

ODKF Awards 2 Grants

The Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation announces \$500 athletic grant awards to OCC members Hadley Gaffney and Mike Stock.

Hadley's grant is to assist her in participating in the U.S. Canoe/Kayak Sprint Nationals in Green Lake, Washington in August.

A participant in many paddling events, canoe sailing races, and kayaking competitions, Hadley's training program and training sessions with the Hawaii Canoe & Kayak Team are intense.

She is rated nationally among women kayakers, finishing 12th in the 1996 Olympic Team Trials.

Mike is also a kayaker, planning to attend the Nationals as well as participate in European Team trials. He is presently at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California, where he attended special classes to complete his senior year of high school.

Since 1996, Mike has competed in Florida, Washington,

Georgia, and internationally in Poland and Finland. His coach at the Olympic Center says he is one of the top Junior kayakers in the U.S.

OCC members will be interested to note that a \$1,000 grant was given to the Hui Nalu Canoe Club for their May 9 Kala Kukea Ironman Challenge. Many OCC members participated in this event with paddlers ranging in age from 12 to Golden Masters. Entrants were in six person canoes as well as individuals and surfskis.

Formerly known as the Maunalua Bay Challenge, in 1996 this event was renamed in memory of Kala Kukea, long time Hui Nalu member and coach, who also coached many OCC members of the Hawaii Canoe and Kayak team. His son Nalu is an OCC member.

Funds for the grant come from the ODKF Board designated Kala Kukea Fund, established in 1996 and maintained with donations made in Kukea's memory.

Two previous grants from this fund were made to OCC member Mahealani Lum.

Other athletic grants were made to the Hawaii Swimming Club, Team Hawaii (body surfing), David Shinbara (knee board surfer), Raymond Reichle (surfing), International Hawaiian Canoe Association, and the Hawaii Masters Marathon Canoe Team.

The purpose of the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation is to encourage athletes and scholars whose endeavors will contribute to the growth and development of athletics in Hawaii; to support athletic events and participation by teams and individuals in furthering their edu-



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cation; and to assist in preserving, perpetuating and developing sports which have a special cultural or historical significance to Hawaii.

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