

Ms. Doralee Uchel Receives Donations from WCTC



Western Caroline Trading Company's representative Paul Kjeldson presents gift certificate to Doralee Uchel, a PCC student majoring in Business Accounting. Uchel received the gifts on behalf of a grateful PCC. The gift certificates will be some of the prizes at the 4th Thanksgiving Fundraiser for the PCC Endowment Fund scheduled for November 27th this year. The prizes donated by WCTC are:

- One window air-conditioner at WCTC Appliance
- Free Car Tune up at WCTC's West Auto Repair
- Two \$250.00 Shopping Spree at WCTC's Ace Hardware
- One night stay at WCTC's West Plaza
- \$2,000 toward Endowment Fund and Prizes

Celebrating Birthdays



Ostenso Faungy	October 04
Jose S. Azuma	October 05
Sabra Vanoosterweyck	October 06
Lorenza Joseph	October 10
Sherman Daniel	October 15
Moses Bells	October 17
Debra O. Neas	October 17

Happy Birthday To You!

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Chuukese Student Organization Clean Campus

The administration Department of Palau Community College would like to take this opportunity and sincerely thank the Chuukese Students Organization (CSO) for taking pride in their school. On Saturday, October 5, 2002, the Chuukese Student Organization under the leadership of their SBA Representative, Mr. James Aunu, got together and went around the school raking and picking up trash. Once again, thank you Chuukese Student Organization for showing your school spirit.

Malakal Quarry Donates Black Sand to Agriculture Program



PDC truck delivers donation of black sand.

The Agricultural Science Program (ASP) thanks the PDC Quarry in Malakal for a donation of black sand on Tuesday, October 8th. Agricultural Science Program asked for about 1/2 yard, and PDC gave ASP 2 yards! This sand is very important for growing certain plants in the Landscaping program.

SDSU Master's Degree Student Ready for Comprehensive Exam

The SDSU Master's Degree Program which began in the Spring of 2000 has seen 18 students complete the 10 courses with just the comprehensive examination left to be taken in November. With 8 students from the Ministry of Education and 10 from Palau Community College, the Palau Masters cohort has had some tough classes but they all managed to get through with flying colors. Congratulations on your accomplishments so far and good luck on your comprehensive exam.



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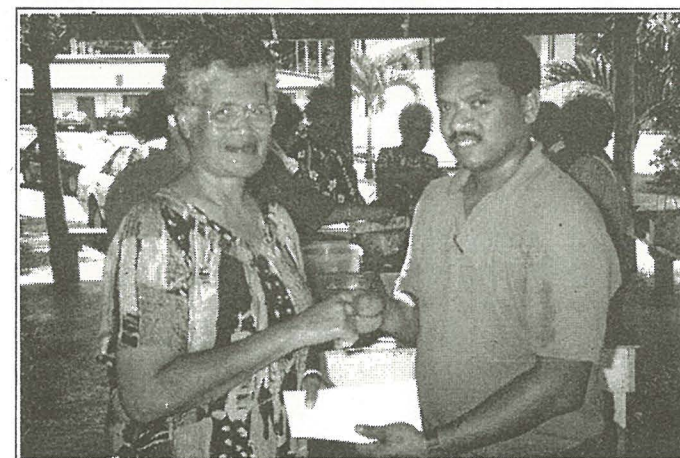


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Ekei Women's Organization Awards \$1500 Scholarship to PCC Student



PCC AC student Henaro Ngirailid (r) receiving his \$1500 scholarship check from Ekei Women's Organization President, Roberta Louch.

Henaro Ngirailid, a second year student majoring in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (AC) is this year's recipient of the Ekei Women's Organization Scholarship. Ngirailid is taking his last classes this semester and working on his internship at S&S Video Plus, after which he will graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in his field of study.

Ngirailid thankfully received his \$1500 dollars scholarship check from the women's organization during a luncheon ceremony that was held last Thursday at the Bethlehem park. Roberta Louch, president of the organization presented the check on behalf of the group and said that the organization works extremely hard in its fundraising efforts year-round to make certain that it continues to provide such scholarships to deserving students. She congratulated and encouraged Ngirailid to continue his exemplary work as he prepares to enter the workforce.

Ngirailid's plans after graduation is to work for one year, then re-enroll in the Liberal Arts program at PCC. "I thank the Ekei Women's Organization for selecting me to receive this scholarship, it is a lot of money and I will definitely put it to good use," he said.

