

# "PALAU IN MOTION"

Presentation of a New Logo

This year's Logo was presented to a recent committee group from the ROP President's Office, ROP Vice-President's Office, Belau National Hospital, Palau Community College, and other agencies both public and private. The Palau In Motion initiative promotes physical activity for achievable health and well-being. Palau In Motion is an initiative catapulted by Dr. Stephenson Kuartei, Director of Primary and Preventative Care at the Belau National Hospital. Dr. Stephenson Kuartei is assisted by Jubilee Kuartei (PNOCC Coordinator) and Dave Rykken (Health Volunteer with the World Health Organization's World Health Day on Sunday April 7, 2002. Many government agencies and local business will be combining efforts in supporting achievable health and well being for the people of Palau. Information on the Palau In Motion events or related activities can be directed to David Rykken at 488-4804/4805.

## How to Build Personal Trust

A report issued by the Forum Corp. and reported in *Across the Board* shows that humility helps build trust with colleagues. By admitting doubt or error and acknowledging mistakes, Co-workers thought, "I can trust you. You won't try to bluff me." *Other findings:* Colleagues rated highly trustworthy were also rated highly competent. *Also:* To build trust, you must be seen as a collaborator, not as a competitor.

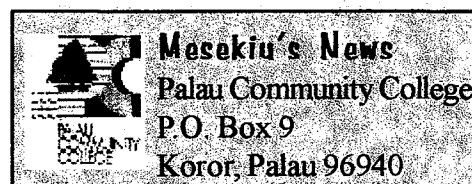
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## Celebrating Birthdays



Petrus Itelmong	Mar. 15, 2002
Peter Ulechong	Mar. 15, 2002
Karen R. Mobel	Mar. 17, 2002
John C. Gabriel	Mar. 17, 2002
Bruce S. Rimirch	Mar. 19, 2002
Keith Ignacio	Mar. 20, 2002
Fidelia Tengoll	Mar. 24, 2002

**Happy Birthday To You!!!**



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## What's New at the Library?

### New Books:

Library of America  
(Collection featuring authoritative Text)

*Research and Management Techniques for the Conservation of Sea Turtles*  
Eckert, K., K.A. Bjorndal, F.A. Abreu-Grobois, and M. Donnelly (Editors). 1999 IUCN/SSC Marine Turtle Specialist Group No.4.

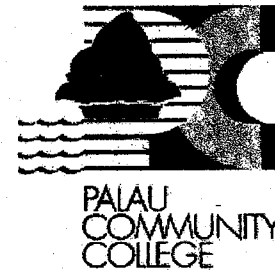
*Essentials of Sociology/ A Down-To-Earth Approach*  
Henslin, James M. *Essentials of sociology: a down-to-earth approach/* James M. Henslin. 2nd edition 1997.

### PERIODICALS

SIERRA  
Explore, Enjoy, and Protect the Planet.  
Featured Article: *Celebrating 100 Years of ANSEL ADAMS*

MENS HEALTH  
Tons of useful Stuff  
Featured Article: *1,001 New Health Tips for 2002*

FLOWER & GARDEN  
The World's Home Gardening Magazine  
Featured Articles: *Garden Destination/ Gracious Gardens in The Wine Country Flowers, Fruit and Foilage/ the Best All-Season Shrubs and small trees Beyond Basics/ Beating the Bugs*



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# MESEKIU'S

# NEWS

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Friday, March 15, 2002

Weekly Newsletter

Volume 4, Issue 11



Former PCC-CRE Employee Sherry Gamberlyn Rengiil is now a one of Coral Reef's new staff member. Ms. Rengiil continues to contribute to the PCC endowment fund. PCC thanks Ms. Rengiil for her faithful support to the college and for her believe in promoting a better education for the future citizens of Palau.

## PCC COOPERATION WITH TAIWAN AGRICULTURAL MISSION

An on going and interesting Republic of China program, called the Agricultural and Technical Mission (ATM), which is a joint force program with PCC's Agriculture Division is now trying to get a suitable peace of land to be made available for a new project that will take place on PCC campus. This project will be open for public, which will benefit Palau's agriculture needs in the future. Students of PCC will also attend this project as part of student teaching program. Mr. Hseu Ming-Lii (Leader of the TAM), has agreed to help assist on the project, which he will locate a suitable area for the project and work with Joel Miles in support of the progress of the program. This program will not only involve PCC students, but also, it will involve several Palau High School students who are now involved with a school project themselves. This project will help those students improve their skills and while attending this program.

### SUMMER TRAINING

A 1 to 2 weeks residential training will take place at Nekkeng Farm for PCC Agriculture students (5-10 students). The topic will include the use of walking tractor and other machinery not available at PCC, and crop management.

Mr. Hseu (Project leader) is very pleased with the idea to the point that he is willing to provide two trainings, each one week (6 days-M-S) in length. Dates expected for this exact program to start will fall on May 26-31 and August 11-16 this year. Students who will attend this program will reside at the Agricultural and Technical Mission dormitories. Meals will be provided by Agricultural and Technical Mission.

