

# ODKF Mahalo Luncheon

The Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation held its mahalo luncheon at the Club on July 16. The purpose of the luncheon was to honor the 2000-2001 scholar/athletes and to introduce them to the volunteers and Gold Medal donors. Gold medalists are persons who donate \$1,000 or more to the Foundation in one year.

The Board was able to award 22 scholarships for a total of \$17,500, eight athletic grants to individuals for a total of \$6,300 and 13 grants to teams for a total of \$12,500.

Tim Guard served as master of ceremonies. Vik Watumull, president of ODKF, introduced board members and acknowledged and thanked the volunteers.

Sharon Brown, board member and co-chair of the luncheon, explained the various funds within the foundation and introduced the representatives. Mary Philpotts McGrath represented the Muriel Macfarlane Flanders Fund, Marilyn and Marc Haine represented the Tom "Daddy" Haine Fund, Patti Mann Nottingham and Allan Dowsett the Cline Mann Fund, and for the first time Mrs. McCarthy attended representing the Terrence McCarthy Fund.

After introducing 10 scholarship attendees, two of the scholar athletes shared how the scholarship money helped them during the college year. Kanani Dilcher told of adjusting to rain and life in the state of Washington, and thanked everyone for the experiences and the growth she has had during the past year. Nina Alena Beatty echoed how the opportunity to travel

to the mainland for college had helped her.

Grantee Joe Rapp thanked the foundation for its support of his program and how his team has been able to compete nationally. Teddi Anderson of Na Opio Racing explained their program and thanked ODKF for its support.

Seeing and hearing from the recipients validated the mission of the foundation which is to encourage the development of sports and scholarship among Hawaii's athletes.



Grantees who attended were, seated, Nina Dilcher, Jane-Na DeMello, Allegra Erisman, Michelle Isa. Standing, Kanani Dilcher, Miria Whitford, Keesha Aldridge, Parker Smith, Timothy Ming, David Cosier.



Marc and Marilyn Haine, seated, visited with Keoni Alkaha-Reis, Timothy Ming and Teddi Anderson.

Attendees at the mahalo luncheon were Jeff and Dan Cookley, seated; and RuthAnn Becker, Mrs. Terrence McCarthy and Vik Watumull.



ODKF Board Members Tim Guard, center, and Marty Schiller, right, visit with grantee Keesha Aldridge.

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