

# Annual ODKF Mahalo Luncheon

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Annually the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation hosts a luncheon to honor their grantees, Gold Medalist donors, and many volunteers who serve on committees and assist with fund raising activities.

This year's luncheon was the largest ever, with 83 attending, attesting to the growth of the Foundation.

Gold Medalist donors honored for their major contributions to the Foundation were Ben Cassidy, Carolyn Craig, and the Patagonia Clothing Company. Special mention was given to six year donors: J Watumull Fund, Louis Gowans, and five year donors: James & Priscilla Growney, Shelagh Kresser, John and Marilyn Goss, Lenore O'Brien, and Muriel and Walter Flanders.

Gordon Smith, OCC Comptroller, who has spent countless hours doing the Foundation's accounts, tax returns and financial statements, was given a Gold

Medalist award in appreciation.

Special guests were Muriel and Walter Flanders; Marilyn, Marc and Kisi Haine, and Carol Kukea. These are families who have designated Endowment Funds established within the Foundation.

Featured speakers were Koa Ostrem who thanked the Foundation for giving him the first Tom "Daddy" Haine scholarship, and Mahealani Lum, who received an athletic grant from the Kala Kukea Endowment Fund. Both are OCC members, active in our sports programs.

Scott Sorensen of KGMB television spoke briefly about a TV special he is producing on Duke Kahanamoku. He said it started out to be simple, and he quickly found the story was bigger than he realized. He will be featuring the Foundation's activities in his Fall TV special, especially the activities being carried out in Duke's name in supporting the athletes of Hawaii. ☯



Grantees attending the ODKF luncheon were, front, Robyn Jobl, Meghan Atwood, Andrea Fukumoto, Pinua Souza, Kimberly Adler, Mahealani Lum, Jenny Erwin, Alobanani Jamias and Tara Beyer. Second row, Kathy-Lyn Allen, Kevin Flanagan, Koa Ostrem, Brian Helfer, Mark Cunningham, Stephen Adler and Douglass Cole.



Gold Medalists who were honored include Gulab Watumull, Ben Cassidy, Carolyn Craig, Kecia Arizumi representing Patagonia, and Gordon Smith.