

M/V Hanna II Donates to PCC Library


Last week, the generous crew of the M/V Hanna II, a ship that carries christian missionaries around the world and is currently moored in Palau, stopped by the PCC Library to donate reading materials. The donations, totalling sixty-four (64) books, range from children's books to publications on world history, cultures, how-to books and other books of general interest. The College extends a Big Mesulang to the crew of M/V Hanna II for this generous donation which will be quite appreciated by our reading patrons!



PCC Library staff Imengel Mad (l) and Laura Mangham, proudly display book donations from the Crew of M/V Hanna II, Elder Peter Foo (c), Takeshi Hayashi (2nd right) and Rudimch Delkuu (right)

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

	Alvina Timarong	May 11
	Keorung Olkeriil	May 12
	Kuye Belelai	May 13
	Hermine Joseph	May 15

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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Koror State Government employees
John O. Ngiraked, Jr. (back) and Natsuko Nagata



National Development Bank
Employee Florencia Rirou



Koror State Government
employee Pasquala Blesam



Min. of Comm. & Trade
employee Lee Wally



Min. of Finance employee
Millan Isack



Min. of Finance employee
Juliana Sinsak



Min. of Comm. & Trade
employee Ayles R. Sukrad

Koror State Staff and More Become Endowment Donors

In a show of support for the College and its mission to provide education and training opportunities, many employees of the Koror State Government have enrolled and become bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund. We also see more employees from various sectors of the national government enroll in this program to support Palau's only college, PCC.

At the Koror State Government, we welcome Twelve (12) new members, **Tero Uehara, Marlena Sato, Geoffrey Techur, Charlyne Uong, Pasquala Blesam, Joyce Kyota, Mengkur Rechelulk, Kenneth Mereb, Ignatio Morei, Natsuko Nagata, Tellames Johanes and John O. Ngiraked, Jr.** From the Palau National Communications Corporation, we see two (2) new members, **Hiram Reched** (Class of '00-Cert. in Gen. Elec. Tech.) and **Judy Saiske**. Over at the Palau National Scholarship Office, we welcome one (1) new member, **Priscillo Orukei**. From the National Development Bank of Palau, we see one (1) new member, **Florencia Rirou**. At the National Postal Service, we welcome one (1) new member **Augustino Blailes** (To begin donating in June). From the Ministry of Commerce and Trade, we also welcome three (3) new members, **Lee Wally** (Class of '94-AA degree in Lib. Arts), **Ayles R. Sukrad** (Class of '80-Cert. in Gen. Office Clerk), and **Amormia Haruo**. And, at the Ministry of Finance, we welcome two (2) new members, **Juliana Sinsak** and **Millan Isack**.

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!



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Project Beacon Students Plunge into Peleliu History

On the 25th of April, Project Beacon's cultural trip took their students to the State of Peleliu. They were joined by PCC Tourism & Hospitality students who were also headed for Peleliu, accompanied by Soledad Garcia.

What a trip! Never has there been any one place so filled with historical memorials and monuments of World War II. The students were full of excitement but at the same time, there was a collective sigh of sadness as they were informed of the number of lives lost during the war.

The most memorable place that all students said they would always remember was the Bloody Nose Ridge in Ngesias hamlet. When asked why that was, they all responded that it was because of the two high Japanese officials who committed suicide at the foot of the ridge, Commander Nakagawa and General Murai.

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Graduation in Two Weeks, 186 Prospective Graduates

With the College's 40th commencement exercises slated to take place two weeks from today, the organizing committee has increased the pace of their work to ensure a smooth operation. While the number of candidates expected to graduate is still tentative, it is quite impressive. At the present, we expect to confer certificates of achievement and associate degrees to one hundred thirty-eight (138) PCC students. At the same time, we will issue diplomas to thirty (30) Adult High School students. Furthermore, we will witness eighteen (18) masters degree candidates as they receive their degrees from the San Diego State University. Thus, the total number of prospective graduates we are looking at right now who may be participating at this year's commencement exercises is one hundred eighty-six (186). This is a logistical challenge for the organizing committee which, as mentioned earlier, has begun preparing for the graduation.

In fact the committee has begun dialogue with the candidates to confirm their participation so that appropriate steps can be taken to accommodate those who will be participating in the graduation. While the size of this year's graduating class may be a challenge, it is one of the biggest in the College's history; thus, there is much excitement and cause for celebration. Indeed, the College invites the local community to witness our students as they receive their respective diplomas, certificates, and/or degrees. The graduation will take place on Friday May 23, 2003 at the PCC Cafetorium, starting at 10:00 a.m. See you there!

