

Fifteen New Members Join Endowment Fund

This week we proudly add fifteen (15) new members to our growing PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club! As always reported in this paper, by joining the club, these individuals donate a certain sum directly out of their paychecks to the PCC Endowment Fund. At the end of the year, PCC will help them apply for and receive refunds for their donations! In other words, they donate to a very good cause and in the end, get their money back.

Three (3) new members from the Ngwal State Government are **Governor, Elmis Mesubed, Legislator Moses Sam, and Marla Kyota**. Four (4) new members who hail from the Kayangel State Office are **Jeffery Tititml, Kurt Ngiraked, Lovey Alfonso and Sherman Kelmal**. From the Angaur State Office, we welcome two (2) new members and they are **Willa Wong and Antonio Iyar**. From the Ministry of Health we have three members (3), and they are **Elsau Masayuki, Hasinta Idechong and Noboru Madris**. We also welcome two (2) members from the Ministry of Commerce and Trade, **Danihy Mad and Denika Sakuma**. And finally, we welcome one (1) member from the Special Prosecutor's Office, **Lorry Ann Bernardo**. A special thanks to **Innocencio Kazuma** who has increased his donation for the Endowment Fund

Once again, we welcome these new members as they showcase their commitment to support PCC's continued efforts to providing quality educational and training opportunities to Palau's and the Micronesia region's students. If you would like to join the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, please call Temmy, Hulda, or Dilubch at PCC at telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 253. **As Always, they will be very happy to assist you!**



Gov. Elmis Mesubed



Moses Sam
Legislator



Marla Kyota



Willa Wong



Antonio Iyar



Danihy Mad



Noburo Madris



Hasinta Idechong



Elsau Masayuki



Jeffery Tititml



Kurt Ngiraked



Sherman Kelmal



Lovey Alfonso

Celebrating Birthdays



Gaylord Rdechhor April 12

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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President's Easter Day Message

As we partake of this Easter celebration, let us look back and reflect on this special day by taking time to cherish the important things in life that we are blessed with, such as our faith, our family and our friends. Let us give thanks with gestures of faith and goodwill and by sharing with those close to our hearts. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff and students, I wish everyone a very happy and safe Easter Holiday.

Sincerely,

Patrick U. Tellei

CRE Requests Glass Jars

This Year's Earth Day theme is "Watch Your Waste!" and the Cooperative Research and Extension Department wants to help by reusing items that ordinarily you would just throw away. CRE needs clean glass jars with lids in sizes ranging from baby food jars to as large as peanut butter jars for the tissue culture program. The glass jars are used to hold the young taro and orchid plantlets until they are ready for planting outdoors. CRE is also in need of clean plastic gallon jugs and egg cartons for their upcoming youth programs. The students need the containers for their science experiments and activities. So get in the spirit of Earth Day and bring your clean glass jars, gallon jugs, and egg cartons to CRE, they would greatly appreciate it. To contact CRE for more information, please call 488-4983.

EARTH DAY 2004 UPDATES:

April 10: Melekok State Earth Day Clean Up
MEERT is coordinating a cleanup this weekend on Saturday. Please come out and support Earth Day this year and help "Watch Your Waste". For more information contact MEERT at 488-2487.

Young Environmental Classes Available for Grades 5-7
Its never too early to learn about the environment!
Please come sign up your children for this fun and educational class. Space is limited, so please call Cris PCC-CRE at 488-2746 for reservations.



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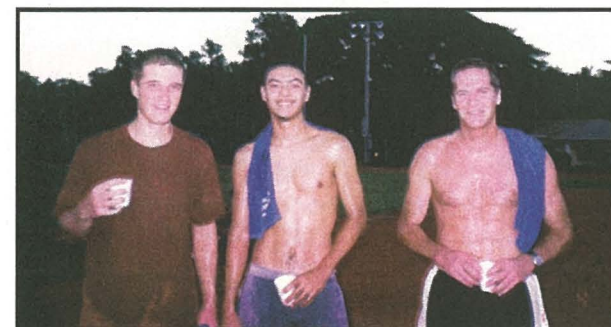
Weekly Newsletter

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PCC's 11th Charter Day A Success!

