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# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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**Weekly Newsletter** 

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### **HOD Donates To GE Program**



GE students and instructor Joel Yabes with donated equipment.

On Wednesday, January 23, 2013, the House of Delegates (HOD) brought over donations of computer equipment to the General Electronics (GE) program students in their quest to enhance their knowledge and competency skills. Donated items included lap tops

and desktops(hard drive, keyboards & mouse). The students with their instructor were present to receive the equipment. Thank you to Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK) staff for bringing the donations to the campus, and to the HOD for donating educational learning resources.

### Spring 2013 Dorm Meetings Begin

Contributed by Volette Polloi



Dorm residents in attendance listening to speakers as they are given information about dorm life & policies.

On Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., the Palau Community College's Dormitory Managers and Residents convened at the PCC Cafeteria for their first

Spring 2013 Dormitory meeting. The meeting was attended by all 107 Student Dormitory Residents, Dormitory Man-Dorm cont'd on p.2

### Mandarin Classes Begins At CE

Continuing Education (CE) began two classes of Mandarin for community members. The classes began on January 17, 2013 and will continue until March 14, 2013. Each class has 20 members attending and is held on Monday/Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday/Thursday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The Mandarin class is taught by Instructor Pei-Hsin "Percy" Liu, a full time instructor recruited by the Republic of China Embassy.

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### New Large Cap Growth Manager For Endowment Fund

During the January meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board voted to replace Sands Capital with Wedgewood Capital as the College's Endowment Fund Large Cap Growth Manager. The decision to replace Sands Capital stemmed from Sands Capital's withdrawal from FS Platform which is what allowed Sands Capital to serve PCC Endowment Fund at a substantially reduced minimum account size

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Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of the students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

### BOA, PCAA & PCC-CRE Bopha Relief Effort

Bureau of Agriculture (BOA), Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA) and Palau Community College - Cooperative Research & Extension (PCC-CRE) collaborated together after Super Typhoon Bopha on a relief effort project to states which had their taro patches affected by the sea water surge. The relief effort is in line with the food security objectives for Palau in combating the climate change effects. The project funded by the Bopha Catastrophe Relief Committee (BCRC)

has helped 12 clients in the east coast with 1,200 cuttings of sweet potatoes and 20 bundles of cassava. These cuttings have been planted on the 12 farms belonging to Meriu Hideos, Mitashida Subris, Sweeny Shiro, Laura Hideos, Markus Shiro, Ninia Besebes, George Matsuda, Jesse Edesomel, Dorsii, Kliu, Josephina Tiobech and John Mengidab.

Ongoing plans to plant cuttings in other affected states are being put into effect.

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and fee schedule. Based on the Consulting Group research report and comparative performance for Sands Capital, along with two other large growth man-

agers that currently handle accounts in the region, Wedgewood Capital was recommended for consideration by the PCC Board of Trustees.

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agers Ephraim Ngirachitei and Hulda Lukas, Recreational Staffs Norman Sato and Hamilton Maech, PCC's Student Liaison Officer Volette Polloi, and Director of Development Alvina Marcil. Dorm Manager Ephraim Ngirachitei conducted the meeting by welcoming the seven newly registered students, one returning student and ninety-nine continuing students who are residing in the dormitories this Spring 2013 semester. Following the welcoming remarks, introductions of the new students and their respective majors were made to all attendees. Additionally, the new Student Liaison Officer was introduced to the dormitory residents. Volette Polloi

gave a brief remark about her role as the Student Liaison Officer and how she helps the students at PCC. The Student Housing Handbook was distributed to all of the Dormitory Residents, followed by a few reminders from the Dorm Managers including the observation of dormitory quiet hours, cafeteria etiquette, and health services available to the students. It was a very productive meeting, with an informal atmosphere, where introductions and announcements were met with enthusiastic applause and good-natured hoots. The meeting was concluded at approximately 8:30 p.m. with the next meeting set to be scheduled for next month.



Student Liaison Volette Polloi being introduced by Dorm Manager Ephraim Ngirachitei.

# Adjunct Instructor Donates to Library

Adjunct Instructor Constance Ohlinger spent one semester (Fall 2012) at the college teaching science classes, specifically General Chemistry II (SC 161). With the disappearance of her father, Frank Ohlinger and the police officers Earl Decherong and Willy Mace Towai, Constance has spent her time here getting her father's things in order and teaching at the college. As her departure day drew closer, she brought to the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library over 150 books that are mostly non-fiction to donate on behalf of her father. Frank. PCC Library staff received the books, and with Constance's consent, donated some of the books to the Public Library.

Thank you Constance Ohlinger for your donation on behalf of your father, Frank Ohlinger.

If you are interested in donating books to the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library, contact the library at 488-3540.



