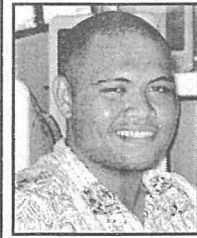


Alumni Notes

Class of 2003(PCC)

Thomas Borja -



2003 PCC graduate with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts. Borja works at George B. Havris Elementary School as a Computer Lab Manager.

Class of 1998 (PCC)

Olivine Joseph -



1998 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Secretarial Science (SEC). Joseph works at George B. Havris Elementary School as a classroom teacher. She has been teaching for

11 years.

Class of 1975 (MOC)

Grace K. Rafael -



1975 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Secretarial Science (SEC). Rafael worked for the Ministry of Health-Finance Department for the last

14 years as a Collection Clerk.

Alumni Notes showcases MOC&PCC alumni who contribute to the quality of life in their local community and are positive role models for other PCC students to emulate. If you are that alumni or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471. We would like to feature you in future issues of the *Mesekiu News*.

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Celebrating Birthdays

Bruce Rimirch March 19
Keith Ignacio March 20
Angelio Anthonio March 25

Happy Birthday To You!

2010 PCC Charter Day President's Run & Walk Friday, April 2nd, 2010

"Moving Forward in Appreciation and Unity"



President's
Run & Walk
April 2nd,
2010
5:30 a.m.

Race starts from
Koror Side of Japan-
Palau Friendship
Bridge and finishes at
PCC Mesekiu
Basketball Court.

T-shirts to first 100
Runners and 200
Walkers to finish.

FREE Continental
Breakfast to all Runners
and Walkers.

Contact Person:
Ephraim Ngirachitei
488-3074/488-2471
Hellen Imanuel
488-2470/488-2471

Photos courtesy of Danka Ledgerwood

In celebration
of its 41st PCC
Charter Day,
PCC will be
holding the
President's
Run & Walk
and invites all of Palau to join in the event.



The Run & Walk will take place on Friday, April 2nd, 2010, from the Koror side of the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge to the PCC Mesekiu Basketball Court. The first 100 runners & 200 walkers to complete the course will receive a commemorative collector's t-shirt. Complimentary Continental Breakfast will be served to all participants.

Transportation to the starting line will be available at the:

- PCC Parking Lot, from 4:15 a.m. to 5:15 a.m. The Run/Walk will start promptly at 5:30 a.m.

For more information about the 41st PCC Charter Day President's Run/Walk, please contact Chairman Ephraim Ngirachitei at 488-3074/2471 or Secretary Hellen Imanuel at 488-2470/2471. **JOIN US!**

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FSA Gentlemen's Gourmet

submitted by: Faculty Senate Association
The PCC Faculty Senate Association is hosting its 2nd annual Gentlemen's Gourmet on Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 6-10 pm at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center. Come and enjoy the culinary creations of local gentlemen and chefs.

A \$20 ticket will get you a complementary drink and a chance to win a great prize. Money raised will help secure scholarships for future PCC students. To buy a ticket, please call 488-2471 and ask for Tutii Joe Chilton, Tim Mitchell, Danka Ledgerwood, or Megan Beard.

FREE!!!

Palau Community College



MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, March 26, 2010

Weekly Newsletter

Volume 12, Issue 13

PCC Welcomes President Ma Republic of China President Arrives Today



Ma Ying-jeou
President of ROC-Taiwan

Republic of China (ROC) President Ma Ying-jeou and the presidential entourage arrive today at 1:00 pm for

a two-day state visit. This is the first state visit for President Ma to Palau. ROC is a close ally of Palau, providing millions in financial assistance as well as technical aid to help in the area of public infrastructure, health and education.

PCC has also benefitted from ROC's goodwill, receiving technical assistance in the area of staff development. A number of PCC staff have travelled to ROC to attend training in various professional fields. The ROC's Ministry of Foreign Affairs also dispatches a language specialist to PCC every year to teach the Mandarin classes.

Mesekiu's News & Rising Tide to Cover Ma's Visit

The newly-organized students Journalism club, Rising Tide has been invited along with staff writers from this newsletter to be part of the media corps to cover the visit of Republic of China President Ma-Ying-jeou.

