

# ODKF Holds Annual Thank You Luncheon

By Gerry DeBenedetti

The Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation held its annual luncheon on June 16 to thank volunteers who assisted with various fund raising activities and honor the athletic and scholastic grant recipients.

This year's luncheon also included 21 Gold Medalists, who are donors to the Foundation who have given gifts of \$1,000 or more. Each Gold Medalist was asked to stand to be recognized and awarded a lu-

cite cube enclosing a "gold medal" featuring Duke Kahanamoku's likeness.

For most of the Gold Medalists, this was their first opportunity to see where their philanthropy has been directed. There were seven athletic grant recipients and seven scholarship recipients present to personally thank the Gold Medalists.

Featured speakers were Billy Whitford of the Hawaii Canoe and

Kayak Team; Wyatt Jones, OCC member and member of the 1992 Olympic team; and Sam Kerner, who placed 6th in the nation in Finn sailing.

Each of them thanked the Foundation for "being there" and coming through with assistance "at the right time" and keeping faith in the athlete's ability to excel in a sport.

Athletic goals like the Olympics require years of planning ahead, and the Foundation has made a



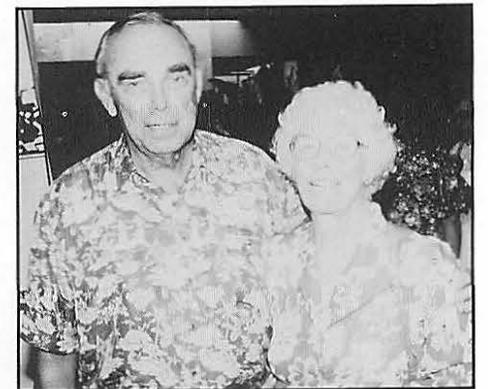
Gordon Smith, left, and Patti Mowat and Gerry DeBenedetti, right, are welcomed to the luncheon by ODKF VP Gerri Pedesky.



Volunteers and Gold Medalists, Harold Henderson, Peter Balding, Lex Brodie and Keone Downing, seated; with Kamuela Lau and Billy Whitford.



Walter and Muriel Flanders received a Duke medal. Center is their daughter, Alice Guild, also an ODKF Gold Medalist.



ODKF President Bill Morris presents Duke medal to Betty Brodhead.



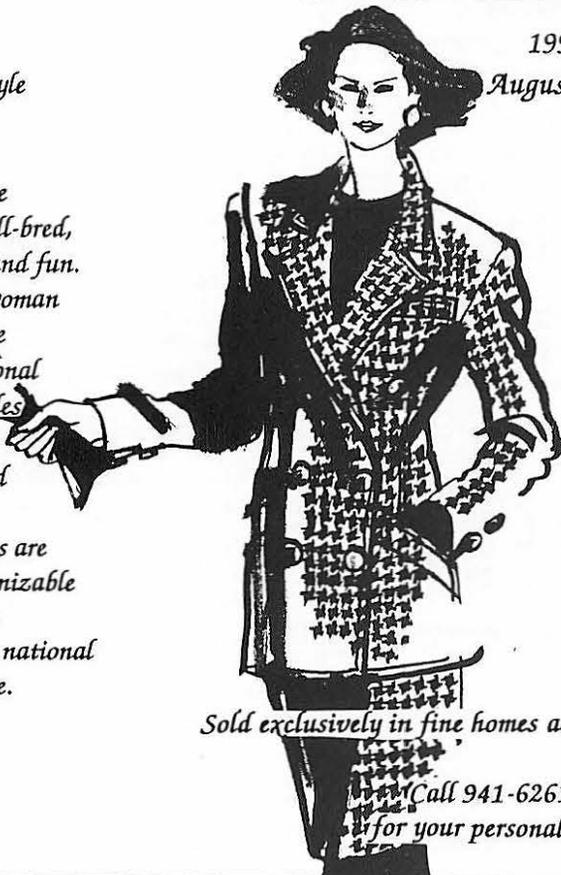
Scholarship and athletic grant recipients, Kevin Teruya, Wyatt Jones, David Buck and Mark Buck, seated; Paul Tan, Kaia Hedlund, Billy Whitford, Chuck Watanabe and ODKF Board Member Diane Stowell.

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