

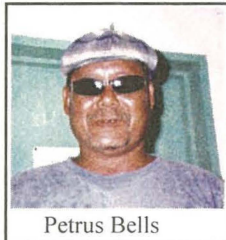
Endowment Club, It's Gaining More Members!

This week, we at PCC are excited to continue 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 refunds for their donations! In other words, they donate to a very good cause and in the end, get their money back.

From the Ministry of Resources and Development, we welcome one (1) new member, **Petrus Bells** (who was recruited by endowment member **Davis Mesubed**). At the Koror State Government, we welcome two (2) new members, **Bianca Adelbai** and **Elizabeth Ikertang** (who were recruited by endowment member **Hulda Lukas**). Over at PCC, we welcome two (2) new members, **Renette D. Meyar** and **Weiling B. Sked**.



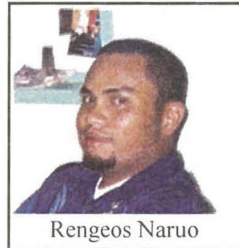
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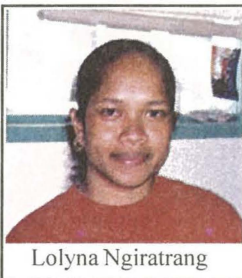
Eva Kyota



Elizabeth Ikertang



Weiling B. Sked



Lolyna Ngiratrang



Carlson Etpison

Over at EQPB we welcome one (1) new member, **Jerome Sakurai** (who was recruited by endowment member **Lily S. Goodall**). And, in the Social Security Administration, we welcome one (1) new member, **Eva Kyota**.

Once again, we welcome these new members 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!

Donors Increase Allotments!

Some more very generous bi-weekly donors have decided to increase their donations to the PCC Endowment Fund. These people are **Nixon Augustine, Gillham Obeketang, Olkeriil Saburo, Julia Wally, Richard Demei, Ezra Yaoch, Kailang Asanuma, Earle Emiliano, Christina Paulis, Johannes Tsuneo, Alonz Moses, Evaline Mersai, and Merelyn Omelau**. Wow, now their donations are bigger, so their refunds next year will be bigger!!!

Thank you very much! (Tial Saul).

Celebrating Birthdays



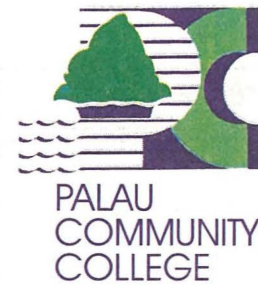
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January Symposium To Focus on 'Health & Politics'

(The following release is provided by the ROP Ministry of Health)

The Republic of Palau Ministry of Health's monthly health symposium has been attracting many locals and visitors due to its varied and highly interesting topics of discussion. The monthly symposiums began in September 2003 with the expressed goal of promoting public awareness on issues affecting health; sharing information and collaborating on common solutions toward our national health indicators; and, discussing "communitizing" health and "hospitizing" diseases.

Previous topics have included the following: *Health and Colonization*, presented by Dr. Finau (Fiji School of Medicine); *Health and Traditional Practices*, with Kathy Kesolei, Bonifacio Basilius, and Demei Otobed; *Health and History*, featuring Dr. Dirk Ballendorf (UOG); and most recently, *Health and Religion with Emphasis on Family Structure*, presented by Fr. Francis Hezel.

This month's (January 2004) topic will be focussing on *Health and Politics*, and participation from representatives of the Executive Branches of the Government is expected. The symposium will be held at the PCC Cafeteria on January 29, 2004, Thursday, from 6:00 to 8:00 in the evening and everyone is invited to attend. In the meantime, for more information about the symposium, please feel free to contact Ms. Ritter Udui at telephone number 488-2553, extension 241.

PCC Welcomes New and Returning Students

Board of Trustees Chairperson **BILUNG Gloria G. Salii**, Palau Community College President **Patrick U. Tellei**, Faculty Senate Association President **Victoria Maui**, and Student Body Association President **Dison Sbal**, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty Senate Association, and Student Body Association Officers, welcome all new and returning students to the PCC 2004 Spring Semester!

For this semester, do the one thing that will ensure your success:

"Hit the Books Hard!"

Look for tips to getting good grades in the next issue of this paper.

