

## CE Offers Training

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

Customer Service Telephone Etiquette  
 Building Office Skills Maritime Observer Training  
 Email/Internet Training

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.

## Ollachtnger (Palauan Proverbs)

**A Reched a loud:** Fast is Late (Literal Translation). Hasty work leads to poor results and more delays. In other words, taking time to do things right the first time around saves you time because you don't have to do it again due to your mistakes.

## Celebrating Birthdays



Lucius Beketaut	March 13
Thomas Taro	March 13
Gibson Towai	March 13
Petrus Itelmong	March 15
Peter Ulechong	March 15
Karen Mobil	March 17

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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The College is truly grateful to *Bilung*, and the *Mechesil Belau* for this donation and support. The two-day women's conference commenced with *Bilung* Gloria G. Salii delivering the welcoming remarks to the women of Palau for partaking in the dialogue and exchange of ideas with leaders from key government and non-government agencies.

Among the opening ceremony guest speakers were High Chief Ibedul Yutaka M. Gibbons, High Chief Reklai Rafael B. Ngirmang, President Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., Senate President Surangel Whipps, and Delegate Noah Secharaimul. The two-day conference touched on various societal issues effecting the role of women and traditions in Palau.

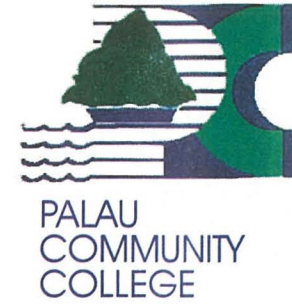
## PCC Library, continued from page two.....

Each orientation session was tailored to the specific needs of the students or patrons attending the session. Librarians made specific recommendations of resources and research strategies for each user group. The goal of PCC Library user orientation sessions is to enable students and patrons to expand their research, take an active role in their learning, and understand that the library is an access point to knowledge.

In addition to conducting tailored orientation sessions, PCC Librarian and library staff were also asked to make individual consultations to area libraries and organizations in need of assistance in managing their information resources and collections. Each visit was an opportunity to ask questions, share knowledge, and discuss successful practices and activities in different types of libraries. Between January and March, PCC met with the Office of Environmental Response and Coordination, Belau Modekngel School, and an official from the Ministry of Health to offer assistance in organizing and cataloging materials, setting up a collection, establishing library policies, and encouraging use of information resources.

The number of orientation sessions and consultations is very high, and is an indication of great interest by students and the community in searching for information. The service provided by the PCC Library staff is a significant accomplishment for the Library. A special thanks and appreciation goes out to all PCC Library staff who made the orientations and consultation visits possible. Thanks to Library Technicians Miriam Kual, Grace Merong, and Imengel Mad; Media Specialist Pioria Faungy; Library Assistant Sunshine Garcia, and Librarian Gretchen Reynolds.

**LOST KEYS:** Attention PCC students and staff, a set of keys has been found. If you have lost your keys please check with Derbei or Norma at the PCC Administration Front Office to claim your keys.



# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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## Mechesil Belau Donates \$1000 to PCC



Young Palauan women performing traditional palauan dance for the opening day of the 12th *Mechesil Belau* Conference (inset: *Bilung* Gloria G. Salii)

During the 12th *Mechesil Belau* Conference this year, Conference Chairwoman *Bilung* Gloria G. Salii presented a \$1000 donation to the PCC Endowment Fund. This donation was made on behalf of the *Mechesil Belau*, Palau Womens' Group, to the

College as a token of appreciation for the support and contributions PCC has given to the *Mechesil Belau* Conference throughout the years. In addition, *Bilung* said the donation was also in honor and recognition of PCC President, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei for his continuous support to the *Mechesil Belau* Conference and also for his achievement of receiving his doctorate degree from the University of San Diego. PCC Interim Vice President Jay Olegeriil accepted the donation on behalf of the College. For the past eleven years, PCC Cafeteria has hosted the *Mechesil Belau* Conference, and this year is a first for the Conference to use the recently constructed *Ngarachamayong* Cultural Center. Despite the change of venue, PCC continues to work with the organizers of this important conference as they have in the past. *Bilung* Gloria G. Salii, a strong believer in education has continually provided monetary donation to the PCC Endowment Fund on behalf of the conference and the women's group of Palau. Continued on Page Four....

