

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2002 (PCC)

Persilla Rengtiil-



2002 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science degree in Office Administration. Rengtiil works as an Administrative Assistant at the Probation Office-Judiciary.

### Class of 1999 (PCC)

Melanie Yangrelbug -



1999 PCC graduate with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts (LA). Yangrelbug graduated with honors, receiving both the Outstanding Student and the Outstanding Citizenship awards. She now shares her knowledge with students as an elementary school teacher at Meyuns Elementary School.

### Class of 1988 (MOC)

Jinny Erungel -



1988 MOC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Police Science (PS). Erungel is a customer service agent at Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC).

**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 in future issues of the *Mesekiu News*.

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## Celebrating Birthdays

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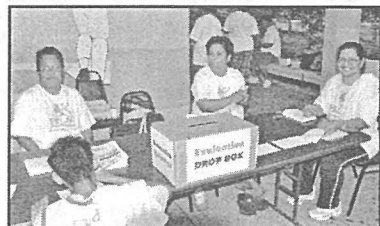
Happy Birthday To You!

Mesekiu's News thanks Danka Ledgerwood, Leona Blaluk and Tia Belau Newspaper for contributing some pictures of the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library Grand Opening and 2010 PCC Charter Day.

## 2010 PCC Charter Day President's Run/Walk Results

### Top Male Runners

Place	Name	Time
1	Douglas Schmidt, Jr.	23:16
2	Ismael Tewalmal	23:17
3	Michael Fedison	24:12
4	Leon Mengloi	26:02
5	Julio Yalsamal	26:40



Under the watchful eyes of race officials Marenca Edward, Alvina Timarong, and Kuye Belelai, top male runner Douglas Schmidt, Jr. fills out an evaluation form shortly after crossing the finish line in first place.

### Top Female Runners

Place	Name	Time
1	Elizabeth deJong	33:41
2	Annabel Lyman	34:46
3	Pioria Koshiba	37:28
4	Darlene Hasinto	38:09
5	Maryann Davis	38:19



Top female runner Elizabeth deJong



Mike Fedison gets a commemorative shirt from a race official after coming in third in the male runners category.

### Top Male Walkers

Place	Name	Time
1	Maverick Tamlethal	35:17
2	Masao Ldesel	38:57
3	Roman Yano	43:08
4	Rusky Remoket	43:15
5	Sinesio Sandei	43:18



The finish line at the Mesekiu Basketball Court.

### Top Female Walkers

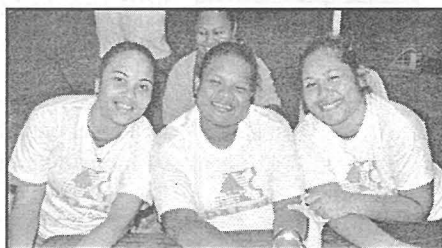
Place	Name	Time
1	Sepe Philip	46:08
2	Cryslin Eungel	47:22
3	Amber Suciyama	47:40
4	Pollar Idesou	47:41
5	Dawn Kinzio	49:15



The youngest competitor in the Run/Walk event was an infant baby who finished with a little help from mom and brother.



Students pose for a photo while contemplating whether to run or walk.



Starting line officials.

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# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## Tan Siu Lin PCC Library Grand Opening



Dr. Tan Siu Lin (center) prepares to cut the ribbon to the new Tan Siu Lin PCC Library with Palau President Johnson Toribiong (2nd-right), PCC Chairperson of the Board of Trustees Bilung Gloria G. Salii (4th-right), and other Palau government and PCC officials and student leaders. (l-r) Sasha Lirow, President - Associated Students of PCC; Ephraim Ngirachitei, President - Classified Staff Organization; Senator Regina Mesebeluu; Carmel Hanser, Student Trustee; George Chiu, Executive Vice President-Tan Holdings; Dr. Tan; Chairperson Bilung Salii; Jerry Tan, President- Tan Holdings; President Toribiong; and Delegate Kalistus Ngirturong.

