

**\$4000 Dollars Raised for
Endowment Fund**
Alumni Donates \$300 Dollars



PCC Alumni Association members with their President Eugene Uehara (c-right) presenting their \$300 dollars donations to PCC President Patrick Tellei during the opening day of the softball touney fundraising at Meyuns field.

Last weekends's Charter Day softball tournament fundraising including other donations netted \$4000 dollars to the PCC Endowment Fund. PCC thanks all the teams for their participation in the softball tournament fundraising and also to the individuals and groups for their contributions.

<u>Donor/Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Softball Fundraising Fees	\$3,200.00
PCC Alumni Assoc.	\$300.00
Mechesil Belau (Women's Conf.)	\$300.00
Senator Steven Kanai (PCC Alum)	\$100.00
Dr. Gregory Dever	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$4,000.00

Presidential Proclamation No. 02-19
Earth Day: Protect Our Home

WHEREAS, April 22nd is internationally recognized throughout the world as Earth Day to promote understanding of conservation of the earth's resources and planetary environment;

WHEREAS, it is everyone's responsibility as steward of the earth and its environment to prevent excessive exploitation and depletion of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, our island environment is fragile and our livelihood depends on it; and

WHEREAS, sustainable development will help today's Palauans achieve their desired financial goals and lifestyle without jeopardizing future opportunities for tomorrow's generation of Palauans; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Earth Day is to proclaim a day upon which we will remind ourselves of the importance of taking care of the earth, conserving our natural resources and natural beauty for health and prosperity's sake; and

WHEREAS, all Palauans are encouraged to strengthen and participate in trash collection activities; to reduce environmental disease, public transportations; to reduce the use of fossil fuel, water conservation, and sustainable practices, commencing April 8-22, 2002, Earth Day;

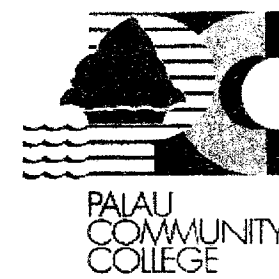
NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, and in the interest of conserving Palau's natural resources for future generations, I hereby proclaim April 23, 2002, as Earth Day in the Republic of Palau with activities coordinated by the Palau Environmental Protection Board, Palau Visitors Authority, Koror State Government, Palau Community College, Palau International Coral Reef Center, Bureau of Agriculture, Divisions of Environmental Health and Behavioral Health, and Palau Conservation Society on April 8-22, 2002.

SO PROCLAIMED THIS 3rd day of April 2002 at Koror,
Republic of Palau

Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President of the Republic of Palau

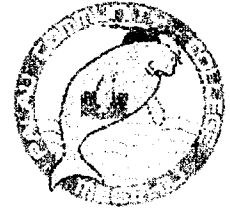
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Weekly Newsletter

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**9th Annual PCC Charter Day Celebration a Success
All-around**

The 9th Annual PCC Charter Day celebration started early on the morning of April 5, with the President's Run/Walk. This year's participants in the run/walk topped previous years as well over 400 community members turned out to join the President of the Republic of Palau Tommy Remengesau Jr. and PCC President Patrick Tellei in the 7K run/walk from the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge to the Palau National Track and Field.

Over 150 participants registered to run the 7K while about 250 opted to walk and enjoy the early morning causeway breeze and the serene view toward Aimeliik. "I have been to all the PCC President's Run/Walk, actually all the run/walks in Palau and I've never seen such a big turnout," remarked one of the walkers. A lot of participants in this years run/walk are members of Team Palau preparing themselves for the Micronesian Games to be held this Summer in Pohnpei.

The run/walk started at 5:45 a.m. and just after after 6:05 am, the first runner came in with the time of 21 minutes, 2 seconds while the first walker came in a little after 6:25 am with a time of 40 minutes, 33 seconds.

President's Run/Walk top three finishers:

Male Runners:	Nicky Mangham	-21 min. 02 sec.
	Einer Kebekol	-21 min. 38 sec.
	Tony Singich	-21 min. 40 sec.
Female Runners:	Jewel Mangham	-28 min. 36 sec.
	Mina Rhee	-28 min. 59 sec.
	Ila Deiss	-29 min. 08 sec.
Male Walkers:	George Pozdynakov	-40 min. 33 sec.
	Eric Carlsson	-40 min. 53 sec.
	Mark Rubasch	-40 min. 53 sec.
Female Walker:	Rachel Dimitruck	-44 min. 31 sec.
	Pasquana Flowers	-45 min. 05 sec.
	Judy Otto	-45 min. 28 sec.



