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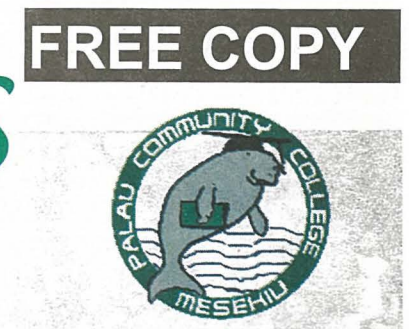
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Ngaremlengui Sets New Record



Staff from the Palau Organic Farm (POF)

This week 92 people from the beautiful state of Ngaremlengui shattered the current record and set an all time high for the PCC Endowment Fund! Although these new members come from various state and national government agencies, they all call Ngaremlengui home and came together in unity to support PCC. Ngaremlengui State's First Lady, Carol Skebong helped coordinate the efforts of PCC's recruitment team and encouraged members of the community to commit to the Endowment Fund. In addition, she hosted a luncheon for PCC's staff who traveled to Ngaremlengui.

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei stated: "To have an entire state, from the grassroots level to its state leadership come together in harmony as a community to support PCC as an institution of higher learning is truly heartwarming. It is amazing to see such an outpouring of kindness and commitment from so many."

PCC's Director of Development, Jay Olegeriil, added: "Such an example of unity within a community is testament to the generous and kind hearts of the people of Ngaremlengui State. Your generosity will ensure that the future generations of Palauans will have access to higher learning and quality education."

Historically, Ngaremlengui State and PCC share a warm relationship as the Ngaremlengui State Government donated free land for PCC CRE's Research and Development Station located in Ngermeskang. The station focuses on root crop experimentation, agricultural science and the management, use and sustainability of natural resources with emphasis on the integration of traditional knowledge and modern technology. See page three for pictures of Ngaremlengui employees who joined the PCC Endowment Fund. They join current members: Honorable Governor John Skebong, Iterir Oketol, Oyaol Skebong, Imengel Secharmidal, and Salome Hainrick.



Science Class Pose for Photo

PCC Students Visit Dolphins Pacific

Students from the Oceanography and Science 090 class made a joint field trip to Dolphins Pacific facility last week. The focus of their field trip was to observe marine mammals in captivity and learn more about their feeding habits, life cycle and reproduction patterns. Science Instructor Geraldine Rengiil, and Part-time instructor Sherry Ngirmeriil accompanied the students on the excursion. According to Instructor Rengiil, she wanted the students to have real hands on experience by visiting the facilities rather than have a regular class lecture. She felt it would be a more enjoyable and rewarding for students to have a personal interaction with the dolphins and their trainers. Although the Dolphin facility was closed for the day due to the illness of one of their dolphins, the management kindly accommodated the students by arranging a private tour. This added to the students learning experience because they were able to observe the veterinarian medically treat the sick dolphin and learn more about dolphin physiology.

Geraldine Rengiil, stated: "The students had a wonderful time and learned a lot. I hope that such field trips will encourage them to pursue careers in the marine science field, an area which Palau needs more experts in. Learning can be fun and exciting as experienced by PCC Science students on their field trip to Dolphins Pacific. The entire class would like to thank the staff and management of Dolphins Pacific for making the trip possible."

Annual Mikania Clean Up a Success



Volunteers Pose after Mikania Clean Up

Over forty people participated in the 4th Annual Mikania Clean Up. This year's Mikania clean up focused on the PCC campus area. The goal of the event is to rid PCC campus of the (Mikania micrantha, *Teb el Yas*, or "Mile-a-Minute"). Despite the heavy rain PCC staff, students, volunteers and members of the Bureau Agriculture rummaged through the thick underbrush chopping, tripping and cutting down the Mikania plant.

Over fifty trash bags full of this invasive plant was collected where it was properly disposed. After the clean up participants were treated to lunch and refreshments provided by PCC. In addition, commemorative t-shirts donated by the Bureau of Agriculture were given to all participants. The event was sponsored by the Bureau of Agriculture, Office of Environmental Response and Coordination (OERC), and the Palau Community College.

The Mikania is an extremely aggressive plant which can pose a danger to Palau's unique and delicate environment. In the future, the Bureau of Agriculture will be providing monetary support (Tsumong) to clubs, community groups, and student organizations who wish to conduct clean ups of Mikania infestations throughout Koror State. For more information, please contact Mr. Joe Tiobech, Invasive Weeds Control Office, Bureau of Agriculture at 488-2504.



CRE Graduates Young Environmentalists



PCC Students Help with Yap Relief Drive

Japan Embassy Conducts Seminar

The Embassy of Japan to the Republic of Palau conducted a seminar on Japanese Government Scholarships here at PCC's CE Training Room. The Embassy's Special Assistant Mr. Takahashi Mita, and Embassy Staff, Ms. Bernie Ngiralmu conducted the seminar for PCC students who were interested in applying for scholarships to attend college in Japan. The students were able to ask questions and gather more detailed information on the various scholarship opportunities offered by the Japanese Government.

The seminar was attended by interested PCC student and coordinated with the assistance of the Dean of Students, Mr. Presley Etibek, and Ms. Lisa Abraham, the Director of the Palau Small Business Development Center who is a former recipient of the Japanese Government Scholarship. The scholarships are available in three categories: **Research Student (Post Graduate)**-Two years from April 2005-March 2007 Deadline July 1, 2004, **Undergraduate College Degree** Five-year scholarship, Deadline May 31, 2004, and the **Senshu-Gakko Student (Professional Training Course)** three-year scholarship, Deadline May 31, 2004.

