

Alumni Notes

Class of 2000 (PCC)

Weldon Gideon -



2000 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in General Electronics Technology (GET). He has been working as a

Computer Technician at the Judiciary's Management Information Systems for 3 years now.

Class of 1998&1999 (PCC)

Judy O. Ikeda -



1999 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Office Administration (OA) and 1998 PCC graduate with an AS in Business Accounting. She is a

treasurer for Aimeliki State Government. She has been working there for 6 years.

Class of 1974 (MOC)

Sovire Ngiruos-



1974 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). She is a Koror Elementary School Cook. She has

been working there for almost 16 years.

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*.

Celebrating Birthdays

Joe Chilton September 30
Jade Kloulechad October 2

Happy Birthday to You!!!



Mesekiu's News

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More Enroll in PCC Endowment Fund



Margie Buban (l) and Pam Bidwell (r)



Kimberly Wong



Joyce K. Blelai

Top (l-r): PCC Math Instructor Margie Buban, from the Philippines, has enrolled in the PCC Endowment Fund and Pam Bidwell, a Library Services Instructor from New Zealand recently enrolled as well. Also, PCC Academic Affairs Staff, Kimberly Wong and PCC Part time teacher, Johvanna Yaoch (not pictured) also enrolled. Above: Palau High School Business Teacher Joyce K. Blelai enrolled too. PCC welcomes the new supporters of the Endowment Fund and invites others who have not signed up to show their support as well. For more information about the PCC Endowment Fund, please contact Hulda, Dilubch, Charlene, Koyungil, or Armstrong at the Development office at ext. 253.

PCC Men and Women's Volleyball Teams Formed

The Palau Community College has formed its Mesekiu Women and Men's teams to compete in the Palau Volleyball Federation's (PVF) annual volleyball tournament. The tournament started in the beginning of September and will end in November at PHS Spider's Gym every Monday to Saturday. PCC Mesekiu Men's team is competing against six other teams, while the women's team is competing against four. According to PVF as of September 27, the PCC Mesekiu Men's team has 2 wins and 3 loses and on the other hand, PCC Mesekiu women's team has 2 wins and 2 lose.

Vacancy Announcement

Position: Security Service Officer

Salary: PL- 3/1 to 3/12 at \$6,709 to \$11,475 per annum
(Depending on qualifications)

Examples of Duties

To regularly patrol the campus and ensure the safety and security of all students, faculty, staff and patrons, as well as the buildings, plant and property, and to assist in the prevention of damage to College assets.

Minimum Qualifications Requirements

- Two years post secondary education plus one- year experience in security or associated work.
- Able to communicate and write effectively in English.
- Able to substantiate ability to make quick, logical, and effective decisions in a variety of emergency situations.
- Qualified in administering First Aid and have a current driver's license and satisfactory driving record.
- Able to work under flexible schedule.

General Information

Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division at P.O. Box 9, Koror, PW 96940 or visit our website at www.palau.edu. Send completed application with transcripts, resume, and verification of previous employment (s), if any, to same address. For further information, call 488-2470/ 2471 or come in and see us.



PCC Mesekiu Men's Team just after a game at PHS Spider's Gym



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New SBA Officers Inducted for 2006-2007



New Student Trustee Shane Salvador (front-left) with Trustees Buk Emil Ramarui & Valeria Toribiong, Dean of Students Marensia Edward, and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei pose with the new SBA Leadership.



Officers taking their oath in front of PCC Mesekiu Bai

For those who ran for this year's PCC general election, last Thursday was an exciting day to officially be inducted as the new Student Body Officers for 2006-07. This special ceremony, witnessed by PCC Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, and family members began around noon with an opening speech by PCC President Tellei followed by the Dean of Students, Ms. Marensia Edward. Soon after, the elected officers, excluding the elected student trustee, took their oath which was delivered by President Tellei. Then, Mrs. Bilung Gloria G. Salii, the PCC Board of Trustees Chairperson, swore-in the elected student trustee for 2006-07, Shane Salvador. After the swearing-in and signing of documents, the newly sworn-in officers enjoyed refreshments and met with fellow students who witnessed the induction ceremony.