A grand opening for the new Tan Siu Lin PCC Library was held on Tuesday. Dr. Tan Siu Lin, Owner and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tan Holdings himself, his son Jerry Tan who is the President of Tan Holdings, and Executive Vice President George Chiu flew in from Guam to join

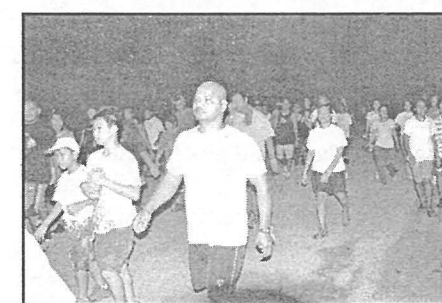
PCC Board of Trustees Chairperson Bilung Gloria G. Salii, PCC President Tellei, other PCC officials and students in witnessing the grand opening event. Local guests invited to witness the momentous occasion for the College included Paramount Chief Ibedul Yutaka Gibbons, Palau President Johnson

## Hundreds Turn Out to Celebrate Charter Day

Over three hundred people turned out for the early morning PCC President's Run/Walk to commemorate the 2010 Charter Day. Hundreds from the community joined PCC students and staff to make the 5K challenge from the Japan-Palau Friendship bridge to the PCC campus last Friday.

PCC student Douglas Schmidt, Jr. took first place among male runners, clocking

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Runners and walkers take off from the starting line during the President's Run/Walk to commemorate the PCC 2010 Charter Day.



Dr. Tan addressing the crowd in the PCC Assembly Hall. Seated on the platform is Senator Regina Mesebeluu, Minister of Education MasaAki Emesioch, Paramount Chief Ibedul Yutaka Gibbons, Palau President Johnson Toribiong, PCC Chairperson of the Board of Trustees Bilung Gloria G. Salii, and Delegate Kalistus Ngirturong.

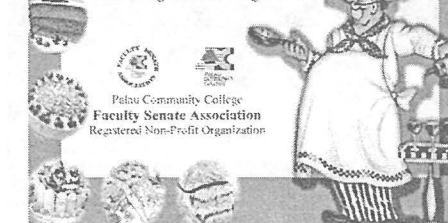
Toribiong, Senate representative Senator Regina Mesebeluu, and House of Delegates representative Delegate Kalistus Ngirturong. The Minister of Education who is also the Vice Chairperson of the PCC Board of Trustees

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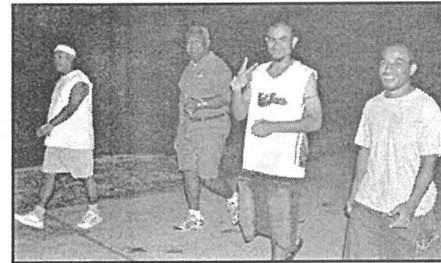


The PCC Faculty Senate Association is hosting its 2nd annual Gentlemen's Gourmet on Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 6-10 pm at the Ngarachamayang Cultural Center. Come and enjoy the culinary creations of local gentlemen and chefs.

A \$20 ticket will get you a complimentary drink and a chance to win a great prize. To buy a ticket, please call 488-2471 and ask for Tuli Joe Chilton, Tim Mitchell, Danka Ledgerwood, or Megan Beard.



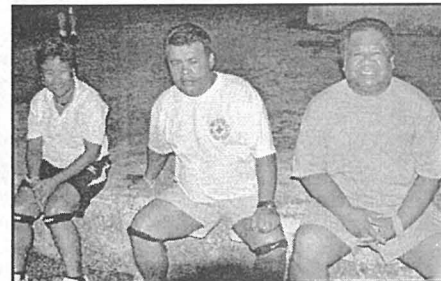
## Charter Day, from Front Page



President Tellei (2nd-left) gives his approval of the early morning Run/Walk with a thumbs-up.

a time of 23 minutes 16 seconds while PCC instructor Elizabeth deJong took the women's category with a time of 33 minutes and 41 seconds.

Speed-walker honors in the men's category went to Maverick Tamlethal who clocked in at 35 minutes and 17 seconds. Initial



Angaur State Delegate Horace Rafael (c) with friends before the start of the Run/Walk.

top female walkers Dahlia Katosang and Bennie Brel were disqualified when it was learnt that part of their journey was in the back of a truck.



Shinobu Derbai (r) and her walking companions rest their legs before the Run/Walk.