Last Friday saw the jubilant celebration of the College's 11th Charter Day. To begin, almost 300 people participated in the 11th PCC President's Run/Walk and everyone got to receive a commemorative towel and enjoy a healthy breakfast for participating. Results of the Run/Walk are as follows:

Runners (Men): Nick Mangham - 1st Dave Clumpner - 2nd Craig Hood - 3rd	Runners (Women): Grace Mazo- 1st Nicole Caruso- 2nd Rolmii Perry- 3rd
Walkers (Men): Johnson Ngirailid- 1st Spark Worswick - 2nd Dr. Caleb Otto - 3rd	Walkers (Women): Nancy Chism - 1st Mary Hearney - 2nd Ellins Midas - 3rd
Winning Kid Maria Gibbons - 1st	



Top Runners: Dave Clumpner, Nick Mangham and Craig Hood

Hundreds Participate in President's RUN/WALK

Hundreds of people turned out and put on their running shoes early in the morning to participate in PCC's Charter Day Run/Walk held on April 2, 2004. The mood was festive and people were wired and ready to run. The crowd was a mixture of athletes, students, children, families and PCC staff. The Run/Walk began at the waiting house near the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge, who met at the PCC parking lot and from there were transported to the waiting house. For the front runners, it was a competitive

At the same time, sixteen (16) teams participated in the 6th Charter Day Softball Tournament fundraiser for the PCC Endowment Fund, held at the Meyuns Ballfield. This year the championship trophy went to Olbiil Era Kelulau which never lost a game in the tournament. Most valuable players were Alonz Moses from the OEK (male) and Jubilee Kuartei (female) from the MOF team. The College would like to thank the following teams and their respective sponsors for helping raise \$3,200 to the PCC Endowment Fund this past weekend:

TEAM	SPONSOR
Senate (Tournament Champs!)	Olbiil Era Kelulau
MOF (2nd Place)	Ministry of Finance
Despedall (3rd Place)	Midtown Service Station
KSG (4th Place)	Koror State Government
Angaur Allright	Victorio Ucherbelau
Ngardmau	Senator Harry R. Fritz
Tilorch	Senator Johnny Reklai
MOH	Ministry of Health
Criminal Justice (PCC)	Criminal Justice Club
PCC SBA I	PCC Student Body Assoc.
PCC SBA II	PCC Student Body Assoc.
Ngaremlengui	Julia Franz & Elvira Franz
Ngak Mak Tang	Elias C. Chin
Odiais	Ngchesar State Govt.
Adult High School (PCC)	AHS Students
Meyuns	Oibatel



Tournament Winners: OEK's Soft Ball Team Pose for a Group Picture

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event as early in the race, runners were jockeying for the best position to claim the fastest time in the event. Overall best time for the Run (Men) went to Nick Mangham, in 2nd place was Dave Clumpner and in 3rd place was Craig Hood. The fastest women's title went to Grace Mazo taking 1st place, with 2nd place going to Ms. Nicole Caruso and 3rd best finish going to Ms. Rolmii Perry. However, for most of the participants it was just a nice stroll through Koror on a beautiful morning with family and friends. Afterwards all participants who crossed the finish line were treated to a healthy breakfast. PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, and Trustee, Masa-Aki Emesiochl though not the fastest were tops in the senior division and gave many of the younger runners some serious competition. PCC President Tellei, stated, "The event is an opportunity for PCC to reach out to the community in the spirit of wholesome competition, good exercise, and healthy living. The Run/Walk was a successful event because it brought everyone together to share in the celebration of PCC's 11th year, and reaffirm the College's commitment to quality learning for our children.

OEK Softball Team a Hit

This past weekend, Sixteen (16) teams participated in the 6th Annual Charter Day Softball Tournament fundraiser for the PCC Endowment Fund, held at the Meyuns Ball field. The tournament featured coed players from some of the best softball teams in Palau.

This year the championship trophy went to the Olbiil Era Kelulau (Senate), which never lost a game in the tournament. The OEK team beat out the upstart softball team from the Ministry of Finance in this hard won final. The MOF softball team (last year's champions), despite their first game loss had to battle back from the loser's bracket to face the OEK in the championship game. However, in the final, the OEK team proved too strong and came from four runs down to beat MOF in the final seventh inning.

