

## Tellei Meets Crocombe



At the International Conference on Thinking held in July in Phoenix, Arizona, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei (right-above photo) had the opportunity to meet acclaimed author Ron Crocombe (left-above photo). Crocombe is an emeritus professor at the University of the South Pacific. He has written about 15 books including the famous 'South Pacific', as well as edited many others.

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!

**Palau Community College**  
expresses our deepest sympathies to fellow Endowment Club members **Pauline 'Ina' Rivera**, on the loss of her mother, Inglong Ngiraidong and **John O. Ngiraked, Jr.** on the loss of his father **John O. Ngiraked.**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ina and John Jr. and their families during their time of bereavement.

## Celebrating Birthdays

Edmund Uehara August 19  
Presley Etibek August 21  
**Happy Birthday To You!!!**

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## Endowment Contributors Club:

### MOH Has More Enrollees PHS Science Teachers Join

The Ministry of Health continues its support to the PCC Endowment Contributors Club with new enrollees every week. Each recruitment visit to the ministry continues to yield new members, thanks to the current members for encouraging their colleagues to join. The College's newsletter, Mesekiu's News is also key to enrolling new members as it publishes weekly updates of new members as well as their picture.

This week saw twenty-six (26) new members from the Palau National Government join the Endowment Contributors Club. Kudos and a big welcome to seventeen of the twenty-six enrollees from the government who are from the Ministry of Health. They are: **Lincoln Orrukem, Francis Termeteet, Romuel G. Loquinario, Lorna C. Pacheco, Dorothy T. Skang, Beatrix Taima, Beverly Shay, Madeline Masaru, Henrietta Merei, Salustia Mira, Adelina Bemar, Florencia Rekemesik, Flora Rechuld, Nixon Augustine, Ruth E. Naruo, Lilian Marcil, and Erik Rehuher.** We also welcome **Teodoro Rengulbai, Paulino Eriich, Stelinda Gabriel, Ignacia Oilouch, Jeana Dismas, Brian Lakobong, Benia G. Secuya, Marilou B. Lapuz, and Cyril Leonardia** from the Ministry of Education, who rounded out the government employee enrollees.

As always, PCC is most grateful for the tremendous support it has received and continue to receive for its Endowment Contributors' Club and profoundly thanks all supporters. Add your face to the many that have joined the Endowment Contributors' Club by contacting Jay Olegeriil or Armstrong Debelbot at PCC-telephone number 488-2471.



(l-r) Jeanna Dismas, Brian Lakobong, Marilou Lapuz, Benia Secuya, and Cyril Leonardia - science teachers from MOE. (seated) current members Juliet Ngotel and Cate Wier.



Stelinda Gabriel and Ignacia Oilouch - Palauan teachers from MOE.



Florencia Rekemesik and Flora Rechuld of the laundry room - MOH.



(l-r) Romuel Loquinario, Lorna Pacheco, Francis Termeteet, and Lincoln Orrukem - Medical Lab MOH.



(l-r) Madeline Masaru, Henrietta Merei, and Salustia Mira, Public Health - MOH.



Adelina Bemar - Public Health - MOH.



Ruth Naruo - MOH.



Dorothy Skang - Dental, MOH.



Beverly Shay and Beatrix Taima - Dental, MOH.



Nixon Augustine - Dept. of Env. Health, MOH.



Eric Rehuher - MOH.



Lilian Marcil - MOH.



# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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## \$1.1 Million Granted for PCC-UBMS

Palau Community College (PCC) received word this week that its proposal for the establishment of an Upward Bound Math and Science Center has been granted by the United States Department of Education.

The grant proposal, put together by PCC Upward Bound (UB) Director Kuye Belelai and her staff, is awarded for a period of five years with a total funding of \$1.1 million, beginning in October 2003 and ending in September 2008. It will serve 50 high school students each year from all the six high schools in Palau. Eligible program participants must have completed the 8th grade and, once entered into the program, will be served until their graduation.

