

MES Employees Go Endowment

It is exciting to see that Palau's educators are coming in droves to support Palau Community College, the only institution of higher learning in the nation. This week eight (8) employees at Meyuns Elementary School - the nation's third largest public elementary school - have become active donors to the PCC Endowment Fund through bi-weekly allotments. They are Angelina Obichang (Elem. Ed. major), Kubarii Joe (Class of '01 - Cert. Early Childhood), Rosalita Ngwal, William O. Erungel, Louisa B. Kesolei, Lady Ngriratkakl (Class of '97 - AS degree in Bus. Acctg. and Class of '02 - AS degree in Elem. Ed.), Enita Edwards, and Tsungiko Renguul (Elem. Ed. major).



Meyuns employees from left are Louisa B. Kesolei, Enita Edwards, Gloria Tem (an endowment donor since last year), William O. Erungel, and Lady Ngriratkakl.



National Judiciary employees from left are Edward Tadao, Alexandra Alexander, Leoniza S. Chiokai, and Joanne Nakamura. Not shown is Petra R. Glenn.

Endowment Drive Nets More Members - All Employees in WWTP Enroll!

The College continues its extended membership drive for the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club in celebrating this year which marks the 10th anniversary of Palau Community College. This week we are excited to see additional Republic of Palau employees join us in supporting Palau's only college, PCC. In the National Judiciary we welcome five (5) new members, Edward Tadao, Alexandra Alexander, Leoniza S. Chiokai, Petra R. Glenn, and Joanne Nakamura. From the Ministry of Justice we greet one (1) new member, Maria Dahilia Odaol. At the Ministry of Education, we welcome seven (7) new members, Edley Erriang, Kailang Asanuma, Rechesengel Iyechad, Hadleen Medalarak, Ngkeruker H. Yaoch, Edmund Ongrung, and Julia Wally (Class of '02 - AS degree in Elem. Ed.). From the Ministry of Health, we are proud to welcome one (1) new member Dr. Sylvia Osarch. And, from the Ministry of Resources and Development, we welcome fourteen (14) members, namely, Grace Erungel, Anna Aichi Perez, Alma Ridep-Morris, Sorens Meyar, Oliva Oyama, Lawrence Sumor, Roysebong Ngirengchui, Lawrence Kitalong, Rekemesik Becheselchad, Remasech Wilter, Steven Sebal, Timarong Remengsau, Leonard Mikel, and Wilhelm Saburo.

With the enrollment of these newest members, we at PCC are proud to report that all Palauans working in the Waste Water Treatment Plant are now contributing donors to the PCC Endowment Fund every two weeks. This makes that office the very first in the nation whose entire local staff are supporting our nation's college, PCC. These generous individuals have done this and invite all individual employees in Palau to support our own college by donating what we can to the PCC Endowment Fund.

To donate or for more information about the PCC Endowment Fund, contact anyone at the PCC Development Office by calling telephone number (680) 488-2471, extension 253.



New members of the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club from the Ministry of Resources & Development's Bur. of Marine Resources



Min. of Ed. employee
Ngkeruker H. Yaoch



Min. of Ed. employee
Kailang Asanuma



Min. of Ed. employee
Hadleen Medalarak



Min. of R&D employee
Steven Sebal



Min. of R&D employee
Anna Aichi Perez



Min. of R&D employee
Timarong Remengsau



Min. of R&D employee
Leonard Mikel



Min. of R&D employee
Jay Oruetamor enrolled last week



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Project Beacon Students Get Cultural In Ngiwal

Written By:

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On the 21st of February, Project Beacon conducted their first cultural trip for Spring semester to Ngiwal State. The purpose of this adventurous trip was to familiarize us with some of Palau's historical and cultural sites, and the islands of Ngiwal provided us with an array of both.

According to our tour guide, Mr. Melson Miko, a Palau Historical Specialist (Bureau of Arts and Culture) Kiueluul or Ngiwal is a term applied to a group of smaller villages which all lie north of Ngemai Bay; between Ngersechel hill with Cape Bkulatabriual, and Cape Ngerair. Ngiwal today (with the god (chelid), Ngrirungor) only applies to the four village divisions: Ngermechau and Ngersngai in the South, and Ngercheluuk and Ngellau in the North. In the State of Ngiwal, three of the villages have registered historical places. They are Ngermechau, Ngersngai, and Ngercheluuk, and each of the sites has its own historical treasures and beauty.

