





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. Harris 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. Harris 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 and all alumni in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

Celebrating Birthdays
 Keiden Skilang March 28
Happy Birthday To You!

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Mesekiu in the Playoffs Despite Loss

Even after wrapping up the second round with a win-loss record of 9-9, the Mesekiu Basketball team still made it to the playoffs. They lost to Peched last night in their final game of the second round with the score of 80-74, but finished sixth overall in their division and thus will play in the playoffs. The playoffs schedule will come out next week.

For more information about Mesekiu basketball, contact Coach Hamilton Maech at 488-3885.

JICA, from Page 3
 commute from her work. Her flat in the Shinjuku area of Tokyo is a close distance to the Palau embassy in Tokyo and she plans to visit one day.

Miyashita who was actively involved in sports when she was in Palau said that she joined the recently-held Tokyo Marathon and finished in with the thousands of other runners. Miyashita has many fond memories of Palau and is actually meeting with groups in Tokyo to share her Palau experience. She recently met with the girl scouts troupe of Tokyo.

Last Day for Filing Endowment Refund Next Wednesday

The last day to file for income tax refunds for all those who have made donations and contributions to the PCC Endowment Fund, is next Wednesday, March 31, 2009. If you have not filed your income tax refunds yet, come to the Development Office with your 2008 wages and tax statement and we'll help you with the application form. For information, you can contact the Development Office at 488-2471.



Endowment Fund contributor Terry Eledui Ngriraingas of the Judiciary Office holding her refund check.

Message of Condolences

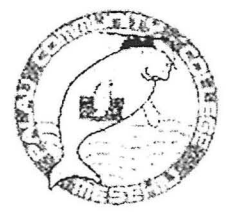
Our Condolences to the family of Edmund Uehara who passed away last Friday. Edmund worked for many years with the College's Physical Plant Division and has many friends at the college. Uehara was a hardworker, who in addition to his employment at PCC, also worked after hours to make lunch "bentos" for sale. His bentos which were sold at the PCC bookstore were so uniquely good that after he left PCC, many of his loyal customers stopped patronizing the bookstore. Our thoughts and prayers goes out to his family during this most difficult time of sorrow and grief.

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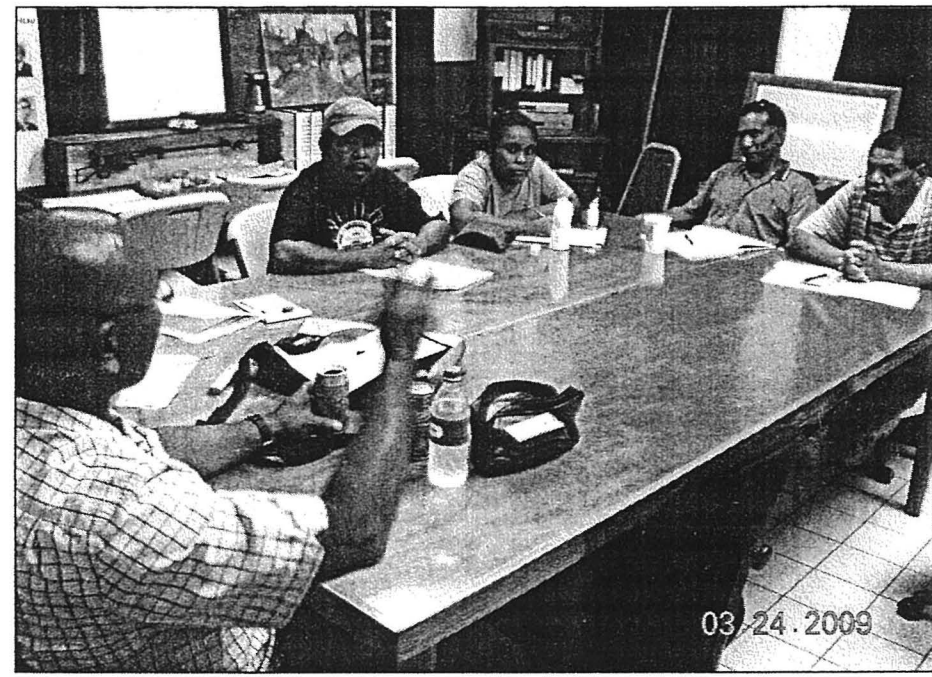


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Weekly Newsletter

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CHARTER DAY is NEXT FRIDAY



Charter Day Organizing Committee Chairman Thomas Taro gives final instructions to committee members as they prepare for next Friday's event to mark the 40th anniversary of PCC.

Vice President Thomas Taro who was assigned by PCC President Tellei to head the organizing committee to prepare for the 40th PCC Charter Day said earlier this week after he met with the committee, that everything is on schedule. He said that the bulk of the committee's work is on the Run/Walk event and the cafeteria gathering.