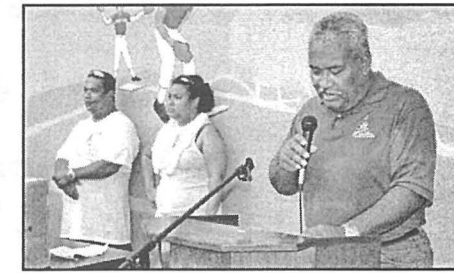
The President's Run Walk was enjoyed by over 72% of participants according to a survey conducted after the Run/Walk event. Unlike previous years where only a limited number of t-shirts were given away, everyone received



Run/Walk starting line officials.

a commemorative t-shirt along with a complimentary continental breakfast this year.

An assembly was held after the Run/Walk event where PCC President Tellei took everyone down memory lane, recounting the history of the College from its early years during the Japanese administration to the time of the Trust Territory under the US



President Tellei delivers his 2010 PCC Charter Day message.

He also used the opportunity to share some pointers on being happy, saying that the act of forgiveness itself can bring tremendous happiness to oneself. He said that in observance of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, he asked others to forgive him if he had unintentionally wronged them.

administration, and then its modern day transformation to become an autonomous post-secondary institution called Palau Community College.

Tellei wrapped up his message by thanking students and staff for their effort and participation in making the 2010 Charter Day memorable.

## PECI Founder/President, Sam Masang hosts Job Site Visit

by: Student Support Services Office

Twenty four (24) Student Support Services (SSS) sophomores participated in a JobSite Visit to Palau Equipment Company Inc. (PECI), on Friday, March 26, 2010. They were treated to a tour of the company by none other than Mr. Sam Masang, Founder/President of PECI.

The tour was extensive, as Mr. Masang took them to each component of the company. Areas visited were the main office, flower shop, dress shop, beauty shop, Napa Auto Parts, National Rent A Car, Acetylene shop, Oxygen shop, recycling plant, auto shop, LP Gas plant, motel, and a Telecom Center.

Throughout the tour, Mr. Masang explained what each component of his company did, and the services provided. He also described how technology keeps on improving, and how the Telecom Center was going to provide wireless Television to customers. He encouraged students to get into Communication or some type of Technology Field as Palau right now is depending on outside people to do the work, as we do not have enough locals with expertise.

Also, he was looking for local people to hire as accountants. Therefore, if a student was an Accounting Major, he

said to apply after they graduated. He reminded students that if there were more local kids getting their education in these fields and coming back to Palau, they will be able to find great jobs. At the end of the tour, Mr. Masang encouraged the SSS students to be fearless in pursuing their dreams; to work hard at accomplishing what they need to do to get what they want out of life; and to be mindful about the evolving technology as it will continue to change the way we do business.

The SSS students were impressed and motivated by Mr. Masang, a successful local businessman. SSS staff and participants would like to thank Mr. Sam Masang for taking out of his busy schedule to give us a personalized tour of his company.



PECI Founder/President Sam Masang (l) talks to SSS students on a job-site visit in front of his corporate office in Malakal, Koror.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### CLEANUP

## ASPCC Cleanup Tomorrow...

The Associated Students of PCC and their President Sasha Lirow will be holding a community cleanup tomorrow.

Students will break up into two groups and begin trash pickup on opposite ends of the island and converge at Long Island Park. Lunch will be served for all participants and fun activities such as volleyball competition will be held at Long Island Park.

Interested staff or students may stop by Project Beacon Office or call Midori Mersai at 488-5654.

### NAVIGATION CLASS

## Maisu Leaves for SW Islands...

The voyaging canoe *Alingano Maisu* left yesterday noon with Captain Sesario, crew and Non-instrument Navigation students for the southwest islands of Tobi, Sonsorol, Merir, Pulo-Ana and Helen's Reef. The entire voyage will take about 3 weeks and students will apply the skills and knowledge they have learned in the classroom. The class has already logged two voyages- one to Ngulu atoll of Yap and Kayangel State.

