

10 Commandments of Etiquette for Communicating with People with Disabilities

<http://www.empowermentzone.com/etiquet.txt>

1. When talking with a person with a disability, speak directly to that person rather than through a companion or sign language interpreter.
2. When introduced to a person with a disability, it is appropriate to offer to shake hands. People with a limited hand use or who wear an artificial limb can usually shake hands. (Shaking hands with the left hand is an acceptable greeting).
3. When meeting a person who is visually impaired, always identify yourself and others who may be with you. When conversing in a group, remember to identify the person to whom you are speaking.
4. If you offer assistance, wait until the offer is accepted. Then listen to or ask for instructions.
5. Treat adults as adults. Address people who have disabilities by their first names only when extending the same familiarity to all others. (Never patronize people who use wheelchairs by patting them on the head or shoulder).
6. Leaning on or hanging on to a person's wheelchair is similar to learning on hanging on to a person and is generally considered annoying. The chair is part of the personal body space of the person who uses it.
7. Listen attentively when you're talking with a person who has difficulty speaking. Be patient and wait for the person to finish, rather than correcting or speaking for the person. If necessary, ask short questions that require short answers, a nod or shake of the head. Never pretend to understand if you are having difficulty doing so. Instead, repeat what you have understood and allow the person to respond. The response will clue you in and guide your understanding.
8. When speaking with a person who uses a wheelchair or a person who uses crutches, place yourself at eye level if front of the person to facilitate the conversation.
9. To get the attention of a person who is deaf, tap the person on the shoulder or wave your hand. Look directly at the person and speak clearly, slowly, and expressively to determine if the person can read your lips. Not all people who are deaf can read lips. For those who do lip read, be sensitive to their needs by placing yourself so that you face the light source and keep hands, cigarettes and food away from your mouth when speaking.
10. Relax. Don't be embarrassed if you happen to use accepted, common expressions such as 'see you later,' or 'did you hear about that?', that seems to relate to a person's disability. Don't be afraid to ask questions when you're unsure of what to do.

Celebrating Birthdays

Fidelia Tengoll March 24

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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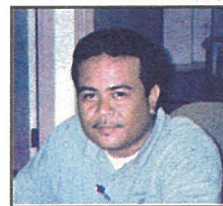
Support for Endowment Fund - Keeps on going and going...

When it comes to support from the local community to the PCC Endowment Fund, Palau Community College is reminded of the battery that is so long-lasting that it keeps the pink bunny rabbit going and going. This week we see additional Republic of Palau employees join us in supporting Palau's only college, PCC. At the Ministry of Commerce and Trade, we welcome eleven (11) new members, **Raymond Nakamura, Iwalanie Tesei** (Class of '00 - Cert. in Bus. Acctg.), **Silverius Tellei, Manase Temol, McSheldon Salvador, Nelson F. August, Bernice Ngirkelau, Elmera Syozitaro, Marygold Yobech, Leinath Kikue Nagata, and Arvin C. Raymond.**

Over at the Ministry of Health, we welcome four (4) new members, **Pearl Marumoto, Eden Ridep, Basiano Kitalong, and Tmekei Ellis.** From the Ministry of Education (Meyuns Elem. School) we welcome one (1) new member, **Alvino Kenty.** At the Ministry of Resources and Development, we see two (2) new members, **Kathleen Sisor and Trebkul Tellei.** Over in the Ministry of Justice, we welcome one (1) member, **Jorlyne David.** Right here at PCC, we also welcome three (3) additional members, **Sunshine Garcia, Anne Mobil, and Lerry Ruluked.** PCC welcomes everyone to the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. You have just shown your commitment to the continued existence of Palau's only college. Together, let us ensure that future generations have the same opportunity and access to higher learning as presently provided by our college, Palau Community College!



Employees of the Ministry of Commerce and Trade have just enrolled in the Endowment Contributors' Club



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PBILC Draws 246+ Participants

The 2003 Pacific Basin Interagency Leadership Conference will end today with the participants conducting their planning sessions in the rock islands. Having started on Monday this week, the conference drew participants and experts from entities such as Yap, Guam, CNMI, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Marshall Islands, American Samoa, Hawaii, the US mainland and Japan. The conference enabled participants to network and share accomplishments as well as ideas on advocating the needs of people with disabilities.

A major highlight of the conference was the keynote address, delivered at the opening ceremony, by Mr. J. Hideo Morita, President and CEO Morita Company Limited, who delivered a moving and eye-opening speech. His presence at the conference highlighted his commitment to helping this cause as two of his children are disabled. The conference ends today; however, as one participant stated, what was learned this year will help to improve the services provided to our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, relatives and friends who deserve the best we have to offer them.



