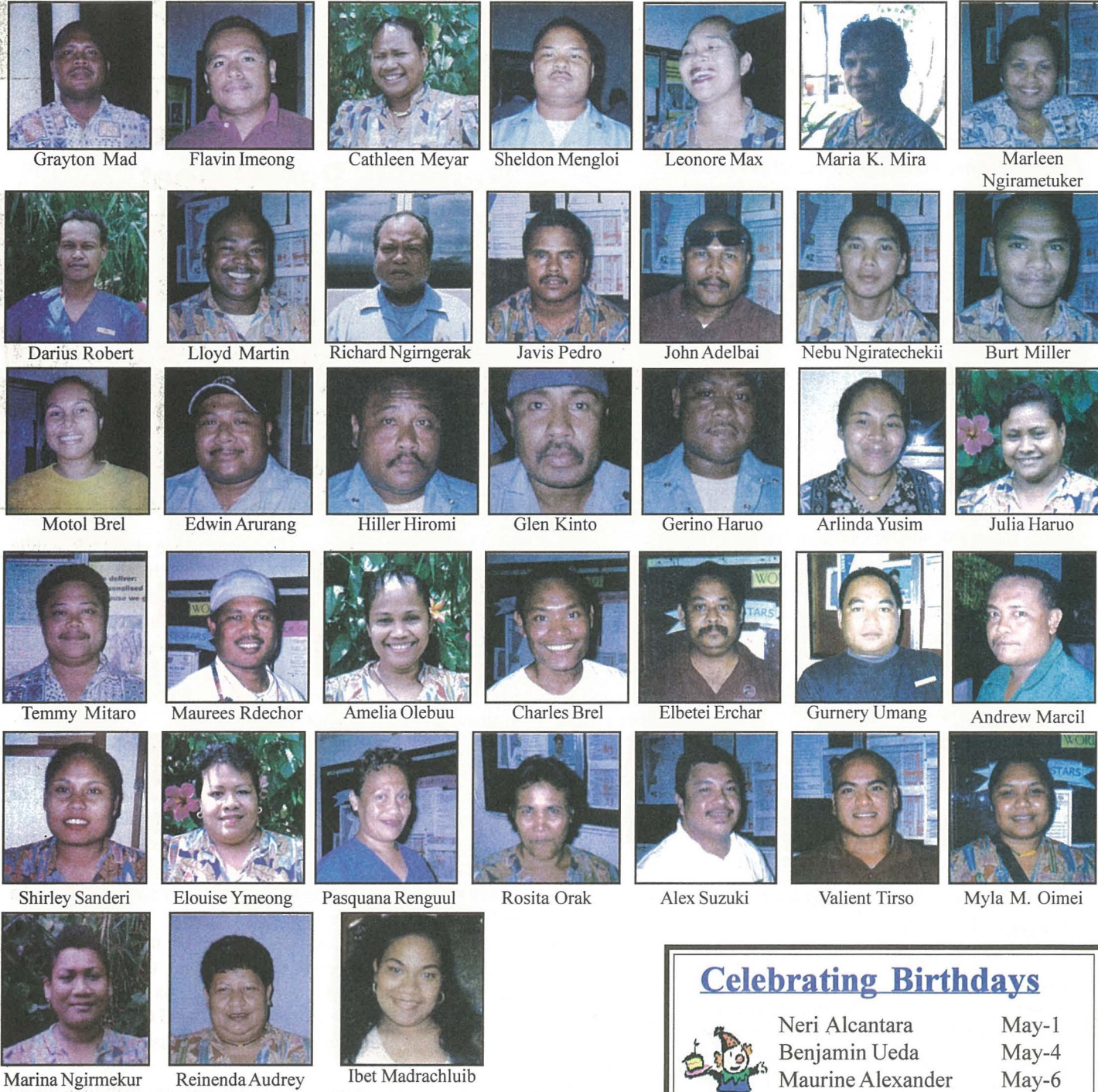


40 New Members From PPR Sets Record

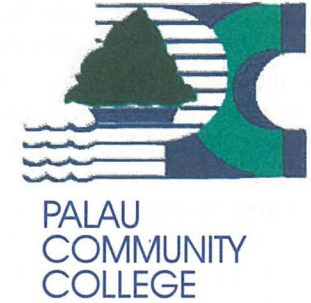
Palau Community College is excited that this week's bi-weekly donors from the Palau Pacific Resort has set a new record for the PCC Endowment Fund Program. Today, we are thrilled to see PPR employees join us in supporting Palau's only college, PCC. We welcome our forty (40) new friends: Grayton Mad, Flaving Imeong, Cathleen Meyar, Sheldon Mengloi, Leonore Max, Maria K. Mira, Marleen Ngirametuker, Darius Robert, Lloyd Martin, Richard Ngirngerak, Javis Pedro, John E. Adelbai, Nebu Ngiratechekii, Burt Miller, Motol Lynnette Brel, Edwin Arurang, Hiller Hiromi, Glen Kinto, Gerino Haruo, Arlinda Yusim, Julia Haruo, Temmy Mitaro, Maurees Rdechor, Amelia Olebuu, Charles Brel, Elbetei Erchar, Sherwin Masaharu, Gurney Umang, Shirley Sanderi, Elouise Ymeong, Pasquana Renguul, Rosita Orak, Alex Suzuki, Valiant Tirso, Myla M. Oimei, Andrew Marcil, Marina Ngirmekur, Reinenda Audrey Tkel, Ibet Madracheluib and Bennett Ruloked. Thank you for your support and commitment and we welcome you to the PCC family!!!



Celebrating Birthdays

Neri Alcantara	May-1
Benjamin Ueda	May-4
Maurine Alexander	May-6
Soledad Garcia	May -6
Jessica Hickey	May-6

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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PPR Employees Set record for Endowment Fund

The Palau Pacific Resort (PPR), Palau's only five star hotel and one of the biggest employers in the private sector has set a new record for the enrollment program for the PCC Endowment Fund. About 40 PPR employees decided to make the jump and commit to this very worthy cause. This is one of PCC's biggest one-time enrollment this year and such a huge show of support has truly touched hearts of the students and staff of the Palau Community College. You have really made a difference!



Jay Olegeriil, PCC Director of Development said, "The PPR management team provided a booth area, displayed advertisements, and scheduled a convenient time for us to meet with their employees. In addition, I thank PPR for graciously providing meals and refreshments for our endowment recruiters."

