

# ENDOWMENT Membership Grows, Old Age and MOE Staff Keep Enrolling, Enrolling, Enrolling...

PCC is humbled by the overwhelming show of support from the individual employees throughout our young nation to the PCC Endowment Fund. We have witnessed support coming from employees of all ministries in the national government. We have witnessed support coming from employees of several state governments. We have also witnessed support coming from employees of semi-autonomous agencies and private businesses. And yet, new support keeps coming in. Indeed, we are humbled and proud to be part of a unique group of people who support our nation's only college.

This week, we proudly add new members to our growing PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. 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.

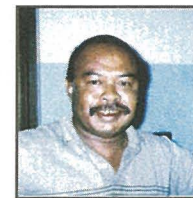
From our friends at the Ministry of Education, we proudly welcome ten (10) brand new members, **Agnes Markungael, Adeline**



Agnes Markungael



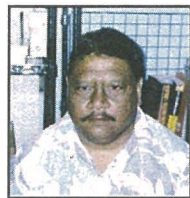
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Samoy Luii



Thomas M. You



Rosalita Odaol

**Ngirakesau, Laurie Maderkewet, Harrington Olebuu, Valeria Remoket, Lucia Franz, Jochebed Albert, Johnson Emesiochel, Samoy Luii, and Thomas M. You.** Over at the State Agency on Aging (Old Age Center) of the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs, we excitedly welcome seven (7) new members, **Hilaria Renguul, Rosalita Odaol, Jeffrey Heroncio, Deneley Mutsuo, Hermina Marino, Pauline Oingerang, and Apolonia S. Augustine.** And, right here at PCC, we proudly welcome one (1) new member, **Norman Sato.**

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!**



Deneley Mutsuo



Jeffrey Heroncio



Hilaria Renguul



Valeria Remoket



Lucia Franz



Johnson Emesiochel



Pauline Oingerang



Hermina Marino



Apolonia S. Augustine



Norman Sato

## Celebrating Birthdays



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|-----------------|----------|
| Lucius Beketaut | March 13 |
| Thomas Taro     | March 13 |
| Gibson Towai    | March 13 |
| Petrus Itelmong | March 15 |
| Peter Ulechong  | March 15 |
| Karen Mobel     | March 17 |

**Happy Birthday To You!!!**



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## Donors Increase Allotments!

...And the trend continues! More generous bi-weekly donors have decided to increase their donations to the PCC Endowment Fund. These people are **Siles Ngiraremiang, Baules Sambal, Elena Ngotel and Ann Mary Teliu.** Wow, now their donations are bigger, so their refunds next year will be bigger!!! **Thank you very much!**



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# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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Weekly Newsletter

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## LeoBen Becomes PNCC's CFO

On Monday last week, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei informed the College management team that LeoBen Teriong (Vice President of Administration and Finance) will be leaving the College. Teriong, who has been hired by the Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) as its chief finance officer, will remain with the College until the end of March.

Mr. Teriong first came to PCC in October 1989 as External Relations Development Coordinator for the College's Title III program. In October 1990, he was promoted to become the Title III Federal Program Coordinator. In June 1993, he was appointed as the College's Director of Human Resources. On October 1, 2001, he became the vice president of administration and finance, a position he has held since.

As chief finance officer for PNCC, Teriong takes on a position that has been vacant for months. President Tellei congratulated Mr. Teriong, and expressed confidence that the already fruitful partner-

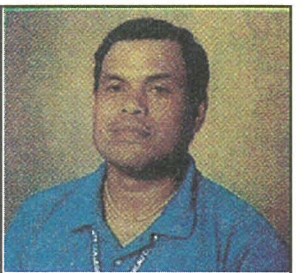
ship between PCC and PNCC will be even more productive as a result of Teriong's career move.

President Tellei also announced that Director of Development Jay Olegeriil will be taking on LeoBen's duties here at PCC. At the Development Office, Olegeriil heads a team of PCC staff who drive the College's Ten Year Master Plan, Public Relations activities, Fund Raising, Alumni Relations, and Institutional Program on Effectiveness, among others.

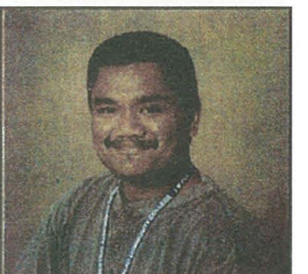
Thus, for the month of March, Teriong will orient Olegeriil so as to ensure a smooth transition of duties. At the same time, Teriong stated that he will (for the foreseeable future) always be available for consultation should it be deemed necessary.

This being the first meeting of the College management team since the accreditation evaluation team visit (February 17-19, 2004), President Tellei also took the opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work. He also encouraged everyone to do what they can in terms of participation in the upcoming 9th Festival of Pacific Arts. President Tellei also highly encouraged everyone to make arrangements so that they may all attend the 4th Annual Pacific Region Investment Conference to be held in Palau from March 25-26, 2004.