PCC Library Celebrates Banned Books Week

During the second week of September, PCC library celebrated the world-wide "Banned Books Week: Celebrate Your Freedom to Read". Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to choose or the freedom to read to express one's opinion even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular. It was observed since 1982 to remind us not to take this freedom for granted. This year marked the Banned Books Week's 25th Anniversary. Some of the books banned over the years, include Maya Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" and the infamous Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mocking Bird". This is such as celebrated book because it won the Pulitzer Prize, was voted the best novel of the 20th century, and the movie based on the book won an Academy Award. Therefore, you may be wondering why this popular book was banned, but



Banned Books Week's display outside PCC Library

apparently it was because of its profanity and language, racial subject matter and racial slurs, and other objectionable content.

SBA Officers' Orientation at Rock Islands

The Student Services office conducted an orientation last Saturday, September 23, 2006 for the new officers of the PCC Student Body Association.



Counselor Alexander with SBA Officers

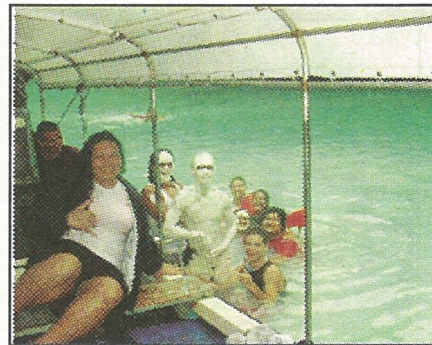
The one-day orientation was held at Ngchus Rock Island. Director Deikola Olikong, counselors Maurine Alexander, Hilda Seklii, Winfred Recheungel, of the Student Services office and counselor Adora Nobuo-Andreas of Project Beacon office talked to students about a number of topics ranging from the SBA constitution to parliamentary procedures and leadership styles.

Director Olikong said that this is the first comprehensive orientation that involves all officers of the SBA. She said that it is important that all officers are aware of the roles and responsibilities required of them as elected representatives of the entire Student Body



SBA Officers going through their Orientation Papers Association. "Previously, we only required the SBA president and state leaders to attend the orientation but have now we've decided to include all officers. This is the first SBA administration that we have implemented this new orientation procedure and I think we will see positive results from it," Olikong said. During the session, Olikong reviewed with the officers the SBA constitution and also discussed

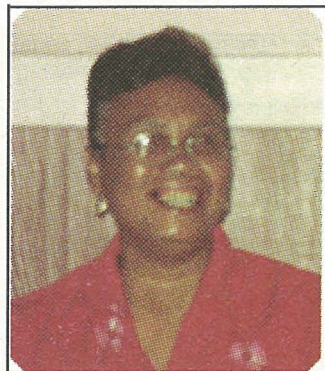
various student government leadership styles and their application. Counselor Recheungel discussed parliamentary procedures required of SBA officers when conducting official SBA sessions. Alexander also shared tips and pointers on how to conduct successful meetings including the proper channel of communication to be used when addressing SBA concerns. Nobuo-Andreas' session dealt with the virtues & characters of a good leader and goal setting and attainment.



SBA Officers at Milky Way

Seklii concluded the orientation by assisting the officers choose their advisor and prepare for their first official SBA meeting. For information about the next SBA meeting, please contact the SBA office at 488-2461 or Student Services office at 488-3036.

Besebes Retires After Some 30 Years



Myorang Besebes, a dedicated PCC Employee

Throughout our lifetime, some people simply come in and out of our lives, but there are those that touch us immensely and leave their prints. Myorang Besebes, a PCC Student Life employee is one of those people. Besebes is one of very few who have stayed dedicated and loyal to PCC for over 30 years. She has been a great asset to the college; therefore, she

will surely be missed as she has decided to retire. Happy Retirement MYO!!!

