

Endowment Club Gets New Members

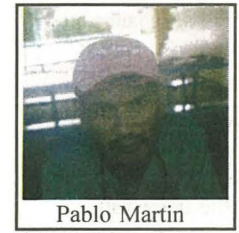
Palau Community College is excited to begin the new year by announcing the addition of new members to the PCC Bi-Weekly Endowment Fund Contributors' Club! As members of the club, these individuals donate a certain sum directly out of their paychecks to the PCC Endowment Fund. At the end of the year, PCC will help them apply for and receive 100% refunds for their donations! In other words, they donate to a very good cause and in the end, get their money back.

These very generous individuals represent various segments of the national government. From the Ministry of Resources and Development, we welcome two (2) new members, **Pedro Delngelii** (who was recruited by endowment member **Smith Siabang**) and **Pablo Martin**. At the Koror State Government, we welcome one (1) new member, **Nicholas Rechebei** (who was recruited by endowment member **Rena Iluches**). Over at PCC, we welcome three (3) new members, **RECHEDIOOL Jemmy Blelai**, **Natalie Rekemesik**, and **Byron Tellei**.

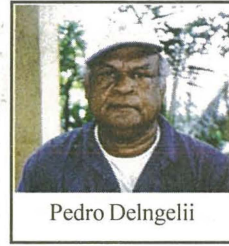
At the Office of the President of Palau, we welcome one (1) new member, **Billy G. Kuartei** (who was recruited by endowment member **ROP President Remengesau**). From the Ministry of Finance's Tax Office, we welcome one (1) new member, **Analee Maidesil** (recruited by endowment member **Jay Olegeriil**). In the House of Delegates Legal Counsel Office, we also welcome one (1) new member, **Pualanie Ngiraswei** (recruited by **Merelyn Omelau**). And, in the Ministry of Health, we welcome two (2) new members, **Dr. Steven Kuartei** (recruited by endowment member **Dr. Yuriko Becheserrak**) and **Helen Remoket** (recruited by endowment member **Merelyn Omelau**). These eleven

individuals join some 855 current members who donate to the PCC Endowment Fund on a bi-weekly basis. We welcome them as they showcase their commitment to supporting PCC's continued efforts to providing quality educational and training opportunities to Palau's and the Micronesian region's students. If you would like to join the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, please call Hulda, Dilubch, or Jay at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 253. They will be very happy to assist you!

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Pablo Martin



Pedro Delngelii



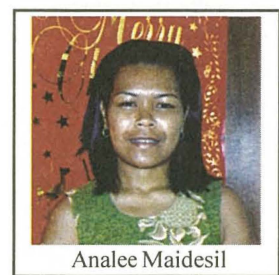
Pua Ngiraswei



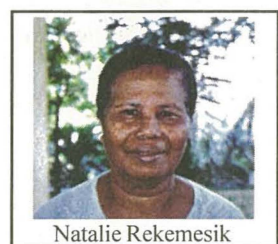
Helen Remoket



Billy G. Kuartei



Analee Maidesil



Natalie Rekemesik

Donors Increase Allotments!
Some very generous bi-weekly donors have decided to increase their donations to the PCC Endowment Fund. These people are **Hosiana Rengulbai**, **Rena Iluches**, **Naomi Ngirakamerang**, **Rosa Lynne Florendo**, **Felix Francisco**, **Christina Orak**, **Teodoro Rengulbai**, **Warren Fukuichi**, and **Benia G. Secuya**. Wow, now their donations are bigger, so that their refunds will be bigger!!!
Thank you very much! (Tial Saul).

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communication between a teacher and students with disabilities will adversely affect learning.
Talent Search tutors from all over Palau attended this workshop, and sharing of information and ideas took place in terms of addressing mutual concerns. Although the workshop was only a one-day affair, it provided an opportunity for everyone to network and collaborate toward the common goal of providing quality educational services for Palau's students. For information about ETS tutoring services, contact Mr. Angelio Anthonio at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.