### DONATION

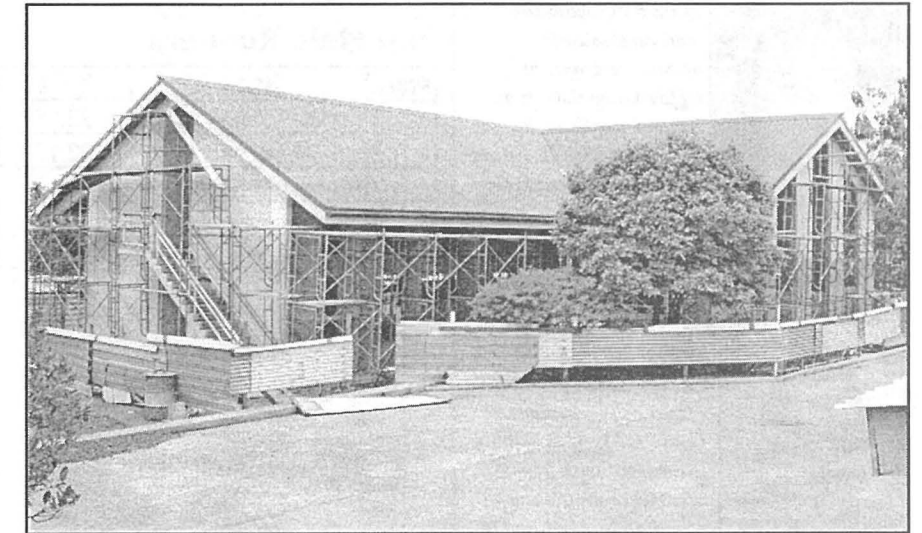
## PCC Helps Local Congregation...



Skalsol Udui and Merkii Urmaki, altar servers representatives from a local church hand over the handmade brooms to PCC Physical Plant Director Clement Kazuma.

bargain prices and the altar servers getting the much needed cash for their fund-raiser.

## Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence



Construction work on the PTHSE continues this week with wiring and plumbing layout. Work is also underway on an extension on the east side of the building which will be used as storage space for food items.

## Grand Opening, from Front Page



(l-r) Tan Holdings President Jerry Tan, PCC Student Trustee Carmel Hanser, Tan Holdings Exec. Vice President Jerry Chiu, President Tellei, Tan Holdings Owner/ Chairman of the Board Dr. Tan Siu Lin, PCC Chairperson of the Board of Trustees Bilung Gloria G. Salii, Associated Students of PCC President Sasha Lirow, and Tan Holdings- Blue Bay Petroleum Vice President Derrick Wang.

MasaAki Emesiochl and his directors and chiefs were also in attendance along with a number of principals from schools throughout Palau. Members of the Diplomatic Corps were also present including Taiwan Ambassador Maggie Tien.

Shallum Etpison and his wife Mandy Etpison also attended on behalf of the contractor NECO Construction.

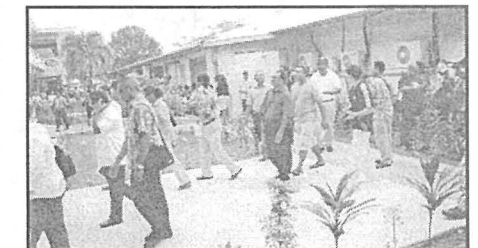
During the ceremony, Chairperson Bilung Salii thanked Dr. Lin and his family for their unselfish and generous donation of \$200,000. To show Palau and the College's gratitude for Tan Holding's grand donation to advance learning in Palau, Palau President Toribiong joined Chairperson Salii in presenting a locally crafted paddle to Dr. Lin, signifying confident forward momentum and continued success to Dr. Lin and Tan Holdings in future endeavors. In 2007, to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of



Palau President Toribiong hands a traditional Palauan paddle to Dr. Tan and son Jerry Tan of Tan Holdings as Senator Mesebeluu, Minister Emesiochl, Paramount Chief Ibedul Yutaka Gibbons, Bilung Gloria G. Salii and Delegate Ngirturong look on. The paddle is a symbol of forward momentum and prosperity to Tan Holdings Company.

doing business in the Micronesia, Tan Holdings donated \$200,000 to Palau Community College for the construction of the new PCC Library. Initially \$50,000 was paid and the remaining \$150,000 was transferred during the ceremony. For their donation, Tan Holdings received the blessing from the PCC Board of Trustees for the naming rights to the three story library structure.

The grand opening culminated in a ribbon-cutting and an unveiling of the name "Tan Siu Lin PCC Library" emblazoned above the main entrance of the \$1.2 million dollar library.



Tour of the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library.