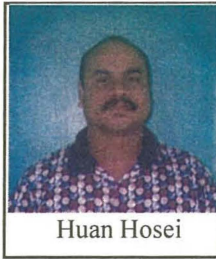


## Tchuzie, from front page

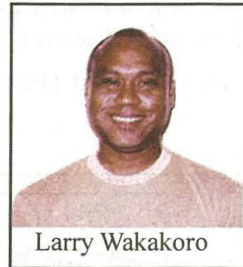
The program is designed for students who have a strong interest in math and/or science related fields. The goal of the program is to help students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science and encourage them to pursue postsecondary degree in these fields.

Prior to the establishment of the PCC Upward Bound Math and Science program, only two UBMS Centers operated in the Pacific region, one located at the University of Hawaii at Hilo and another at the Leeward Community College in Honolulu, Hawaii. With this grant award, PCC will now house the third center in the Pacific and the only one in the Micronesian region.



Huan Hosei

Tadao will be joined by fellow co-worker Mr. Huan Hosei, who will become the program's Academic Counselor/Advisor. Hosei previously worked as Math Instructor and later would become Project Counselor at the Student Support Services, another PCC-based federally-funded program. Prior to working there, he had been Financial Aid Coordinator at the College's Financial Aid Office.



Larry Wakakoro

Tadao and Hosei began working at the UBMS this week, joining Larry Wakakoro and Keith Ignacio, who commenced work back in October. Wakakoro is the program's Assistant Project Director. He came on board UBMS after having served for three years as Academic Coordinator for the Upward Bound Program, yet another PCC-based federally-funded program.

Ignacio, on the other hand, began working at the PCC Admissions & Financial Aid Office in 1998 as clerk typist, later moving to the Registrar's Office. He now serves as the UBMS Administrative Assistant.

The College congratulates Tadao, Hosei, Wakakoro and Ignacio and is confident in their collective ability to lead this critical program in its aim to serve Palau's students. For information about this and other PCC-based federally-funded programs, contact LeoBen Teriong at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471.



Keith Ignacio

### Celebrating Birthdays



Ramon Garcia	January 2
Jemmy Blelai	January 3
Leilani Senior	January 6
Antonia Sisior	January 6
Willes Tmecherur	January 6
Imengel Mad	January 8

**Happy Birthday To You!!!**

## Palau Mourns SDA Family

On Tuesday this week, the nation of Palau held a memorial service for the late Ruimar Duarte DePaiva, his wife Margareth Ottoni DePaiva, and their son Larisson Ottoni DePaiva. Mr. DePaiva had been pastor of the Palau Seventh Day Adventist Church for the past two years. The DePaivas were brutally murdered on December 22, 2003 in their home in Airai state, by an intruder. Their daughter, Melissa, is the sole survivor.

The entire Palau national leadership attended the memorial service, including hundreds of Palauans who came to express their condolences to Melissa. Such a crime of this nature has never occurred in Palau and for the past week, the whole of Palau has been in shock with everyone talking about this crime wherever one goes. It is believed that the perpetrator of these crimes was under the influence of illegal drugs. He is now in the Koror Jail pending legal action to be taken against him.

This tragedy is a powerful reminder of the destructive power of illegal drugs. Everyone ought to take heed and stay away from such drugs as they bear no positive outcome whatsoever. There are a number of organizations that can help those who wish to seek help with their drug-related habits. One such organization is the Omekesang Association/Bedochel Center with telephone number 488-4711. If you have a drug problem, seek help now before it is too late.



The caskets of Pastor Ruimar DePaiva, his wife Margareth, and their son Larisson are carried into the Palau National Gym for the memorial service that was held earlier this week.

### THANK YOU MESSAGE

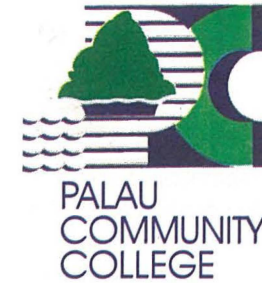
On behalf of myself and my children, I would like to thank all My PCC colleagues and friends for your support and contributions to me on the passing of my husband, Tony. I will always cherish your kind deeds and thoughts. Kom Kmal Mlo Mesaul.

/s/ Fran Kinsang



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Good day Mr. and Mrs. Palau and all the canoes at sea! It's the beginning of a new year and we hope all of you have gone to a good start. There is nothing like a new beginning, a fresh start, a chance to right those wrongs, strengthen those weaknesses, and improve

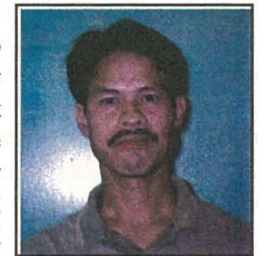
everything else.

