

# Endowment Membership Drive Nets New Donors, Led By Ministry Of Health!

The Endowment membership drive continues this week with the addition members, led by the staff of the Palau Ministry of Health. As always reported in this paper, by joining 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 refunds for their donations! In other words, they donate to a very good cause and in the end, get their money back.

This week we are proud to announce the names of these newest members. From our partners at the Ministry of Health, we welcome nine (9) new members, **Robinson Rimirch, Johannes Polloi, Anastacia Kuchad, Rebecca Tekriu, O'Brien Cleofas, Bob N. Rengchol, Siles Ngiralulk, Theodora Sandei, and Tarkong Ellis.** At the Ministry of Justice, we also welcome one (1) new member, **Clayton Ngiraked.** In the Ministry Resources and Development, we proudly welcome six (6) new members, **Florencio Kodep, Ismael Dachelbai, Andres Oseked, Jenkins Emesiochl, Herman Rekesiuang, and Alexis Kinto.**

Once again, we welcome these new members as they showcase their commitment to support PCC's continued efforts to providing quality educational and training opportunities to Palau's and the Micronesian region's students. If you would like to join the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, please call Hulda, Dilubch, Swayze or Jay at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 253. **As Always, they will be very happy to assist you!**



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Tarkong Ellis



Rebecca Tekriu



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## Australia Scholarship Available

For information and application forms, contact Palau National Scholarship Office at telephone number (680) 488-3608, or write to Palau National Scholarship Office - P.O. Box 1608 - Koror, Republic of Palau - 96940.

## Donors Increase Allotments!

...And the trend goes on! More generous bi-weekly donors have decided to increase their donations to the PCC Endowment Fund. These people are **Dr. Yuriko Bechesrrak and Mr. Judson Butelbai.** Wow, now their donations are bigger, so their refunds next year will be bigger!!!

**Thank you very much!**

## Celebrating Birthdays



\*Gwen Bai March 11  
(\*Bi-weekly Endowment Donor)

**Happy Birthday To You!!!**



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# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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## UOG & GVSU Target PCC Students

Last week, recruiters from the University of Guam (UOG) were on Palau Community College campus meeting PCC students who are interested in furthering their education outside of Palau. Ms. Ngediks Orak and Ms. Patty Aguon, both working at the UOG Admissions Office met PCC students at the Mesekiu Bai on Wednesday and Thursday.

Many PCC students were able to meet Orak and Aguon who had UOG catalogs, flyers and brochures available for the students to peruse. According to Orak and Aguon, previous recruitment visits to the islands have been sporadic. This is the first of what they hope will become a regular part of their annual recruitment schedule. While planned visits to all other islands in the region have yet to be finalized, they hope to be able to visit them as well. UOG also actively recruits in the asian region, as the university's registrar recently returned from Hong Kong on a recruitment visit.

At the present, some sixty-eight (68) Palauans are attending UOG. This is slightly lower than in previous years where the number ranged from 80 to 100. This decrease, says Orak, may be partly attributed to a lack of a comprehensive articulation of courses/programs between the UOG and PCC.

Aguon said the thrust of their recruitment visit to Palau is aimed at graduating PCC students, although they will assist all other students and individuals interested in applying to attend UOG. The university has three colleges offering a total of forty (40) bachelor degree programs, twelve (12) master degree programs, and several minor degree and certificate programs, serving some 2,700 students enrolled this semester. Anyone interested in learning more about what UOG has to offer may email to the following: [admitme@uog9.uog.edu](mailto:admitme@uog9.uog.edu).

This being the season of recruitment, another university will be sending its recruiter to the campus next week. This time, its Mr. Jim Crawley, Associate Director for International Recruitment at Grand Valley State University (GVSU). If this school sounds familiar, it is because it's the alma mater of Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. and Palau Finance Minister Elbuchel Sadang. It is also the alma mater of Yap Senator Kensof.

Mr. Crawley will be in Palau visiting PCC and Upward Bound students and all other interested individuals from March 10-12th. A meeting has been scheduled to take place on March 12th at Upward Bound, starting at 3:30pm. At the same time, anyone who would like to fill out an application on line may contact Mr. Crawley at his e-mail address: [crawleyj@gvsu.edu](mailto:crawleyj@gvsu.edu), or contact Kris Lloyd at PCC-CRE at 488-2746 for detail information.

Wow! It looks like PCC's graduating students who wish to transfer have some four-year institutions very much interested in recruiting them. They now join Chaminade University which has been consistently and actively recruiting at this end of the ocean for the past few years!



