



ABOVE: The Macfarlane family attended the blessing of the *Kai Li'oli'o*: Lissa Eveleth, the Rev. Rici Conger, Alice Guild, Di Guild, Billy Philpotts, Rab Guild, Vaima Philpotts and Walter Guild.

RIGHT: Jay Dowsett placed a "cold one" on the *Cline* canoe for his uncle, the late Cline Mann.



ABOVE: President Tom McTigue assisted the Rev. Rici Conger with the blessing of the canoes.

BELOW LEFT: Missy Maii, Bill Foytich and Mark Jackola attended the blessing.

BELOW RIGHT: The Rev. Rici Conger blessed the canoes and the Club.



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## THREE NEW CANOES Blessed During Centennial Celebration

Three fiberglass canoes were blessed by the Rev. Rici Conger on May 1 during the Outrigger Canoe Club birthday celebration.

A new six-man racing canoe was named *Kai Li'oli'o* in the memory of Muriel Flanders, a long-time supporter of the Club canoe racing program, who was the sister of Walter J. Macfarlane, and mother of Alice Guild and Mary Philpotts McGrath.

"Although this is a new canoe, it already has quite a history," Rev. Conger said. The canoe was approved by the Board of Directors two years ago. Perhaps by serendipity or perhaps by fate, the canoe was postponed, and then delayed until this, our Centennial year. It was

worth the wait.

The Outrigger Masters Women paddlers were given the honor of naming the canoe and they wanted to remember Muriel who had donated beautiful trophies for the Masters women's races at the Macfarlane Regatta.

Kawika Grant did some research and found that the Celtic translation for the name Muriel was Shining Sea. Translated to Hawaiian that is *Kai Li'oli'o*.

In her blessing, Conger asked that the "spirit of Aloha, the love of the ocean and the ability to compete well be invoked upon this vessel and for all those who will paddle her." Conger is Muriel's granddaughter.

Most fittingly, the canoe will make its racing debut at



LEFT: Members gathered on the Hau Terrace for the blessing of the *Pu'eone* and the *Cline*.

BELOW: Tauhani Philpotts watched the blessing from under the canoe named for her great grandmother.



Alice Guild read a poem that her mother Muriel Flanders had written.



Canoe Racing Chair Jen Bossert was all smiles at the thought of a new racing canoe.



Gloria Henderson offers a lei to a member.

this year's 4th of July Macfarlane regatta. Mrs. Flanders would be so proud!

Also blessed was a new four-man surfing canoe. It was built by Jay Dowsett in memory of his late uncle Cline Mann.

"Cline's love for this Club has been passed to a new generation," Rev. Conger said.

A can of Cline's favorite brew was placed in the *Cline* canoe after it was blessed. This is the second canoe to bear Cline's name.

The old *Cline* four-man canoe was renamed the *Pu'eone* after the surfing site just Diamond Head of the Kapua Channel windsock. The suggestion for this name came

from Cline Mann himself who years ago drew up a long list of proposed names for Outrigger's canoes, including those for new surfing canoes. He named them after the various surfing sites fronting the Club.

*Pu'eone* is the second of these, the first being *Kakela*, named several years ago for the site ewa of the windsock known as Castles. OCC's other surfing canoes bear the names of three of OCC's most beloved sportsmen: *Dad* (for Dad Center), *Duke* (for Duke Kahanamoku), and the *Cline*.

Kawika explained that the name was even more fitting as Cline's ashes were scattered off the Sandbar after his passing.