The fifteen-strong student/staff writers from PCC will cover Ma's entire visit from his arrival at the airport, to his visit to the national capitol in Ngerulmud, Melekeok, as well as his visit to the Rock Islands on Sunday.

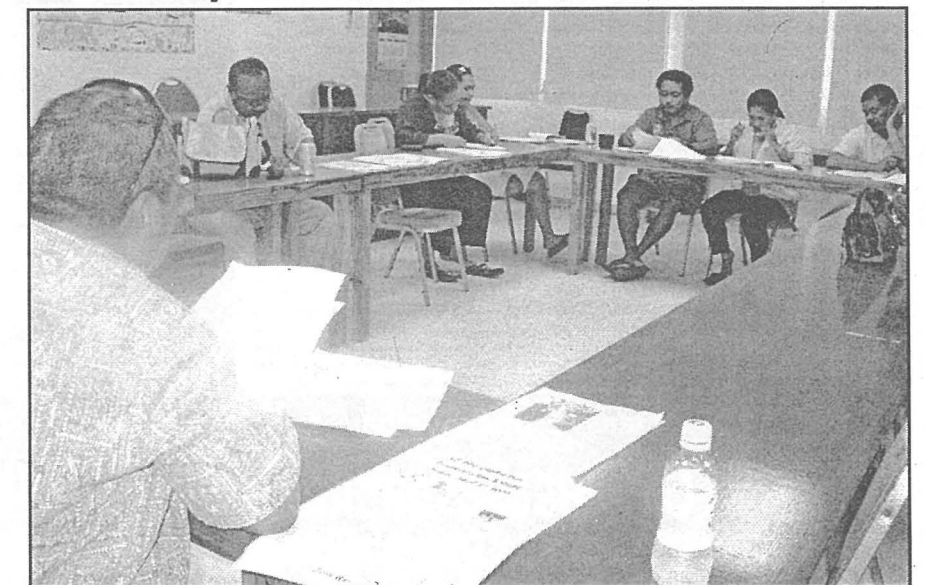
The student writers will be accompanied by Advisor Megan Beard while Mesekiu's News will send student writer/photographer Peterson Adelbai. Look for their stories in next Friday's issue of this newsletter, and the inaugural issue of Rising Tide slated to debut on Charter Day.

Charter Day Next Week

The planning committee tasked with organizing the 41st PCC Charter Day made it official during their meeting yesterday that this year's Charter Day commemoration will be "light" in terms of activities. The committee said that the day's sole activity will be the traditional President's Run & Walk followed by an assembly where President Tellei will address students and staff to highlight this year's Charter Day theme, "Moving Forward with Appreciation & Unity". Then in observance of the holy week, everyone will be released after the general assembly to go rest and attend Good Friday services.

Ephraim Ngirachitei who heads the planning body said that unlike previous Charter Days, no other activities will be planned for the day besides the Run/Walk. "With the recently concluded accreditation visit where everyone

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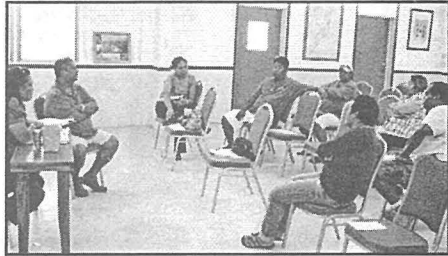
Charter Day planning committee Chair Ephraim Ngirachitei meeting with committee members yesterday.

President Tellei Addresses FSA Meet



President Tellei (c-back) was the guest speaker at the Faculty Senate Association (FSA) meeting yesterday. Faculty members had the opportunity to get an update from the President and also had the opportunity to ask questions and present any concerns. The FSA is a nonprofit body consisting of faculty members that meets regularly to address concerns and suggest improvements to instructional programs among others.

Health Care Rep Speaks at CSO Gathering



Lorraine Kloulubak (l) of Calvo's Insurance, PCC health care provider meets with members of the Classified Staff Organization to address individual concerns regarding benefits of the Guam-based health care insurance. CSO President Ephraim Ngrirachitei (2nd-left) has been active in holding regular meetings to keep members updated on important issues such as staff health care coverage and compensations.

BITS AND PIECES...

