

Seventeen Ngerkesoal Women Graduate from CRE

On Wednesday this week the PCC-Cooperative Research and Extension department (CRE) held a graduation ceremony for seventeen women from the hamlet of Ngerkesoal who received certificates of completion after undergoing training on Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program. Ten of them (asterisked names) also underwent training on Personal Sewing and received certificates as well. These women, taught by CRE Extension Agent Josepha Tutii, are:


Robertha I. Anthonio *Brigida D. Brel Karen Brel
 Rosamistica Ikeya Ngirur Umang Valeria Brel
 Yukiko R. Basilio
 Rebecca K. Marcil
 *Rosalia B. Takawo
 *Mary Jean Meschol
 *Rina E. Delong
 *Bertha Idelkei
 *Catherine Brel
 *Florentina I. Akiwo
 *Emilia Brel
 *Kalista Pedro
 *Anastasia B. Oiterong



*Palau Community College
 congratulates
 fellow Endowment Club member
 Lourdes Materne
 on her appointment to become
 Senior Judge, Court of Common Pleas,
 Palau National Judiciary!*

This newsletter would like to feature Endowment Club members' accomplishments and birthdays. Call Jay Olegeriil or Armstrong Debelbot at PCC Development Office at 488-2471, extension 253 and they will be very happy to assist you!

Celebrating Birthdays

 Benjamin Ueda May 4
 Soledad Garcia May 6
 Maurine Alexander May 6
 Gamberlyn Ngirmeriil May 8

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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MOE employee
 Bernice Elechuus



Palau Housing Authority staff
 Joyleen Tmatk (l) and Englore Ebert



MOF employees Boone Silas (l)
 and Reuben K. Ngirakesau

ROP Staff Help Recruit New Members to Endowment Club

The extended membership drive for the PCC Endowment Fund continues to yield great results. In addition, the College is also grateful to see that current members of the Club who are employees of the national government have taken it upon themselves to help recruit new members to the club! WOW, that is great for all of us as we want to build our membership every week! Today, we are excited to see more employees from various sectors of the national government join us in supporting Palau's only college, PCC.

At the Ministry of Education, we welcome eight (8) new members, **Elena Ngotel, Saburo Remoket, Joselita Ado Imetuker, Heylla J. Towai, Atanacio Tadao, Ngirur Okamura, Bernice Elechuus, and Angelina Tutii.** From the Ministry of Resources and Development, we see five (5) new members, **Mike Aulerio, Jon Eriich, Kelly Raleigh-Moses, Darlyne Takawo** (Class of '96-Cert. in Gen. Office Clerk), and **Borman Teltull.** Over at the Ministry of Finance, we welcome three (3) new members, **Fredrick Kual** (Post Office), **Boone Silas, and Reuben K. Ngirakesau.** From the Palau Housing Authority, we see three (3) new members, **Frida Loftis, Joyleen Tmatk, and Englore Ebert** (Class of '01-Cert. in Bus. Acctg.). And, at the National Judiciary's Land Court, we welcome three (3) new members, **Judge Ronald Rdechor, Salvi Kangichi, and Juanita E. Udui,** thanks to the help of their fellow co-worker Petra Glenn.

PCC welcomes everyone to the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. Thank you for showcasing your commitment to the continued existence of Palau's only institution of higher learning. Together, let us ensure that future generations have the same opportunity and access to higher learning as presently provided by our college, Palau Community College!



Post Office employee
 Fredrick Kual



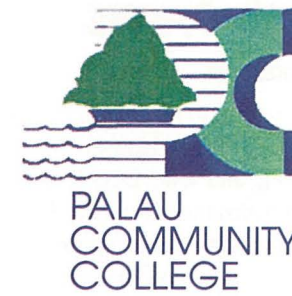
Min. of R&D staff: front from left are Kelly Raleigh-Moses and Darlyne Takawo. Back from left are Mike Aulerio and Jon Eriich.



Min. of R&D staff
 Borman Teltull



National Judiciary employees: Back from left are Salvi Kangichi, Juanita E. Udui, and Jake Ramon (already a member of the Club). Sitting front is Judge Ronald Rdechor.



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Ramarui is New Trustee, Roberts is Re-appointed

After several years, the long-standing vacancy in the PCC Board of Trustees has finally been filled with the confirmation of Republic of Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.'s



Trustee Buk Emil Ramarui

appointee, Mr. Emil Ramarui, by the Senate of the 6th Olbiil Era Kelulau. The Senate, by adopting Senate Resolution No. 6-1117, recognized Ramarui's accomplishments and contributions to the field of education, indicating that he is qualified for the post of Trustee of Palau's only institution higher learning.

Ramarui replaced former Trustee Felix Okabe (Maris Stella School Principal) to become the fifth voting member of the College's Board of Trustees. He holds the title of chief 'Buk' of Ngchesar and is a retiree after having already served 30 years in the government sector, most of them in public education. The Senate also confirmed the re-appointment of PCC Trustee Dr. Emais Roberts to another four year term. In confirming Roberts' re-appointment, the Senate also recognized his contributions to education.