After the meeting, everyone congratulated Mr. Teriong on his new career move and wished him success much as he has achieved it here at PCC.



LeoBen Teriong



Jay Olegeriil

## NOR Meets Kosrae Students

Mr. Norinston 'NOR' Joe, Director for the Department of Community Affairs for Kosrae State, Federated States of Micronesia, was on island last week, to attend a meeting of the Pacific Council of Arts. Mr. Joe's trip to Palau enabled him to meet with PCC students from Kosrae.

At his meeting with the Kosrae students, Mr. Joe informed them of their island's intention to send a small team of experts in building houses, canoes, and other crafts to train the PCC Kosrae students as they will be part of the Kosrae delegation to the 9th Festival of Pacific Arts. This would save Kosrae money as well as help teach these youth their island's traditional architecture and canoe-building techniques.

Mr. Joe also stated that a master in food preparation will also be coming to Palau with the delegation, to prepare the famous Kosraen FaFa. These PCC students will also be taking dance lessons as both females and males will each perform during the Festival. Mr. Joe, before leaving the island, has provided the Kosrae students with his e-mail address as he will be constantly communicating with them. If you would like to learn more about the Kosrae students at PCC, contact Mr. Harvey Tulensru at tel. 488-9020.



Mr. Norinston Joe (standing, second right) is a 1980 alumnus of PCC. The photo above shows him with the Kosrae PCC students. There are 31 students from Kosrae, 18 of whom reside in the College dorms, while the rest live off-campus.

## Fun Reading Materials in the Micro-P Collection???

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

The PCC Micronesia-Pacific Collection (Micro-P) offers a variety of subjects on the Pacific region including Micronesia. You may be surprised to know that it also has various titles of short stories, novels and fictions which take place somewhere in the Pacific. All patrons are encouraged to visit the Micro-P Collection for your reading enjoyment, too.

*Island of the Sequined Love Num* by Christopher Moore: A pilot for the Mary Jean Cosmetics Corporation—a hopeless geek trapped in a cool guy's body—Tucker Case's troubles begin one very drunk morning at the Seattle Airport Holiday Inn Lounge. Surrendering to the strident will of a call girl who wants desperately to join the Mile High Club, he proceeds to crash his shocking pink jet on the runaway-totalling the plane and seriously damaging the organ that got him into this mess in the first place. Now, with his flying license revoked, his job and manhood demolished, facing a possible prison term or, worse, the murderous wrath of Mary Jean Dobbins and her corporate goons. Tuck has to run for his life toward the only employment opportunity left for him: piloting a Lear jet for a shady medical missionary and a sexy, naturally blond High Priestess on the remotest of Micronesian island hells.

But first he has to get there, encountering spies, cannibals, journalists, and would-be b---- goddesses every step of the way. Traveling with his Filipino transvestite navigator and a fruit bat companion, Roberto, Tuck braves shark-invested waters and a typhoon before reaching the dark heart of a tropical paradise—all before his first day of work. *Check out your Micro-P Collection for more reading enjoyment!*

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!

## ETS Workshop Held

The following article was written by Jolene Joseph, ETS Advisor/Counselor

On February 28, 2004, the Educational Talent Search (ETS) program held a workshop for its students attending Mindszenty, Palau, and Bethania High Schools, as well as those attending Belau Modekngai School and the PCC-based Adult High School. The workshop provided a session on Career Exploration, presented by Ms. Jelina Renguul who is Personnel Specialist from the Palau national government.

Ms. Renguul provided tips useful information on what are needed when looking for a job. She also gave helpful tips on

how to be prepared for an interview, writing a resume, and much more.

The students also got to hear Dr. Sylvia Andres of the Palau Ministry of Health, who led the session on Drugs and Suicide Prevention. Dr. Andres effective lecture brought home the dire consequences of drug use, including how it affects one's life, education, career, including how it also affects one's family and friends. The third session focused on Teen Pregnancy/Family Planning, presented by Ms. Merlyne Basilius, a professional nurse from the Palau

## 2004 Graduation Sub-committees are...

Preparation for the May 21, 2004 spring commencement exercises has taken off with the establishment of sub-committees and their chairs, which are:

- Program/Script  
Co-Chaired by Jay Olegeriil, Lesley B. Adachi, and Dahlia M. Katosang
- Practice/Ushers  
Chaired by Marensia Edward
- Awards/Publicity  
Chaired by Tehuzie Tadao
- Catering  
Chaired by Ezra Takeo
- Logistics  
Chaired by Clement Kazuma

The overall chair for the graduation committee is Dean of Students, Presley Etibek. The committee continues to extend an invitation to all staff and students to join the various sub-committees so that they may participate in preparing for the College's graduation. Simply contact chairperson Presley Etibek at telephone number 488-2471, extension 229 or 249.



Ms. Jelina Renguul was a guest presenter at the ETS Workshop held last week. The topic of her presentation was Career Exploration

Ministry of Health.

