

Alumni Notes

Class of 1979 (MOC)

Welner Lukner-



1980 MOC graduate with a Certificate (CA) in Carpentry (CARP). Lukner has been working for 26 years as a Classroom Teacher for Sapwalap Elementary School in Pohnpei.

Class of 1980(MOC)

Ayles Raymond-



1980 MOC graduate with a Certificate (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Raymond has been working for 26 years as Admin. Assistant for the Division of Economic & Development with the Ministry of

Commerce & Trade.

Class of 2000 (PCC)

Helena Yoichi- 2000 PCC graduate with Associate of Science degree (AS) in Criminal Justice (CJ). Yoichi has been working for 13 yrs. with the Division of Labor as an



Administrative Assistant.

Alumni Notes showcases MOC&PCC alumni who contribute to the quality of life in their local community and are positive role models for other PCC students to emulate. If you are that alumni or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471. We would like to feature you in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

Mesekiu's News

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Celebrating Birthdays

Hilda Ngiralmu July 14
Lesley Adachi July 15
Marensia Edward July 15
Don Hanser July 17

Happy Birthday To You!

Essay Competition

Topic: Tapping the Potential of Science, Technology and Innovation in Agri-food Chains-Creating Employment and Wealth for Youths in the Pacific.

The Technical Center for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) and the University of the South Pacific (USP) are happy to announce an essay competition based on the above topic.

The essay should explore the following areas:

*Identify the critical obstacles facing the youth in the quest for employment and wealth creation in the Pacific;

*explore how agriculture, science, technology and innovation can be employed to ever come these obstacles; and

*give practical proposals/suggestions on how to tap the potential of agriculture, science, technology and innovation in agri-food chains in the Pacific.

Note: this section should include concrete recommendations and steps to be taken to address the issues of unemployment.

Guidelines:

*The essay should be approximately 1,500 words in length, written in English and submitted in MS-Word (Font: Times New Roman, 12 points).

*The essay together with full curriculum vitae (CV) must be submitted as MS-Word attachments.

*Personal experiences/reflections: the use of personal experiences in creating employment opportunities using science, technology and innovation in

the science/agriculture is preferred giving details of technology employed, descriptions of the problem solved, and the results/impact (number of people employed or situations improved).

*The essays could also focus on the activities of an organization that is engaged in creating wealth and employment opportunities by harnessing the powers of science, technology and innovation (ST&I) in the agri-food chains.

Eligibility: Youth in the Pacific aged between 18-30 years.

Judging Criteria: Essays will be evaluated on the basis of demonstrated understanding on the issues, quality of argument or analysis and writing style.

Prizes:

*Sponsorship to the CTA/USP youth congress on "Youth and Employment/Wealth Creation: Opportunities in Agriculture, Science and Technology" from 5-7 September 2006 at USP, Suva, Fiji (travel, accommodation, and sustenance paid).

*Cash Prize and certificates for the top five entrants

*Essays to be published on the CTA/USP website and other publications

Deadline: All essays and application materials must be sent through the following email: essayfst@usp.ac.fj no later than 30 July, 2006.



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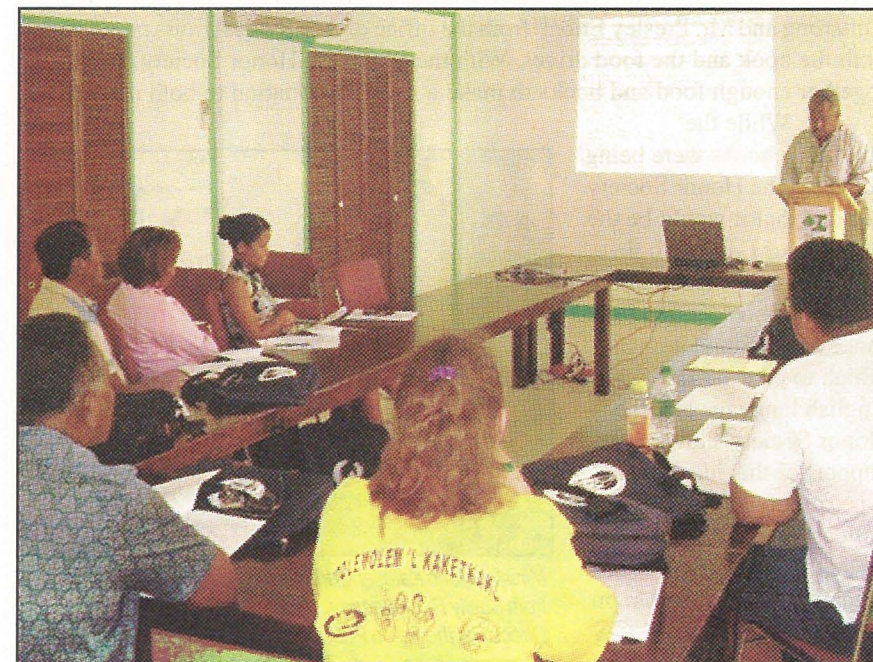


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Weekly Newsletter

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PEC 2006 Attracts 1000+ Participants President Tellei Presents on Leadership



PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei during one of his presentations on leadership styles and approaches in education.