ROP President Tommy Remengesau Jr. (c) joined PCC President Patrick Tellei (kneeling-center) and the over 400 participants in the 9th Annual PCC President's Run Walk.

**H. Lucky Machine Win Charter Day
Softball Tourney Fundraiser**



The H. Lucky Machine team sponsored by Bendix Lakobong was undefeated throughout the tournament and beat Meyuns in the championship game to win the championship trophy. The three-day softball tournament was held at the Meyuns field from April 5-7. Sixteen teams participated in the double elimination tournament that was organized to raise money for the PCC Endowment Fund.

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Celebrating Birthdays

Gaylord Rdechor	April 12
Joel Miles	April 17

Happy 9th Birthday To You!

PCC-CRE Staff Part of Palau Delegation that Attend FoodEx 2002 in Japan

FOODEX 2002 Japan was held on March 12-15, 2002 at the Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan. This was an annual event where about 20,000 visitors from all over the world converged to introduce, taste and find various food products for trade purposes in the global market.

Four members of the Palau Delegation to the FOODEX 2002 JAPAN included Mr. Herman Francisco from the Ministry of Resources and Development, Ms. Roberta Louch representing the EKEI Womens Group, Dr. Lydia Marero and Ms. Leilani Senior from Palau Community College.

Among the food products that the Palau delegation introduced at the FOODEX are fruit cookies, coconut candy, banana chips and rootcrop (taro and tapioca) products like flour, starch, chips, grits, and flour mixes such as cookies, hotcakes, balls, pasta and steamed cakes. Tapioca balls and hotcake mixes were given away to the visitors, while coconut candy and banana chips were served for taste tests. Other Palauan food products that were shown in posters were taro ice cream, taro and tapioca boiled and frozen products, cookies, balls, steamed cakes, hotcakes, pasta, salad, candy, pretzels, and sticks. The event provided a good opportunity for Palauans to introduce and popularize foods like taro and tapioca products, and tropical fruit products from Palau.

The Pacific Islands Center (PIC) based in Tokyo, Japan spearheaded the promotion of food products from the Pacific Islands. A booth was provided for country participants from Palau, Fiji, Pohnpei, Tonga, Marshalls Islands, and FSM. The event was sponsored by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO).

This unique experience allowed the 4-member Palauan delegation to introduce Palauan food products to different people from all over the world, acquainting them tastes of Palau as well as where Palau is on the world map.

For more information about this trip, contact PCC-CRE at telephone numbers 488-2746 or 488-4983.

Taro Ice Cream, Anyone?

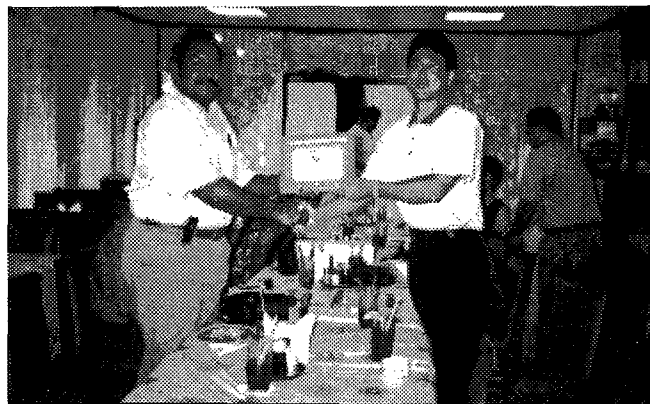
The Palau Community College (PCC)-Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) Department is presently conducting research on the Processing of Rootcrops for Food under the USDA-Hatch Act Project. Among the many food products being developed by CRE is Taro Ice Cream.

Taro ice cream is made from boiled taro, sugar, milk, and cream. It comes in two flavors: sweet taro (kukau) and giant/yellow taro (trak).