AAA Tournament is Tomorrow, Go TEAM PALAU!

Tomorrow kicks off the 1st Oceania AAA Baseball Tournament, hosted by the Republic of Palau. The tournament will be featuring teams from Australia, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and the host nation, Palau. The winner of the tournament will be representing Oceania in the AAA World Championships scheduled to be held in Taipei, Taiwan in September this year.

The tournament director for this first-ever tournament of its kind to be held in Palau is Mr. Adair Sumang, under the guidance of Belau Baseball Federation (BBF) President Johnson Toribiong and Palau Major League (PML) Minister Alexander Mep. The head coach for team Palau is Mr. Uchel Sechewas with the assistance of Mr. Todd Ngiramengior and Radley Kazuma.

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Saturday January 17, 2004 at the Asahi Ballfield, commencing at 1:30pm. It will begin with the marching of athletes, followed by the welcoming remarks to be delivered by His Excellency Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau. Afterward, President Remengesau will throw the ceremonial pitch, signalling the start of the tournament.

Everyone is highly encouraged to come to the Asahi Ballfield and cheer not just for Team Palau, but also all the other teams as they each represent their respective nations in this highly competitive tournament. Below is the tournament schedule:

GAME	DATE	TIME
Guam vs. Palau	Jan. 17th	2:30pm
Australia vs. CNMI	Jan. 17th	7:00pm
Australia vs. Guam	Jan. 18th	2:30pm
Palau vs. CNMI	Jan. 18th	7:00pm
Palau vs. Australia	Jan. 19th	2:30pm
Guam vs. CNMI	Jan. 19th	7:00pm
CNMI vs. Australia	Jan. 20th	2:30pm
Guam vs. Palau	Jan. 20th	7:00pm
CNMI vs. Palau	Jan. 21st	2:30pm
Australia vs. Guam	Jan. 21st	7:00pm
CNMI vs. Guam	Jan. 22nd	2:30pm
Palau vs. Australia	Jan. 22nd	7:00pm

Palau Community College welcomes the AAA teams from Australia, CNMI, and Guam!

College Welcomes All Students!

(Please feel free to clip this page and post it on your wall or desk for easy reference)

The Palau Community College administration, faculty and staff welcome all continuing students back from the fall recess and extends a warm welcome to all the returning, readmitted and new students who enrolled this 2004 spring semester. The College also extends a very warm welcome to all continuing and new Adult High Students as they begin a new semester here on the College campus. Best wishes for a successful semester!

Stay tuned to These Networks

School can be a frightening place for new students. People of diverse cultures, older students, commuters, and people with special needs can feel excluded. Some people attend classes for years and still feel they are standing alone on the outside, looking in.

You don't have to be a stranger to school life. Networking is one way to break through the barriers that keep students isolated.

Students who overcome feelings of isolation increase their chances of staying in school and succeeding. Networks can also prepare students for the world of work, where most projects involve teamwork. You can begin networking immediately. Here are some techniques you can use:

Introduce yourself to classmates. Get to class early and break the ice by discussing the holidays.

Plan to meet people. Write an Intention Statement promising to meet three new people each week. Plan who these people will be and how and when you intend to meet them.

See your instructor. If you feel lost in a class, make an appointment to see your instructor outside class. You might discover a human being who wants you to succeed.

Join a Club. A PSO club, YSO club, Agriculture Club and Student Body Association can put you in touch with potential friends.

Form a study group. Peer pressure can be

positive. Study with students who excel and also look for partners from different racial, ethnic, or religious backgrounds. Diversity will add depth to your group and stimulate everyone's thinking.

Play ball!! You don't have to be a world-class athlete to play sports. As a matter of fact, keeping fit is one of the marks of a master student. Most schools have intramural leagues, and PCC definitely has intramural sports for you to take advantage of!

Use school media. School newspapers can alert you to interesting activities and people. Bulletin boards can be sources of information about clubs and social activities. Also, check the school catalog.

Study at the library. It's quiet, it's comfortable, and it's a place to meet other serious students.

Use Student Services. These include career planning, testing services, counseling services, student health services, financial aid, student body association, student organizations and student activities. These services are free to students. Going to school puts you in contact with an extraordinary network of services. All that remain is for you to use them.