NAVIGATION CLASS

Maisu to Leave for SW Islands...

The Non-instrument navigation class' next practical training on Voyaging Canoe *Alingano Maisu* will be next month. The students will depart on Monday, April 5, and sail for the southwest islands of Tobo, Sonsorol, Merir, Pulo-Ana and Helen's Reef. The entire voyage will take about 3 weeks and students will apply the skills and knowledge they have learned in the classroom, according to Captain/Instructor Sesario Sewralur. The class has already logged two voyages- one to Ngulu atoll of Yap Island and the other to Kayangel State.

Pohnpeian Students Cook Pig "home-style"...



Using the traditional Pohnpeian cooking method of burying a stuffed pig with hot stones, students prepare a sumptuous feast for dorm students last week.

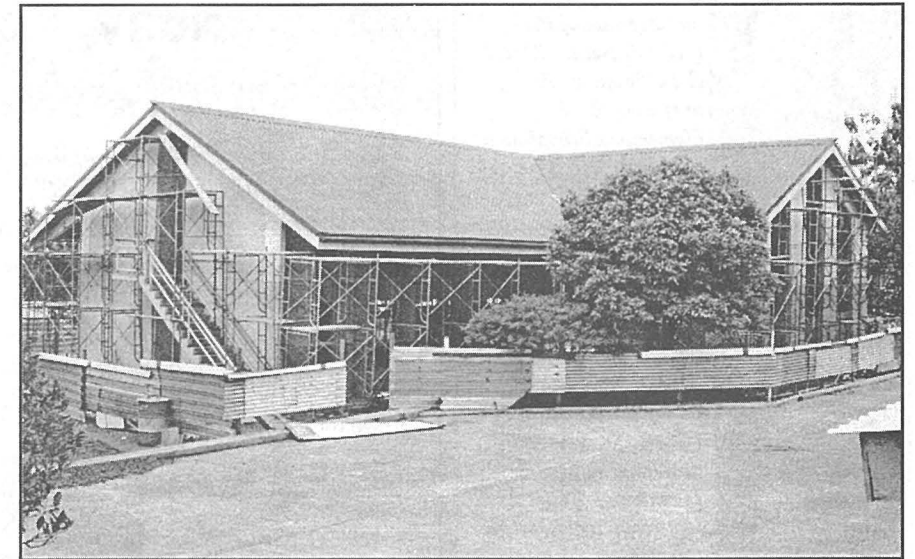
Charter Day, from Front Page

at the College worked hard to prepare for, the committee unanimously agreed that we all needed a break. I think granting everyone the day-off after the President's Run/Walk shows that we recognize and appreciate everyone's efforts which is very much in line with our theme," said Ngrirachitei.

He said that the committee's focus this year will only be on the President's Run/Walk scheduled to begin at 5:30am from the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge and concluding on campus. "We are working hard to promote this year's Run/Walk event as we want to see record number of people participate. More commemorative t-shirts will be given to those who participate, compared to last year.

For information about the 41st PCC Charter Day, contact Ephraim Ngrirachitei at 488-2470-71.

Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence



Construction work on the PTHSE is slated to be completed in August, 2010.

Construction work on the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence is progressing according to schedule. Project Manager Mr. Shao said that they recently completed the roofing work and are now concentrating on the interior of the building.

"We are now working on the plumbing and electrical systems. Even though we are building from the pre-existing foundation and shell of the old dorm D complex, we still

have to layout a completely new plumbing and wiring system," he said. After that it should be a pretty clear-cut job and we should finish it as scheduled, in August.

The PTHSE project is a joint undertaking between PCC, Ministry of Education, and the Belau Tourism Association to establish a first-rate facility that can be used to teach and promote excellence in the Tourism & Hospitality field.

JICA Volunteer Helps AG Program



Senior JICA Volunteer Yoshio Takahashi and AG instructor Gachalian.

Senior Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) volunteer Yoshio Takahashi has been working tirelessly to help Agricultural Science (AG) instructor Alex Gachalian with the Animal Science classes.

Takahashi who is from Chiba Prefecture close to Tokyo is on a two-year assignment and believes that he can help Gachalian in further making the AG program attractive to more student.