PCC students who are involved with Agricultural Science will be eligible for this training. Attendance will not be mandatory, but students are urged to attend this project. Mr. Miles has been asked to assist on the project, said Mr. Miles.

## PCC MESEKIU BASKETBALL

By: Leah Moses, SBA Student Senate Member

An amazing winning streak, PCC leads Division II this NBL season with a standing of four wins and no loss. PCC Mesekiu were about to dominate the whole Division II with their outstanding performance, which shows that a definite sense of pride arose. The defending PCC Mesekiu may have righted themselves at just the right time. The PCC Mesekiu stood tall for the slumping Kings and won the game 82 to 75. The game got a bit tense during the second half, which got one of the team players, Jeffrey Marbey fouled-out at the second half of the game. Mesekiu was still unstoppable from overtaking the Kings by seven points.

### Leading Scores

Kayvin Yarotailug lead the team with five 3pts. shots out of 23 shots made.  
Jeffrey Marbey with 17pts.  
Boaz Etpison with one 3pts. out of 10pts scored  
Fred Nedlic scored 7pts  
Kessler West(T.C.) with 6pts.  
Hamilton Maech (Coach and Player) two 3pts.  
Kurt Erwin with 4pts.  
Weldon Gideon with one 3pts.  
John Jerry with 2pts.

Best wishes to all the players, and good luck on the next season.

## San Diego State University Masters Program

The San Diego State University Masters cohort program contin-

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ues into its 8th course as Dr. Ed Lind, Associate Professor at UOG, came to teach ARP680-School Law. Dr. Lind arrived on February 27th and his class began on February 28th at 4:30p.m. at the CE training room. The class started out with students feeling very apprehensive about the load of work that was expected of them in the amount of time they were allotted, but to their great relief, Dr. Lind had revised their schedule and extended their time-table. Dr. Lind stayed on the island for 2 more days and lectured away and then left on Saturday night. He will be back the week of March 24th to complete the class and give his final exam.

#### PALAU NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS

Letter to the President of the College

On February 12, 2002, Palau National Youth Congress Vice President Jerome Temengil, Wrote a letter to President Patrick Tellei informing him of the newly elected 6th PNYC officers and members. In the letter, it specified the exact date and time in which the election took place. The election for the 6th Palau National Youth Congress took place on February 11, 2002, at Island Choice Restaurant.

#### Newly Elected Officers:

President - Joe Aitaro (Koror, Medalaii)  
Vice-President - Blas Lawrence (Ngeremlengui State)  
Secretary - Arnice Yuji (Palau Mission Academy)  
Treasurer - Keneth Merep (Koror State)

Temengil also wrote, "This organization needs full support from PCC. With such priority toward Palau's youth, we the members of the Palau National Youth Congress humbly ask you to open your doors for PNYC's need for the support of Palau's Youth." Said Mr. Temengil. The first meeting of the newly elected members of the 6th PNYC was scheduled to fall on February 20, 2002, which all officers and members of this organization were to be ordained as the newly elected officers and members of this organization.

#### Aquaculture Project to be in Operation in Ngarmeskang

The time is finally coming near for the beginning of the second phase of the PCC-CRE aquaculture project at the Research and Development Station in the Ngarmeskang valley of Ngeremlengui. With final construction almost done, the testing of the pond, hatching systems, and preparations for delivery of the *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* post larvae have already begun.

CRE is starting an aquaculture project to reintroduce the Giant Freshwater Prawn or *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* to Palau so it may become another important aquaculture industry. There are also several other project objectives such as developing a local feed source is vital to lowering the cost of growing the Prawns and deciding which stocking densities provide the best grow out. The Pond design may also have to be changed for region specific problems that may occur. All of these will allow CRE to be able to inform the local grower the exact and most profitable way to grow this species the fastest and healthiest.

One main concern is avoiding importing diseases to Palau. We plan to get our original post larvae and brood stock from

Hawaii. This worldwide source of Prawns is known to be disease free and nearby. Other suppliers from Asia and Southeast Asia are not only shipping Prawns with possible health problems but they are also far away. One supplier is said to have a fifty percent mortality rate (death) just in the shipping.

Another concern is the possible escape of the imported prawns into the river systems of Palau. It is rumored that *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* is already in the river system from a previous aquaculture project. However CRE does not wish to upset the natural populations so we will be incorporating several methods of preventing the prawns escape. One easy way is to just put a fine mesh net over the drainpipe.

Overall, this is a very exciting time for the project. Soon we will have the entire Aquaculture Complex running and having prawns crawling all over the bottoms of our tanks and ponds.