Patty Aguon and Ngedikes Orak of UOG, UOG alumni and some PCC students who have expressed interest in attending UOG in the near future, pose for a group photo.

## Thanks, SOCIO!

The photo on the right shows SOCIO Micronesia, Inc. Project Manager Jun Pasca standing near eleven (11) pails of five (5) gallon paint donated by SOCIO toward painting of PCC Dorm roofs. The painting is part of the preparation taken by the Republic and the College for the upcoming 9th Festival of Pacific Arts set to take place in July. PCC thanks SOCIO for its gesture of good corporate citizenry and encourages all others to follow this model behavior!



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## Seafood Safety Hints from the Micro-P Section

The following article was written by Ms. Imengel Mad, PCC Library Technician

As a food, fish has always been important to people of the Pacific. It is nutritious, high in protein and helps bodies grow and stay healthy. It also provides employment and brings valuable foreign exchange to island countries.

Fresh fish is the most nutritious form of fish and the most sought after by local and international markets. Fresh fish is also a valuable raw material necessary for manufacturing safe, high-quality food products.

The reasons for fishing, however, vary. Selling fish, rather than just fishing for home consumption, is becoming an increasingly important business in many countries. Along with the benefits of this business come a few problems: fresh fish must be protected from damage by poor handling practices, and from contamination by dirt and bacteria; the rate of spoilage must be controlled; transport to market must be quick and efficient; and post-harvest losses must be reduced.

Ensuring a safe, high quality product and making fair profits do not happen by accident, but occur through careful handling from capture to market. The PCC Library's Micronesia-Pacific (Micro-P) section has a set of Community Fisheries Training Pacific Series donated by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. The following titles are now available for our users:

- Fisheries Management
- Seafood Handling
- Seafood in our Meals
- Seafood Processing
- Seafood Spoilage and Sickness
- Fishing
- Sea Plants
- Business Skills
- Sea Vegetable Recipes for the Pacific Islands
- A Guide to Common Edible and Medicinal Sea Plants in the Pacific



### Thank you Donors!!!

Once again, the PCC Library would like to take this opportunity and thank the following donors for donating materials to our Library. Your continued support plays a significant role in expanding and improving our collection. The Micro-P Section would like to thank Ms. Fran Kinsang for donating her late husband's collection of different materials on Palau and Micronesia. A big 'Mesulang' goes to PCC Board of Trustees Vice Chair Mr. Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl for donating six (6) boxes of reading materials and other titles to be added to our general collection. Kom Kmal Mesulang!

*The best place in the world to experience all human emotions is the Library.* - Unknown

Visit your PCC Library!

Announcement Update

## Charter Day Softball Tourney Drawing Near!

In all likelihood the 6th Annual Charter Day Softball Fundraiser for the PCC Endowment Fund will have all 16 slots filled, considering the number of teams that have reserved their space! To date, there are now already twelve (12) teams that have called and secured their slots and are now preparing for the tournament which will take place the weekend of April 2-4, 2004 at the Meyuns Ballfield.

In the tournament's tradition, there will be 16 slots for co-ed teams playing in a double-elimination format. A registration fee of \$200 will be deposited directly into the PCC Endowment Fund. With only four (4) slots left open, any interested team ought to call and secure their slot. To register your team, simply call PCC telephone 488-2471 and speak to Todd, Dilubch, Hulda, or Jay. 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!



## Exam Study Tips for that Midterm Next Week!

Attention, Students! Midterm is next week. Are you ready? Fear not, we have provided some study tips for those of you who are about to experience that panic attack. These tips may make the difference between a good and a bad grade. Note them, heed them, and remember them when you take your exams:

- 1. Be Prepared**  
The most important factor in exam success is preparation. No matter how many helpful hints you employ, nothing works as well as making sure you've studied enough.
- 2. Do Your Homework**  
Often an exam question will parallel a homework assignment. Doing your homework regularly will give you practice where you need it. (Did you do your homework???)
- 3. Review Regularly**  
If you spend a few minutes each week reviewing your notes, your final studying will be a review, not an attempt to learn the entire term's work. (You have been doing this, right?)
- 4. Study Your Weakest Subjects First**  
Why? You'll be fresher and therefore better able to deal with difficult areas, and you'll have more time to deal with any problems that arise.
- 5. Ask for Help**  
If you're having trouble with a particular subject, do not be afraid to ask for help. Your teacher and fellow students will be glad to give you a hand.
- 6. Understand vs. Memorize**  
You may pass your exams if you memorize the material, but you'll improve your grade considerably if you understand what it is you're memorizing. You'll also find the material easier to remember.
- 7. Look at Old Exams**  
They can be useful study tools, as long as you don't limit your studying to them.
- 8. Eat Well and Get A Good Night's Sleep**  
Take care of yourself during exam week - you're going through a lot of stress. Make sure you hold up well.