Olegeriil added, "I wish to express our sincere gratitude to members of the PPR Human Resource Department, Manager Marleen Ngirametuker, and Supervisor, Lorraine Kloulubak, for their support and assistance. PCC welcomes everyone from PPR to the PCC Endowment Fund club. And, we thank you for showcasing your commitment to the existence of Palau's only institution of higher learning. With your support, together we can ensure that future generations of Palau will enjoy the many educational opportunities PCC has to offer." As you may know, PCC in its efforts to become more financially self-sufficient has proactively initiated an Endowment Fund. The goal of the college is to one day achieve enough capital whereby PCC can use the interests generated from the Endowment Fund as revenue to subsidize the College. Furthermore, monetary donations to the PCC endowment fund are eligible for a tax rebate. In other words, you donate to a worthy cause and in the end get your money back. So far, almost 1,000 individuals from the government and private sector have officially joined PCC's Endowment Fund. If you are interested in being a member of the PCC Contributor's Club, please contact Hulda, Dilubch or Temmy at PCC's Development Office at 488-2471, ext 253.

Building Healthy Communities



Students Listen to Epraim Ngirachitei

Tuesday night's The Gathering is a monthly event sponsored by PCC Student Life and the Bedochel Center. This event offers PCC students the opportunity to speak, share and listen about issues that are relevant to their lives. It is a forum where students can actively participate in addressing social, political and interpersonal issues that many of the young people of the world face today. It is an opportunity to learn about yourself and others, make friends and build a valuable network of friends, professionals and teachers with whom you can draw strength, encouragement and support.

The Gathering seeks to encourage students to reach out to one another and within themselves for help, support and friendship. It is about positive role-modeling and identifying people within your peer group, family and friends that can help you realize your full potential and be the best person you can be. This month's theme was **Building Healthy Communities** and how you as an individual can work to make your community a healthy one. Almost thirty students participated with representatives from throughout the Micronesian Region such as the Marshall Islands, Palau, Yap, Kosrae, Chuuk, and Pohnpei. These individuals were given an opportunity to express their views, discuss issues and present solutions.