The Ekei Women's Organization has in the previous years awarded scholarships to PCC students, among whom are Conlee Mongami (98-99, 99-00 recipient) who is now pursuing his bachelor's degree at the University of Guam, and Llemalt Ngirailemesang (00-01 recipient) who is currently working on his AA degree at PCC.

2002 PCC Thanksgiving Fundraiser Updated Prize List

Cash Prizes:

- \$1,500 Grand Prize
- \$1,000 First Prize
- \$500 Second Prize
- \$250 Third Prize
- \$150 Fourth Prize
- \$100 Fifth Prize
- \$50 (each) sixth-tenth prizes

Dinner/Lunch Prizes:

- Coconut Terrace
- Furusato Restaurant
- Carp Restaurant
- Yokohama Restaurant

Beauty Packages:

- Sonia's Beauty Salon
- Hiromi's Beauty Salon
- Clara Ueki's Hair Design Beauty Salon

Lunch for 2 @ Island Choice

Trips/Hotel Getaways:

- Palau/Taipei Non-Stop Round Trip Ticket
- Palau Pacific Resort
- Carp Island Resort
- West Plaza Hotel

Other Fabulous Prizes:

- Microwave
- Washing Machine
- Dryer
- Television
- VCR
- CD/Tape Player
- Therapeutic Massage @ Klamiokl Beauty Salon
- 4 Really BIG PITI Fish
- Shopping Spree at Ace Hardware
- Car Tune-Up
- Flower Arrangement
- Free PCC Plants
- 1 Live baby pig
- Free Internet
- Overnight Fishing Trip..
- ...and much more.

Tickets are now available at the PCC President's Office, Development Office, Business Office, Human Resources Office, Continuing Education Office, Academic Affairs Office or you can call 488-2471, ext. 253 and talk to Hulda, Lu, Tots, Polo or Jay.

Keeping Heritage Alive Did You Know?

In Ngerdilong of Ngcheangel (Kayangel), the platform of Meduu el Bai is situated to the northeast of Melengllang dock and southwest of the bathing place of Orukei. Originally, there were four traditional villages existing in Kayangel. There is a small area on the edge of the platform toward the bathing place of Orukei that is sacred, for it is the spirits dwelling area. The rock in this area are arranged so that they resemble a table and some people believe that this is the dwelling place of the village god, Duukeram. There are two versions of stories that tell how the god got to Ngcheangel. One says that Duukeram came on a turtle and that the turtle left its pet coconut crab on the reef because the tide was low and came to the village. The turtle then told the people to bring its pet from the reefs and when people returned, the turtle had turned to a rock. The rock that was the turtle remains in Ngerdilong even now. The other version is that the crab came on a turtle shell to Ngcheangel (Kayangel) and made its way to Meduu el Bai, lived and eventually became the village god.

There are two open dirt spaces in the middle portion of the platform where two bais stood. These two bais faced each other on the west side of the spirit or god's dwelling place. The platform of Meduu el Bai is connected to the bathing place of Orukei by a stone paved pathway that is about 60 meters in length. There is also a well close by on the east side. The stone platform of Meduu el Bai is still intact today. There are only two traditional titles remaining in Ngerdilong now, while the rest have been eliminated over time. These two remaining titles are Adelbai er a Meduu el Bai and Rechiriki. These names go with the present titles and help make up the ten chiefs of Dilong. Kayangel is the Republic of Palau's only true coral atoll. It is a string of islets located fifteen miles north of Babeldaob. Untouched beaches surround the islands and the reefs are well preserved. Biologists tell us that this area is one of the richest marine environments in Palau. In an effort to maintain these abundant resources, Ngeruangel Reef has been declared a reserve so that no fishing is allowed. High quality pandanus trees grow here, and the women are skilled weavers, creating handwoven hats, purses and mats from the leaves. Kayangel grows many varieties of bananas and has just as many ways to prepare them, with bananas fried in coconut oil the most popular.

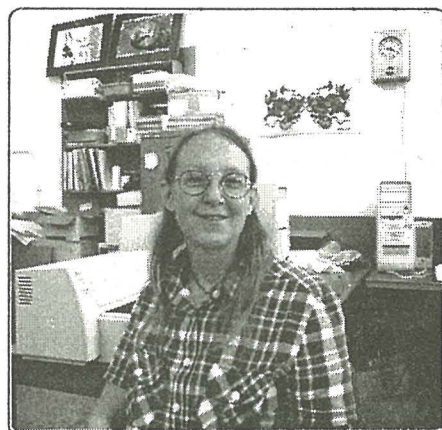
When in Kayangel, it is taboo to break a branch of the *cheremall* (hibiscus) tree, sacred to the island. It was this tree that was carried to Kayangel in legendary times by a woman sent adrift on a bamboo raft by her angry husband. Carrying only a branch of the tree, she stuck it into the sand and Kayangel was created. The branch sprouted into a tree, where it grows to this day. Breaking a branch of this magic tree will cause storms or other disasters.