Celebrating Birthdays
William O. Wally January 11
Happy Birthday To You!!!



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MOBIL Gives To Endowment!

On Friday January 2, 2004, the first working day of the new year, PCC was the grateful recipient of a very generous donation from MOBIL Oil Micronesia. MOBIL donated \$2,000 to the PCC Endowment Fund, doing so for the second year in a row! This gesture by MOBIL has set off our Endowment Fund Raising activities to a good start, and we at PCC extend our gratitude to MOBIL Oil Micronesia for helping in this regard. The picture below shows PCC staff Merelyn Omelau (l) and PCC student Weiling Bekiar Sked (r) accepting the donation from MOBIL representative Francisco Tadashi.

While Palau Community College has submitted a proposal to MOBIL for the establishment of a PCC-based scholarship program and is still awaiting a response from MOBIL, the College is grateful to see that MOBIL has made a commitment to support our Endowment Fund for the second straight year. With the College aiming to raise \$10 million for its Endowment Fund, it is hoped at PCC that MOBIL will decide to make this donation on an annual basis, like our other very generous annual donors. Last year's Thanksgiving fund raiser netted \$18,000+, while our bi-weekly donors raised some \$43,000+ to the PCC Endowment Fund. This year, we hope to at least raise the same amount, if not exceed them.

At the same time, we realize that the year 2004 will see many fund raising activities take place. This month, the AAA Championships will be held in Palau for the first time, and the organizing team has been soliciting support from the local community. The 9th Festival of Pacific Arts will take place in Palau this summer. Those responsible for this major event have also been conducting fund raising activities as well. Then there are the smaller sized fund raisers for a number of causes that take place almost on a weekly basis. Amidst all these are our annual Charter Day Softball Tournament Fund Raiser for the PCC Endowment Fund, our Annual Thanksgiving Fund Raiser for the Endowment Fund, and our ongoing Bi-weekly Endowment Fund Contributors' membership drive.

Hence, we continue to count on the generosity and goodwill of local citizens and residents, and the community to help us as we strive to secure the financial viability of Palau's only college. Remember, PCC is our college, let us work together to make it the best in the region! If you would like to learn more about the PCC Endowment Fund, or would like to make a contribution, contact PCC President Patrick U. Tellei or Jay Olegeriil at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471. They will be very happy to assist you!



BOT Holds Annual Meeting



PCC BOT Chairperson
BILUNG Gloria G. Salii

On Tuesday this week, the PCC Board of Trustees (BOT) held their annual meeting in the College Board Room. During the meeting, election of officers was held. Results of the election are as follows:

Chairperson - Bilung Gloria G. Salii
Vice Chair - Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl
Secretary/Treasurer - Valeria Toribiong

Standing committees were organized as follows: Academic Programs is chaired by Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl; Finance & Personnel is chaired by Valeria Toribiong; Facilities is chaired by Bilung Gloria G. Salii; and, Student Affairs is chaired by Student Trustee Hamilton Maech.

The meeting also enabled the BOT to establish their calendar of regular meetings for 2004, resulting in the following schedule:

Month	Meeting Date
January	28
February	11
March	24
April	21
May	19
August	18
November	23

For information about the PCC Board of Trustees, contact Todd Ngiramengior at PCC tel. (680) 488-2471.

ETS Holds Tutoring Workshop

The following article was written by: Angelio Anthonio, ETS Academic Advisor/Counselor

On most Saturdays in Palau, many local citizens and residents may be found tending to their taro patches, tapioca gardens, attending church, trading those rare orchid plants, out trying to catch the fish that would make international headlines, or just plain sleeping the day away. However, this past Saturday January 3, 2004 saw a group of people doing something quite different. The PCC Educational Talent Search (ETS) program held its first tutoring workshop for its tutors. The workshop was conducted to help these tutors become more aware of the students'/children's needs and how to provide adequate services to students with special needs. RECHEDIOOL Jemmy Blelai was one of the workshop's key speakers. He delivered a lecture on study skills and learning styles, and also provided some

techniques for the tutors to use in identifying students' weaknesses as well as become aware of students' learning styles and study skills.

