Louis, Bob, Phil, and John, were already members. Since that day in 1945, when World War II was drawing to a close, the Club became an important part of Paul's life. He participated in nearly every activity sponsored by the Club, including board and body surfing, outrigger canoe paddling and steering, volleyball and other beach sports, and even worked as a beach boy under Sally Hale during summer vacations.

Paul paddled in his first Walter Macfarlane Regatta in 1945 in the 11 and under class, and over the years, paddled stroke on various four and six-man crews. In 1955 he was a member of the Outrigger crew when the Club participated in the Molokai to Oahu race for the second time.

After graduation from college, service in the Korean War as a member of the U. S. Navy, marriage to Gail Teall, three children, job stints on Kauai and Australia, Paul returned to Honolulu where he again took up water sports at the Club.

In the early 1980s, Paul became interested in computers and soon became an expert. At the urging of Bill Barnhart, Historical Committee Chairman at the time, Paul joined the Committee and the rest is history, Outrigger history, that is.

For the past 15 years Paul has devoted his time and energy to preserving our Club's past. Among his many contributions are the creation and maintaining of 28 data bases covering a vast range of subjects.

Want to know anything about past Club Captains, Presidents, Directors, trophies, old *Forecasts*, photos and books in our archives? Just ask Paul. Are you curious about former General Managers, oral histories, members who have served in the military? Just ask Paul.

Other contributions include recording oral histories, arranging trophy-polishing

sessions, preparing displays for the lobby showcase, updating the President's photo behind the Front Desk and serving on the Centennial Book Committee...to name just a few.

His work has always been behind the scenes so it is fitting that he now receives public acclaim for all he has done to preserve and perpetuate the history of our Club.



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