

OMIP Trains PPUC and PNCC  
Employees in  
Utility Supervision/Management



In an awarding ceremony that was held at the PCC cafeteria last Friday, employees of PPUC and PNCC received their certificate of achievement for successfully accomplishing a training in utility supervision/management. OMIP provides training for interested government and private companies as well as individuals, with trainings ranging from meter maintenance to computer software applications. For more information about OMIP and its services, please contact Mr. Don Hanser at telephone number 488-5878.

## Belau Health Fair

Friday, April 19, 2002

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Neco Plaza Parking Lot

By: Debra Neas, PCC Librarian & Health Fair Committee Member

Celebrate "Healthy Choice for a Good Life" as we "Move for Health" here in the Republic of Palau. The official World Health Day is on April 7th, however, collaborative efforts with the following organizations have set the stage for an incredibly wonderful and fun-filled day of activities. The day's program is designed to inform the public in all areas of health on Friday, April 19, 2002. Please stop by on that day and check out the following booths for your free information and great giveaways! A day for all Palauans to stay informed about your health! We'll see you there!

### Belau Health Fair Info. Booths

"Quit and Win 2002" - Tobacco Control Program"

Mrs. Valerie Whipps - 488-8118

"Information Booth" - Palau Community College Library

Ms. Debra Neas - 488-3540

"Protect Our Home" - EQPB

Ms. Pearl Marumoto - 488-3600

"Palau In Motion" - Public Health

Dr. Stephenson Kuartei - 488-4805

"Total Wellness/Newstart" - SDA

Dr. Wayne Smith - 488-1911

"Nursing" - PCC School of Nursing

Terry Nginrang - 488-2471, ext. 272

"Body Fat Testing & Exercise" - Division of Public Health

Tino Faatuuala - 488-4804

"Oral Health/Ungil Teeth" - Dental

Dr. Keith Larson - 488-2552

"Maternal Child Health" - Inter agency Project

Ms. Berry Watson - 488-1757

"Restorative Justice" - Department of Justice

Nano Tellei - 488-1218

"Healthy Choices for a Good Life" - Mental Health

Dr. Sylvia Andres - 488-1907

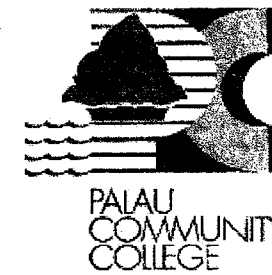
"Better to Light a Flame than to Curse the Darkness" - Substance

Abuse Prevention

Debbie Toribiong - 488-6252

### Health Fair Committee thanks their major sponsors:

- NECO
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- RADAR
- Belau Health Organizations
- Palau National Olympic Committee
- Palau Community College

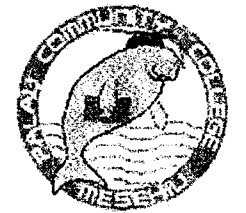


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# NEWS

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Friday, April 5, 2002

Weekly Newsletter

Volume 4, Issue 14

# HAPPY CHARTER DAY, PCC!

Today marks the 9th Charter Day Celebration for Palau Community College and the entire College has planned activities for this special day. With no classes held today, it begins with the annual PCC President's Run & Walk from the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge to the Palau National Track at 5:30 am.

At 8:00 am, His Excellency Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of Palau, will grace the campus by delivering a special speech to the community college family. Following him will be the Honorable Steven Kanai, Senator of the 6th Olbil Era Kelulau and PCC alumnus. At that point, the College will begin the day's activities which will feature dance performances reflecting the diverse cultures representative of the PCC student body. The festivity culminates in a Charter Day luncheon highlighting local cuisine which will entice everyone's taste buds.

Beginning at 6:00 pm thru Sunday April 7th, the College holds its 4th Annual Charter Day Softball Tournament Fund Raiser for the PCC Endowment Fund. The tournament games will be held at the Meyuns Ball Field, and page 2 of this newsletter provides detailed information about the tournament. Palau Community College, in celebrating its Charter Day, takes this opportunity to extend its sincere appreciation to the entire Palau community for your generosity and assistance during the past year(s). We at PCC continue to count on you as our partner in our quest to provide educational and training opportunities for Palau and the Micronesian region.

At the same time, Palau Community College values its role as a vital member of the Palauan community. As such, the College has always participated and volunteered in community events whenever possible. We are proud to have been an active sponsor and participant in the recently held Palau National Youth Day Celebration. It was also our privilege to host the nation's Memorial Service held in honor of the United States and its victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Last year, we were also honored by being appointed to spearhead the planning and coordination of the nation's first convention of people with disabilities. Because of that convention, the issues confronting our fellow citizens with disabilities are now being addressed by government as well as advocacy groups.

Indeed, we at PCC have been fortunate to be called upon by the nation and the local community because it gives us the opportunity to make a difference, both at the individual and the national level.