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Melson Miko (r) & PCC students visit Chief Uong's grave, a popular historical site in the state of Ngiwal

10th Charter Day Run/Walk and 5th Softball Tournament Confirmed

10th PCC President's Run & Walk
Set for April 4th

March 19, 2003 marks another milestone for Palau Community College as on this date ten years ago, Micronesia Occupational College would eventually become Palau Community College through RPPL 4-2 as signed by then Palau President Kuniwo Nakamura. The signing of RPPL 4-2 made Palau Community College a public, non-profit educational corporation and the only postsecondary educational agency for the Republic of Palau.

As such, the College has designated Friday April 4, 2003 as a ten-year anniversary celebration day to commemorate this special occasion. The celebration will start with the President's Run/Walk that kicks off at 5:30 am., starting from Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge and ending at the Palau National Track.

Following the Run/Walk, all participants will be treated to a free continental breakfast. Last year the Run/Walk saw more than 400 runners and walkers combined, the biggest number ever since the event started in 1993. This year, being a milestone year, PCC hopes to surpass last year's number of participants. Therefore, the local community is cordially invited to the 10th Annual PCC President's Run/Walk.

Anyone interested may come to the PCC Parking Lot between 4:00 am - 5:15 am on Friday April 4, 2003. From there, PCC staff will take them to the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge in time for the start of the Run/Walk. Later issues of this newsletter will provide more information on activities that will take place. However, any individual who has questions or would like more information about the Run/Walk may call Vincent Ito or Lesley B. Adachi at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.

5th Charter Day Softball Tourney:
It's a Go!

The Palau Community College Annual Charter Day Softball Tourney has been confirmed to take place during the weekend of April 4-6, 2003. As in the tradition of previous tournaments, this year aims to see sixteen (16) coed teams battling in a double elimination format at the Meyuns Ballfield. A registration fee of \$200 will secure a slot per team. Proceeds of the tournament will go directly to the PCC Endowment Fund. Any individual or group who wishes to register their team or would like additional information about the PCC Charter Day Softball Tourney may contact Jay Olegeriil or LeoBen Teriong at PCC telephone number 488-2471.

ONE YEAR AGO...

H. Lucky Machine, sponsored by Mr. Bendix Lakobong, won the 4th Annual PCC Charter Day Softball Tourney held last year. They beat challenger Meyuns in the much celebrated championship game held in the Meyuns Ballfield. Question: Will they be back to defend their title, or has the team disbanded? Will the up and coming teams such as **Idid, Meruruu, Mekomsesei, Ark**, etc. be the ones to beat? Or, will the veteran teams like **Angaur All-Right, MOH, Bem Ermii, MOF, MOE, KR, MCCA, MOCATS, BSA, MOJ and PCC Criminal Justice** show what experience is capable of?... One thing is for sure: Competition is going to be stiff. With only sixteen slots for the entire tournament, interested participants are highly encouraged to reserve their slot today!

Celebrating Birthdays

Thomas Taro March 13
Lucius Beketaut March 13
Gibson Towai March 13
Happy Birthday To You!!!

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CRE After School Program - A Success

PCC's Cooperative Research and Extension's High School After-School Science Program finished on Thursday, March 6th. The twelve students from three of Palau's High Schools were able to conduct many fun and enlightening projects, which helped increase their knowledge and understanding on the vast field of science. During the five week course, the students made crystals to learn about how molecules bind together, discovered how clouds form, how static electricity is generated, found out why water is one amazing substance, and much more by conducting simple experiments using common household items. All of the students have been eager to learn about each of the subjects and have expressed a genuine interest in learning more about science.

CRE's next After-School Science Class starts next Tuesday and is open for students in grades 6-8. Contact Kris Lloyd at the CRE Office (488-4983) for more information about this program or any of CRE's Education programs.

Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2003

January 6-8, 2003 - Freshmen Orientation & Placement Testing
January 6-10, 2003 - Academic Advising & Registration
January 10, 2003 - Registration Day
January 13, 2003 - First Day of Instruction
January 13-17, 2003 - Late Registration/Drop & Add Period
February 14, 2003 - Early Warning Progress Report
February 21, 2003 - Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades
March 3-7, 2003 - Midterm Period
March 14, 2003 - Holiday (Youth Day)
March 17-21 - Spring Break
March 17, 2003 - Last Day for all Withdrawals
April 2, 2003 - PCC Charter Day
April 4, 2003 - PCC Charter Day Celebration
May 5, 2003 - Holiday (Senior Citizens' Day)
May 9, 2003 - Last Day of Instruction
May 12-14, 2003 - Final Examination Period
May 16, 2003 - Grades Due
May 23, 2003 - Commencement Exercises
May 23, 2003 - End of Spring Semester/Spring Recess

(For information about PCC spring semester calendar of activities, call 488-2471, extension 234 or 247)

In recognition of this coming Youth Day, March 14, 2003, PCC is proud to be at the forefront in providing education and training opportunities to Palau's youth.