For further information, please contact PCC-Cooperative Research & Extension at telephone: # 488-2746 Fax: # 488-3307 or E-Mail: [asuta@palaunet.com](mailto:asuta@palaunet.com)

#### WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I is an existing program formerly known as Job Training Partnership Act, that operates within the workforce society. This Program began operating in 1982 up until 1999. For seven years, JTPA served the community by providing workforce activities to meet the shortage of employment, and help increase the workforce activities. This program doesn't only operate here in Koror, but state wide operation to help increase retention, earnings of participants for adults, dislocated workers and youths. This program helps individuals to master their skills in individual interests better their job opportunities. It also advances the quality of the workforce and productivity and competitiveness of the Nation's workforce. Workforce Investment Act begun operating on July 01, 2000, with the same intent as to increase and improve general quality of the local workforce. Today, there are many employees in Palau working under the WIA program, which are benefiting the local workforce by increased employment. Such increase of employment has a tremendous result to the workforce society. WIA in retrospect, has also contributed funds to several organizations including Palau Community College. Contributions were made to PCC's Endowment, parking lot in front of the WIA Office for accessibility of clients. This Year, WIA is sponsoring trophies for the 9th Charter Day softball tournament. The WIA program will continue to help provide assistance to those who needs employment and or training for better development of their skills.

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFERS PROGRAMS TO HELP THE COMMUNITY

Continuing Education is a program within the College, which provides training to the community to improve skills in computer operations, Palauan conversation, and many other programs. These programs are conducted to fulfill the needs of those students who are in need of these kind of assistance. Any of these programs shall begin depending upon the multitude of

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students or organizations attending these programs. After each training, certificates are awarded to those who completed the training. This program is instructed by Palauan instructors such as Edwell Ongerung, Keizy Shiro, and Isaias Ngirailemesang. These are the three Palauan instructors who are mainly instructing these courses. Other instructors are PCC instructors whom only teach these courses when they are available.

#### WHY WE DON'T HEAR OTHERS

If you want to listen so you really hear what others say, make sure you're not a:

- ✓ **Mind reader.** You'll hear little or nothing as you think "What is this person really thinking or feeling?"
- ✓ **Rehearser.** Your mental tryouts for "Here's what I'll say next" tune out the speaker.
- ✓ **Filterer.** Some call this selective listening-hearing only what you want to hear.
- ✓ **Dreamer.** Drifting off during a face-to-face conversation can lead to an embarrassing "What did you say?" or "Could you repeat that?"
- ✓ **Identifier.** If you refer everything you hear to your experience, you probably didn't really hear what was said.
- ✓ **Comparer.** When you get side-tracked assessing the messenger, you're sure to miss the message.
- ✓ **Derailer.** Changing the subject too quickly soon tells others you're not interested in anything they have to say.
- ✓ **Sparrer.** You hear what's said but quickly belittle it or discount it. That puts you in the same class as the derailer.
- ✓ **Placater.** Agreeing with everything you hear just to be nice or to avoid conflict does not mean you're a good listener.

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#### U.S. EMBASSY DONATES

*Library of America Collection*

The PCC Library would like to thank the Charge'd Affairs, The Honorable Ronald A. Harms from the U.S. Embassy to Palau for the Library of American Book collection (estimated value of \$3,000). Mr. Harms presented the collection in a recent meeting with Patrick U. Tellei (PCC President), Laura Mangham, (Director of Learning Resources), and Debra Neas (PCC Librarian) on March 6, 2002.

Library of America is a non-profit publisher that is dedicated to preserving America's best and most significant writing in handsome, enduring volumes, featuring authoritative texts. Writings include: Mark Twain, Emerson, Richard Wright, Tennessee Williams, Edith Wharton, Henry James, Sinclair Lewis, William James, William Faulkner, William Steinbeck and many many more. Soon to be cataloged and available for check out.

#### Check out the Library Bulletin Board for Up-coming Events!!!

Charter Day Walk-A-Thon	04/05/02
World Health Day	04/07/02
Health Fair Events	04/19/02

#### SALE! SALE! SALE!

The Driver's License Testing Booklet is now exclusively on Sale at the PCC Bookstore for only \$5.00. All proceeds from the sale of the booklet will go to the PCC Endowment Fund. There are also other great items including the delicious *bentos* on sale at the PCC Bookstore so stop by and see for yourselves.

#### PROPOSED LEVEL FUNDING FOR LITERACY

By: National Institute for Literacy

On February 4, 2002, President George W. Bush released his FY 2003 budget proposal for adult education and family literacy program that will provide level funding for Adult Education State Grants at \$575 million. Another proposal was made to level fund from National Leadership Activities, which provide a small increase for the National Institute for Literacy. A week before his State of the Union address, President Bush pointed out that his budget proposal indicated the domestic programs cuts to pay for national security and homeland defense. His FY 2003 budget proposal, plans to terminate 35 Department of Education programs that he thinks have not proven effective. The President's FY 2003 proposal is also launching a "multi-year effort to reform job training programs across the federal government, to target resources for those programs with documented effectiveness, then eliminate funding for ineffective, duplicative, and overlapping programs." The United States Congress is expected to debate this Budget proposal throughout the spring semester. During this time, the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate will release their own budget proposal FY 2003. All the proposals are considered until the Congress and the President comes up with an agreement. According to National Institute for Literacy, Congress is expected to complete FY2003 budget process by fall 2002.