Therefore, let us continue our unique partnership. Together, let us work to ensure that Palau Community College will always be there to provide the educational opportunities for our citizens and friends from the region.

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## Celebrating Birthdays

Palau Community College April 2, 1993

Happy 9th Birthday To  
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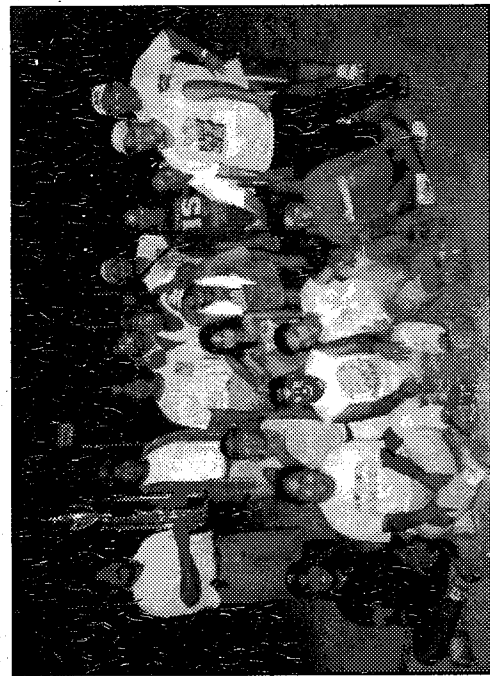
### HISTORY OF PCC

- 1927 - 1944 - Mokko School
- 1948 - 1955 - Palau Intermediate School
- 1955 - 1969 - Palau Voc. Tech/School
- 1969 - 1977 - Micronesian Occupational Center
- 1978 - 1993 - Micronesian Occupational College
- 1993 - Present - Palau Community College

## PCC THANKS CHARTER DAY SPONSORS: FINAL LISTING OF SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT BELOW

Below is a final listing of the teams that will participate in the 2002 Charter Day Softball Tournament Fund Raiser for the PCC Endowment Fund. The tournament will take place during the period of April 5-7, 2002, starting at 6:00 pm at the Meyuns Ball Field. There were changes that have been made on last week's list, and these changes have been incorporated into the final list below for everyone's information and convenience. The local community of Palau is cordially invited to come and root for your team as we enjoy this tournament of fun competition while we raise money for the PCC Endowment Fund! PCC is also very grateful for this year's team sponsors as well as the overall tournament sponsors who are reflected in this article. Without your generosity, this tournament would not have been possible. Thank you all very much and we at PCC hope you continue this unique partnership with us as we strive to secure the future higher education opportunities for Palau's and Micronesia's children.

TEAM (SPONSOR)	CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE #
1. KR (KR Enterprises)	Carla Rudimch	488-1143
2. CJ Club (Surangel & Sons Co. & Senator Mlib Tmetuchl)	Joan Philip	488-2471, ext. 240
3. Min. of Health (MOH)	Nick Ngwal	488-2552/2553
4. Lucky's Machine (Bendix Lakobong)	Bendix Lakobong	488-1811
5. Koror State (Koror St. Gov't.)	Kenneth Merep	488-3133
6. Belias Softball Assoc. (BSA)	LeoBen Tertong	488-2471, ext. 228
7. Bem Ermii (Kerai Ngrimekur)	Kerai Ngrimekur	488-4254
8. Ministry of Education (MOE)	Ben Thomas	488-1464
9. OEK (OEK)	Ricky Mechol	488-2455
10. Min. Comm. Cult. Affrs. (MCCA)	Uchel Sechevas	488-1126
11. Min. Commerce & Trade (MCT)	Charles Obichang	488-2111/2544
12. Ministry of Justice (MOJ)	Omtei Ringang	488-1422/2654
13. Ministry of Finance (MOF)	Milan Isaac	488-2501
14. Meyuns (Minister Eibuchel Sadang)	Charley Olkeriil	488-2417
15. Angaur (Angaur St. Gov't.)	Natus Misch	488-2028
16. Idid Kemwe (Idid Youth)	Louisa Santos	488-8417



The Champions of last year's 2001 Charter Day Softball Tournament Fund Raiser encourages the teams to give it their all.

**Overall Charter Day Sponsors:**  
**Pacific Savings Bank - \$200 toward Tourney Balls**  
**PCC Criminal Justice Club - \$217 toward Tourney Balls**  
**Min. Comm. & Cult. Affrs. - Use of Meyuns Ball Field**  
**W.I.A. (Formerly JTPA) - Trophies**  
**Belau Softball Ump. Assoc. - Officiating the Games**

If you would like to make a donation to the PCC Endowment Fund, please contact Patrick U. Tellei, PCC President, Armstrong Debelbot or Jay Olegeriil at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471. Your donation will ensure that you have played a big role in the future education of our children. At the same time, your donation entitles you to a tax refund as PCC is a public non-profit organization. For more information about PCC programs and services, also contact PCC President Tellei or Jay Olegeriil at the above numbers, or email to [tellei@belau.org](mailto:tellei@belau.org) or [polou@belau.org](mailto:polou@belau.org) or [jayo@belau.org](mailto:jayo@belau.org).