The 23rd Annual Pacific Educational Conference (PEC) which began earlier this week will conclude today with the closing ceremony to be held at the PCC track & field starting at 5:00 pm.

The week-long conference which began on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 saw over one thousand (1000) participants, most of whom are teachers and education administrators from schools all over the Pacific region.

Participants from Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Yap, Marshall Islands along with a group from the University of the South Pacific (USP) in Fiji joined over five hundred (500) local participants make the 23rd PEC confer

ence one of the biggest hosted by Palau in terms of registrants.

The PEC conference which prides itself as one of the largest gathering of educators in Pacific decided on "Commitment and Accountability for Excellence in Education" as their guiding theme for this year's conference.

Holding true to its theme, the conference offered a number of workshops that centered discussions on methods and practices of accountability that ultimately leads to excellence in education. Some of the workshops offered are *Accountability and Transparency in Vocational Education, Classroom Management Intervention, Standard-based Education in our Schools, Documenting and*

Effective Leadership, Accountability in School Leadership, and Focus on Leadership: Majority Votes are not used in Collaborative Problem Solving.

PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei was one of the presenters during the conference. In his workshop titled "Focus on Leadership: Majority Votes are not used in Collaborative Problem Solving, Dr. Tellei talked about various leadership approaches and aspects of leadership styles and how such can be used to improve education in Micronesia. Dr. Tellei presented both on Wednesday and Thursday.

The 23rd PEC Conference also recognized "teachers of the year" from all of the 10 participating countries. Palau "teacher of the year" Lucia Tabelual of George B. Harris Elementary School was recognized along with others during a ceremony that was held on Wednesday at Cliffside Hotel. Pacific Resource for Education and Learning (PREL) Chief Executive Officer Tom Barlow presented the awards to the recipients.

The keynote speaker during the opening ceremony on Tuesday was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management and Planning in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education in USDOE, Dr. Jeanette J. Lim.

The opening ceremony was also attended by Palau Paramount Chief Ibedul Yutaka Gibbons who gave the welcoming remarks, and Palau President Tommy Remengesau Jr. who delivered his special remarks to the gathering at the opening ceremony.

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CRE JOINS OBF

The Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) has recently joined the Olehotel Belau Fair (OBF) on July 9-10, 2006 at the Ministry of Cultural grounds. OBF is held annually when the 16 states in Palau get together and showcase arts and crafts, traditional chants and dances, displays and tasting of unique traditional dishes, live



L-T: PCC-CRE Vice President Thomas Taro with Delegate Antonio Bells and PCC President, Patrick Tellei sampling souchu at the CRE booth during the 2006 OBF. Souchu is a drink made from taro, one of the many food products CRE conducts classes on how to make.

entertainment and much more. The purpose of the fair is to strengthen the Palauan culture and to pass on the knowledge and skills to younger generations.

Taro planting materials from tissue culture were given away to visitors who have signed up at the CRE booth. A demonstration on how to make souchu from taro was shown by CRE Extension Agent Lyndon Masami. Crop protection beneficial insects were also shown through a microscope.

More than 300 visitors have signed up to taste CRE's taro ice cream, taro and tapioca cookies. Consumer taste test of these products showed that they are very acceptable to the tasters and has good potential for business opportunities. These food products are taught to interested parties free of charge as extension program of CRE.

To avail of free CRE extension programs, request may be sent to Vice President Thomas Taro at telephone number 488-2476, fax number 488-3307 or e-mail address at tarothomas@yahoo.com. Or stop by the CRE office for additional information on available programs. The office is located at the PCC shop area, further down from Bank of Guam.

PCC 2006 Graduating Class Donate to MOE and MOH

At no other time in one's life is the feeling to give back stronger and more evident than when one is departing. As Albert Einstein once said, "It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it." It is in this spirit that the PCC Graduating Class of 2006 donated a box of children's books to the Ministry of Education and another box full of canned goods to the Ministry of Health. The drive was organized on short notice when the Honor Society spontaneously decided to actually have one. Only those students who show outstanding academic ability and citizenship are inducted into the society.