Palau Community College President Patrick U. Tellei, on behalf of the PCC Board of Trustees, Administration, faculty and staff, and most especially the PCC students, congratulates both Trustee Ramarui and Roberts and looks forward to working with them to ensure that our College continues to provide quality programs and services for our students, the local community, and the Micronesian and Pacific region as well.



Trustee Dr. Emais Roberts

AG Students Study Insects With Visiting Professor

Aphids! Tiny insects which suck the juice out of growing plants, distorting their growth and transmitting diseases. Most people do not even know that aphids exist. The biggest ones are less than 1/16th of an inch long and they hang out under the young growing leaves of plants where they are difficult to see. The damage they can do, however, is greatly out of proportion to their tiny size. They can distort the growth of plants, reduce their productivity, and even kill young seedlings. Female aphids can give birth without mating, so a single female introduced to a new location can produce hundreds of young in just a few months.

These are some of the facts students in AG 219, Crop Protection, learned last week. They were visited by Dr. Ross Miller from the University of Guam, and his graduate assistant, Olivia Idechiil. Dr. Miller is an entomologist - an insect scientist - working on a worldwide project studying the spread and genetics of aphids. Ms. Idechiil, who is from Palau, is working on her master's degree at UOG.

On Thursday, April 17th, the Agriculture students visited local farms and collected aphids with Dr. Miller and Ms. Idechiil, preserving them in vials of alcohol. They learned that out of the many species of aphids worldwide, only five (5) species are found in Palau. One of them, **the banana aphid, spreads the very serious banana disease known as 'bunchy top'.** Bunchy top is very common in Guam, but it is not found in Palau. This is why it is so important for us to obey Palau's Quarantine regulations and not bring banana plants into Palau from Guam.

Dr. Miller and Ms. Idechiil have returned to Guam, but the project continues, and the PCC students will continue collecting aphids to send to Guam.



PCC students Presley Andrew, Linus Marewibuel, and Tharngan Loochaz learn aphid collection technique from Olivia Idechiil as Dr. Ross Miller looks on.

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Library Update on IMLS Grant

Written by: Imengel Mad, PCC Library Technician

The Palau Community College-Belau National Museum Image Archives Digitization and Access Project are now in their final year.



Ms. Imengel Mad

The main goal of the project was to increase and improve access to the image archives of the Belau National Museum. Using the dial-up system, Belau National Museum uploads images to the PCC server. The College Library catalogs the images to be available online.

All the images that have been uploaded onto the PCC server to date have been cataloged. They are now available on the PCC online. You may access these images using the PCC Library online catalog. They are searchable using keyword, author's name or series (pcc-bnm imls project). Please ask one of our technicians to assist you.

This will provide very important research resource on Palau in pictures. Once the PCC website is activated, these images will be available to anyone who has access to the Internet.

Mr. Simeon Adelbai and Ms. Imengel Mad, project co-directors would like to extend their most sincere "mesulang" to all the BNM and PCC staff who have made this project a reality.

AG Students Harvest Giant Yams

"We are not yet in competition with Pohnpei," said Professor Joel Miles, "but we are learning how to grow some good sized yams." Dr. Miles said this as his students displayed three (3) yams weighing a total of 67 1/2 lbs. The biggest yam weighed 22 1/4 lbs. These three big yams were from three plants planted about 1 year ago. The students also harvested seven (7) plants grown since last October. The total weight of the yams from ten (10) plants was 146 lbs., or nearly 15 lbs. per plant. The students will plant again next week, and they hope to be able to harvest in time for the Olechotel Belau Fair in October this year.



Proud Agriculture students pose with their giant yams. L-R: Ned Ned, Linus Marewibuel, Presley Andrew, and Hartman Ybelmar

Environmental Club News

Submitted by: PCC Environmental Club

The PCC Environmental Club is the newest club on campus. The officers of the club are Sunny Williams (President), Sholeh Hanser (Vice-President), Lkelong Secharraimul (Treasurer), and Lue Dee Kotaro (Secretary). The club was able to get financial assistance from the PCC Student Body Association and their Advisor I. Anastacio to get started on fundraising projects two weeks ago. For this, the club officers and its members expresses their gratitude.

Members of the club, aware of the April 22nd Earth Day, went to Long Island on April 12th and picked up trash. They collected a total of four big trash bags from the area where people go and enjoy their weekend and don't make use of the trash bins on the location. In addition to collecting trash on land, club members Jordan, Dilreng, and Rusing swam and filled up two more bags of trash collected from the waters off Long Island. We all have to make sure that our parks are kept clean for our enjoyment and for the well being of the animals and plants of our island.

