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Boat Day Ball Commemorates Duke's 100th Birthday

Nearly 300 family, friends and beach boys gathered at the Sheraton Moana Surfrider Hotel on August 24 to celebrate the 100th birthday of the late Duke Kahanamoku.

Kahanamoku, the legendary Olympic swimming champion, who brought fame to Hawaii in his many roles as beach boy, actor, Sheriff and Ambassador-at-Large, was remembered by his many friends at the Boat Day Ball.

The event was a benefit for the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation.

Sponsors of the Ball were Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Abigail Kekaulike Kawananakoa, Elia A. Long, Matson Navigation Company and Sellers Advertising, Inc.

Patrons included Edward K. Kawananakoa, The Chinn Ho Foundation and the Magoon Family and Guenoc Winery.

The Captain's Table was hosted by Matson Navigation Company.

The Ball was one of many events honoring Duke who died in 1968 at the age of 78.



Honored guests were served on an antique Matson silver service from the Moana vaults for this occasion.



Making a toast to Duke were Charles Keliikipi, John Baptiste, Leinani Leatherberry, Gerry DeBenedetti, Jody and Noelle D'Enbeau, Scott and Sue May.



Bradley Mulholland, president of Matson Navigation Company, is escorted to his seat by the Royal Guard.



Eddie Sultan, Alice Guild and Rand Potts catch up on old times.



Enjoying the evening were Jack Walter, Peter Nottage, George Nottingham and Ben Cassiday.



Ed Stroup and ODKF Vice-President Elia Long enjoy a chat.



Sarge and Mary Ray Kahanamoku cut a rug.



Buffalo Keaulana signs his autograph for admirer Matt Kresser.



A fun night was had by Jim Nicholson, Audrey and Ray Tam and ODKF Board Member Sue Oliver.



Honoring Duke were John Stevenson, Gaylord Wilcox, Louise Stevenson, and Jack and Mrs. Myers.



Watching the festivities were Gardiner McKay, an unidentified guest and Edward Kawananakoa.



Kinau Kamalii, Gladys Brandt and guest were there to remember Duke.



Freeman Dierlam, Betsy Hammes, Jim Kearsey, Pat DeSimas and Gary Yanagihara were among Boat Day Ball guests.