The program is designed for students who have a strong interest in math and/or science related fields. The goal of the program is to help students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science and encourage them to pursue postsecondary degree in these fields.

Currently, there are only 2 known Upward Bound Math and Science Centers (UBMS) operating in the

Pacific region, one located at the University of Hawaii at Hilo and another at the Leeward Community College in Honolulu, Hawaii. With this grant award, PCC will now house the third center in the Pacific and the only one in the Micronesian region.

PCC is excited to see that its proposal has been granted giving the college additional means with which to provide critical services needed by Palau's students. Just last year, the College submitted an Educational Talent Search (ETS) grant proposal which was funded for five years. ETS serves 600 students each year by providing guidance on the completion of high school requirements, and assistance with financial aid, scholarship, and admissions applications to college/university. Earlier this summer, the College's Upward Bound program was awarded a new 4-year grant cycle enabling the program to continue providing its much needed services to needy students. Upward Bound has been in existence at PCC since 1984.

Now, with this addition of the Upward Bound Math and Science Center, PCC is in a much better position to provide services in the areas of math and science to needy Palauan students. It can be said that these assistance programs are testament of the commitment of UB Project Director Kuye Belelai who has worked tirelessly over the years to ensure that Palau's students receive much needed educational assistance that will benefit them and the country in the future. With Director Belelai's efforts and the support of PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, PCC has been recipient of



Kuye Belelai

these grants that help Palauans pursue their higher educational goals. Congratulations President Tellei and Director Belelai for bringing much needed programs to Palau!

In previous years several PCC Upward Bound students have been taking math and science courses at various UBMS centers in the United States. In fact, this summer two UB students participated in this program. Ms. Sim J. Tellei took courses at the UBMS center in Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, AZ while Ms. Daphne Ricky attended the UBMS center at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Both students excelled in their respective programs with each receiving recognition for academic excellence.

## JICA/JOCV Helps Fund PCC Project

The Japan International Cooperation Agency/Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JICA/JOCV) has once again teamed up with PCC in their mutual efforts to help improve the quality of life for PCC students. JICA/JOCV has opted to help PCC pay for the cost of a fence that will be put up near the volleyball court located in the vicinity of the PCC dorms.

The installation of the fence is necessary for the safety of the stu-

dents from falling off the ledge while playing volleyball. The total cost of the project is \$4,402.29 which will go toward purchasing of materials needed to build the fence, and will be split in half between PCC and JICA/JOCV. PCC will provide the labor to construct the fence.

This is not the first time that PCC receives financial assistance from JICA/JOCV. According

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President Tellei (3rd left) and JICA/JOCV staff who visited the College. Third from right is JICA volunteer at PCC Kazuhisa Takahashi.

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## MERLIN VISITS PCC LIBRARY

Dr. Mark Merlin, a Biology professor from the University of Hawaii recently visited the PCC Library. The Micronesia-Pacific (Micro-P) Collection has six books written by Dr. Merlin and he donated two more copies to be added to our collection. As you may know, Dr. Merlin wrote the book titled, 'Dellomel Er a Belau: Plants of the Palauan Islands'. This book is one of the most circulated in the Micro-P section. The PCC Library would like to thank Dr. Merlin for donating his books that will be of great interest to our patrons.

The Library also expresses appreciation to the following donors for helping expand its collections, and enabling it to provide more of the materials its patrons need for their research and reading enjoyment. They are: **Rev. Limitz Iyar, Hon. Clark K.H. Chen (Embassy of the Republic of China), and Ms. Wililah Faungy.**

Once again, the PCC Library would like to remind all new and continuing students that they must present their valid PCC student ID card for using the technology center and for e-mailing in the Library. All PCC Library patrons must present their PCC Library card for checking out library materials. **The Library will resume its regular hours starting on August 18, 2003.**

**"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better." -- Sidney Sheldon**  
Visit your PCC Library!!!

## PCC-CRE Interns End Successful Summer

After an intense ten weeks, CRE's four high school agriculture interns each earned \$500 and a Certificate of Achievement awarded to them last Friday. Colby Anastacio, Gregory Meyar, Prolynn Brien, and Thomas Marcello spent their summer with the CRE Agriculture Staff learning valuable skills that they will be able to utilize in their future endeavors. During their time at CRE, the interns started a vegetable garden at PCC, harvested and planted taro and cassava at the PCC R&D Station in Ngaremlengui, learned tissue culture techniques, and improved their computer skills while working on their research reports.