Last Day to File Refund Applications Next Week

If you have not filed your Endowment refund applications, next week Wednesday, March 31, 2010 is the last day to do so. Stop by at PCC Development Office and allow Dilubch to take care of all your Endowment needs.

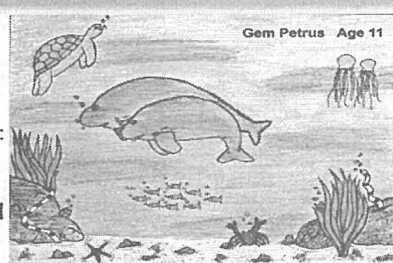
- Don't forget to bring the following:
- ✓ Check stub #26 or Wages & Tax Form for year 2009.
 - ✓ Original receipts for your donations to other nonprofit organizations.

We welcome recently-enrolled members Marphina Ngitong of the Ministry of Education and Allison Philip of the Bureau of Land & Surveys. To find out how you can join Ngitong, Philip and hundreds of others who are already giving to the Endowment Fund, contact the PCC Development Office at 488-2471, ext. 253. If you can't come to the office, no worries, Dilubch and Alvina will come to look for you at your place of choosing.



2010 Dugong Contest Winners 1st PRIZE

Free helicopter ride, Palau books and T-shirt: Drawing- Gem Petrus Koror Elementary School Essay-Biusech Tabelual Mindszenty High School



Gem Petrus Age 11

Excerpts from "DUGONGS AND DREAMS"

It could have been a dream that never came true in life. I remember the thought of what can beat the pleasure of a fishing trip in Palau. The rollercoaster ride began as the view of civilization faded away with every second into the theme park of nature. An unexpected surprise of something unknown caught my eyes. Thanks to my father and uncle I realized I had seen a live dugong in the wild. Dugongs are disappearing and their lives lay on the precipice of extinction. To join the fight to save dugongs I present you with knowledge and reasons why we need to take responsibility and action.

Dugongs are a unique part of Palau's ecosystem. Dugongs are vegetarians depending on sea grasses, and are more like the gardeners of the sea. Dugongs are related to humans and both are mammals. Dugongs also have links to Palau's prehistoric times. Consider the legend of the lady who turned into a Dugong (Redil el mlo mesekiu) after she disobeyed her mother and ate a nut and ran away. One of the morals of this story is to listen and obey your parents.

Those of you who have taste to kill, listen to the government and obey the laws because it is illegal to kill Dugongs. We are fortunate because we still have them, not every place has these majestic creatures. Palauans long ago hunted down Dugongs for quality meat and the luxury of the bone bracelet, it seems like it was a trophy from the sea to bring home. Today I just don't know why people can't realize that taking from something already less will soon result in nothing. People killing these harmless innocent mammals value the meat more than the beauty to see it alive for the future and posterities to come.

Early Palauans did think of the future that is why Dugongs live today. In the past methods such as restrictions on killing (bul)were ways of conserving. I think we should live the ideals of the past in the present in order to save Dugongs for the future. Within Palau's Constitution it is written "we renew our dedication to preserve and enhance our traditional heritage", in other words to follow the footsteps of our ancestors. The sea is already becoming full of boat and ship traffic while being polluted, corrupting the dugong habitats and livelihood.

I believe it takes more than just one person or one law to make a change. What can you do? What can Palau do? There are endless possibilities to what we can do to save the Dugongs. Quoting former president Tommy Remengesau Jr. "Preserve the best and improve the rest", we need to act now. Stop the killing! The border of extinction is inches away for the Dugongs. It is up to us now to change that direction. Let us all join the fight to save the lives of Dugongs, and dreams will come true...



Students from all over Palau were quizzed about Dugongs and admired a "Mlich" Mesekiu done by Betty Salvador, part of the Dugong displays shown by PCC Marine Science students on March 17 & 18.



Contest judges Mandy Etpison, Pat Colin (CRRF), Yalap Yalap (PCS), Lucy Sugiyama (PPR), Sherry Ngrimmeril (PCC) and the other sponsors thank all local schools and students for supporting the 2010 Dugong Campaign.

at least 2 Dugongs have been killed in Palau since January 1st, 2010

STOP illegal dynamite fishing and killing of MESEKIU!

