



From left: Joannie Mukai, Director of Construction and Maintenance, Club Board Member; Cliff Okamoto, Retiree, Club Member; Dave Chrisman, Supervisor, Club Member; Clifford's wife, Beatrice; daughter, Sue; son-in-law, Eric; daughter, Sandra; and grandson, Noah, 1.



Cliff's supervisor, Dave Chrisman, presents him a plaque for his 23 years of service with the Harbor Dept.



Clifford Okamoto's family, from left: daughter, Sue; grandson, Noah, 1; son-in-law, Eric; daughter, Sandra; and wife, Beatrice.

A Tropical Sendoff

■ Club Member Clifford Okamoto retires after 30 years of City service.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, with additional information from Rachel Campbell, Harbor Photos by Arlene Herrero

HARBOR — Friends, family and coworkers said goodbye to Clifford Okamoto with a festive luau Jan. 19 in the Construction and Maintenance Multipurpose Building.

Special guest was Joannie Mukai, Director of Construction and Maintenance, Club Board Member.

About 140 attendees came dressed with their Hawaiian shirts and flower leis. They also enjoyed chicken katsu, Chinese chicken salad, barbecue beef, rice, Hawaiian rolls and cake.

Cliff's daughters did the hula to entertain the guests. His family was also on hand to help celebrate. He was joined by his wife, Beatrice, daughters Sandra and Sue, son-in-law Eric and grandson Noah, 1. Cliff was also presented a fishing pole so that he can enjoy one of his many hobbies.

The Harbor Commission presented this resolution:

Whereas Clifford S. Okamoto is retiring after 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles as a Masonry Worker; and

Whereas, during his 24-year career with the Port of Los Angeles, Mr. Okamoto's meticulous craftsmanship has helped to create significant Harbor area landmarks, such as the Bloody Thursday Monument located in San Pedro; and

Whereas, Mr. Okamoto's cement work can be found all throughout the Port, from side-walks and stucco to fences and barricades, and at each station along the Waterfront Red Car Line; and

Whereas, Mr. Okamoto began his City career as a Cement Finisher Worker at the Department of Public Works' Bureau of Street Services in 1975, and worked as a Mechanical Helper at the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1976, before returning to his vocation as a Cement Finisher at the Department of Recreation and Parks in 1978; and

Whereas, Mr. Okamoto joined the Harbor Department in 1982 as a Masonry Worker, and during that time achieved a perfect attendance record for eight consecutive years; and

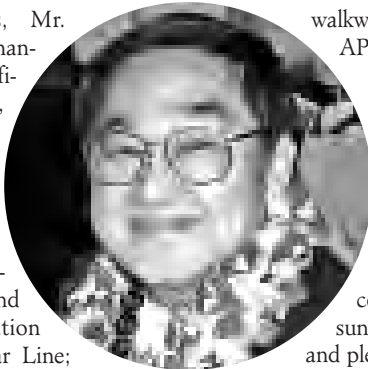
Whereas, his expertise in cement finishing, bricklaying, plastering, tile-setting and carpentry were consulted on a wide range of Port projects, such as the steps along the Cabrillo Marina walkway and concrete barricades at APL and Yang Ming; and

Whereas, at the giant Pier 400 terminal, the largest proprietary container facility in the world, he handled the challenging concrete barricade post installation project; and

Whereas, for the last 24 years, Mr. Okamoto has turned coworkers into friends with his sunny demeanor, cooperative spirit and pleasant interactions with supervisors and fellow employees at the Port, where his work and presence will be greatly missed:

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Clifford S. Okamoto for his service to the City and Port of Los Angeles, and extends to him and his family its best wishes for health and happiness in the years to come.

The Club congratulates Clifford on an outstanding career and thanks Holly Carlson, Emma Gonzalez and Ping Lit for their assistance..



Clifford Okamoto, Retiree, Club Member.



Welcome to the event.



From left: Cliff Okamoto, Retire, Club Member; and John Humphrey.



From left: Calvin Chin, Club Member; and Cliff Okamoto, Retiree, Club Member.



Hula dancing by Cliff's daughters, Sandra and Sue.



Cliff holds up his Angel's Gate plaque.



Herb Galvez holds up the retirement card that employees signed, wishing Cliff a happy retirement.



Cliff Okamoto thanks all those who came to his retirement luau.



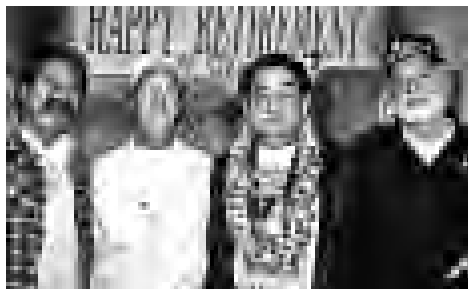
Dave Chrisman served as the master of ceremonies.



Joannie Mukai, Director of Construction and Maintenance, Club Board Member, thanks Cliff for his hard work and wishes him a happy retirement.



Cliff is presented with a fishing pole. Back, from left: Albert Robles, Club Member; and Willie Brown. Front: Cliff Okamoto, Retiree, Club Member; Enoch Samuel, Club Member; and Dave Chrisman, Supervisor, Club Member.



From left: Albert Baca; James Smith, Club Member; Cliff Okamoto, Retiree, Club Member; and Ed Carlton, Plumbing Supervisor, Club Member.



From left: Jeff Morrill; Lyndon Bailey, Club Member; and Joseph Bulquerin.



Emma Gonzalez presents a check to Cliff on behalf of the Harbor Dept. Employees Club.



From left: Cliff Okamoto, Retiree, Club Member; and Ping Lit.



Left side: Willie Brown. Right side: Enoch Samuel, Club Member.



Left side of table: Frank Rendon, Club Member; Joy Mativa, Club Member; and Kenneth Henderson, Club Member. Right side: Waymond Banks, Club Member.



Clifford Okamoto and family, from left: daughter, Sue; Clifford Okamoto, Retiree, Club Member; wife, Beatrice; son-in-law Eric; daughter, Sandra; and grandson, Noah, 1.