The event was held at the PCC Cafeteria and was coordinated by PCC's Ephaim Ngirachitei and Rayburn Espangel with the assistance of Bedochel Director, Mike Ongalibang. In addition, PCC Instructor, Vicky Maui was the keynote speaker and special guest while Instructor Joe Chilton provided the closing remarks.

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Vick Maui made a presentation on trust and love, and how to develop, build and foster these vital feelings within yourself, with your relationships with your loved ones and within your community. Ms. Maui feels that we all can learn to love and trust each other better and that is the key to individual happiness both within yourself and your community. The event is free and open to the public. For more information on Tuesday Night Gathering's monthly event please call Ephraim or Rayburn at 488-3036.

Mikania Plant Invades PCC Campus

P C C President Patrick U. Tellei, invites everyone to join in the 4th Annual



Mikania Clean Up sponsored by the Bureau of Agriculture, Office of Environmental Response and Coordination (OERC), the Palau Conservation Society (PCS), Koror State Government, and the Palau Community College.

The goal of the event is to rid PCC campus of the (*Mikania micrantha*, *Teb el Yas*, or "*Mile-a-Minute*") which has spread throughout the surrounding forest area. This year's clean up will focus on areas in or near the PCC Campus, which includes areas behind Palau High School, the Palau Track & Field and PCC's lower campus (Auto Shop and surrounding areas).

The clean up will begin this Saturday, on May 1st at 8:00 a.m. with lunch being provided by PCC for the all volunteers. Dr. Joel Miles, PCC's Professor of Agricultural Science and Chief of OERC's Terrestrial Unit, says that the PCC Campus area has a large infestation of the Mikania. He says that the Mikania is one of the most aggressive invasive plant species and can spread rapidly destroying Palau's fauna and threaten many of Palau's endemic plant and animal species. In addition, to lunch and refreshments, a free commemorative t-shirt will be provided to the first 100 volunteers.

Environmental Club Makes a Difference on Earth Day



PCC Environmental Club

One of the most active PCC student organizations, the PCC Environmental Club, continued its active ways, participating in the observation of Earth Day on April 22nd, held this past week. The Club booth had signs, posters and demonstrations on effective waste management practices.

The Club demonstrated that by "Watching Your Waste" one can reduce waste, conserve resources, save money and help the environment. Good waste management practices can be applied both on a grass-roots level from our homes and on a national level to our business and government offices.

PCC Science Instructor Vernice Yuzi, who is also the Advisor to the Environmental Club, would like to thank all the students, volunteers, and relevant agencies with their assistance.

Yuzi stated, "To the volunteers, and students, I thank you all for your help in making this one of the best Earth Days yet. And a special thank you to all our sponsors and individuals who contributed to the PCC Environmental Club during the 2004 Earth Day festivities. Your assistance made this special event a real success."

Prison Fellowship Palau is Born

On Monday this week, the 'Prison Fellowship Palau' became the 106th member of Prison Fellowship International. This designation took place in a formal ceremony, which took place at the Palau Community College Training Room. The ceremony saw the attendance of members of the Palau Parole Board, pastors, missionaries from several local churches, representatives of rehabilitation agencies. In his welcoming remarks, Palau Minister of Justice, Michael Rosenthal said that during his tenure as

Minister, the number of prisoners has climbed from 70 to 110. Despite the increase of the prisoners and the same level of funding during the same period, Rosenthal said the Koror Jail has become a 'community'. This according to Rosenthal, may be attributed to the efforts of religious groups that have consistently visited the prisoners and provided spiritual guidance and fellowship. With the formal recognition of Prison Fellowship Palau by the Prison Fellowship International, Rosenthal stated with confidence that the much appreciated services provide by local religious organizations will not only continue but even flourish. For information about the Prison Fellowship International, contact Ms. Goretty Masayos at tel. 488-3929.