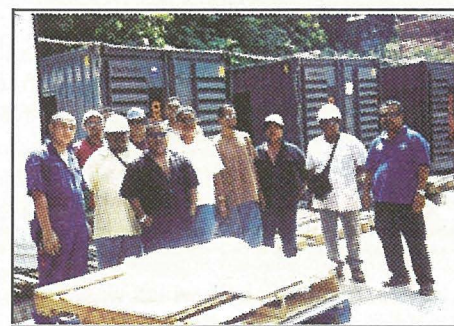


Besebes cutting her "Happy Retirement" cake



Besebes with PCC friends at her retirement dinner

PCC Supports PPUC Efforts



Hardworking PPUC employees setting up generators to light up the island. PCC showed their appreciation by providing them with food and drinks during the installation work.

BITS AND PIECES.. Dean of Academic Affairs Hold Faculty Meeting

As required by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accreditation Commission, the Dean of Academic Affairs, Alvina Timarong, and PCC program and department heads had successfully met on September 26 to decide the best way to analyze and use data in the program and department assessments. In order to make such an evaluation, program assessments dating back to the fall of 2002 up until last year's need to be considered for the program assessments only focuses on a 3-year term, after which it needs to be reviewed again. Therefore, the next assessment is set in 2009. The first draft is due at the end of this month; however, the final draft is due at the end of the year. Only then can PCC receive recommendations from the commission and start implementing any changes.

Hawaiian Belau Rock Donates to PIALA...

Hawaiian Belau Rock has generously donated five-hundred dollars to help sponsor the upcoming Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives (PIALA) conference this November 13-17.



PIALA Fundraising Chair Laura Mangham (l) with Hawaiian Belau Rock Manager Mark Vereen

Attention UOG Alumni

UOG President Harold Allen is arriving in Palau this weekend with his delegation from UOG. President Allen is hosting a meeting with all UOG Alumni on Monday, October 1st, 2006 at the PCC Cafeteria starting at 6:30pm. Issues such as mutual interest with Alumni & College will be discussed at the meeting.

Palauan Biodiversity Highlighted on German Website

Palauan birds in Germany? Well, not exactly, but a photograph of a beautiful Palauan bird is being featured on the German website, Naturdetektive. The Naturdetektive website is a project of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation managed by Dr. Horst Freiberg. Through an informal agreement between Dr. Freiberg and the Office of Environmental Response and Coordination (OERC), Palau's nine endemic forest birds will be featured for the next several weeks, with a series of photographs donated by Mandy Etpison and questions being provided by the OERC.

Naturdetektive is a multimedia project for school children and the general public to make the Biodiversity Convention better known in Germany. The project combines practical observations in nature with the internet. On a biweekly basis a biodiversity competition for schoolchildren is held in cooperation with other CBD National Focal Points. **Palauan students can also enter this contest** by providing the correct answers to the questions posted on the Naturdetektive website. The

winner will receive a set of 4 posters showing German Trees in spring, summer, autumn, and winter. Interested readers can access the Naturdetektive website at www.naturdetektive.de to view the pictures of Palauan birds and enter the contest.

Pictures of all nine birds, and information about them, can be found on Palau's national biodiversity website: www.palau.biodiv-chm.org. Additional information is being provided by the Palau Conservation Society (PCS), and can be found on the PCS website: www.palau-pcs.org

The picture and questions will also be published biweekly in the local newspaper, Island Times. Island Times will give a T-shirt to the first person to provide them with the correct answers to the questions. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call OERC at 488-6950 to get the answers.

If you have any questions about this effort to provide information about Palau's biodiversity, please call Dr. Miles at OERC, 488-6950.

Belau National Museum Donates Books



Belau National Museum Staff and School Representatives presenting donated books

Belau National Museum has generously donated Palauan dictionaries and various publications from the 9th Festival of Pacific Arts held in Palau in 2004.