Library Accessible Only on Campus

Effective today, the PCC Library will now only be accessible online from within the College campus, as opposed to before where one may access the Library through the internet. This change is a result of Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) having decreased the number of PCC's IP addresses. According to our Computer expert Bruce Rimirch, the College is working diligently to reinstate this service which is much needed by the College Library patrons. In the meantime, everyone's patience is much appreciated. For our local area network (intranet), one may access the PCC Library at <http://192.168.168.8/wx/s.exe>. In addition, we may be experiencing delays in e-mail services and internet connections. This is due to PNCC's IP address changes which necessitated the reconfiguration of our network servers. Once again, everyone's patience is much appreciated. If you have any questions on this, contact Bruce Rimirch at extension 232.

Environmental Club is Born

Congratulations to the members and advisors of the newest and youngest club of the College, PCC Environmental Club. On March 4, 2003, President Patrick U. Tellei ratified the bylaws of the PCC Environmental Club, making it an official club of the College. This is a distinct and complementary part of the Environmental/Marine Science program and will provide invaluable learning opportunities for program students and its members. Any individual who wishes to learn more about the PCC Environmental Club may contact PCC Student Services office at telephone number 488-2471, extension 249.

President Tellei Appoints Graduation Committee

In his February 28, 2003 memorandum to the College employees, President Patrick U. Tellei announced his appointees to serve as the Planning and Implementation Committee for the College's spring 2003 commencement exercises. The following staff were selected to serve on the committee:

Presley Etibek, Chairperson	Alvina Timarong
Ayano Baules	Willy Wally
Marensia Edward	Dahlia Katosang
Vernice Rechebei	Hellen Imanuel
Ezra Takeo	Geraldine Rengiil
Victoria Maui	SBA Representative
Clement Kazuma	Todd Ngiramengior

Because this is an anniversary year for PCC, and because we will see the first group of San Diego State University (SDSU) masters degree graduates participating in the graduation ceremony, the committee was carefully selected to carry out this crucial task. Therefore, all other College employees and students are requested to give the graduation committee our full support as they begin planning for the graduation in May. Any College staff or student who wishes to help or serve on the committee in any capacity may contact Presley Etibek at extension 249.

Project Beacon, from front page

With our tour guide, Mr. Miko, we were able to visit some of these sites, such as the stone with fingerprints (Ngiuelel a Ngirungor), a stone that was brought from the heavens by one of the gods; Bai er a Ibtaches (10 Klobak only) which means only ten high chiefs from each village could come in for meetings; Lukel a Tutau is stone-shaped like a nest that is named after a child called Tutau whose mother was a goddess. Historically, it served as Tutau's cradle. Bai er a Ngermedel is a bai for young men who were spying for the enemies; Ongeluatel is a resting place for the men in Ngiwal; Iluochel's Basket is a stone basket that belongs to the goddess of the taro patch who married the man in Ngiwal and left her basket as a symbol of her love; Ngetungch is a well that never dries up, and in the olden days, during the dry season, served as the main source of water supply for the whole village. And the stone on the top of Bkul a Tab (Dischel a Ngirngemas) which is the bathing pool of Ngirngemas, the Great Warrior of Ngiwal.

Of all the historical sites, one of the sites that caught our interest was the Bai er a Ibtaches. This is where the grave of chief Uong (Ngirateuid) is located. Chief Uong helped relocate the early settlement of Ngerchluuk village to where it is today. The community of Ngiwal and its settlement is located near the sea. According to the history of Ngiwal, the first settlement began in 1918. This was the time when Ngirateuid went to Japan and lived there for quite some time. During his stay there, he visited a village called Ginza and was impressed by how the village looked as well as the road. On his return to Ngiwal, he was only 17 years of age and was appointed as chief Uong of Ngiwal. During his term he adopted the Ginza way of settlement and moved his village to its present location. Upon his death, he was buried in this site and a cement cross was built on top of his grave as an honor for all his accomplishments to the people of Ngiwal.



PCC student Eugene O. Talbot, center-back w/gray t-shirt, and his classmates listen to a lecture at one of Ngiwal's historical sites.

Midterms are Over...

This week was a toughie for our students as they took their dreaded midterms. However, they all have Spring Break to look forward to (March 17-21, 2003). For those of you who wish you did better, you have the rest of the semester to make up. So persevere, you'll be glad you did!!!

BITS AND PIECES...