However, before we press on with business this 2004, let us take the opportunity to visit some of the events that were recorded by this newsletter in 2003. By doing so, we are reminded as to where, what, how, who, and why events occurred; therefore, better preparing us for the year to come. Here are some of the 2003 Mesekiu's News Headlines:

- PCC Ten Year Master Plan Half Completed
- PCC Staff Give \$10,000 To Endowment Fund!
- 5 Palauan Get Australian Scholarships
- PCC Mourns Death of Fellow Employee
- New Financial Aid Policies to Affect Students
- PCC Endowment Club Gains New Members
- Palau Mourns Loss of Space Shuttle Crew
- Eight Senior PCC Employees Retire
- Tellei Chairs 2005 Mini SPG
- PCC Student is GYLC Scholar
- McCain and Tellei Hold Meeting
- WESTOP Celebrates Silver Anniversary
- Cell Phones Used to Cheat
- PNCC Rocks Endowment Boat!
- Ramarui is New Trustee, Roberts Re-appointed
- Ten+ Tips for Test Taking
- PCC and the 9th Festival of Pacific Arts
- AG Students Survey for Papaya Mealybug
- PCC Holds 40th Commencement Exercises
- PCC Endowment Fund at a Glance
- 10 PCC Staff Obtain Masters
- Palau Gets Informed About SARS
- PCC Library Turns Back Time
- Environmental/Marine Science Program's First Graduates
- Scholarship Recipients Graduate
- PCC Summer Kids Program Begins
- CRE Researcher Publishes Work on Siam Weed in Palau
- Exam Study Tips
- 17 PCC students Join Military
- Endowment Contributors' Club Gains New Members!
- Upward Bound Does it Again!
- Elvis in Hawaii!
- Student Newspaper May Sue
- Techniques for Livening Up Meetings
- President Tellei is Key Presenter at International Conference on Thinking
- PCC Gets \$260K Thru OMIP!
- 26 Graduates Ready to Join Hospital
- Kaselehlle from Pohnpei!
- \$1.1 Million Granted for PCC-UBMS!
- JICA/JOCV Helps Fund PCC Project
- Merlin Visits PCC Library!
- Mr. Diaz Graces PCC Campus!
- Adult High School Begins Fourth Year
- Hermine Retires, Allan Eyes Own Business
- PCC-Based Scholarships Awarded
- Earth's Easiest Exercise...
- Maech Sworn In as New Trustee...
- Alcantara Bids Farewell After 28 Years
- Builders' Club is Recognized
- Ibuuch and Vernice Become First Dave Williams Scholars
- PCC and JAA Become Sisters
- Why PCC Library?
- 2003 Thanksgiving Endowment Drive Begins

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## Tchuzie To Head Federal Program



Tchuzie Tadao has been hired by PCC as Project Director of the recently launched Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) Program. Tadao comes on board the program after having been with the PCC Student Support Services (Project Beacon) for 6 years as a career counselor.

The College received funding for a five-year grant period for the UBMS with a total funding of \$1.1 million, beginning in October 2003 and ending in September 2008. It will serve 50 high school students each year from all the six high schools in Palau. Eligible program participants must have completed the 8th

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**Bi-Weekly  
Endowment  
Donors Raise  
\$43,000+**

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# 1st Annual Endowment Donors' Meeting Held, \$43,000+ Raised in 2003!



The first annual meeting of bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund took place on Tuesday this week at the PCC Campus. True to everyone's anticipations, the event shook the College campus to its core. Even though some 300+ people attended the event, **the total number of bi-weekly donors is 855** (ROP employees - 660; PCC staff - 111; PNCC employees - 31; NDBP staff - 6; Palau Int'l. Coral Reef Ctr. staff - 2; Palau Housing Authority personnel - 4; Koror State Gov't. employees - 39; and, Aimeliik State Gov't. staff - 2). While everyone was eager to find out just how much each of them has donated this year, **they collectively donated the sum of \$43,379.74 to the PCC Endowment Fund for the calendar year 2003!**

This is a very unique group of people and perhaps the biggest of its kind in Palau. As individuals, they donate a certain amount directly out of their paycheck to the PCC Endowment Fund every two weeks. They do this because they believe that as the only institution of higher learning in Palau, PCC must receive the support from the community so that it can continue to provide for the educational and training needs of the nation and the surrounding island nations as well.

At the same time, because donations to the PCC Endowment Fund may be refunded or written off, these donors get refunds for their donations! Yes, they donate every two weeks, and then at the end of each year, they file for and receive refunds for their donations (up to 10% of their taxable income). Thus, they donate to a good cause and in the end, get their money back!

Earlier this year, the College began actively recruiting new members to the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. This campaign has resulted in over 500 bi-weekly donors who are employees of the national and several state governments, semi-autonomous agencies, private institutions, and PCC.

The meeting that was held earlier this week is hoped to become an annual event whereby all of these bi-weekly donors can convene at one location. At such a gathering, they will find out how much each of them has donated to the fund for the year. They will also find out how much has been collectively donated as well. In addition, this gathering will provide a chance for them to fill out forms needed to be filed so that they may receive refunds for their donations.