Fellowship Participants Sing Praise

CRE's Youth Environmental Program Ends

Today is the last day for CRE's Young Environmentalist Program. For the past two weeks 18 fifth, sixth, and seventh graders have learned several ways that they can help protect and preserve the environment. By completing many hands-on activities, such as making a "Trash Pizza" from discarded items found around the PCC campus, the students began to understand how their actions affect their ecosystem. Some of the other activities the students participated in include: water testing to determine how safe the drinking water is at PCC, cleaning up an oil spill, and learning how plants and animals become endangered or extinct. All the students have expressed how much fun they had in the class and that they have learned a lot about helping the environment.

For more information about this or CRE's other Youth Education programs, please contact Kris Lloyd at 488-4983.

BITS AND PIECES...

PCC Thanks Founders, Sends Senior Citizens Day Message....

Being the only institution of higher learning in Palau, PCC takes its role in providing the educational and training opportunities for Palau's citizens very seriously. We are also proud to be serving our brothers and sisters in the Micronesian and Pacific region as well. Hence, in recognition of this coming Senior Citizens' Day (May 5th), the PCC staff and students take time to honor those who came before us to lay the foundations for this college. We also extend this recognition to all of Palau's senior citizens, as we continue to rely on their wisdom and the advice they render which we value greatly.

As May 5th is a national holiday held in honor of our beloved senior citizens, PCC will not be holding any classes and all College offices will be closed and only essential services will be provided during that day.

Happy Senior Citizens Day to all!

3rd Annual XHS Fun Run/Walk...

The 3rd Annual Xavier High School Fun Run/Walk-a-thon Across the Pacific and Raffle Event will be held this Saturday, May 1st, 2004 beginning at 5:30 a.m. The funds raised will be used for the Xavier High School Endowment Fund. Participants will meet at the Maris Stella elementary school's ball field at 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. where they will be transported by shuttle bus to the starting line at the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge (Airai side). The finish line and raffle event will be held at the Maris Stella Ball Field. The Raffle event will be held at approximately 8:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Rose or Quay at (488-8733 or 778-0201). Everyone is encouraged to participate in this worthwhile cause.

Tutoring is Available at Project Beacon...

All students who need tutoring in the subjects of Math, Science and English are encouraged to come to Project Beacon for tutoring. Tutoring is free to all students and is available throughout the day. For more information, please see Midori Mersai, Project Beacon Counselor. Project Beacon Counselors are open and ready to help you with your class work, homework, tests, quizzes and basic problem solving.



Bilung, Gloria G. Salii and Participants in the 11th Mechesil Belau Conference

CJ Students Tour Haruo H. I. Remeliek Patrol Boat



CJ Students Pose on the Patrol Boat

The Criminal Justice Club participated in a field trip to visit the Republic of Palau's Marine Law Enforcement Division of the Ministry of Justice. According to Joan Philip, the students took this field trip to learn search and seizure tactics in boarding illegal fishing vessels, methods on patrol, enforcement, and investigation. Officers from the Marine Law Division gave lectures and discussed the various challenges they face in the field as well as give the students a real life perspective on their role in protecting Palau's waters. In addition, students were given a special tour of the Haruo I. Remeliek Patrol Boat.

Instructor Philip says that students had the option of having law enforcement personnel come to the classes to lecture in their fields, but she felt that in order to give the students a hands-on practical approach it was best for students to see, hear and feel for themselves by going into the field.

Joan Philip stated, "I wish to thank Ellender Ngrameketii, Chief, Marine Law Division, staff and officers for giving my students the opportunity to visit their facilities and have a special tour of the Patrol Boat. My students learned a lot and gained valuable experience."

Instructor Philip also wanted to make a shout out to the CJ Club, "I am very proud of my students from the Criminal Justice Club, they have a lot of dedication and school spirit. Throughout the year the students have participated in various PCC beautification projects. They work hard and they take pride in what they do. They are great example to their fellow classmates and to the college."

This week the students from the CJ Club will be participating in the 4th Mikania Clean Up this Saturday. The club is also collecting various donated goods such as used clothes, blankets and other essential items that they are packing and preparing to be sent to Yap State of FSM to assist them in their recovery from the devastating effects of Typhoon Sudal.