A number of food tasters have tested this unique product. Three hundred or so taste testers got their chance to sample taro ice cream at the 2001 Olechotel Flora and Fauna Fair held in Koror in October, 2001. Visitors at the PCC Research and Development Station in Ngaremlengui State such as the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia, have also gotten the opportunity to try some and commented that they liked the special Palauan dessert. About fifteen members of the Natural Resources Conservation Council (NRCC) of Palau have tasted Taro Ice Cream, and found the dessert quite good. Taro ice cream was also presented to a women's group at Narchelong State Office in Koror, where comments were solicited on how to prepare and cook taro to eliminate its itchy characteristic. Taro Ice Cream is just one of the products that was featured at the Food Fair in Japan in March, 2002 sponsored by the Pacific Islands Center (PIC) and Ministry of Trade. This opportunity hopefully will allow the dish to gain popularity and might possibly become a potential Palauan export someday.

For those who have not yet tasted the product, or are interested in other dishes being developed by PCC-CRE, you can contact us at telephone number 488-4943 for a visit to our R & D Station. The visit usually includes a taste test of taro ice cream created by Dr. Lydia Marero, Researcher-Food Technologist of PCC-CRE.

Hiro Yamada Wraps-Up Successful Two-Year Assignment With PCC



After two very productive and successful years at PCC, Hiro Yamada, a JICA/JOCV volunteer working for the Recreation Office said farewell to the College at a luncheon held in his honor at the IA restaurant earlier this month. PCC President Patrick Tellei with other College officials attended the luncheon and presented Mr. Yamada with a certificate of appreciation. Also in attendance was the ROP President's Chief of Staff, Mr. Billy Kuartei who presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Yamada on behalf of the ROP President. During his tenure, Mr. Yamada has helped create new activities for the students as well as further develop existing ones. Mr. Yamada was instrumental in securing a \$5000 dollars grant from the JICA/JOCV office that was used to purchase an outdoor lighting system for the dormitory volleyball court. PCC sincerely thanks Hiro Yamada and wishes him continued success in his future assignment.

SPECIAL THANKS

On behalf of team 'e Ngerang?' . com, I would like to thank the following individuals for their donations and their support:

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Department of Justice

*And all the members /staff over at CID office who didn't want their names revealed... Thank you very much.

Last but not least, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to none other than the Honorable Delegate, Joel Toribiong for his sincere help in organizing and getting our uniforms done. Thank you very much for all that you have done.

Sincerely,

Latifa Ngotel
Team Captain

Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2002

May 6 (Monday)	Holiday: Senior Citizen's Day
May 10 (Friday)	Last Day of Instruction
May 13-15 (Mon.-Wed.)	Final Examination Period
May 17 (Friday)	Grades Due
May 24 (Friday)	Commencement Exercise

Library Improves within the Last Several Years

By: Debra Neus, PCC Librarian

The Library has made, by far, the most significant improvement in the area of resources and services. Staffing increased from three to five fulltime employees, and three on a short-term contract to cover the newly added evening and weekend hours. The library is now open 85 hours per week to meet the high demand from the community as well as PCC students and staff.

Through the Librarian's initiative and successful grant writing the PCC Library and the Belau national Museum (BNM) has received \$137,546 IMLS Grants (U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services). This grant will fund a two year project between PCC Library and BNM in working together to increase and improve access to the image archives of the BNM. The two institutions will work together to digitize and catalog more than 30,000 images from Museum's photo archives as well as images of the collection's objects.

The PCC Library was also awarded a National Network of Libraries of Medicine-Pacific Southwest Region Outreach Award, totaling \$3,500. This grant will be used to provide Internet access to substance abuse prevention information, targeted to youth in Palau.

The PCC Library is also very proud to be a designated depository for all materials published by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC). In addition, the library is Palau's depository for United Nations (UN), United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) materials. Many of these agencies produce materials that focus on the Pacific Islands, and are then housed in the Micronesia-Pacific section.

PCC's Library collection increased from 15,618 last year to 19,500 this year. It includes non-fiction, fiction, biography, Micronesia-Pacific collection, and a wide variety of magazines, newspapers, and government/non-government publications.

More than 250 compies of dissertations related to Micronesia were acquired this year and are now being processed. These collections of dissertation will be housed in the Micronesia-Pacific collection section and will also be available for patrons' use.

Please Come by and Check out our new selections.

Check out the Library Bulletin Board for Up-coming Events!!!

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