

Alumni Notes

Class of 1987 (MOC)

Janice Ngiraswei



Earned an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Secretarial Science. She worked at Financial Aid Office, changed careers to become a flight attendant, then decided to go to Pohnpei for medical school. Came back to intern at BNH then got hired as a doctor. She worked at MOH until 2004, where she moved to Family Surgical Clinic. Has done post grad work with Fiji School of Med. and Univ. of Auckland. It doesn't matter where you attend, but believe in yourself.

Class of 2004

Filton Rdechor



Earned a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Tourism & Hospitality - Tour Service. Did his intern at Dolphin's Pacific and was hired upon completion of his degree as a Dolphin Trainer. Enjoys learning different cultures from different people.

Class of 2004

Gregory Meyar



Earned his Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Agricultural Sciences. Was hired as an instructor's assistant for a while at PCC, decided to attend a University in Taiwan to further his education, and now is back in Palau working at Bureau of Agriculture as a livestock agent stationed at Nekken Office.

Alumni Notes showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities. If you are that alumnus/alumna 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's News*.

Mesekiu's News
Palau Community College
P.O. Box 9, Koror, Palau 96940

Celebrating Birthdays

Gaylord Rdechor Apr 12
Johnston Kloulubak Apr 16
Flora Wasisang Apr 16

Happy Birthday To You!

Thank You from CSO

CSO President Ngirachitei, on behalf of the Classified Staff Organization of Palau Community College, would like to thank the following people for their generous contributions which made the organization's per-



Classified Staff Organization members in dance troupe.

formance during PCC's 42nd Charter Day a memorable one. Your act of kindness is deeply appreciated.

Pkoi Higa - choreographer; Uroi Salii - grass skirts; Demi Emesiochel - accessories; Leena Thomas, Project Coordinator - I Love Water T-Shirts through Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) Project and Gwendolynn Sisior - I Love Water T-Shirts.

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voyage on the last stretch from Yap to Palau. Those joining the crew will be Hulda Lucas, Debbie Toribiong, Leo Ruluked Jr. and Paul Frateolo. The Aligano Maisu departed as family members of the crew, PCC President, staff and community members bid them farewell and well wishes for the journey as they sailed out from the Drop Off Marina.

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) Computer Technician, Computer Services Office
Salary range: \$12,049 - 20,607 per annum
- (2) Director, Human Resources Office
Salary range: \$18,730 - 28,833 per annum
- (3) Director, Finance
Salary range: \$18,730 - 28,833 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Mobil at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227.

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MESEKIU Basketball Corner

Mesekiu Team update: Team Mesekiu is ranked 12th out of 21 ranking before the playoffs began. They are scheduled to play against the Ranchers, ranked 21st. If they win, they will continue to the playoffs. If they lose, it will be the end of the road for



Team Mesekiu in their new uniforms looking sharp.

them. They have done a great job this season with the help of coach Maech. Contact coach Maech for updates of the teams status for the next week. Recreation Office is 488-3885.

New Donor Joins Endowment Fund



Rose Stevenson who is working at PCAA Headstart in the Transportation Dept. recently joined the Endowment Fund. Thank you for your support, and welcome to the Endowment Fund. If you wish to join, please contact Dilubch Samil at 488-2740 ext. 253 or stop by the Development Office.

ENERGY SAVING MEASURES

Attention all PCC employees. The cost of electric power has increased. Please be conscious about turning off all electrical units and technology equipment when securing the offices for the day. Let us continue conserving energy and keeping the cost of our power down.

FREE!!! Palau Community College

MESEKIU'S NEWS

Friday, April 08, 2011 Weekly Newsletter Volume 13, Issue 14

PCC Celebrates 42nd Charter Day



Day Care Center children with parents and teachers singing the Palau National Anthem.