On Tuesday of last week, the PCC Environmental Club again had a bake sale and was able to be one of the many organizations that had a booth on the College parking lot. The club was also invited to speak on the radio station Eco Paradise. Thus, club members told listeners of the club's purposes and its plans to do its part in educating the public about how important it is to find ways to resue water and to care for and preserve our beautiful environment for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.

College Prepares FY'04 Budget

As part of our annual fiscal planning, the College has already begun preparing its proposed budget for fiscal year 2004. As such, each department/division has been working with figures in order to ensure that their financial resource needs for the upcoming fiscal year will be addressed in the budget proposal that will be reviewed and approved by the College's Board of Trustees prior to being forwarded to the ROP President's Office as well as the National Congress. In the meantime, any College staff who wishes to learn about the College's budget preparatory process or the proposed fiscal year 2004 budget may contact your respective division or department heads.



Development Office Student Volunteer Jovan Akitaya (l) donates several University of Guam yearbooks to PCC Library, gratefully accepted by Library Technician Grace Merong. The yearbooks, dating back to the mid eighties, contain photos of many Palauans who attended the University of Guam at one time or another.

BITS AND PIECES...

PCC ACES Environmental Survey

On April 15, 2003, when our American friends were biting their pencils trying to complete their taxes before the midnight deadline for filing taxes, the College was being tested on a totally different matter but nonetheless just as nerve-racking. On that day, the PCC campus and facilities underwent an environmental survey conducted by the Koror State Government as part of the government's program to ensure that the state of Koror is free of environmental hazards and pollutants. After being inspected by the meticulous workers of Koror State Government, the College received a 100% rating, meaning that the College aced all the criteria necessary for a facility and grounds to be declared safe and not hazardous or contributing to the pollution of the environment. Congratulations PCC for being a good example of an environmentally friendly institution. Keep up the good work and keep your environment clean!

Self Study/Accreditation Update

Wondering where the College is in terms of our Self Study/Accreditation work? Right now the Steering Committee is wrapping its review of the first draft of the Descriptive Summaries submitted by the four standard teams. This review may seem painstaking and may at times appear to be tedious; however, once it has been completed, all other subsequent reviews as well as the following major components of the Report will be much easier and simpler to complete (If you recall, following the Descriptive Summary are the Assessment and the Plan/Recommendations) Meanwhile, all members of the the four standards are to be commended for the hard work they've done and the teamwork they've displayed. We are quite proud of the progress we have made so far, and are confident that with the way we are addressing this, everything will fall into place within the timeframe we have established. Good going teams!!!

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!

CE Summer Program Offerings

In preparing to offer its summer program, the Palau Community College Continuing Education Office announces to all parents and guardians that PCC will be offering summer courses for our elementary and high school students. These courses are designed to provide our children some form of activities for them to do during the summer while learning new skills to enhance their knowledge, which may help them to improve their grades and become better students. The courses to be offered include:

| Course | Participants' Grade Level/Age |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Arts | 4th - 11th Grade |
| English Reading | 4th - 11th Grade |
| English Writing | 4th - 11th Grade |
| Marine Science | 6th - 11th Grade |
| Mathematics | 4th - 11th Grade |
| Music | 4th - 11th Grade |
| Camping | 8 - 14 years old |

If you are interested in registering your children in any of these courses, or if you want to know more information about these summer courses, please call Ms. Eileen Babauta or Ms. Taruu Nakamura at PCC Continuing Education at telephone number 488-2471/6223. The deadline for registration is May 23, 2003.

EHS Students Visit Library

Written by: Imengel Mad, Library Technician

Six (6) Emmaus High School seniors visited the PCC Library this past Monday as part of their English Research Class. These students were oriented on the PCC Library policy, how to use the on-line catalog and use Internet for research. The College Library staff expresses their appreciation to Ms. Sebelau Kual, EHS teacher, for helping her students become more familiar with the available resources and services offered by the PCC Library.

The College Library, once again, encourages all teachers to bring in their students for orientation and to have the Library staff show them the resources available for all students' research needs. The PCC Library exists to serve and strives to meet the needs of our patrons who are students, community members and visitors. We welcome all suggestions and input on areas where we can expand or enhance our resources and services so we can continue improving the PCC Library for you!

Library Student Volunteers

The PCC Library would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following students who have continued to volunteer their services by working at the Library free of charge. These generous individuals are Ms. Delma Gideon, Ms. Evaline Derbai, and Mr. Ferrario Olngellel. They started out as work-study and internship students; however, they have continued to assist the Library staff although they have exhausted their required hours under both programs. The services they have provided have contributed tremendously toward the smooth operation of the Library and we are grateful for that. Kom kmal mesaul.

In other Library news... Visit the Library and check out new materials for your reading enjoyment. The Bulletin Board features new arrivals!!!

The library, I believe, is the last of our public institutions to which you can go without credentials. You don't even need the sticker on your windshield that you need to get into the public beach. All you need is the willingness to read. Harry Golden