## Project Beacon Conducts "Study Marathon" for PCC Students



PCC students take a break from the Study Marathon to pose picture

On March 3 and 4, Project Beacon held a "study marathon" for students who wished to study for their midterms. Over 100 students showed up throughout both days and used the opportunity to study either on their own or with the help of the tutors and counselors or just got on the computers and did research or wrote their papers, essays, reports and assignments. Food and drinks were available for everyone while they studied.

Although "study marathons" are organized to prepare students for midterm and final exams, Project Beacon is open everyday (Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) for students who want to catch up, keep up, or get ahead in their courses through the use of tutors and counselors. Although tutoring is available for Math, Science, English, and Accounting, tutoring for other subjects can be arranged.

## Former PCC Assistant Professor Volunteers to Teach at PCC



Retired Instructor Jose Azuma

Retired PCC Assistant Professor of Welding, Jose Azuma volunteered his time last Thursday, March 3, 2005 to teach proper welding procedures and methods to PCC Automotive students.

During the class, Mr. Azuma taught students the correct names of welding tools and equipment and how to effectively apply the basic principles of welding as an integral part of auto body repair. Because of his experience and expertise, Mr. Azuma was invited to lecture on the welding section of the Automotive Course, by Eugene Uehara, Assistant Professor of Auto Mechanics Technology. Mr. Azuma, a longtime employee of the College recently retired last year and is enjoying his time fishing, farming and spending quality time with his family. The College would like to give a warm thanks to Mr. Azuma for volunteering his time and expertise to our students.

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## UBMS Provides GIS Workshop for Students



GIS Analyst Mike Aulerio lecturing UBMS Students

This past Saturday, the Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) program held a Geographic Information System (GIS) workshop for its high school students. The guest speaker for the workshop was Mr. Mike Aulerio, GIS Analyst at the Palau Automated Land and Resource Information System (PALARIS) at the Ministry of Resources and Development. The purpose of the workshop was to encourage UBMS students to consider careers in computer science and technology fields that are related to the subjects of math, medicine, and science.

During the workshop Mr. Aulerio briefed the students on the important role GIS plays in re-mapping rural and urban areas of Palau, and its use in plotting marine protected areas and marine habitats. Aulerio also added that GIS can also be used to track the outbreak of infectious diseases such as Dengue or Malaria and other health epidemics. The workshop was an enlightening experience as the students learned how GIS technology converts spatial and tabular data into a visual format. This innovative process provides a new perspective on data analysis and gives the government of Palau an effective tool in helping manage the Republic's resources. Concluding the workshop, Mr. Aulerio encouraged UBMS students to pursue careers in computer technology such as GIS as it offers great career opportunities.

## Library Conducts Training for Patrons

Palau Community College Library has been very active in demonstrating its expertise in library and information services. In a period of six weeks between late January and early March, PCC Library staff hosted five user orientations and provided three consultations to other libraries in Palau, a record number for such a short period of time.

PCC Library hosted user orientations for two classes from Mindszenty High School, two classes from Palau Community College, and one class from the Ministry of Education General Education Diploma (GED) program. Students learned important basics for using the library, including an overview of policies, instructions for obtaining a library card, and a detailed explanation of how to best use the library for research. Students received instructions and recommendations for selecting appropriate materials, using the online OPAC catalog, and locating materials in the library.

Librarians encouraged and recommend that patrons seek assistance throughout the research process and especially for online research. Through these recommended research consultations, librarians can suggest effective search strategies and useful resources that will help patrons to get accurate and relevant search results, making the research more efficient and less frustrating for patrons.

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## Charter Day Softball Tournery Drawing Near!



The 2005 PCC Charter Day Softball Tournament is fast approaching so get your team organized. The tournament will take place on March 30th to April 3rd, 2005 at the Meyuns Ball field. This year's tournament will be made up of two divisions, a Co-Ed and Masters Divisions.

Minimum age limit for the Masters Division is 40. Due to limited number of slots available, all interested teams are encouraged to register as soon as possible. You may contact Eugene Uehara or Armstrong Debelbot at the Palau Community College, telephone number 488-2470/2471 for further information or registration. They will be very happy to assist you. Register your team today, ensuring your spot in the tournament. Join us for a weekend of fun activities as we help build the PCC Endowment Fund! Registration fee is \$200 per team and all proceeds will go to the PCC Endowment Fund.

## Ngarachamayong Member Donates Food to PCC Students



Diluang Emeraech Baules with a gift of food.

