

2000 David Malo Recipient



Edith Kawelohea McKinzie

The Rotary Club of West Honolulu established the David Malo Award in 1987 to recognize persons of Hawaiian ancestry who made contributions in their chosen fields. The award is named after David Malo, whose accomplishments and life exemplify the ideal of high achievement and community service for the betterment of the world around us. Mrs. McKinzie has been selected to receive this honor for the year 2000.

Prior to her retirement Mrs. Edith K. McKinzie was a Hawaiian Studies Instructor at The Honolulu Community College, University of Hawai'i. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Hawaiian Studies in 1976 and her Masters in Education Degree from the College of Education, University of Hawai'i Manoa in 1983.

Her life has been rich in experiences and multiple services. Some of her roles in life have been that of a lecturer, researcher, hula expert, author, buyer, project consultant, translator, historian and grant writer.

She has received the Pulama Award by the Kalihi Palama Culture and the Arts, The Order of Distinction by the State Council on Hawaiian Heritage, The Kukui Malamalama Award by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and shared as an awardee along with Pat Bacon in the 1999 Prince Lot Hula Festival.

Edith continues to serve as a judge for three major hula and chant competitions in the state (1) Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula and Hawai'i Secondary Schools Competitions (2) The Merry Monarch and (3) The Kamehameha Day Chant and Dance Competition. She is a member of the Hawaiian Historical Society Translation Committee and chairperson of the University of Hawai'i Committee for the Preservation of Hawaiian Language, Arts and Culture. At the present time she is working on a NHCAP Grant for Bishop Museum in indexing the Hawaiian Language Newspapers along with her personal authorship of Hawaiian Genealogies Volume III.

Mrs. McKinzie's role as an important cultural resource is recognized nationally and internationally as she has traveled to such places as Alaska, California, New York, Massachusetts, Washington D.C., Hong Kong, Guam, Tahiti, New Zealand, Australia and Okinawa.