Taro said the day's event will begin with the traditional President's Run/Walk where ROP President Johnson has been invited along with his cabinet members to join President Tellei, staff, students, as well as community members for the 5K run/walk from the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge to the PCC Track & Field. Senator Regina Mesebeluu who chairs the Senate Committee on Health & Education, and Delegate Kalistus

Ngirturong who chairs the same committee for the House of Delegates were also invited. Also planned for the 40th Charter Day is a general assembly at the PCC cafeteria where President Tellei will address all staff and students. The assembly's agenda will focus on milestone accomplishments and as well as current developments at the College, especially in the last 10 years since Tellei took over as President in February of 1999.

Tellei said that the time is indeed appropriate, given that it is a milestone celebration, that each staff and student take a moment to reflect back on major accomplishments over the years, accomplishments that everyone has worked hard to realize. During his address, Tellei plans to go over his

platform from his investiture ceremony speech back in 1999, to see which goals have been accomplished.

To help promote the 40th Charter Day, President Tellei and Vice President Taro have also booked time on the local radio stations to talk about the event. They will be on live with host Charlie Olkeriil of Eco-Paradise FM at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 31, and on Wednesday at 7:30 am with host Senator Alfonso Diaz of WWFM radio station.

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Graduation Preparation Underway

The spring commencement exercises' planning group have begun initial preparation for the graduation event scheduled to be held on Friday, May 22, 2009.

According to the record of the group's first meetings, over one hundred fifteen graduates are anticipated to march during this spring's commencement exercises. This number not only reflect PCC graduates but is also inclusive of graduates of the Adult High School Program and San Diego State University (SDSU). Eighty (80) of the one hundred eighteen prospective PCC graduates have shown interest in attending the ceremony along with fourteen (14) of Adult High School, and twenty-four (24) SDSU bachelor of arts candidates.

The group's next meeting is on April 1st. Interested volunteers are asked to call college registrar Lesley Adachi who is also the head of planning body.

Students Celebrate FSMSO All Around

Members of the Federated States of Micronesia Student Organization (FSMSO) enjoyed a day of fun & games last weekend at the track & field. The group's advisors Rose Aliven-Kohama and Elizabeth deJong teamed up with dorm manager Ephraim Ngirachitei to organize the event. Most dorm students and some from off-campus participated in the event which is meant to promote friendship and camaraderie between FSM students and others.



Students get ready for the three-legged race.



Dorm manager Ephraim Ngirachitei helped organize the FSMSO fun & games and also served as the event announcer.



FSM students enjoy the downpour during the FSMO fun & games.



LS Book Repair Practicum

Monday morning, students in the Library and Information Services (LS) course LS125: Book Repair and Preservation of Materials had the opportunity to put their skills to the test in the first of a series of hands-on book repair practicum activities. This first practicum involved the most common type of book repair, spine rebinding. Students first learned the purpose of the repair, then how to identify which materials require repair, and finally methods and techniques for performing the repair properly.



Magdalene Nena, a Library & Information Services student from Kosrae State uses her book repair skills to restore some of the books in the library's Micro-Pacific collection.

After practicing on 10 books each, students in the LS course then went to the PCC Library shelves and selected 5 additional books that required the spine rebinding repair. Under the guidance of the LS instructor, Megan Beard, each of the books were repaired and are currently drying and binding. Next Monday, the materials will be evaluated for the effectiveness of the repairs and, if

the spine rebinding were successful, the materials will be returned to the library shelves. The upcoming book repair practicum activities will involve more intricate and complicated repairs, all of which will be performed at the PCC Library. If you are interested in learning more about book repair or preservation, please contact PCC LS instructor Megan K. Beard at mbeard@palaunet.com.

Handicrafts for Sale

Crafts	
Brooms	Dolphin (piece)
Rabbits	Turtle (set)
Rope (50yds)	Turtle (big)
Rope (100yds)	Turtle (tiny/piece)
Handfan (big)	Rib (set-big, small)
Handfan (small)	Brooms
StringRay	Brooms
Dolphin (set)	Brooms

If you would like to support the PCC, please contact Rose at 488-2470, ext. 244.

donations until the day before the Book Sale. All donations will either be put to good use in a local library or will be added to the Library Week Book Sale. Either way, your donation will directly support the libraries of Palau. To donate books or magazines, just bring them by any library or call 488-3540 and a friendly PAL member will stop by to pick them up!



Library staff Tanya Ngirkuteling receiving book donations from Zamira K. Lim of Emmaus High School.

