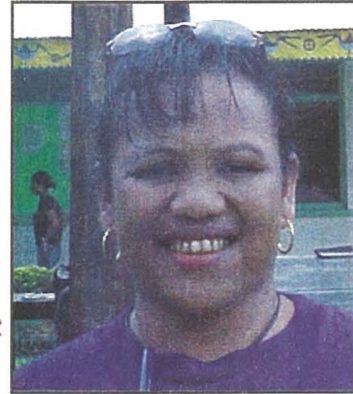


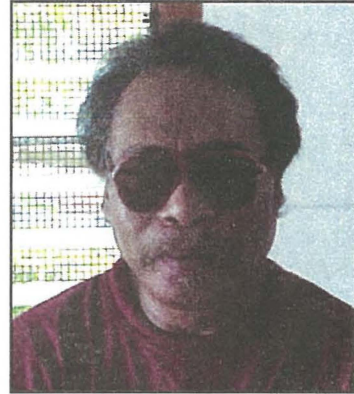
# Endowment Club Gets New Members

Palau Community College is excited to begin the new year by announcing the addition of new members to the PCC Bi-Weekly Endowment Fund Contributors' Club! As members of the club, these individuals donate a certain sum directly out of their paychecks to the PCC Endowment Fund. At the end of the year, PCC will help them apply for and receive 100% refunds for their donations! In other words, they donate to a very good cause and in the end, get their money back.

These very generous individuals represent various segments of the national government. From the Ministry of Resources and Development, Division of Public Works, we welcome one (1) new member, **Alex Ngotel**. Over at the Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA), Belau Headstart Program, we welcome one (1) new member, **Gaudencia Ngiramolau**. We also like to thank **Hosiana Rengulbai** from Airai Elementary School for increasing her bi-weekly donation. And last but not least, PCC would like to wish bi-weekly donor, **Yutaka Mengloi** from the Ministry of Finance, a warm goodbye and good luck on his future retirement. Yutaka will be retiring next month and says that when he does, he will become a fulltime fisherman and farmer. Good luck Yutaka and Happy Fishing! Once again, we welcome these new members as they showcase their commitment to supporting PCC's continued efforts to providing quality educational and training opportunities to Palau's and the Micronesia region's students. If you would like to join the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, please call Hulda, Dilubch, or Temmy at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 253. They will be very happy to assist you!



Gaudencia Ngiramolau from PCAA's Belau Headstart Program



Alex Ngotel from the Ministry of R&D's Public Works Division

## CE Offers Training

The PCC Continuing Education Office would like to announce the following training opportunities:

- History of Palau
- Palauan Historical Sites
- Palauan Proverbs
- Palauan Leadership Structure
- Palauan Leadership Strategies

Anyone who would like to learn more about these training programs offered by PCC is encouraged to contact Eileen Babauta or Taruu Nakamura at PCC telephone number 488-2471/6223. Or, you may visit the PCC Continuing Education Office every weekday from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

## Celebrating Birthdays



William O. Wally January 11  
Happy Birthday To You!!!



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## Images of Spring at PCC:



Director of Student Life, Marencia Edward Briefing Newly Enrolled Students on PCC's Orientation



PCC Students Getting Ready for Spring Semester by Registering at the Registers Office



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## PCC THANKS BI-WEEKLY ENDOWMENT DONORS



Happy winner, Elena Temol shows her prize winning ticket for PCC's Raffle Drawing

The Second Annual Meeting of Bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund took place on December 30, 2004 at the PCC Campus. The turnout for this once-a-year event was tremendous as over 400 plus people joined PCC in celebrating the dedication and support of so many donors who donate to the College on a weekly basis. During the event, bi-weekly donors were greeted by Bilung Gloria G. Salii, PCC Board of Trustee Chairperson, who thanked all the donors for supporting the College. Afterwards, donors were treated to a light lunch and raffle drawing with many of them leaving with wonderful prizes and smiles on their faces as the event was filled with cheer and warm laughter. This annual meeting hosted by the College is an opportunity for PCC to express its gratitude to all donors who have made such an incredible investment in the future of Palau's children. As of now there are 1,286 bi-weekly donors who have collectively donated \$73,147.41 to the PCC Endowment Fund for 2004. 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 region as well. 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 Guam, a computer system, a \$1000 Shopping Spree, Appliances, DVD, Tape Player, Calling cards, Hotel getaways, Cell phone, Free Gasoline, Beauty Packages, T-shirts, Umbrellas and Tote bags. The winners of the two most coveted prizes were First Prize Winner Jerome Sakurai who won a \$1000 WCTC Shopping Spree and Grand Prize Winner Dennis Blaluk won a complete computer system from Computer Plus.

Palau Community College takes this opportunity to thank each and every one of our bi-weekly donors for showcasing your commitment to the cause of higher education, and making a difference in the development of Palau's most important resource, its students.