Collection of the children's books and the canned goods began about two weeks before graduation on May 26 and lasted until the month of July. Graduates and other students were encouraged to bring in books that were in good condition. Students were also asked to bring in any canned goods or ramen that they would also like to donate. The PCC Honor Society advisors Ms. Alvina Timarong and Mr. Presley Etibek from the office of Academic Affairs organized both the book and the food drives. With their help the Honor Society brought together enough food and books to make a sizeable donation to both ministries.

While the children's books were being collected the Honor Society decided that it would be the Ministry of Education that would receive the donation. Children's books often help make a firm foundation on which to educate the English language and the Honor Society shows their support of this ideal in the type of books they collected and where they made their donation.

Donations were taken in on July 7 to the offices of Minister Katosang, where he thanked the Honor Society for the kind gesture.

When the Honor Society was collecting canned goods and ramen, the advisors waited until all the food they would get was assembled and then decided where they would place the donation, a place that would appreciate that donation and use it for the good of the community. The Honor Society decided that the food would be appreciated and used appropriately in the Ministry of Health, particularly at the Belau National Hospital (BNH). There patients and even the staff may well partake of the donation and give gratitude to the Honor Society for providing lunch and dinner. The canned goods and ramen donations were taken directly to BNH where advisors Alvina Timarong and Presley Etibek met with Minister Victor Yano, who received the donations. He thanked the Honor Society, and their advisors.

Although the Honor Society did both the book drive and the food drive on short notice, they were able to make sizeable donations to both the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health. With the efforts of their advisors Alvina Timarong and Presley Etibek, and the Honor Society Leadership they were able to finish collecting the donations. And although they are leaving the college the donations of the students will be put to good use; the books will be read by future PCC students and the food will be enjoyed by those in the Belau National Hospital. The Honor Society and their advisors would like to thank all those who donated food and children's books to the drive.



Minister Mario Katosang, from right receiving children's book from Shelly Remengesau, standing right of Presley Etibek, Director of the Palau Pension Plan. Also in picture are Dean of Academic Affairs, Alvina Timarong and Hamilton Maech (c).

BITS AND PIECES...

2nd Phase of Diplomatic Training on Protocol.....

The Palau Community College is going to offer a second phase of Diplomatic Training on Protocol to begin on July 24, 2006 at the Palau Community College. The training will run from July 24 to August 04, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. at the CE Training Room (Miich Building) at Palau Community College. Registration Fee is \$10.00 for individual.

Contact Continuing Education (CE) Office of the Palau Community College (PCC) at 488-6233 or 488-2471, ext. 237 & 238 for registration and training information.

Summer Report Cards are Ready

Report cards for students who took summer classes are now ready. Those who have not picked up their report cards can come to the Registrar's Office and get their cards during working hours from Monday to Friday.

PCC Scholarship Deadline....

PCC is offering the following scholarships for the school year 2006-2007:

- Karita Asanuma Scholarship
- Prince Leeboo Scholarship
- Moylan's Insurance Scholarship
- Pierantozzi Scholarship
- Shell Company Scholarship
- Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship

Application forms for the above scholarship can be obtained from the Development Office. Deadline to submit completed applications is August 12th. For further information regarding the PCC scholarship contact the Development Office at extension numbers 250, 252, or 253.

Chilton Awarded Heyum Scholarship

The Center for Pacific Islands Studies is pleased to award the 2006-2007 Renee Heyum Scholarship to Tutii Elbuchel Ichiro Chilton, of Palau. Chilton is an incoming Ph.D. student in the UHM Department of Political Science, with a particular interest in the Alternative Futures Program. He is currently an associate professor in social science and humanities at Palau Community College. While he is at UH he will be looking at the changing global economy and the implications for the Pacific region and Palau in particular.

The Heyum Endowment Fund was established by the late R. Renee Heyum, former curator of the Pacific Collection, Hamilton Library, to assist Pacific Islanders pursuing education or training in Hawaii. The annual competition is held during the spring semester. For more information, contact the center directly at cpis@hawaii.edu or see the center's Web site at <http://www.hawaii.edu/cpis>.



Glimpses of 23rd PEC



23rd PEC Conference Keynote Speaker Dr. Jeanette J. Lim shows her gift-Palauan storyboard.

During the conference, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (standing-left) met old colleagues from the CNMI Mount Carmel School. (seated) Angelita



Buniag, Vice Principal for Student Affairs, and Armi D. Circal, Teacher of the Year. Standing with Tellei is Vice Principal for Instruction Bobby N. Baldazo.