ROP Vice President and Minister of Health Sandra S. Pierantozzi (l) Chairs this year's 2003 Pacific Basin Interagency Leadership Conference. With her is Mr. J. Hideo Morita who was the Conference Keynote Speaker for the Opening Ceremony

PCC Continuing Education Services

Written by PCC Continuing Education Staff

The challenges of reaching out to the communities of Palau is an ongoing process. Palau Community College Continuing Education efforts have been one with the College mission to respond to the needs of the people throughout Palau. As far as the northern most point of the beautiful state of Kayangel, service has been rendered to accommodate the state request of a Global Positioning System (GPS), Outboard Motor Engine Maintenance and Repair, and Business Management training. And, stretching out to the southern tip of the Republic, an Adult High School program is helping seven residents of the beautiful state of Sonsorol to complete their high school diploma. The goal is to bring education to where the people are, making PCC services available to all who need it throughout Palau.

During the past year, PCC has served 719 people from the states of Ngarchelong, Ngardmau, Ngaremlengui, Melekeok, Koror and Sonsorol with varying interests and needs. The array of services thus far has resulted in the following areas of interests: customer services, computer training, photography, assisting mental health programs, and bioterrorism preparedness developmental workshop, parental workshop, English and Palauan language, Palauan cultural classes, and vision statement development workshop. In addition to the short-term training and related services, PCC Continuing Education is still recruiting adult students to the Adult High School Program, and assisting students who want to pursue their degrees in education abroad via distance education setting.

New programs that are about to begin are: woodcarving, which will be held on Saturdays, Fisheries management training, Adobe photoshop and pagemaker design, and Family history workshop. The family history workshop is a unique skill to learn and will enable participants to be able to put together their own family tree. As the summer is

approaching, PCC will be offering as usual, the summer kids programs. The programs will help to support the academic skills of students as well as other interests such as music, art and more.

By responding to the needs of the community, we encourage everyone to contact us about their needs and interests. There are no specific requirements to attend any of the offered programs as they are tailored to suit the individual needs of participants. All you need to do is call to inquire and register. For more information, call the PCC Continuing Education office at telephone number 488-2471 or 488-6223. As always, our door is always open and waiting for you!

See Inside for:

- 10th Charter Day Activities Update
- Library News
- Talent Search News

Thirteen Teams and Counting for Charter Day Tourney - Only Three Slots Left

The Palau Community College Annual Charter Day Softball Tourney has to date registered thirteen (13) teams in a tournament that will feature only sixteen (16) teams. Thus, only three more slots are left and the bracket will be full. At the present, teams that have registered include **Idid, PCC Criminal Justice Club, Lucky's Team, PCC SBA I and II, Ministry of Finance, Belias Softball Association Team, Bem Ermii, Angaur, OEK, Peleliu, Aimeliik, and MOC/PCC Alumni.**

As reported earlier, the tournament will be held the weekend of April 4-6, 2003. As in the tradition of previous years' tournaments, this year will feature only coed teams battling in a double elimination format at the Meyuns Ballfield. A registration fee of \$200 will secure a slot for each 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. Hurry and register your team today!

PCC Staff Get Published!

PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong, English Instructor Marianne Temaungil, and Assistant Professor of English Wilma Sukrad have seen a study they made published by the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL). These women teamed up to conduct a research on adult learning in the U.S. affiliated Pacific region as part of their coursework toward obtaining their master's degrees in education at San Diego State University (SDSU). After conducting their study, they forwarded a copy to PREL which saw the usefulness of the study's results to other researches and institutions that PREL got their permission to publish their work in July 2002.

The study's significance lies in the fact that no other study of its kind has been conducted in the region. Thus, what these ladies have done is set a trail for others to follow. PREL has forwarded several copies of the publication to the College, a number

10th PCC President's Run/Walk

All community members are duly reminded of, encouraged and invited to participate in the 10th Annual PCC President's Run/Walk which will take place on Friday April 4th. Just come to the PCC Parking lot between 4:00 -5:15 am on that day and be transported to the Koror-Side Waiting House, where the Run/Walk will commence and end at the Palau National Track. As always, the event is free and the first 100 registered runners and the first 200 registered walkers to finish will get a free Charter Day T-Shirt!

For everyone who participates, we will provide a delicious breakfast of fresh fruits and nutritious drinks to help jumpstart your day! Thus, join us for that early morning exercise as we celebrate the birthday of our college, PCC. Remember, the Run/Walk is Friday April 4, 2003. Mark your calendar and see you on the 4th! (For information about the 10th PCC Charter Day Celebration, contact Vincent Ito at PCC telephone number 488-2471, extension 238).

of which are available at the PCC Library.

Finally, these three women, along with their other fifteen classmates, have successfully completed their master's program at SDSU and have received their master of arts degree in education. The College commends Alvina, Marianne, and Wilma on having achieved their educational goals and be published in the process. You go girls!