PCC Academic Calendar 2004 SPRING SEMESTER

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 21

End of Spring Semester

Phone Numbers to Keep Handy

Registrar and Records - 488-2470/2471, extension 247 or 257

Admissions & Financial Aid - 488-2470/2471, extension 233-235, 265, and 273-274

Business Office - 488-2470/2471, extension 231, 263-264, and 268

Student Accounts - 488-2470/2471, extension 262

Bookstore - 488-2470/2471, extension 236 or 275

Library - 488-2470/2471, extension 230, 243 and 261 or 488-3540

Cafeteria - 488-2357

Student Life and Housing - 488-3036

Student Services - 488-2470/2471, extension 229 & 249

Recreation Office - 488-3885

Dorm Office - 488-3074

Project Beacon - 488-3073 or 488-5654

Student Body Association - 488-2461

*PCC Directory Assistance - 488-2470/2471



BITS AND PIECES...

Self-Study Update

Thanks to everyone who worked hard, the College's Self-Study Report has been mailed off and now we can relax a bit before the accreditation visiting team arrives this February. Nevertheless, everyone is reminded that we have one more task left -- We need to locate the resources that were mentioned in our respective standards and submit them to Accreditation Liaison Officer Presley Etibek or his industrious assistant Marianne Temaungil. These resources will be placed in the Team Resource Room prior to the team's arrival. Once again, kudos to everyone who put their time and effort to this important College activity.

Searching for That One Article?

Instead of going over boxes of newspapers, one can just sit and browse CD-ROMs of your choice. The PCC Library is proud to inform the public that we have recently purchased a Tabloid Scanner, Digital Camera and a CD Tower for the UNESCO funded Newspaper Project. We hope to have it set up and running soon this year, so that we can start scanning local newspapers onto CD-ROM. So, for all those seeking information in local newspapers, your worries will soon be over! Stay tuned for updates.

PCC Looking for a PR Person

Palau Community College announces to the general public that it is looking to hire a public relations manager. Anyone interested in learning more about this vacancy as well as other vacancies at PCC may contact Karen Mobel, Personnel Manager, at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471, or mail inquiries to Palau Community College - P.O. Box 9 - Koror, Palau - 96940.

Other PCC vacancies include teaching positions, counselors, and clerks.

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News from THE BULLETIN

The following are excerpts from the January 2004 (Volume 10, Number 1) issue of THE BULLETIN

Does Financial Aid Cause Tuition Increase?

Republicans in the [U.S.] House of Representatives have lately been asking a question that makes the higher education establishment very nervous: Does federal financial aid simply give colleges an excuse to raise tuition higher and faster than they otherwise would?

When then-Secretary of Education William J. Bennett made the argument 16 years ago in a New York Times op-ed titled "Our Greedy Colleges," most higher education economists rejected it as simplistic and ideologically convenient. But the thesis is getting a new hearing in these times of endlessly skyrocketing tuition and government budget deficits. According to a report by the College Board issued last month, tuition at private colleges is up six percent (to an average of \$19,700) last year, while in-state tuition at four-year public colleges jumped 14 percent, to \$4,700.

Drop in Community College Enrollment

After 15 semesters of growth, spring enrollment at California's community colleges fell by 51,000 students this year - a drop-off that college officials largely blame on course reductions and budget cuts ordered by the state legislature and Governor Gray Davis.

Thomas J. Nussbaum, Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, has

released a report saying there was a critical drop of nearly 40,000 first-time and returning students in spring 2003 compared with spring 2002.

Women Top Men as Medical School Applicants

For the first time ever, women outnumbered men among applicants to medical schools last fall. Nearly 35,000 men and women applied for the 2003-04 school year, a 3.4 percent increase from 2002-03 and the first increase since 1996. More than 17,600 of the applicants - or 50.8 percent - were women, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges. Women have yet to surpass the number of men entering medical school, but women were closer than ever to making up the majority of new students, constituting 49.7 percent of the entering class of more than 16,500.

For the 1994-94 entering class, women made up 41.9 percent of the more than 42,800 applicants, up from 34 percent of the more than 35,100 applicants a decade earlier. In 1963, they were 8.1 percent of the almost 17,700 applicants.

***For a copy of the January 2004 Issue of THE BULLETIN, contact Jay Olegeriil at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.**



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!!!