## Palau Community College: An Evolution of Leadership

*The following article was written by Ayano Baules, a long time employee of Palau Community College.*

Seventy-five years ago, when the foundations of our present Palau Community College were laid in what became locally known as "Skuul ra Mokko.", the late Iyechadribukel Baules Sechelong was only 12 years old, Adelbairureor Ubal Tellei was a mere two-year old, and Melachelbeluu Wilhelm Rengiil would not be born until two-years later.

As a regional, vocational school for Micronesian boys from Palau all the way to the Marshall islands, Mokko would, for almost twenty years, graduate carpenters, boat builders, and cabinet makers, some of whom became the pillars of our political and educational systems not only in Palau but also throughout Micronesia. After World War II in 1947, according to Melachelbeluu Wilhelm Rengiil, a group of seven Mokko alumni made history as the first Palauans to attend an American run school (Pacific Island Training School) in Guam. They were Mr. Roman Tmetuchl, Mr. Alfonso Oiterong, Mr. David Ramarui, Mr. Sadang N. Silmai, Mr. Takseng Chin, Mr. Jonathan O. Emul, and Mr. Wilhelm R. Rengiil himself.

When they returned in 1948, Mr. Silmai became the first principal of Palau Intermediate School with Mr. Rengiil as the vice principal. The Palau Intermediate School offered both academic and vocational subjects until 1955 when as an offshoot of the intermediate school, the Palau Vocational School was created to handle only the vocational subjects. Mr. Wilhelm Rengiil became the principal. The intermediate school evolved into the present Palau High School. The Palau Vocational School had a longer evolution process. It became the Micronesian Occupational Center in 1969 with Mr. Rengiil as a deputy director under an American director. When the Center turned into a Micronesian Occupational College in school year 1977-1978, Mr. Rengiil had already become the Director of the Center, and became the first Palauan President of College.

Many graduates of Mokko/MOC/PCC have gone on to become great leaders in Palau and Micronesia. The late Ngraked Roman Tmetuchl, who was a successful businessman, became an avid politician who became a legislator in Palau and a member of the Congress of Micronesia among other great accomplishments. With other noteworthy accomplishments not mentioned here, the late Rebes Alfonso Oiterong was a great educator who became the Director of Education of Palau District. A superb educator himself, the late Mr. David Ramarui became the Director of Education of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, serving the whole Micronesia. After serving the educational system in Palau for many years, the late Ngrikebai Sadang Silmai became a politician and a businessman.

Mr. Jonathan O. Emul became one of the first Palauans to teach English as a second language in Palau Intermediate School after which he became a politician and a businessman. According to a niece, Dr. Takseng Chin, a retired medical doctor specializing in OB/GYN, joined the U.S. military service earlier in life, became a lawyer, and then pursued a career in medicine until retirement. He owns a private medical clinic in Florida. After a long career as

educator, Mr. Rengiil left the College in 1986, becoming the Minister of Resource and Development prior to his retirement. He is now the president of the Palau Retirees' Association.

While the search was on for a new president, the Reverend Billy Kuartei (who was a member of the College of Micronesia Board of Regents) served one year as an interim President until Mr. Francis M. Matsutaro was hired. Matsutaro saw the college evolve into Palau Community College in April 1993, after President Kuniwo Nakamura signed into law the Higher Education Act of 1993. After ten years as president of the College, Matsutaro left in 1997, leaving the door open for another search for a new president.

Mr. Mario Katosang who was then Vice President of Education and Training, became the interim president for over a year until January 1999, when Mr. Patrick U. Tellei took the challenge to lead the College. Mr. Tellei also made history when he became the first MOC/PCC alumnus to become the president of his alma mater. From its humble beginnings as a Japanese run Mokko vocational school with crude hand tools and graduating only a few Palauan boys, Palau Community College is now 100% run by Palauans and has become a multi-million dollar college offering liberal arts and vocational courses; using computers so the students can get on-line with other institutions of higher learning abroad and have access to other learning resource centers.

PCC has graduated hundreds of Micronesians from Marshalls, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Saipan, Yap, and Palau. Many members of the faculty and staff of the College are themselves alumni of the College. Senator Steven Kanai is one of the College's renowned alumni. The College's enrollment today has surpassed 500. Its doors are wide open for anyone interested in getting a college degree, a certificate of achievement, or completing an adult high school program. Other than Micronesians, the College has also served students from Japan, Philippines, Taiwan, China, and Sri Lanka.

Again, the door is wide open. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



PCC President Tellei completed his first three-year contract this January 2002. The Board of Trustees renewed his contract for an additional four years.