The OEK's star player, Mr. Alonz Moses did double duty on offense by slamming the most home runs and on defense, by frustrating the opposing batters with fast and accurate pitching. For his exceptional performance, Mr. Moses was awarded the Most Valuable Player (MEN).

For the women, the MVP award went to Ms. Jubilee Kuartei, for her hustle and great defense as the MOF's First Basewoman. Third place went to the Despedall Team while the fourth spot went to the Koror State Government's softball team. All the games were action packed and kept many of the fans and players entertained throughout the tournament. The games were filled with fun and all teams demonstrated good sportsmanship.

PCC President Patrick Tellei stated, "On behalf of the College, I would like to

thank all the players, sponsors and participants for joining us in helping raise money for the PCC Endowment Fund. Your support will help ensure that the College continue to provide quality and excellence in delivering educational training and learning opportunities to the people of Palau, the Pacific and the Asian region for future generations to come. In addition, I would like to express a special thanks to all the staff, students and referees for volunteering their time to making this 6th Charter Day Softball Tournament one of the best ever. "

PCC College would like to express its sincere gratitude to the following persons:

Student Volunteers: Mokokil Rechirei, Caleb Meltel, Thelma Gideon, Stephanie Lorenzo, Lengline Remoket, Everson Sadang, Edgardo David, Tomei Tomei and Deo Olikong (Alumni)

Belau Softball Umpires Association (BSUA): Eugene Uehara, BSUA President, Tobias Marbou, Xavier Maech, Nisim Remoket, Milan Isaac, Miriam West, Lawrence Abraham who once again donated their time and expertise by officiating the tournament for the 6th straight year for free.

Special Thanks to the:

- Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs –Use of Meyuns Ball Field for Free
- BSUA Members for donating their time
- Team Sponsors for helping raise \$3,200 for the Endowment Fund
- Techedib Katsutoshi Becheserrak for donating \$50 for the Endowment Fund

- PCC Instructor Eugene Uehara and his students for mowing the ball field, compacting the baseball diamond, and filling the potholes around the Meyun's ball field

- All the participating softball teams for a highly competitive and entertaining tournament

- People of Meyuns for their patience and support in hosting the tournament

- Finally, to MOC/PCC Alumni Association, PCC Criminal Justice Students, PHS and Mokedau.com for setting up booths providing great food and refreshing drinks



Bethania Students Tour Library

Bethania H.S. Students Tour Library

Last week a group of thirteen students from Bethania High School toured the PCC Library and were given an orientation on PCC Library Policies. Ms. Imengel Mad, Librarian Technician conducted the tour and taught the students how to use the online catalog, collect data, and perform research using Library resources. The students were chaperoned by Ms. Lydia Charles, a teacher for BHS. Ms. Charles' goal was to expose her students to various libraries so they would be familiar with different methods of conducting research. She and her students were to later tour the Public Library and the Palau National Museum.

Ms. Mad said, "On behalf of the PCC Library I would like to thank Ms. Charles for bringing in her students to the College and making use of our extensive library resources. Ms. Mad added, "I encourage all teachers to bring in their students so we can give them a formal orientation, and assist them with the many resources we have to offer." For more information on scheduling a group tour of the Library please call 488-3540.

BITS AND PIECES...

U. Of Nebraska President to Retire

L. Dennis Smith, President of the University of Nebraska who has served the University for over a decade will be retiring in the end of June 2004. PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, on behalf of the College's Board of Trustees, Administration, staff and students wishes to congratulate President Smith on his upcoming retirement and wishes him the best of luck with his future endeavors.

PCC Has New PR Manager

Palau Community College welcomes Mr. Temengil (Temmy) Temengil as the new Public Relations Manager for the College. Mr. Temengil attended GB. Harris Elementary School and Palau High School. He received his B.A. in Journalism from the University of Hawaii and his M.A. in International Relations from Waseda University in Japan. Mr. Temengil previously worked for Ministry of Health, the ROP Office of the President, the Palau International Coral Reef Center and the Palau Conservation Society. Welcome aboard Temmy!

Koror State Thanks PCC

Scott Yano, Chief of the Sanitation Division of the Koror State Government and Representative from Palau Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), Ms. Lori Colin expressed their sincere appreciation to the College for supporting the Dog & Cat Spay and Neuter Clinic. The use of the college's Science Laboratory enabled the volunteers and the Veterinarians to perform surgery and treatment for more than 200 dogs and cats.