Got Articles?

Please submit your article(s) for the Mesekiu's News to the Development Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Share your news with the rest of us and we will do likewise!

Self Study Teams Finalized

All four (4) standard teams of the College's Self Study Review Process have been formed and all standards have submitted their draft Descriptive Summary to Assistant Accreditation Liaison Officer for compilation prior to review by the Steering Committee. In last week's issue of this newsletter, we posted the names of members of Standards 1 & 2. This week's issue highlights members of Standards 3 & 4. Anyone who is not a member and would like to join or contribute may contact Accreditation Liaison Officer Presley Etibek or Assistant Accreditation Liaison Officer Marianne Temaungil at extensions 249 and 256 respectively.

Standard Three (Resources) Members:

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Vincent Ito, Co-Chair
Clement Kazuma, Co-Chair
Bruce Rimirch, Co-Chair
Grace Alexander, Co-Chair

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Karen Mobel
Aurora Del Rosario
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Jose Azuma
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Takemura Erungel
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Willes Tmecherur
Norman Sato
Gaylord Rdechor
Leah Moses

Howard Charles
Domingo Morei
Edolem Ikerdeu
Helene Moros
Leilanie Senior
Shiro Kesol
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Palau Community College Placement Testing

High school visits and placement testing for school year 2003 and 2004 for all high schools in Palau have been scheduled for March & April, 2003. With the initial high school visits completed, the schedule below shows when placement tests will take place:

HIGH SCHOOLS - Total # of Seniors	PLACEMENT TESTING		
	DATE	TIME/DAY	PLACE
Belau Modekngel School - 8	April 11, 2003	8:30-12:30pm (Friday)	BMS Campus
Bethania High School - 14	April 14, 2003	12:30-4:30pm (Monday)	BHS Campus
Emmaus High School - 12	April 15, 2003	8:00-12noon (Tuesday)	EHS Campus
Palau Mission Academy - 15	April 18, 2003	12:30-4:30pm (Friday)	PCC
Mindszenty High School - 39	April 16, 2003	8:00-12noon (Wednesday)	MHS Campus
Palau High School - 134	April 21, 2003	12:30-4:30pm (Monday)	PCC Cafeteria

RECRUITERS:

Mr. Sherman Daniel, Associate Dean
Ms. Dahlia Katosang, Dir. Admissions & Fin. Aid
Ms. Elenita Brel, Financial Aid Counselor

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Palau Community College-Office of Admissions and Financial, phone: (680) 488-2470 or 488-2471, fax: (680) 488-4468, or e-mail to the following addresses: admsfaid@palau.edu or dahliapcc@palaunet.com.

Palau Community College was fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges in 1977 and has since successfully maintained its accreditation status to the present, an accomplishment of which we are proud!



Palau Community College once again teamed up with Palau Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) to provide some free medical attention and treatment to a good number of household pets this past weekend. The clinic and required surgery took place at the Palau Community College Science Laboratory.

BITS AND PIECES...

Educational Talent Search Program News

Recently after the Educational Talent Search Program began its services to the local schools, Project Director Laura S. Mangham left to Tampa, Florida to attend TRIO Legislation and Regulations & Management Institutes for TRIO New Directors. Being a new director to the program, it was mandatory for Mrs. Mangham to attend the workshop. Mrs. Mangham left on March 5th and returned on March 13, 2003. The purpose of the workshops were to help the new directors understand the procedures and techniques on how to manage federal programs according to their rules and regulations. Moreover, the workshops also trained the new directors to manage and direct their programs to operate in compliance with Higher Education Act, EDGAR and Federal Regulations. (Submitted by ETS staff)

LIBRARY NEWS!

Written by PCC Library Staff

Library Statistics for the month of February

of visitors was 404
of books cataloged 247
of books circulated 2,411
donations were 4 boxes assorted books, games, and magazines

Did you know???

Did you know that Stephen King has started writing books under pen name Richard Bachman?

Come and check out "The Regulators", so far the only book available in the library. Other books by this author will soon be available.

New Books!!

"Last Man Standing" by: David Baldachi
"Perish Twice" by: Robert Parker
"Kiss of Bees" by: J.A. Jance
"Envy" by: Sandra Brown
"One for the Money" by Janet Evanovich
"Book of Great inventions"
These will soon be available to read!!!!!!

Check out the bulletin for more new books

Interesting books you should know about or should read???
Available at the Micronesian Pacific Collection

"A Slice of Palau's Multicultural Rainbow" By: ED 280 Class Project, Call # Micro-P 306.44 Sli 1998

For all SPAM lovers out there. Check out this book for a different taste. "Great Classic SPAM Recipes of the World" Call # Micro-P 641.5 Hor 1994

Wishing all PCC students a safe Spring Break!!!!!!!!!!!!!!