At the meeting held this week, PCC raffled away some wonderful prizes that had been donated by some very generous local corporate sponsors. Some of the prizes that were given away included a round trip ticket to any destination in Micronesia, computer system, a cash prize, PNCC calling cards, Palau Pacific Resort and Palasia Hotel getaways, cell phone, shopping spree at Ace Hardware, free gasoline, beauty packages at local salons, Shimbros coolers and beach chairs, dinner at PPR, polo and tee shirts from Fish 'N Fins as well as Dolphins Pacific, Bank of Guam Umbrellas and tote bags, and Dolphins Pacific address books and key chains. While everyone who attended the event hoped that they would be the lucky winners of the coveted prizes, the winners of the two most coveted prizes were Lydia Otobed, who won a round trip ticket to any destination within Micronesia, courtesy of Continental Micronesia. The other major winner was Uodelchad Ngiriou of Aimeliik State, who won a complete computer system courtesy of Philip Reklai and Associate, free gasoline at Did Ra Ngmatel Gas Station, and Free Tickets to Star Theater.

Palau Community College takes this opportunity to thank each and everyone of our bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund. You have chosen to showcase your commitment to the cause of higher education, something which few people have done. We look forward to yet another year of your donations and the time when we convene once again on the PCC campus much as we did this week.

For all those who wish to join the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, please feel free to call anyone at the PCC Development Office at telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471. They will be more than happy to assist you. Join us as together, we help to secure the future viability of our college, Palau Community College!



Ms. Lydia Otobed is a teacher at Melekeok Elementary School. She won a round trip ticket to any destination within Micronesia!



Ms. Uodelchad Ngiriou is a staff of the Aimeliik State Government. Among other prizes, she won a complete computer system courtesy of Philip Reklai & Associate.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Sulang President Remengesau

Palau Community College takes this opportunity and thanks His Excellency Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of Palau. President Remengesau provided 200 chairs for the holding of the College's Annual Endowment Fund Contributors' Meeting held on the PCC campus earlier this week.

### Support Melissa DePaiva Fund

The Seventh-Day Adventist Church would like to establish a Melissa's Fund for assisting her education. For those who are willing to participate in this special fund, please give your donation to Koror SDA Church through the church secretaries Berthina Boone or Naomi Ucherengos. We welcome all contributions and support to the Melissa Fund. Thank you very much!

## Can You Help Identify?

If you can identify the children in the pictures below, please contact PCC Development Office at telephone 488-2471, extension 253. We would like to give these pictures to the families of the children shown on the photos for their mementos.



## Resolutions for 2004

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| "I will eat nothing but fruits & vegetables."<br>Lesley B. Adachi (Registrar's Off.)  | "Be nice to everyone and everybody."<br>Merelyn Omelau (Business Off.)                |
| "Never go hungry for extended periods of time"<br>Hulda & Dilubch (Dev. Office)   | "Live life one day at a time."<br>Eileen Babauta (Cont. Ed. Off.)                     |
| "Lose weight and look sexy."<br>Lori Joseph (Business Office)   | "TRY to lose the weight!"<br>Angelio Antonio (Talent Search)                          |
| "Stop Chewing Cigarettes, again!"<br>Losii Olkeriil (Adm. & Fin. Aid)   | "Stop chewing that cigarette and, lose the weight!"<br>Marensia Edward (Student Life) |
| "Lessen those entertainment expenses!"<br>Debra Ngiraingas (Upward Bound)   | "Complete my college education here at PCC."<br>Kazue Sugiyama (PCC student)          |
| "I will change [lose] the attitude!"<br>Larry Wakakoro (UB Math & Sci.)   | "I will [and this time I mean it] lose weight!"<br>Helene Moros (Bookstore)           |
| "Become a better person, Not shout at my children, co-workers, and those who are closest to me!"<br>Sue Ikertang (CRE Office) | "Be more patient with others as well as myself."<br>Marianne Temaungil (Faculty)      |
| "I will take up tennis once again."<br>Presley Etibek (Student Serv.)   | "Get engaged!"<br>Weiling Sked (PCC student)  |

## Happy New Year, from front page



- Exam Study Tips for that Midterm Migraine
  - AHS Enrollment Steady at Above 100
  - [U.S.] House Amendment May Bring Good News to RMI and Palau Students in College
  - Palau AAA Team Getting Ready
  - Mr. Pipe Dreams Visits PCC
  - People With Disabilities Get Stipends
  - Father Hezel Speaks to PCC Students
  - Self-Study Accreditation Update
  - PNCC Asst. GM Enhances Learning
  - PCC To Support PIBC Venture
  - PCC Staff are SPG Tournament Directors
  - UOG Delegation Visits PCC
  - Moylan's NetCare and Belau Medical Clinic Sever Ties
  - PCC Designated as ACT Assessment Center in Palau
  - ADAP Awards PCC-AG Students
  - Blelai To Manage Childcare Center
  - PCC Cuts Ties With Moylan's, Gives PacificCare Second Chance
  - PCC Thanks Donors/Supporters
  - Ngaremlengui State Improves Road to PCC
  - ADAP Strikes Again
  - Our Condolences to Japan
  - PCC Bais Sporting New Looks
  - Merry Christmas, One and All
  - Tuesday Nights' "The Gathering"
  - BOT Adopts Self-Study Report
  - PCC's Santa Wows Palau's Children
  - Leeharms and Travis Leave a Lesson for All
  - PCC General Catalog to be Updated
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