Also presenting at the workshop was ETS Director Ms. Laura Mangham. Director Mangham lectured on Behavioral Styles. The importance of effective Communication was also emphasized during the workshop. Specifically, the absence of effective

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Tutoring workshop presenter RECHEDIOOL Jemmy Blelai delivers lecture on study skills and learning styles.

Academic Calendar SPRING SEMESTER 2004

Academic Advising & Registration for continuing students	-	-	- January 5 - 7
Orientation, Advising and Registration for new and transfer students	-	-	- January 8 & 9
Last Day of Regular Registration	-	-	- January 9
First Day of Instruction	-	-	- January 12
Late Registration/Drop & Add Period	-	-	- January 12 - 16
Last day to remove Incomplete Grades for fall semester 2003	-	-	- February 27
Mid-Term Period	-	-	- March 8 - 12
HOLIDAY: Youth Day	-	-	- March 15
Students' Spring Break	-	-	- March 15-19
Last Day for all Withdrawals	-	-	- March 22
PCC Charter Day	-	-	- April 2
HOLIDAY: Good Friday	-	-	- April 9
HOLIDAY: Senior Citizens' Day	-	-	- May 5
Last Day of Instruction	-	-	- May 7
Final Examination Period	-	-	- May 10 - 12
Grades Due for Prospective Graduates	-	-	- May 10
Grades Due	-	-	- May 14
Commencement Exercises	-	-	- May 23
End of Spring Semester	-	-	-

Job Opportunities at PCC!

Position: Project Counselor
(federally funded program)

Salary: \$16,010.00 to \$18,730.00 per annum
Depending on qualifications

Examples of Duties: Specific duties will include, but not limited to: new student orientation, assist in program planning and evaluation, conduct student needs assessment, identify, train and supervise peer counselors, work closely with faculty to follow-up on students academic progress, provide academic, personal and financial aid counseling, plan and coordinate cultural site visits and activities, conduct study skill workshops.

Position: Career Counselor
(federally funded program)

Salary: \$16,010.00 to \$18,730.00 per annum
Depending on qualifications

Examples of Duties: Specific duties will include, but not limited to: new student orientation, assist in program planning and evaluation, conduct student needs assessment, identify, train and supervise peer counselors, provide career guidance and counseling, provide information and assistance to students seeking to continue their education at a four year institution.

Position: (1) Instructor - Social Science
(1) Instructor - English
(1) Instructor - Math
(1) Instructor - Business
(1) Instructor - Science

Salary: \$16,010.00 to \$21,911.00 per annum
Depending on qualifications

Examples of Duties: Responsible for teaching courses in accordance with the approved course outlines and developing curriculum for his/her respective division; maintain accurate attendance and counseling and advising students as needed; submitting required reports; serve on College committees as needed; enforcing College policies and performing other duties as assigned.

General Information:

Application forms for the abovementioned job opportunities can be obtained from the Human Resources Division at Palau Community College - P.O. Box 9 - Koror, Republic of Palau 96940. Send completed application with transcripts, resume, and verification of previous employment(s), if any, to the same address. For further information, contact PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471 or come in and see us. We will be very happy to help you!

PCC is an Equal Opportunity Action Employer.

BITS AND PIECES...

Sen. McCain Seen in Palau, Again

U.S. Senator John McCain was in Palau recently for the second time in less than a year. If the name sounds familiar, it is the same Sen. McCain who ran for U.S. President a few years ago. Sen. McCain's visit was of a private nature. It appears that he finds himself being able to find some much deserved rest and relaxation in Palau. We are most happy to oblige Sen. McCain and hope that he has Palau in his future itineraries!

Signs of Spring at PCC

Ah, the signs of spring have been spotted on the PCC campus. This week we saw some very familiar faces as our continuing, returning and readmitted students marched to and fro completing their registration papers for the 2004 spring semester. We also have been seeing some new faces as well indicating that we have new and transfer students.