Diluang Emeraech Baules, a member of the Ngarachamayong, Koror Women's Community Group brought extra food from the 12<sup>th</sup> Mechesil Belau Conference to PCC students residing in the PCC Dorms. Ms. Baules said the gift of food was meant to provide nourishment to hungry students so that they can better focus on their studies and to thank the PCC dorm students for their support during the conference. Diluang Baules is not only a generous donor, she is also the proud mother of Tamae Adachi, a fellow PCC student.

The College would like to acknowledge Diluang Emeraech Baules and the Mechesil Belau organization for their thoughtful gift to our students.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Deadline For Refund this March 31st.....

Did you become a member of the PCC Bi-weekly Endowment Fund Contributors' Club in 2004? If you have applied for a refund of your donation and have yet to receive it, call the PCC Development Office at PCC telephone number 488-2471, and ask Dilubch, Hulda or Temmy to help you. This coming March 31, 2005 is the deadline for filing applications.

### Happy Youth Day to All.....

This coming Tuesday, 2005 is Youth Day, a national holiday for the Republic of Palau observed by all public offices and schools including the Palau Community College. In observance of this holiday, all PCC offices will be closed and only essential services will be provided this day. The College would like to wish everyone a fun, safe and enjoyable Youth Day holiday.

### PCC Staff and Faculty to have FWS Meeting.....

Attention all PCC Staff and faculty. In preparation for placement of students on the Federal Work-Study (FWS) program, the Office of Admission and Financial Aid will be conducting meetings for all faculty and staff who employ students under the FWS federal program. In order to continue with the FWS program, supervisors need to comply with the new program requirements. Meetings for PCC faculty and staff will be on March 17, 2005 in the CE Training Room. PCC faculty meeting will be from 9:00 am to 11:00 am while PCC staff will be meeting from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

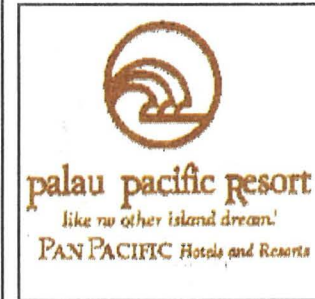
### Message of Appreciation.....

Both the Subris and Mangham families thank PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and the PCC family for the support and prayers and especially your presence during the hour of our grief, and for the generous donation of the casket.

Our grief and sorrow of the untimely passing of our daughter and niece was made bearable by your support. May God bless you all.

Laura Mangham

## PPR to Have Recruitment Drive on Campus



The Palau Pacific Resort (PPR) in collaboration with the Palau Community College will be hosting a mini job fair on campus. The job fair will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 in room 68 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. PPR is looking to recruit PCC students to work part-time as waiters/waitresses in its food and beverage division. If you are PCC student who wishes to gain valuable experience in the Tourism and Hospitality industry from a world renowned resort while earning money for college, please come to the job fair. PPR Associates will be on hand to provide you

with more information. The event is open to everyone however, PCC students who wish to apply need to be 21 years of age or older and have a good work ethic and positive attitude. PPR is a community-oriented organization that seeks to promote human resources within Palau's local labor force. In addition, PPR's professional and friendly management team will ensure that you are provided the right training and skills necessary to be successful both in the job market and in the classroom. So, please attend the job fair and enjoy hot coffee, a wide variety of delicious pastries, and meet PPR Associates who will help find the right job for you.

## TIPS TO SUCCEED IN THE CLASSROOM

Taken from Study Tips.com at <http://www.how-to-study.com>

### Improving Reading Skills: Getting More from What You Read

A good reader does as many of the following as possible: Seizes the main ideas:

- Thinks about what the author is saying
- Is active not passive
- Concentrates on what is being read
- Remembers as much as possible
- Applies what is being read to personal experience

Think about the subject you are going to read about:

- What do you know about this subject?
- What do you want to learn about this subject?
- After you read, what have you learned about this subject?

Skim the section you are going to read:

- Do you see anything familiar?
- Do you see anything new?
- What is your overall impression?

Read for comprehension - Make a note of important parts:

- Use a post-it note or an index card and write down important main ideas and vocabulary
- Stop and re-read ideas that you are not sure you understand

Recall to yourself what you have just read:

- Stop occasionally as you are reading and put into your own words
- At the end of a chapter, recall what the main points were
- Discuss what you have read with another student or with your teacher

After you have done all the above, go back and do it again in a more detailed way