Palau Community College celebrated its 42nd annual Charter Day on Friday, April 01, 2011, with a refreshing twist - to celebrate and appreciate diversity - in *Making a Difference*. The traditional President's Run/Walk began at the early hours of Friday morning with cul-

tural performances that showcased faculty, staff and student presentations from other islands in the Micronesian region. Over 200 participants showed up to join the President's Run/Walk that started at 5:30a.m. at the Palau National Track & Field to Sansaro at Nger-Charter Day Cont'd p.2

Institutional Assessment Committee Meets

Submitted by Ligaya Sara

The Institutional Assessment Committee (IAC) held its first meeting on March 29, 2011. IAC was established as a sub-committee of the Executive Committee to ensure that institutional assessment process is systematic and follows established timeframe. It is a body comprised of seven members: Jay Olegeriil-Vice President for Administration & Finance, Thomas Taro-Vice President-

CRE, Alvina Timarong-Dean of Academic Affairs, Marensia Edward-Dean of Students, Willy Wally-Dean of Continuing Education, Ligaya Sara-Institutional Researcher and a Faculty Senate Representative. The Committee will provide oversight, identify key issues and develop recommendations with respect to institution-wide assessment of student IAC Cont'd p. 3



IAC members (l-r): L. Sara, M. Edward, T. Taro, W. Wally, & W. Mitchell.

Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.



Participants at the starting line - track & field.

Library Donates to National Archives

The PCC Library donated its Microfilm reader and printer to the National Archives. The Archives needed a reader for its micro-



Daniel Adachi with Microfilm reader & Jessica Brooks.

film collection so that the staff and the public could access those resources. Meanwhile, PCC Library is in the process of scanning and digitizing its collection of local pamphlets and materials as part of the Pacific Digital Library project. Last week local library staff gathered for a training hosted by Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL). To learn more about the project, please visit www.pacificdigitallibrary.org. The local community is encouraged to donate any ephemeral materials (pamphlets, fliers, etc.) to the Micronesia-Pacific Collection at the PCC Library for digitization and preservation.

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mid and return back to the Track & Field. The participants included a team from Camp Katuu, community members, students and college faculty and staff. Congratulations to the first five runners and walkers: *Male Runners* – Ismael Tewalmai (26:21:00); Amando Fichmai (28:55:00); Jeremiah Hagilelipiy (28:56:00); Timothy Rafael (29:03:00); Sngebard Melairei (30:02:00). *Female Runners* – Anna Schumaker (33:45:00); Holly Farlin (33:49:00); Beth Sherman (35:36:00); Rachel Dimitruk (35:41:00); Tara Higa (37:09:00). *Male Walkers* – Maverick Johannes (35:19:00); Clint Evence (41:56:00); Douguin Franz (44:50:00); Jerome Oiterong (45:32:00); Edgar Nena (46:59:00). *Female Walkers* – Glenda Santos (47:01:00); Samantha Rechelluul (47:05:00); Amanda Ebas (49:15:00); Rashell Sugiyama (49:29:00); Daisy Maryen (52:58:00).

The cultural program began with the MC, Joe Chilton-President of Faculty Senate Association. President Tellei welcomed the crowd and introduced the guests - BOT Chair Bilung Gloria G. Salii, President Don Hess, College of Marshall Islands, Accreditation team-Dr. Leon Richards and Dr. Salvatore Lanzilotti, and Floyd Takeuchi. The Day Care children led by Delbirt K. Aderkeroi opened the program with the Palau National Anthem. Rechediool Jemmy Blelai presented a chant about the college as a community pillar of learning, strength and wisdom that bridges and transforms ideals and aspirations toward a productive society. The Kosraean and Marshallese students did the Haka dance (also called the Mosquito dance). The college classified staff organization performed contemporary dances that enticed instructor Temaungil and Counselor Recheungel to join and give *sengk* to the dancers. The Yapese dancers did the banana dance while Pohnpean dancers performed a stick dance. Adult High School students showed their singing talents and the Republic of Palau Student Organization (RPSO) finished the program with their dance numbers.

In appreciation of diverse contributions to our institution over the years, President Tellei and Chair Bilung Gloria G. Salii awarded faculty and staff for their commitment. For *25-29 yrs. of service*: Lorenza Joseph, Hulda Lucas, Laura Mangham, Lourdes Reksid, Marlyne Olgeriil, Pioria Asito, Kuye Belalai, Damiana Kunihiro, Todd Ngiramengior, Rogelio Vergara, and Vincent Ito. For *30 or more yrs. of services*: Karen Mobil, Josepha

Tutii, Elenita Brell, Ramon Garcia, Soledad Garcia, Miriam Kual, Merelyne Omelau, Joshua Ngingebedangel, Dahlia Katosang, Marensia Edward, Eugene Uehara, Virginia Ikeya.