Basilius showed how different contraceptives work to prevent teen pregnancy. She also discussed how teen pregnancy would affect an individual's life if the person is not ready physically, financially, and mentally.

The workshop ended with the ETS staff conducting the Strong Interest Inventory. This instrument helps the student identify his/her interest in terms of career, activities, or subjects they would be inclined to learn.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Carol Skebong Helps FSM Students

Earlier this year, the PCC FSM students collected trash throughout Koror as a fund raising activity. The money they raised will be used to pay for their planned excursion to Angaur. Ms. Caroline Skebong, general manager of P.I.T.I. and faithful reader of the PCC Mesekiu's News, read about the organization's plans, and has generously donated a sum of \$50 to the FSM Student Organization toward this activity. The organization's President Mr. Shiro Kesol accepted the donation and has expressed sincere gratitude to Mrs. Skebong for going out of her way to help them! Thanks, Caroline!

### Cafeteria Receives More Donations!

The PCC students as well as Palau High School students have recently been the recipients of some very generous donations. **Yano & Sons Market**, a frequent donor to these students via the PCC Cafeteria, has once again donated much appreciated food items. This time it was 44 pounds of jumbo-size egg plant and 68 pounds of firm cucumber. Another generous donor, **Mr. Jack Masters**, also donated 100 pounds of ripe mouth-watering bananas!

These donations were gratefully accepted by our PCC Cafeteria staff. However, it was our PCC students and the Palau High School students who got to savor these delicious and healthy food donations. Thank you Mr. Masters and Yano & Sons Market, and keep them coming!

### PNSB Election Held

The Palau National Scholarship Board (PNSB) recently held annual election of its officers, resulting in the following:

Mr. Steven Victor, Chairman  
Mr. Kaleb Udui, Jr., Vice Chair  
Mr. Todd Ngiramengior, Treasurer  
Ms. Julita Temael, Secretary

Other members of the PNSB include Ms. Caroline Skebong, Ms. Karen Kohama, and Mr. Jay Olegeriil. Palau Community College congratulates the new officers and looks forward to continue working with the PNSB in providing educational opportunities for Palau's students.

## CRE Takes Insects on a Trip!

The following article was written by CRE staff Ms. Kris Lloyd

On February 25th and 26th, members of the Cooperative Research and Extension-Agriculture Staff traveled to Angaur and Peleliu as part of CRE's Biological Control Program. The purpose of the trip was to release two species of beneficial insects that will help combat the destructive taro leaf hopper and the out of control Siam Weed in Angaur and check on their establishment in Peleliu.

After a scenic boat ride, the team arrived first in Angaur. With the assistance of several local residents, including the Governor of Angaur, the CRE team set off to release the first batch of bugs. Maria Teruzi of CRE placed chunks of taro with the helpful mirid bug growing on them at the base of taro plantings in three fields of *mesei* taro.

The mirid bug attacks and kills the harmful taro leafhopper. Then at three separate locations around the island, Felix Sengebau and Ben Ueda released adult gallflies, which lay their eggs in the stems of the menacing Siam Weed. As the larvae in the eggs grow, it forms a gall on the stem of the weed, and feeds on sap from the weed inside the gall effectively killing the Siam Weed.

The next day, the team left Angaur and headed to Peleliu to check if the gallfly was able to establish itself there. In October the CRE staff released adult gallflies on Peleliu at three places heavily infested with Siam Weed. At all three locations galls were observed on the stems of the Siam weed and some adult gallflies were seen on the leaves. The CRE team was confident then that the gallfly was establishing itself on the island. However due to the heavy infestation of the Siam Weed, it will take some time before any noticeable effects will be observed. Plans are currently being made for further releases in Angaur and Peleliu later this year.

The CRE staff would to express their sincere gratitude to the State Governments and residents of Peleliu and Angaur for their assistance with these important projects. For more information about these or any other CRE Biological Control Project, please contact Dr. Nelson Esguerra at the PCC-CRE office telephone 488-4983.



PCC-CRE staff Maria Teruzi releases mirid bug into taro field

## PCC General Catalog to be Updated

The reviewing and updating work for the upcoming new general catalog is now underway. All departments of the College including faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to provide updates of the information in your respective area that you want to have published in the new catalog effective Fall 2004.

Please provide copies of the changes relating to your areas as well as recommendations to academic regulations, admission requirements, program/course modification, student policies, etc., to Mane or Vincent at the Academic Affairs no later than the end of this month.

We would like to thank those individuals who had already provided their input for the changes. We urge everyone that they do the same right away so that we may be able to expedite our review and have our new catalog published in time for the 2004 fall semester.

You may also call Mane at extension 269 or Vincent at extension 270 for further information on this matter. In the meantime, we thank you in advance one and all for your support and cooperation on this matter!

**The PCC General Catalog is the most comprehensive publication of the College highlighting all academic programs and other services offered by PCC.**