Donations Pour in for PAL Library Week Book Sale

Donations have been pouring in for the upcoming 2009 PAL Library Week Book Sale, which will be held on Saturday, April 18th in the parking lot in front of PCC. The Palau Association of Libraries (PAL) would like to thank the following people for their generous donations:

Zamira K. Lim, Emmaus High School; Virginia Crockett Tellei, PNCC; Megan K. Beard, PCC; Charles Taylor, former attorney for the ROP Vice President. It's not too late if you have books you'd like to donate. PAL will be accepting

BITS AND PIECES...

THANK YOU

Library Thanks Donors...

PCC Thanks all those who have donated books to the PCC Library during the past weeks and continues to welcome donations. Please contact one of the friendly staff at the library at 488-2471 to make a donation.

REMINDER

President Tellei and VP Taro to promote Charter Day on local radios...

President Tellei and Vice President Taro will be the guest on two local radio stations next week to promote the College's 40th Charter Day slated for Friday, April 3, 2009. Tellei and Taro will be live on Eco Paradise radio station with host Charlie Olkeriil on Tuesday at 1:00 pm; and on Wednesday at 7:30 am on WWFM radio station.

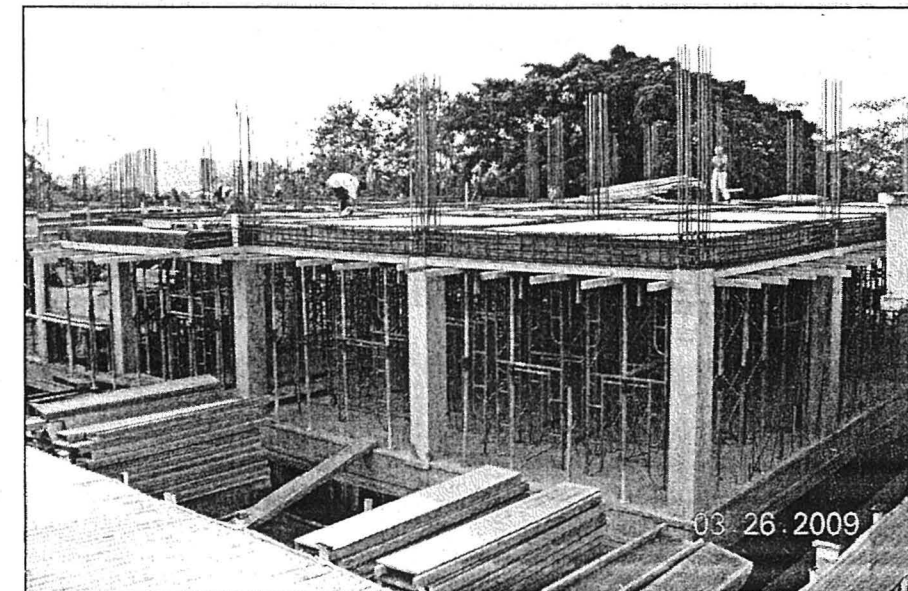
TRAINING

CE Holds Customer Service Training...



Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) employees recently concluded a Customer Service training which was offered through the PCC Continuing Education office. Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally conducted the training. For information about the Continuing Education training programs, call Willy Wally at 488-2471, ext. 239.

85 Days Into 270 Days of Construction of the New PCC Library



Each floor of the three-story structure measure 5 inches thick and strength-tested at 3000 psi. The library will occupy the first two floors, while the third floor will house offices for faculty members and officers of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPPC).

Charter Day, from Front Page

The 40th Charter Day organizing committee welcomes the general public to join the President's Run/Walk, as commemorative t-shirts will be given to the first 100 walkers and runners, with continental breakfast served to all.

For more information about the PCC Charter Day, please contact Vice President Thomas Taro at 488-2746/2471; or Hellen Imanuel at 488-2962/2471.

Australian Regional Development Scholarship (ARDS)

ARDS provides the opportunity for resident citizens from FSM, RMI, and the Republic of Palau to undertake studies at post-secondary education institutions in the Pacific region for study levels of Technical/Vocational, Undergraduate, and Postgraduate (masters level). ARDS preliminary application forms can be downloaded from www.fsm.embassy.gov.au

Former PCC JICA Volunteer Now with Tokyo Livestock Tech. Association



Maho Miyashita, former PCC JICA volunteer (4th from left) with members of the Tokyo girl scout chapter.

Maho Miyashita, a former Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) volunteer who was assigned to a two-year (2006-08) assignment with the PCC Agriculture program is now back in Japan, and has secured a one year employment contract with a Tokyo-based company called the Livestock Technology Association.

Miyashita works as a clerk and handles record keeping and accounting for the firm. Miyashita who is from Nara Prefecture, southwestern Japan, said that she is lucky also to have found a flat in Tokyo where she can be within minutes