For students who are interested there is still time for you to apply before the deadline. The applications are available at the Dean of Student's Office. If you are interested and need more information, we can schedule a time to meet with officials from the Embassy of Japan. To arrange a meeting, please contact Temmy at the Development Office 488-2471 ext. 252.

Correction on last week's Mesekiu, Ms. Midori Mersai is not a Project Beacon Counselor, but an Instructor who teaches English classes while providing tutorial services. Sorry Midori!

BITS AND PIECES...

PNCI Wireless Donates Fish Catch to PCC...

This past week the PNCI Wireless sponsored Kobayashi Cup Fishing Derby donated 192 lbs of fish to the PCC Cafeteria. Supervisor Ezra Takeo accepted the donation on behalf of the College. Supervisor Takeo stated, "On behalf of PCC, I thank PNCI Wireless, and the organizers of the Kobayashi Cup Fishing Derby for their donation. We appreciate your kindness and we will use these delicious fish to feed our students."

Palau Red Cross has Walkathon....

The Palau Red Cross Society presents its 7th Annual Walkathon this Saturday, May 8, 2004, at 6 a.m. the Walkathon will start from the Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK) to Meyuns Skozio and back to the OEK. There will be an age group division with prizes for the top three finishers in each age group. This year, a raffle drawing has been added with many wonderful prizes to be won. There will also be free entertainment, food and refreshments with t-shirt and balloon giveaways. This year's theme is "MOVE FOR HEALTH". Registration begins at 5:00 a.m. so please come early. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this worthwhile cause!!!

CRE Summer Internship Available....

CRE is offering four \$500 Agriculture Internships this summer. This is an intense 10-week internship that aims to get students interested in Agriculture. From May 31 to August 6, the interns will learn about CRE's many agriculture projects, assist the CRE Agriculture Staff, perform many hands-on experiments, and complete a research paper.

The Agriculture Internship is an excellent opportunity to gain some valuable experience over summer vacation. The internship is open to any high school student who has completed their sophomore year, even graduating seniors can apply. Applications must be turned in by May 26.

If you would like to apply or if you would like more information about the internship, please contact Kris Lloyd at the CRE Office at 488-4983 or at klloyd_cre@yahoo.com.

Ngaremlengui State Sets All Time Record!!!

We are proud to welcome ninety-two (92) new donors: Beginning with the Olbiil Era Ngaremlengui (OEN), Speaker **Julia Franz** and Legislators **Foobar Skebong**, **Samil Ngiraikeleu**, **Oingerang Rengiil (Junior Rengiil)**, **Emiwo Mad**, **Alonzo Kyota**, **Isidoro Ilemelong**, **Elvira Franz**. Special thanks to Principal **Patricia Franz**, **Glenda Reched**, **Matsuda Ngiraikeleu**, **Jackson Ngirchongor**, **Jessy Moded**, **Stanley Iramk**, **Anita Tebelak**, **Beleyau Hainrick**, **Cristita Albino**, **Imelda Quiambao**, **Daphne Techechur**, **Katrek Beches**, **Benancio Ngirudelsang**, **Clinton Marino**, **Darwin Johnny**, **Divino Mondragon Jr.**, **Elizabeth Ngiralulk**, **Eungel Ngirngesechei**, **Feliciano Yanruu**, **France Ngirameketii**, **Grace Franz**, **Gregory James**, **Jasmer Davis**, **Jay B. Mad**, **Johnny Sekool**, **Jordan Tewid**, **Julius Skebong**, **McGandy Tewid**, **Moded Ngirusong**, **Motol Becheselchad**, **Ngiraikeleu Beoch**, **Ngirameketii Franz**, **Nglice Lakobong**, **Queendalyn Tewid**, **Robert Uluall**, **Roland Iechad**, **Roncliff Robert**, **Samuel Butelbai**, **Serio Mengeolt**, **Sulial Hainrick**, **Sullivan Skebong**, **Tadao Skebong**, **Tadayoshi Skebong**, **Tewid Umedib**, **William Osiik**, **Yamazaki Rengiil**, **Yaorong Becheselchad**, **Arlene Ilemelong**, **Berline Ngirameked**, **Burt Maidesil**, **Cole Ermang**, **Connie F. Madrangchar**, **Dena Johny**, **Elson Skebong**, **Rusky Remoket**, **Gener Sangalang**, **James Waghtuth**, **Joy K. Ngirngesis**, **Kenneth Roman**, **Lydia Ilemelong**, **Marcelino Augusto**, **Maresia Iechad**, **Olewachel Demei**, **Quincy Kunihiro**, **Robert Wasisang**, **Rolly Sangalang**, **Ronny A. Franz**, **Sadao Ilemelong**, **Rusky Remoket**, **Flores Tebelak**, **Rosalinda Mikel**, **Sharween Skebong**, **Siliang Michael**, **Teddy Ilemelong**, **Vanray Tadao**, **Davis Tamtereng**, **Douglas Markub**, **Johaina Mad**, **Lucia Techechur**, **Mariei Renguul**, **Noel Ngiratmab**, **Oscar Hainrick**, **Romana Skebong**, and **Willingheart Subediang**. Thank you for your support and commitment and we welcome you to the PCC family of Endowment Donors!!!



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