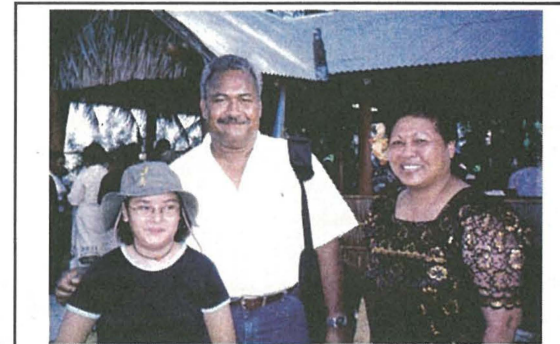
Indeed, all our students provide a welcome sight as for the past few weeks, our campus has been somewhat empty. Next week begins classes for the spring semester and we should see our campus get even more crowded, and that is exactly how we want it. After all, we have lined up our courses and services for our students and we want them to take advantage of these offerings. Welcome everyone to the Palau Community College 2004 Spring semester!

A Tip on Better Serving Customers

When addressing a customer's need/request, do your best to meet his/her needs OR, provide the customer with at least one alternate course of action. To simply inform a customer that you are unable to provide assistance or that he/she 'cannot' do this or that is to be of no help whatsoever. When a customer comes to you with a concern, that concern has just become your concern. **COMMON SENSE, it's free and it leads to improved customer service!**

2004 Prayer Breakfast Held

Holding what is becoming an annual practice, the Palau national leadership held a Prayer Breakfast at 6:00am January 1, 2004 on the grounds of the Office of the President of Palau. The program consisted mainly of church leaders leading the nation in fellowship and prayer. Hymns were sung by various choirs and provided much inspiration as well for a nation that recently had to cope with the brutal murder of a Seventh-Day Adventist Church pastor, his wife, and their eleven-year old son.



Elsei Tellei, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, and PCC BOT Chairperson Bilung Gloria G. Salii exchange new year's greetings after the 2004 Prayer Breakfast

Alluding to this crime, Republic of Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., in delivering his new year message, called on everyone to work together in the fight against drugs. Following the program, calendars were given to everyone courtesy of President Remengesau, as they partook of breakfast that had been prepared for the occasion.



ROP President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. delivers his New Year's Message

'Stop And Get Directions!'

While several important points were presented by the church leaders during the January 1, 2004 Prayer Breakfast, one of the easily remembered points was delivered by Pastor Lawrence R. Larson of the Palau Assembly of God. Pastor Larson instructed individual Palauans and the nation as a whole to 'STOP AND GET DIRECTIONS.' In this he meant that all must use the Bible as their compass and that all must use the compass to help set their course for the year.

Endowment Donors, Fill Your Forms To Get Your Refund!

All bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund are reminded to come to PCC Development Office and complete their application packets, enabling them to get refunds for their donations. This reminder is for those who have not completed their packets. Complete packets (which consist of a signed application for refund, paycheck stub for pay period #26 for calendar year 2003, and receipt for donation to PCC Endowment Fund) were submitted to the Palau Tax Office last Friday January 2, 2004.

If you are not sure whether or not your application packet is complete, please feel free to contact Hulda Lukas, Dilubch Samil, or Jay Olegeriil at PCC telephone num-

ber 488-2470/2471, extension 253, or call 777-5290. Remember, the sooner we file your application for refund, the sooner you receive your refund!

Call us at PCC and find out if your application is complete and has been submitted, or otherwise. **Finally, don't forget our goal for 2004: Each current bi-weekly donor is responsible to recruit at least one new member.** Thus, at the end of 2004, our total will be at least 1,600 bi-weekly donors! All you do is recruit a new member, then call Hulda, Dilubch, or Jay at the above telephone numbers, and they will be happy to come to wherever that person is and enroll them. It's that simple. Now, check out the back page for our newest fellow members!!!