**GOOD LUCK!**

## BITS AND PIECES...

### 2003 Bi-Weekly Donors, Got your Refunds Yet?

Did you become a member of the PCC Bi-weekly Endowment Fund Contributors' Club in 2003? If you are, and have applied for a refund of your donation and have yet to receive it, let's find out what is taking it so long! Call the PCC Development Office at PCC telephone number 488-2471, and ask Dilubch, Hulda, Swayze, or Jay to help you.

OR, if you have not completed an application for refund, again let the PCC Development Office help you. With the March 31, 2004 deadline for filing applications for refunds just around the corner, time is of the essence. Do not procrastinate, do it today! Once again, simply call any one of the people above at the stated telephone number. As always, they will be very happy to assist you!

### Reminder for UBMS Students

All Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) students are duly reminded of their monthly workshop to be held tomorrow. The workshop will be held in the PCC Continuing Education Training Room, starting at 8:30am. For information about what will be addressed at the workshop, contact Mr. Keith Ignacio at PCC UBMS telephone number 488-3965.

### Okinawan Performing Arts in Palau!

We are pleased to announce that on March 10, 2004 (Wednesday), the Shida Fusako Dance Company and Ara Yukito will be holding special performances in Palau. This will take place at the PCC Cafeteria, starting at 7:00pm. The entire local community is invited to this event which is free! If you would like further information, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Todd Ngiramengior at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 225. See you on the 10th!

## PHS Student Grills PCC President

A freshman at Palau High School (PHS) recently visited Palau Community College President Patrick U. Tellei to conduct an interview on what it would be like to be President of the nation's only institution higher learning. Fourteen (14) year old Mr. Jovani Adachi Y. Antol, son of Jeffrey Antol and Helena Rebelkuul, interviewed President Tellei as part of his Career Development (Business) class, taught by PHS teacher Ms. Rena Iluches.



PCC President Patrick U. Tellei (l) and PHS student Jovani Adachi Yamazaki Antol meet in the College's Board Room

During the interview, Mr. Antol asked President Tellei what he does as part of his job and what the value of the job is to him as an individual. Antol even asked and got information from President Tellei as to how much the latter receives as compensation for doing his job! After the interview, Antol recalled President Tellei telling him that one of the most critical aspects of being president of PCC is to make sure that the students learn and get the education they seek and deserve, as education increases one's likelihood of earning a better living.

Before ending the interview, Mr. Antol could not help but ask what is President Tellei's motto. Hence, President Tellei informed him that his motto is: **Life is an experiment. The more you do, the better you become.** Indeed, this young PHS student who entered the interview understandably apprehensive, came out feeling that he had accomplished what he set out to do. He thanked President Tellei and has since submitted the result of his interview to his teacher, Ms. Iluches. We are quite confident that he will receive an "A", and we look forward to providing for his educational needs in three years when he enrolls right here at PCC!

## SBDC Workshops are Popular!

On Thursday last week the PCC-based Palau Small Business Development Center (SBDC) held another one of its fast-becoming-famous 'Enhance Your Employees Workshops'. This time, the topic of the workshop was **Computers in Business** and participants learned Basic Computer, Excel, and Word. The training, provided by SBDC's Peace Corps Volunteer Mr. Alfred Fung, saw a total of fifteen (15) participants, some of whom are employed at Surangel & Sons Company while the others were interested individuals.

This series of workshops provides needed short-term training opportunities for employees, enabling them to upgrade their skills in specific areas relevant to their respective jobs. As indicated by the Palau SBDC flyer promoting these workshops, "all full-session attendees will receive certificates of completion accredited by the Ministry of Commerce and Trade and the Palau Small Business Development Center."

In fact, another workshop was held on Tuesday this week as well, the topic of which was 'Customer Service: Tips for Customer Relations.' One of the best features of these Palau SBDC workshops is that they are all free. However, because space is limited, interested people are encouraged to call the Palau SBDC at 488-2004 or email to: pacificsbdc@palaunet.com to reserve their slot in future workshops.

For information about other Palau SBDC services, call the abovementioned telephone number or stop by and visit Alfred or Lisa Abraham, the center's new director.