Under the supervision of Dr. Joel Miles, the four students learned the proper techniques for planting and maintaining their vegetable garden, which produced a bumper crop of pechay and radishes. He also taught them the importance and uses of compost, which the interns now refer to as "Black Gold".

The interns spent a lot of time at the PCC R&D Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui. Working closely with the CRE Agriculture Staff, the students got the opportunity to work in the tissue culture lab and start their own miniature taro plants. Out in the field, they harvested taro and cassava for the germplasm program, planted sunn hemp to improve the soil, and learned all about CRE's biological control projects.

Interim CRE Vice President, Thomas Taro, expressed his gratitude to the four interns for all their hard work and added how impressed he was at their conduct over the course of the summer. The interns in return wished to thank all who helped make their experience a complete success and one that they will never forget.

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMIC STUDENTS

Due to low enrollment in agriculture and home economic classes here in Palau and throughout the Micronesian region, the Agriculture Development in the American Pacific (ADAP) Pacific Land Grant Program is offering eight \$500 scholarships to students pursuing a degree in these two very important areas. It is important to remember that these are both very diverse fields and offer a wide diversity of career opportunities. Agriculture is a lot more than just farming.

If you are interested in applying, please pick up an application from Kris at the CRE office. The deadline to apply is August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003. For more information, please contact Kris Lloyd at 488-4983.



Interns proudly display their certificates as they pose for a group photo with CRE's Kris Lloyd (second right)

## Yap Dancers at MOE Convention



Last week, the Palau Ministry of Education held its 14th education convention at the PCC Cafeteria. The Convention enabled the ministry to address issues and concerns it is facing prior to the start of a new school year. During the lunch break, participants were treated to an audience-pleasing traditional dance performance by young students from Yap, FSM.

## Bet You Didn't Know...

Men are 20% more likely than women to sneeze in a dusty room... A cup of coffee flavored yogurt contains about as much caffeine as a 12-ounce can of cola... Dandruff is not caused by dry scalp -- fact is, it's more common with oily scalps... Whispering when you're hoarse is acutally worse for your vocal cords than speaking normally... "Rx," the symbol appearing on prescriptions, means "take," from the latin word for recipe.

(Source: TopHealth, the health promotion and wellness newsletter)

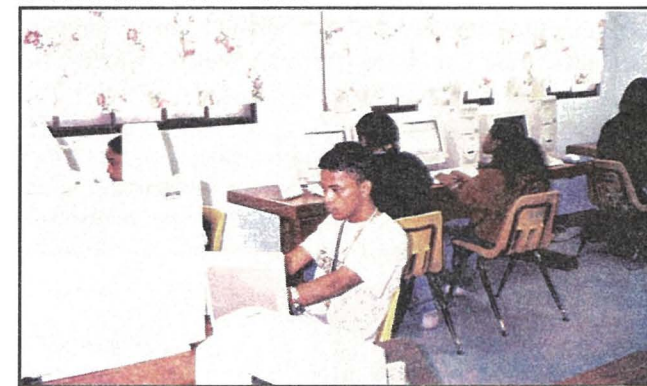


## BITS AND PIECES...

### PCC-Based Scholarships Deadline Today

Today is the deadline for all PCC-based scholarship programs which are Prince Leeboo, Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc., Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Limited, Roman Tmetuchl, Polycarp International Enterprises, and Pierantozzi Scholarship programs. All new and continuing PCC students who wish to apply for these scholarship opportunities need to submit their application packets to the PCC Development Office no later than 5:00 pm today. Anyone who has any questions regarding these programs may contact Armstrong, Dilubch, or Jay at PCC telephone number 488-2471, extension 253.