Hedrick Kual prayed and lunch was served. PCC Cafeteria outdid themselves. There was an abundance of great tasting food, and everyone had enough to eat and take home also. The Adult High School performers entertained the crowd during lunch. Yes, many did feel the music and got up and started

dancing. All in all, the day celebrated was sensational from beginning to end. THANK YOU to maintenance crew & volunteers who spent hours and hours getting our campus ready for the celebration, for making a wonderful stage for the performers. To quote President Tellei "I want to thank everyone for putting together one of the best and most memorable Charter Day in our College's history. Your hard work and studious dedication made us shine this year and I am very proud of you. Congratulations and together, let us continue to Make a Difference!"



BITS AND PIECES...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW OPEN LAB HOURS

This lab is for all students who need to use a computer. It is also a place to print coursework. This lab is not connected to the internet. It is established for course related work only.

M W F	10:00am - 12:00pm 2:00pm - 6:00pm
T T H	10:00am - 12:00pm 2:00pm - 8:00pm

SUMMER 2011 SESSION PRE-REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011

9:00-11:00AM	Summer & Fall 2011
1:00-3:00PM	Prospective Graduates

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011

9:00-11:00AM	Registration for all
1:00-3:00PM	continuing students

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011

9:00-11:00AM	Registration for all
1:00-3:00PM	continuing students

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011

9:00-11:00AM	Registration for all
1:00-3:00PM	continuing students

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2011

9:00-11:00AM	Registration for all
1:00-3:00PM	continuing students

Reminder: First day of class is on June 13, 2011.

News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to adoraa@palau.edu.

Please call ext. 252/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday.

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learning. It will also recommend changes in assessment processes; monitor the quality of assessment, reporting strategies and feedback processes; and reports the results of the committee's work to the Executive Committee to

ensure that assessment data is used to inform decision-making at PCC. The Committee will maintain close communications with the Academic Assessment Committee, the Institutional Research Office, administrative bodies, and academic units. IAC's 2011 regular meeting schedule was also established during the meeting.

Accrediting Team Completes Review

Submitted by Dahlia Katosang

The Accrediting Commission's visiting team, Chair Dr. Leon Richards and Special Assistant Dr. Salvatore Lanzilotti arrived Palau on March 29, 2011 to validate the PCC 2011 Follow Up Report. From March 30 to April 1, 2011, they visited the campus to review documented evidence. College officials were also interviewed. Once a report is completed by the visiting team, it will be sent to the Accrediting Commission for review and action at its June 2011 meeting. The Commission's Action will be communicated to



Dr. Richards & Dr. Lanzilotti.

the PCC President regarding the status of our accreditation, he will then inform the college community. The team departed Koror to Honolulu, Hawaii on April 2, 2011.

Aligano Maisu Begins Third Trip

The traditional Yapese Canoe, captained by Sesario Sewralu left on another voyage to Yap and outlying islands on March 28, 2011 and to return to Palau on June 15, 2011. Captain Sesario teaches the non-instrument navigation class through Palau Community College. This trip had 2 students aboard the craft: Kurt



Aligano Maisu and the crew preparing for departure.

Ngiraked and Frank Pedro. They will be applying what they have learned so far on this trip. The trip is not exclusive to only students. On board the Aligano Maisu were writers James Campelle of National Geography and Phillip Engelhorn of Outside Magazine, guest from Japan – Kaizuyoh Hayashi, Guam – Phillip Sablan, and Saipan – Tony Pialug. The crew and volunteers included Miano Sowraepiy, David Salapwa, Noah Yarofaitip, Terence Pete and Calson Dulei, rounding the total on board to thirteen. Aligano Maisu will head to the outer islands of Yap and then back to Yap proper where it will pick up the rest of the students who are to fly to Yap, joining the

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Bookstore Carries Internet Cards

The long awaited for pre-paid internet cards from PNCC are here!! You can find them at the bookstore. PNCC has outfitted the campus with two wi-fi hotspots. Therefore, you can be anywhere on the upper campus or near the library and access the internet. Prices for the pre-paid internet cards are as follows: \$10.00 cards are being sold at the bookstore

for a discounted price of \$9.50. This will give you four hours of internet time. The \$5.00 prepaid internet card will give you two hours of internet time. If you have trouble connecting to the internet via the hotspots, see one of the *Geek Squad* member in Rm. 63 for assistance.