## PCC Welcomes New and Returning Students

Board of Trustees Chairperson *BILUNG Gloria G. Salii*, Palau Community College President *Patrick U. Tellei*, Faculty Senate Association President *Victoria Maui*, and Student Body Association President *Tmetuchl Baules*, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty Senate Association, and Student Body Association Officers, welcome all new and returning students to the PCC 2005 Spring Semester!

For this semester, do the one thing that will ensure your success:

**"Hit the Books Hard!"**

Look for tips to getting good grades in the next issue of this paper.

## PCC Congratulates the National Leaders of Palau



(L-R) Senator Alan Seid, Senator Johnny Reklai, PCC President Tellei and Senator Alfonso Diaz. PCC would like to congratulate the ROP President, Vice President and Members of the OEK as the new Leadership of Palau. The College looks forward to working with our National Leaders for the next four years!

# College Welcomes All Students!

(Please feel free to clip this page and post it on your wall or desk for easy reference)

The Palau Community College administration, faculty and staff welcome all continuing students back from the fall recess and extends a warm welcome to all the returning, readmitted and new students who enrolled this 2005spring semester. The College also extends a very warm welcome to all continuing and new Adult High Students as they begin a new semester here on the College campus. Best wishes for a successful semester!

## Stay tuned to These Networks

School can be a frightening place for new students. People of diverse cultures, older students, commuters, and people with special needs can feel excluded. Some people attend classes for years and still feel they are standing alone on the outside, looking in.

You don't have to be a stranger to school life. Networking is one way to break through the barriers that keep students isolated.

Students who overcome feelings of isolation increase their chances of staying in school and succeeding. Networks can also prepare students for the world of work, where most projects involve teamwork. You can begin networking immediately. Here are some techniques you can use:

**Introduce yourself to classmates.** Get to class early and break the ice by discussing the holidays.

**Plan to meet people.** Write an Intention Statement promising to meet three new people each week. Plan who these people will be and how and when you intend to meet them.

**See your instructor.** If you feel lost in a class, make an appointment to see your instructor outside class. You might discover a human being who wants you to succeed.

**Join a Club.** A PSO club, YSO club, Agriculture Club and Student Body Association can put you in touch with potential friends.

**Form a study group.** Peer pressure can

be positive. Study with students who excel and also look for partners from different racial, ethnic, or religious backgrounds. Diversity will add depth to your group and stimulate everyone's thinking.

**Play ball!!** You don't have to be a world-class athlete to play sports. As a matter of fact, keeping fit is one of the marks of a master student. Most schools have intramural leagues, and PCC definitely has intramural sports for you to take advantage of!

**Use school media.** School newspapers can alert you to interesting activities and people. Bulletin boards can be sources of information about clubs and social activities. Also, check the school catalog.

**Study at the library.** It's quiet, it's comfortable, and it's a place to meet other serious students.

**Use Student Services.** These include career planning, testing services, counseling services, student health services, financial aid, student body association, student organizations and student activities. These services are free to students. Going to school puts you in contact with an extraordinary network of services. All that remain is for you to use them.

## PCC ACADEMIC CALENDAR SPRING 2005

|          |              |   |
|----------|--------------|---|
| December | 27-30 (M-TH) | Placement Testing   |
| January  | 3-5 (M-W)    | Freshman Orientation & Advising   |
| January  | 6 (TH)       | Registration  |
| January  | 10 (M)       | First Day of Instruction  |
| January  | 10-14 (M-F)  | Late Registration/Drop & Add Period   |
| February | 18 (F)       | Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Fall Semester                      |
| March    | 7-11 (M-F)   | Mid-Term Period   |
| March    | 14-18 (M-F)  | Students' Spring Break  |
| March    | 15 (T)       | Holiday: Youth Day  |
| March    | 25 (F)       | Last Day For All Withdrawals  |
| April    | 1 (F)        | PCC Charter Day Celebration   |
| April    | 2(S)         | PCC Charter Day   |
| May      | 5 (TH)       | Holiday: Senior Citizens' Day   |
| May      | 6 (F)        | Last Day of Instruction   |
| May      | 9-11 (M-W)   | Final Examination Period  |
| May      | 11 (W)       | Graduates' Grades Due   |
| May      | 16(M)        | Grades Due  |
| May      | 20 (F)       | Commencement Exercises<br>End of Spring Semester<br>Students' Spring Recess |

## Phone Numbers to Keep Handy

Registrar and Records - 488-2470/2471, extension 247 or 257  
 Admissions & Financial Aid - 488-2470/2471, extension 233-235, 265, and 273-274  
 Business Office - 488-2470/2471, extension 231, 263-264, and 268  
 Student Accounts - 488-2470/2471, extension 262  
 Bookstore - 488-2470/2471, extension 236 or 275  
 Library - 488-2470/2471, extension 230, 243 and 261 or 488-3540  
 Cafeteria - 488-2357  
 Student Life and Housing - 488-3036  
 Student Services - 488-2470/2471, extension 229 & 249  
 Recreation Office - 488-3885  
 Dorm Office - 488-3074  
 Project Beacon - 488-3073 or 488-5654  
 Student Body Association - 488-2461  
 \*PCC Directory Assistance - 488-2470/2471



## BITS AND PIECES...

### Signs of Spring at PCC Campus....

Ah, the signs of spring have been spotted on the PCC campus. This week we saw some very familiar faces as our continuing, returning and readmitted students marched to and fro completing their registration papers for the 2005 spring semester. We also have been seeing some new faces as well indicating that we have new and transfer students.