### Placement Tests Over



New PCC students took placement tests this week. The picture above shows some of the students taking the Keyboarding Test.

### TSUJIHARA Returns This Weekend

Dr. Makihiko Tsujihara, associate professor of the Prefectural University of Kumamoto in Japan, is scheduled to visit Palau this weekend for only a few days. If the name sounds familiar, it is because Dr. Tsujihara was in Palau last summer conducting an extensive architectural study on buildings that were built by the Japanese between World War I and World War II during Japan's administration of the Micronesian islands. As such, he spent a considerable amount of time here at the College as our UKALL building is the largest existing structure built by the Japanese that is still standing here in Koror.

Dr. Tsujihara also conducted studies on other structures in Koror including the Belau National Museum and Palau Judiciary buildings as they were also constructed by the Japanese. During this second visit, Dr. Tsujihara expects to present his drawings of PCC's UKALL building to the College, which he drew during his first visit along with his wife. Let us give Tsujihara and his wife a warm welcome as they return to visit us for a second time!

## JICA/JOCV, from front page

to PCC JICA volunteer Kazuhisa 'Kazu' Takahashi, about two years ago, JICA/JOCV helped purchase a lighting system for the PCC Volleyball court.

Thus, PCC is once again very grateful for the generous help from our benefactor, JICA/JOCV, as well as with our JICA volunteer Kazu, who began working with us since April 2002 as a Student Activities Specialist. Kazu will continue here until April 2004; therefore, we look forward to continuing to benefit from his and JICA/JOCV's generosity and kind

assistance.

In the meantime, if you would like to know about PCC's Student Recreational and Competitive Sports Activities, contact Kazuhisa Takahashi at PCC telephone number (680) 488-3885/3036. He will be very happy to assist you!

Or, if you would like to learn more about the JICA/JOCV activities in Palau, contact their Palau office telephone number at (680) 488-5373. Like Kazu, they will be more than happy to assist you!



## Alumna Allows Address to be Published

Attention MOC/PCC alumni, fellow alumna **Ms. Grace G. Lorrin** (MOC 1989-91) has graciously allowed this newsletter to publish her address in case former classmates and friends wish to get in touch with her. **Ms. Lorrin's address is: P.O. Box 127 Kolonia, Pohnpei, FM 96941. Her home phone is (691) 320-7285, work phone is (691) 320-2728/2462.** Her e-mail address is [glorin@mail.fm](mailto:glorin@mail.fm). If you would like to get in touch with other classmates, simply provide us your name and mailing or e-mail address and we will make it available for your friends via this newsletter. Who knows, you may be neighbors with long lost classmates and friends without realizing it. Contact Jay Olegeriil at [jayo@palau.edu](mailto:jayo@palau.edu) or Armstrong Debelbot at [polou@palau.edu](mailto:polou@palau.edu) and provide the information that will connect you to your friends!

## TOEFL TESTING DATES 2003-2004

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Rec't. Date at TOEFL Office)	Score Report Mailing Date
Oct. 18, 2003	August 29, 2003	November 26, 2003
May 15, 2004	March 29, 2004	June 23, 2004

- The Test of Written English (TWE) is given with the TOEFL test. It is a 30-minute writing test that is required of everyone taking the paper-based test. The TWE score is reported separately and is not added to the TOEFL score.

- Testing and Service Fees - \$130.00

- There are two ways to register for the test.

1. Online Registration - Those with American Express, VISA, JCB, Mastercard, and Discover credit cards may register for the test at the TOEFL Web site ([www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)), or see Karen Mobel at Human Resources Development for an arrangement to use PCC credit card.

2. Mail-in Registration - You may obtain the TOEFL Bulletin from Myorang Besebes at the PCC Student Life Office.

For information about TOEFL registration and testing, contact Marensia Edward at PCC telephone (680) 488-3036.

