PCC Participates in Children’s Christmas Celebrations

Palau Community College (PCC) participated in children Christmas programs this past week. On the morning of Thursday, December 19, 2013, the PCC Day Care Center held a Children’s Christmas Program at the PCC Assembly Hall. Parents were invited to watch their children participate in Christmas performances, such as singing holiday carols. The Day Care children were also able to meet Santa Clause who gave each of them a Christmas gift.

That evening the PCC Music Club performed at Bethlehem Park. Conducted by PCC Associate Professor Howard Charles, the Music Club sang Christmas carols such as *Feliz Navidad* and *Silver Bells*. Members of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) volunteered as Santa’s helpers during the distribution of treats. PCC Christmas, continued on page 3

ASU Clean Energy Program

Gavin Pereira, the Pacific Regional Coordinator for the Vocational Training and Education for Clean Energy (VOCTEC) Program, visited Palau Community College (PCC) on Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

VOCTEC is a program provided by the Arizona State University (ASU) - College of Technology & Innovation (CTI). It is sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The program aims to improve the sustainability of renewable energy infrastructure and investments in developing countries.

Under the program, USAID has awarded over $1 million for CTI to provide education for solar photovoltaic (PV) energy equipment and technology to twelve Pacific island nations. VOCTEC, continued on page 2

END OF THE YEAR GET TOGETHER

FOR ALL BI-WEEKLY ENDOWMENT FUND DONORS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2013
11AM - 1:30PM
PCC Mesekiu Bai

(left to right): Instructor Frutoso Tellei, Instructor Jerry Taroy, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, and Regional Coordinator Gavin Pereira.
CARP Membership Drive

On Wednesday, December 11, 2013 a membership drive was held for the Collegiate Association for Research of Principle (CARP), a student organization currently in its building process.

The organization was started by three Japanese people who will be taking English courses at Palau Community College (PCC) this coming fall semester. CARP aims to research universally shared values, unite the minds of students, and encouraged the growth of character through diligence of study and service for others.

CARP is a worldwide program that unites young people through positive, social activities and community service. The student organization will encourage students to keep away from health-harming substances and similar activities by providing alternate forms of social activities such as origami, the Japanese art of ornate paper-folding.

Vernier Caliper: A Measuring Tool

Sngebard Melarei, a freshman student of MA-100: Technical Mathematics, built a large scale model of the Vernier Caliper tool. Mr. Melarei built the model from local wood for his class project. The Vernier Caliper is a useful tool for measuring the thickness, diameter, and depth of an object.

Merry Christmas!

from the Palau Community College Board of Trustees, President, Staff, Faculty, and Students.

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The program will collaborate with higher education institutions and other organizations to train local capacities to support off-grid solar PV equipment installation, operation, and maintenance.

ASU VOCTEC Pacific Regional Coordinator Pereira met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei as well as instructors Frutoso Tellei and Jerry Taroy during his visit to the college. Instructor Tellei and Instructor Taroy recently participated in the “Grid-Connected PV System Design and Installation” course funded by the European Union (EU) and orchestrated by the North Pacific ACP Renewable Energy and Efficiency Project (North-REP). The “PV System Design and Installation” course will be integrated into the regular Electrical Technology (ET) Program offered at PCC.

Under the VOCTEC training program, developing nations in the Pacific region will learn to install and maintain clean energy systems such as PV solar systems. Training modules offered by VOCTEC will cover topics, such as developing an in-country training facility, that teach the nations to avoid the degradation of clean energy systems caused by lack of maintenance and care.
MESEKIU’S NEWS welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Submit in hard and/or electronic copies to dilubch@gmail.com and tchuziet@gmail.com.

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, or 253) for more information.

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The Academic Calendar for PCC includes:

- **December 23 (M)**: Last Day for Change of Grades
- **December 25 (W)**: Holiday: Christmas Day!
- **January 01 (W)**: Holiday: Happy New Year!
- **January 02-03 (TH-F)**: Placement Testing

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Highlights for Children:

“Whether it is Hidden Pictures® puzzles, Goofus and Gallant™, the Timbertoes® or Puzzlemania®, Highlights helps your children enjoy reading, learning and thinking. Learn more about the Highlights family, its mission, values, history and information on some of our most popular characters and features.”

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Family Caregiving Course:

**Train-the-Trainer Workshop**

**February 10 -13, 2014**

**Venue:** Palau Community College - Koror, Palau

**AGENDA**

**DAY 1:** General Principles of Adult Education

**DAY 2:** Lessons 1-4

**DAY 3:** Lessons 5-8

**DAY 4:** Marketing the Course

**Purpose of Workshop:**

Workforce development to have trainers conduct family caregiving courses across USAPI.

**Costs:**

Registration fees are waived. Participants are to make their own travel & hotel arrangements. To sign up, please e-mail Dr. Ritabelle Fernandes: fernandes.ritabelle@gmail.com
PCC Library would like to inform the public that beginning December 16 to 21, we will be having our Amnesty Week. We want to welcome all patrons to return any library items (books, DVDs, etc.) back to the library and have their account cleaned. No matter how many years ago you checked it out, this is your chance to bring it back to the library during this week and we’ll reduce your fines to ZERO! That’s right, Z-E-R-O. In addition, if your library card is inactive then the library staff will be happy to update and re-activate your library account.

**Vacancy Announcement**

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

2. **Adjunct Instructors**
   - (Academic Affairs Office)
   - Salary range: determined by class credits, educational level, and experience.

3. **Dean of Academic Affairs**
   - (Academic Affairs Office)
   - Salary range: $21,911 - $33,730 per annum

4. **Two (2) Cooks**
   - (Administration Department)
   - Salary range: $6,086 - $10,408 per annum

5. **Health & Physical Education Instructor**
   - (Academic Affairs Office)
   - Salary range: $16,010 - $28,280 per annum

6. **Library Assistant**
   - (Tan Siu Lin PCC Library)
   - Salary range: $6,086 - $10,408 per annum

7. **Nursing Instructor**
   - (Academic Affairs Office)
   - Salary range: $16,010 - $28,280 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Harline Haruo at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/2471, extension 227.

E-mail hr@palau.edu or download forms at [http://pcc.palau.edu](http://pcc.palau.edu)

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