Chief Yano in a letter to PCC President Tellei stated: "We believe that without the use of the College's Science Laboratory we could not do a good job. We thank you for your support and we look forward to your continuing support for the program."

Reminder To All PCC Staff

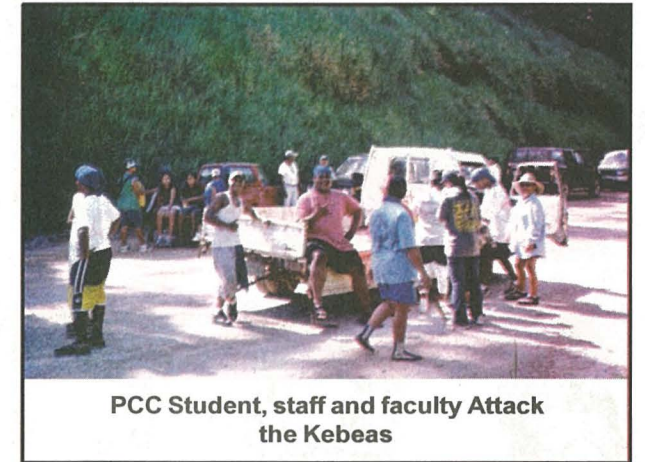
A friendly reminder to all PCC staff, students and faculty members to please remember to turn off all lights, computers and air-conditioner units when going home after work. Lets work together and help the College conserve energy.

President Tellei Declares War on the Kebeas

As part of the Festivities of PCC Charter Day this year, volunteers, staff and students alike took part in the eradication of the *Kebeas (Merremia Peltata)* vine at Ngcheschang, Airai. This invasive plant is a fast growing vine that blankets Palau's forests and suffocates them by blocking out the sun. President Tellei with his machete in hand bounded into the deep jungle looking to stem the spread of this most bothersome plant. Like a brave general stirring the hearts of his troops to war, students, staff and volunteers jumped into the fray and followed their leader into combating the Kebeas.

The plant had already covered extensive parts of the forests of Ngechsechang. President Tellei led over a hundred students, staff and volunteers clearing almost a mile of the Kebeas along the Compact Road. The

Kebeas is a fast growing plant that if uncontrolled can wreak havoc on Palau's forests. The Kebeas is not only a threat to Palau's fauna but also its wildlife because it destroys the homes and food source (forests) of many of Palau's native birds. After hours of hard work clearing the Kebeas in the baking sun, everyone was treated to a wonderful lunch. and cool refreshments.



PCC Student, staff and faculty Attack the Kebeas

Library Waives Book Fines

As your only community library, we encourage every one of our valued patrons to pay us a visit. We are working hard to ensure we meet your needs with your research as well as with fun reading. PCC Library proudly announces that from this month from April the 5th to April the 16th has been declared, "Waive a Fine Week". All patrons who have library fines will have their fines waived just by visiting PCC Library and showing your library card. All patrons who have library materials checked out with late fees are encouraged to return them and have their fines waived. Patrons who have lost their library cards can bring a picture ID card and have their library cards replaced for \$1.00. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. The PCC Library serves as a community resource, open to everyone in Palau, and we make every effort to ensure that the patron's needs in regards to their research or their reading enjoyment are fulfilled. For more information please call PCC Library at 488-3450 ext # 261.

Ngaremlengui Coastal Cleanup

Last Saturday on April 3rd, PCC-CRE along with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Ngaremlengui Elementary School conducted a coastal cleanup in Ngaremlengui state. About 40 students from the school, Fish and Wildlife employees, CRE staff, and five U.S. Peace Corps volunteers cleaned a six-mile section from the Compact Road to the dock in Ngermetengel. The volunteers picked up over 300 pounds of trash, including: 49 lbs. of glass, 62 lbs. of aluminum cans, 100 lbs. of plastic, and 108 lbs. of all other trash. The garbage was taken to the dump in Ngaremlengui and the aluminum cans will be recycled in Koror. After the trash was cleaned up, the students planted a Batches tree at the state office in honor of the upcoming Earth Day on April 22nd. The state of Ngaremlengui is looking clean and beautiful thanks to the hard work of all the volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped out and lets keep Ngaremlengui along with the rest of Palau, clean and healthy!