Applications for PCC-Based Scholarships Available Next Week

This is an announcement to all graduating high school seniors and current PCC students from Palau who will be attending PCC this coming school year 2003-2004, that applications for all PCC based scholarship programs will be available starting next week Monday May 12, 2003. These scholarship programs are:

- Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc. Scholarship
- Prince Leeboo Scholarship
- Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Limited Scholarship
- Polycarp International Enterprise Scholarship
- Pierantozzi Scholarship
- Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship

All interested applicants may stop by at the PCC Development Office to pick up your application. Application packets are to be completed and submitted to the PCC Development Office no later than Friday August 15, 2003, the deadline date. For more information about these abovementioned scholarship programs, contact PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471, extension 253.



Peleliu Governor Timarong Sisior (ctr. blue cap), PCC students and staff visit former Japanese WWII Headquarters in Peleliu. The building was later used by U.S. military to house disciplined U.S. soldiers.

PCC-CRE Summer Programs For You

The Cooperative Research and Extension Department (CRE) will be conducting three science enrichment programs this summer. The first program being offered is their Marine Science Class for students in grade 8 (as of next school year) through 12. This is a **FREE** 3-week class that focuses on the amazing diversity of Palau's marine life. The program is divided up between classroom instruction and activities and field trips. Some of the topics covered are Creatures of the Deep, Mangrove Forests, Coral Spawning, Sharks, and Marine Mammals. For field trips, the class will visit many places such as Jellyfish Lake, Mangrove Forests, and Coral Reefs. There is also an overnight planned at the rock islands. The class starts June 3rd and continues till June 20th from 9am till 4pm, Monday through Friday. If you or your child is interested in this class, applications must be turned in by May 28th.

On June 30th, CRE's Outdoor Wildlife Class will start. While participants in the Marine Science Class learn about plants and animals living in the ocean, students in the Outdoor Wildlife Class will learn about plants and animals that live on land. During the 3-week class, many topics such as the Endemic Birds of Palau, Trees of the Savanna, Astronomy, and Helpful Insects will be covered. Besides spending time in the classroom, much of the program will be conducted outdoors so that the students can conduct field experiments and fun learning activities. This **FREE** class is also available to students in grades 8-12 and runs from 9am till 4pm, Monday through Friday. The deadline to apply for this class is June 26th.

The final program is Agricultural Internship open to students who will be high school juniors or seniors next school year. It is also available to graduating high school seniors. The CRE Department is looking for 4 motivated students who are interested in pursuing a career or further education in agriculture. Each of the participants will receive at least \$500 upon completion of their internship.

This program is being sponsored by the Agricultural Development in the American Pacific project (ADAP), which hopes to encourage young people in achieving a career in the wide field of Agriculture. During their 10-week internship, the interns will conduct their own field experiments, assist the CRE Agriculture Staff at PCC's Research and Development Station in Ngaremlengui, learn about biological control methods, and complete a brief research paper. The internship will begin May 28th and continue till August 6th and the deadline to apply is Monday, May 26th.

Applications for all three of these programs can be picked up at the Cooperative Research and Extension Office. If you would like more information about CRE's Marine Science Class, Outdoor Wildlife Class, or the Agriculture Internship, please contact Kris Lloyd at the CRE Office at 488-4983 or at kalspike@yahoo.com.

Ten+ Tips for Test Taking

(The following test taking tips are provided by the PCC Upward Bound Office for the benefit of our PCC students who will be taking their semester final exams next week. It was taken from the University of St. Thomas website: www.iss.stthomas.edu/studyguides/tsstak1.htm). Here are the tips:

*Come prepared; arrive early for tests

Bring all the materials you will need such as pencils and pens, a calculator, a dictionary, and a watch. This will help you focus on the task at hand.

*Stay relaxed and confident

Remind yourself that you are well-prepared and are going to do well. Don't let yourself become anxious; if you feel anxious before or during a test, take several slow, deep breaths to relax. Don't talk to other students before a test; anxiety is contagious.

*Be comfortable but alert

Choose a good spot to take the test. Make sure you have enough room to work. Maintain an upright posture in your seat.

*Preview the Test (if time is not limited)

Spend 10% of your test time reading through the test carefully. Mark key terms and decide how to budget your time. As you read the questions, jot down brief notes indicating ideas you can use later in your answers. Plan to do the easy questions first and the most difficult questions last.

*Read the directions very carefully.

*Answer the test questions in a strategic order

Begin by answering the easy questions you know, then those with the highest point value. The last questions you answer should

- be the most difficult
- take the greatest amount of writing, or
- have the least point value

*When taking a multiple choice test, know when to guess

First eliminate answers you know are wrong. Always guess when there is no penalty for guessing or you can eliminate options. Don't guess if you have no basis for your choice and if you are penalized for guessing. Since your first choice is usually correct, don't change your answers unless you are sure of the correction.

*When taking essay tests, think before you write

Create a brief outline for your essay by jotting down a few words to indicate ideas you want to discuss. Number these items in your list to indicate the order in which you will discuss them.