Self Study/Accreditation Update

The first draft of the descriptive summary of the self study report has been received by the Assistant Accreditation Officer, Marianne Temaungil from the various subcommittees. The draft report will be compiled by the Assistant ALO and will undergo an in-depth review by the self study steering committee. After the steering committee's review, the report will be disseminated throughout the college community for further review and comments. The report is tentatively scheduled for dissemination and comments by the third week of March. Students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to review this draft report and to submit comments to the Assistant ALO at that time. Copies of the draft report will be located in the reserve section of the PCC Library for any interested student, staff, faculty or other interested persons. At the same time, any questions pertaining to the self study review process may be directed to Presley Etibek, Accreditation Liaison Officer, at extension 249.

Rennette Joins Elaus Without Club

PCC's Rennette Meyar, better known as Derbei, has just recently joined the Elaus Without Club. This Club, comprised of PCC staff who have opted to drop the cigarette from their betel nut (elaus), started to gain popularity last year when PCC President Patrick U. Tellei first decided to chew betel nut without the cigarette. Since then, membership has steadily increased as people began to follow President Tellei's example. In a later issue of this newsletter, names of those individuals who have joined, to date, will be printed. At the same time if you are currently a chewer of elaus with cigarette, we encourage you to consider dropping it from your elaus. It is for your own good. As for Derbei, welcome to the Club!

PCC Donates Computer to MOJ

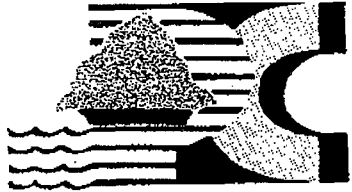
Two weeks ago, Palau Community College students thanked the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) for donating 680 pounds of fresh tuna. This week we see Palau Community College donating a used computer to the MOJ Patrol Division. The computer may not be in the best condition; however, it is quite operable and according to one very grateful police officer, "the computer is very much appreciated and will help us immensely in doing our work". You're very welcome, MOJ!

Roosevelt University Installs President

Palau Community College (PCC) President Patrick U. Tellei - on behalf of the College Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty and Staff, and most especially the students of PCC - takes this opportunity and congratulates Charles R. Middleton, Ph.D., on his installation as the 5th President of Roosevelt University on Monday March 10, 2003. PCC looks forward to working with Dr. Middleton and Roosevelt University in ensuring that students receive the quality educational programs and services that they deserve.

OOPS...

The following College offices forgot to turn off their air conditioning units over the weekend: Business Office, Faculty Office (New Extension), Development Office and the Criminal Justice Classroom. In continuing our efforts to conserve energy and resources, let us remind one another to turn off air conditioning units and all other equipment at the end of each day. Mesulang (Thank you).



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RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT TESTING

HIGH SCHOOLS VISITS AND PLACEMENT TESTING FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2003 AND 2004 FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOLS IN PALAU HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MARCH & APRIL, 2003. THE SCHEDULES ARE INDICATED BELOW:

HIGH SCHOOLS - TOTAL # OF SENIORS	HIGH SCHOOL VISITS			PLACEMENT TESTING		
	DATE	TIME/DAY	PLACE	DATE	TIME/DAY	PLACE
BELAU MODEKNGEI HIGH SCHOOL - 8	MARCH 10, 2003	8:30 TO 10:00AM (MONDAY)	BMS CAMPUS	APRIL 11, 2003	8:30 TO 12:30AM (FRIDAY)	BMS CAMPUS
BETHANIA HIGH SCHOOL - 14	MARCH 10, 2003	1:30 TO 3:30PM (MONDAY)	BHS CAMPUS	APRIL 14, 2003	12:30 TO 4:30PM (MONDAY)	BHS CAMPUS
EMMAUS HIGH SCHOOL - 12	MARCH 11, 2003	8:00 TO 10:00AM (TUESDAY)	EHS CAMPUS	APRIL 15, 2003	8:00 TO 12:00NOON (TUESDAY)	EHS CAMPUS
PALAU MISSION ACADEMY - 15	MARCH 11, 2003	1:00 TO 3:00PM (TUESDAY)	PCC	APRIL 18, 2003	12:30 TO 4:30PM (FRIDAY)	PCC
MINDSZENTY HIGH SCHOOL - 39	MARCH 12, 2003	1:20 TO 3:30PM (WEDNESDAY)	MHS CAMPUS	APRIL 16, 2003	8:00 TO 12:00NOON (WEDNESDAY)	MHS CAMPUS
PALAU HIGH SCHOOL - 134	MARCH 13, 2003	1:00 TO 4:00PM (THURSDAY)	PCC CAFETERIA	APRIL 21, 2003	12:30 TO 4:30PM (MONDAY)	PCC CAFETERIA

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