Indeed, all our students provide a welcome sight as for the past few weeks, our campus has been somewhat empty. Next week begins classes for the spring semester and we should see our campus get even more crowded, and that is exactly how we want it. After all, we have lined up our courses and services for our students and we want them to take advantage of these offerings. Welcome everyone to the Palau Community College 2005 Spring semester!

### PCC Students Wanted for SELF DEFENSE CLASS....

PCC Recreational Specialist Eriko Yahagi will be developing a Self-Defense Exercise program for PCC students in January 2005. The program will be initially open to PCC students and will be open later to everyone in the community. The self defense program will be held at the Palau National Gym and will begin at 1:30 and will end at 3:30 pm. The class begins on January 15 with a maximum capacity of 20 students. The class itself will be taught by Self-Defense Instructor, Shigeyoshi Takano who is also the self-defense trainer for the Ministry of Justice.

### PCC Library Welcomes PCC Students.....

The PCC Library would like to welcome all new and returning students. It is a pleasure to have you back and to assist you with your research regarding the Pacific region. Patrons are encouraged to use the online catalog to search for their materials. Other very useful materials are available in our vertical files or you may find them in the back issues of our local newspapers. Plan to spend some time in the library, and ask assistance from the library staff in doing your paper. You will be surprised to find that there maybe more materials and information available, and the staff are quite friendly and very much willing to help you!

## Bi-Weekly Donors Fill Your Forms To Get Your Refund!

All bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund are reminded to come to PCC Development Office and complete their application packets, enabling them to get refunds for their donations. This reminder is for those who have not completed their packets.

Here are a few steps to help explain the filing process for your refund: Step one, fill out top portion of tax refund form and sign your name on the bottom. Step two, please bring a copy of your last check stub for pay period 26 of the 2004 Calendar year. Step 3, Bring completed form and a copy of your check stub to PCC's Development Office behind the PCC Library. For those of you who have completed their packets, all packets have been submitted to the Palau Tax Office this past Thursday January 6, 2005.

When your refund has been released, PCC will contact you and your refund may be picked up at the College. (If you do not have a form, call the PCC Development office 488-2470/2471 ext 253 and we will either deliver a tax form or fax one to your office.) Refund checks will take approximately one to two weeks to be processed. Remember, the sooner we file your application, the sooner you receive your refund!

If you are not sure whether or not your application packet is complete, please feel free to contact Hulda Lukas, Dilubch Samil, or Temmy Temengil at PCC's Development Office.

## Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) Recruits Language Instructor for PCC



Photo(L-R): Ambassador Clark K. H. Chen, PCC President Tellei, Instructor Wang & Dean Timarong.

On Monday, January 3, 2004 Taiwan Ambassador Clark K. H. Chen introduced Ms. Wang Zi-ren to PCC President Patrick Tellei and Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong. Ms. Wang will teach Chinese Language (Mandarin) courses at PCC for one year beginning this Spring semester. She is a long-time educator who has extensive teaching experience at the University level in Taiwan and Japan. She is a graduate of the National Sun Yatsen University where she also taught language courses for the past five years.

According to President Tellei, "The College and the community are fortunate to have a Chinese language instructor with such credentials. Her expertise should provide an opportunity for better communication and exchange of ideas and culture among our people".

In response to community demands due to changing economic and political conditions, the College realized the need to offer Chinese language courses and began to look for a qualified instructor to develop and teach Mandarin, one of the most widely used languages in the world. President Tellei asked assistance from the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan). Through ROC's Ministry of Education, an extensive search was conducted for the most qualified Chinese language instructor which eventually resulted in the selection of Miss Wang Zi-ren. Under this collaborative arrangement, PCC is responsible for her living arrangements, logistics and transportation while ROC's Ministry of Education covers her salary and other expenses.

Tellei said; "I would like to express our appreciation to the Republic of China's (Taiwan) Ministry of Education and Embassy in Palau, for providing the College this wonderful educational opportunity, and for their past assistance in the areas of scholarship and cultural exchange. I look forward to a continued fruitful relationship as we begin this new year. I also would like to welcome Ms. Wang to Palau and to the PCC family".