*When writing the essay test, get right to the point

State your main point in the first sentence. Use your first paragraph to provide an overview of your essay. Use the rest of your essay to discuss these points in more detail. Back up your points with specific information, examples, or quotations from your readings and notes.

*Reserve 10% of your test time for review

Review your test. Resist the urge to leave as soon as you have completed all the items. Make sure you have answered all the questions. Proof-read your writing for spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Check your math answers for careless mistakes (e.g. misplaced decimals). Match your actual answers for math problems against quick estimates.

*Analyze your test results

Each test can further prepare you for the next test. Use your tests to review when studying for final exams.

*Decide on and adopt which study strategies worked best for you

Identify those that didn't work well and replace them.

BITS AND PIECES...

Power Conservation Benefits PCC

The College has seen its monthly electric bill decrease recently due to aggressive energy conservation measures that have been implemented. Most College office staff have been turning air-conditioning units and all other equipment off at the end of each day and on weekends. This has resulted in the College saving thousands of dollars monthly. In fact, while the cost of electricity has increased per kilowatt hour, the College has seen its electric bill go down! This is great news and the College administration commends all office staff for this positive outcome. Keep up the good work everyone, and don't forget to turn off the lights when you leave!

PCC continuously Informs the local Community about Mikania

In December 2002, a team of experts conducted a nationwide survey of invasive plants. In Peleliu, the team discovered a serious infestation by Mikania, a fast growing and very destructive vine. Thus, on April 26th, PCC's Dr. Joel Miles and the national government's Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry, represented by Mr. Joseph Tiobech, held a meeting with the people of Peleliu to explain why Mikania is a serious threat to the farms and forests of Peleliu and to plan for its control/eradication. The people of Peleliu have voiced appreciation for the assistance provided to them by PCC and the government. Any individual or agency wishing to learn more about invasive weed, vines or plants, may contact Dr. Joel Miles at PCC telephone number 488-2471, extension 245.

ROP Thanks PCC for Repairing Aimeliik Water Pump

In a May 2nd letter, Director of Public Works Masasinge Arurang thanked PCC faculty Takemura Erungel and Eugene Uehara for an "outstanding job they did by repairing and service the Aimeliik Water Pump at PCC Mechanics Shop".



From left are Clay Tom, Sidney Ongesel Takemura Erungel, and Eugene Uehara

The pump, after repair, was brought to Aimeliik and installed by PCC students. The students who helped with the repair are Len Francisco, Clay Tom, and Sidney Ongesel. As a result of the assistance provided by PCC, there is now twenty four hour water services to Elechui Hamlet and the EPSICO Water Plant. Arurang commended PCC for providing programs that enable the staff and students to provide much needed skills by the community.

PCC Congratulates Joe A. Lee

Palau Community College congratulates Joe A. Lee on becoming the eleventh president of Alabama State University, and looks forward to working with him as we strive to provide quality programs and services to our students, be they in Palau or Alabama!

Project Beacon Plunge, from front page

Another memorable place was the burial cave of Obakeldelolk of Ngerdelolk. It is believed that this particular traditional title is given by ancestral spirits and the ritual of the traditional burial ceremony is done differently. Once the chief dies, the person who serves the chief is the only one who can carry the body to the burial cave, and there, the body is left in front of the cave for the spirits to take. This particular tradition left little chills on every students' bodies as it was so different from all other cultural and traditional history in Palau.

PCC students and staff are profoundly grateful to the people of Peleliu, especially the Honorable Governor Timarong Sisior for taking time out of his very busy schedule to personally guide and educate us on the cultural and historical sites that were visited. This exemplifies a leadership that promotes the value of educating our youth, and the importance of preserving our culture. Our special thanks are also given to Mr. Melson Miko of the Bureau of Arts and Culture who, because of his historical and cultural knowledge, complemented the Governor's extensive knowledge of Peleliu.

AGS Students Get Hydroponics

(The following article was written by PCC Student Omekrael Sadang)

On February 13, 2003, we studied hydroponics with our instructor Dr. Del Rosario who works as an extension specialist/researcher for PCC. Hydroponics is growing plants without soil. For our class, we planted mustard and nappa on 30" gutters full of coconut husk and gravel. After we planted them, we had to make sure that we give them nutrients so that they can survive; thus, we used three different nutrients, Peter's solution, Calcium nitrate, and Magnesium sulfate. We changed the nutrients every week for about eight weeks. I am very proud to report that they grew quite well and we harvested them on April 17, 2003. (A table featuring the growth/weight of the plants has been prepared by Sadang and is available at the PCC Development Office).



Students pose with their hydroponics. Back, l-r are Emmanuel Tithinfal, Everson Sadang, Dino Saipwerik, Omekrael Sadang, Dickson Waguk Dr. Miles and Dr. Del Rosario. Front are Weiling Sked and Maxson Nithan