### **BITS AND PIECES...**

### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

#### Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday 8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Friday 8:00 A.M - 5:00 P.M.

Saturday 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

For more information, contact 488-3540

### TOEFL TEST DATE

#### **ATTENTION STUDENTS:**

TOEFL Test: May 4, 2013

Online Registration Deadline: April 1, 2013

Cost: \$160.00

### Calender of Events

Feb 22 (F) Last Day to Remove Incomplete

Grades

Mar 4-8 (M-F) Mid-Term Period Mar 15 (F) Student's Spring Break Last Day for All Withdrawals Mar 22 (F) Mar 25-27 (M-W) Summer 2013 Pre-Registration

### **Message of Condolences**

The College family wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to Registration & Records Specialist Teongel Ngirkelau and her family on the passing away of her father, Pastor Amador Ngirkelau.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.

### News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/ articles/ announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to adoraa@palau.edu, dilubchs@palau.edu, and alvinam@palau.edu.

Please call ext. 251/252/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday or for more information.

### New Endowment Donors Sign Up



Elchesel Wilfred

Welcome aboard

to our new donors. Elchesel Wilfred, an alumni of PCC with an AA degree in Liberal Arts and a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Sociol-

for the past year. She is currently completing her degree in Education - Elementary Education at PCC. Thank you Elchesel and Emily for your support to the En-

dowment Fund.

If you wish to join the Endowment Fund, please contact Development Office at 488-2470 ext. 252/253.

### Mandarin cont'd from p.1

If you are interested in joining a Mandarin class or other personal enhancement courses offered through the Continuing Educa-

ogy from the University of Guam, works at

the Ministry of Health - Public Health De-

partment as a case manager. Another new

donor, Emily Kaleb, is working at Koror El-

ementary School, teaching a 4th grade class

tion, contact Leona or Anna at 488-6223. Classes are based on community interests and the number of people signing up.



Pei-Hsin "Percy" Liu giving instructions in Mandarin to community members.

The Rotarian Dave Williams Memorial Scholarship of \$750.00 is offered to one student currently enrolled at Palau Community College (PCC) who has successfully completed the first year of studies. The scholarship is offered to a PCC student who meets the following criteria:

- \* A returning PCC student entering the second year of studies and considered to be a full-time student
- \* Pursuing a degree in business-related areas, tourism or trade
- \* Currently carrying a cumulative GPA

- of 2.5 or higher at the time of applica-
- \* Available to give a brief, oral presentation to the Rotary Club of Palau as part of the screening process.

Deadline for Spring 2013 Scholarship is January 31, 2013 and April 30, 2013 is the deadline for Fall 2013 Scholarship.

Pick up an application at Development Office or Academic Affairs or contact 488-2470 ext. 251

#### ALUMNI NOTES

### Class of 1983 (MOC)

Alonzo Moses



Earned his Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Small Engine & Outboard Motor Technology. He has been working at the Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK) as a Supply Clerk in the Joint Staff for the past 19 years. Message: STAY IN SCHOOL!

#### Class of 2009 Darl Ngirturong Ellis



Earned his Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Construction Technology. He is currently working at Koror State Government in the Public Work Department as a carpenter. He began his career with KSG in 2010. Message: No matter what, do your best to succeed in your education. You

will benefit from it when you are done.

#### Class of 2012 Hadden Seklii



Earned his Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Tourism & Hospitality - Tour Services. He was hired in September 2012 to work at the Clerk of Courts as a Deputy Clerk IV. Message: Don't give up. School and work will always be here. But keep in mind that one needs to continue to pursue a

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higher education.

Alumni Notes showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities. If you are that alumnus/alumna or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471. We would like to feature you in future issues of the Mesekiu's News.



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#### Celebrating Birthdays

**Epimachus Moses** Winfred Recheungel Rennetta Mevar Felix Sengebau Loyola Darius Vernice Yuzi

Happy Birthday To You!

### Tellei And Officials At Inauguration



















### Special Airfares for Palauan Students

#### Fly Delta Airlines

Traveling from Palau to Honolulu and the U.S Mainland Call 488-2255 Monday-Friday (except holidays) 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

#### Vacancy Announcement

- (1) English Instructor, Learning Resource Center Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (2) Math Instructor, Learning Resource Center Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum

Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Harline Haruo at PCC Human Resource Office at 488-2470/2471, ext. 227, email hr@palau.edu or download form at www.palau.edu

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Phone: (680) 488-2470/2471 ext. 251/253

Email: tellei@palau.edu

Website: www.palau.edu

If you want to enroll in the Biweekly Allotment program, call us NOW.

### **NOTICE PCC Endowment Fund Donors:**

File your Application for Tax Refund on or before Friday, March 29, 2013. For assistance, stop by Development Office or call 488-2470/2471 ext. 252 or 253.