Kayangel people are hardy and unafraid of rough seas. This low coral atoll is vulnerable in storms and the people have adapted to this precarious lifestyle.

Historic Preservation Office,
Division of Cultural Affairs,
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Mrs. Temaungil Continues to support PCC with her English Expertise

by: A. Anthonio



Marianne Temaungil, PCC English Instructor

Mrs. Temaungil graduated from Park Hill Elementary in Up-State New York in 1971. She attended high school in Up-State New York from 1971-1973. After graduating from High School, Mrs. Temaungil went on to attend State University of New York at Cortland. She graduated in 1975 with her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

After college, Mrs. Temaungil joined the peace corps and assigned here to Palau. While stationed here in Palau, Mrs. Temaungil taught at Koror Elementary School. In her first year as a teacher, she taught English to 4th graders. After her first year, she became a full-time teacher and taught English to first graders through eighth graders.

Then in 1978, she transferred to Mindszenty High School and taught English to freshmen and sophomore class. While teaching English, Mrs. Temaungil also taught geography to freshmen. Mrs. Temaungil taught at Mindszenty for a year, then she returned to United States where she spent 10 years with her family. In 1988, Mrs. Temaungil returned to Palau where she started teaching at Micronesian Occupational College, which is now Palau Community College. Mrs. Temaungil has been teaching English class through out the years. Today, Mrs. Temaungil is a full-time instructor and Head of the English Department.

Mrs. Temaungil is currently enrolled in the SDSU Masters degree program. She plans to continue teaching here at PCC after obtaining her master's degree. One of Mrs. Temaungil's future projects will be to work on a distance learning program with the PCC agriculture club. The distance learning program was made possible by a challenge grant. Mrs. Temaungil will help organize and start the program for the first two years, after which the University of Guam will take over.

Educational Advice:

My advice to students is for them to work hard at PCC to learn as much as possible, but don't stop learning. Once you finish here, continue your education and widen your perspective. It's important that you come back to Palau with as much knowledge and experience as possible, since you represent the future leaders of the Republic.

CRE staff travels with First Lady Mrs. Debbie M. Remengesau to Japan

On September 22nd, 2002, the first lady and her delegation which includes Ms. Ayano Baules (CRE/Palau Community College), Ms. Remiang Daniel, Ms. Joan Demei, and Risong Tarkong (Special Assistant/Office of President), Leah Asanuma (PVA Representative) visited SGI Women's Center in Tokyo. Upon arrival at the center, Mrs. Eiko Akiyama, SGI women's Division Chief and her colleagues gave the delegation a tour of the women's center.

Later that day, the delegation visited Min On Association at Tokyo. During the visit, the first lady was made an honorary member of the non-profit Musical Cultural Association which has over 3 million patrons supporting Musical Cultural Arts and Performances from all over the world.

The following day, September 23, 2002, the first lady and her delegation visited Soka University and Soka Women's College. They were welcomed and greeted by Soka University's President and Professor Masami Wakae and Soka Women's College President and Professor Katshiko Fukushima. Part of the welcoming group were other professors and colleagues and over 100 students of Soka Women's College. The first lady made her speech presentation titled, "Profile of the Traditional Roles of Palauan Women." After her speech, Soka Women's College via Soka University and its affiliate SGI Women's Center announced its donations of 29 laptop Computers to be donated to the Republic of Palau for its students in various educational programs. The donations are due to arrive in Palau by mid November, 2002. The first lady plans to have the computers donated to Palau High School.

Later the same day, the group together with Mrs. Eiko Akiyama, SGI Women's Division Chief, visited and toured Tokyo Fuji Museum with its displays on *Earth Planet, Men and his Environment - Changes over the centuries*. The museum tour was followed by a special dinner hosted by Soka Women's College.

Soka University has donated generously over 500 books about Japan's history, language and culture in English and other various languages to the Republic as early as 1999 and as recently as November 2001, which were received by Minister Mr. Katosang of Ministry of Education for its Public Library and received by Palau Community College President Patrick Tellei for PCC's library. The 500 books were also presented to President Tommy E. Remengesau Jr. for his receivership of the books. In January 2000, SGI with the unilateral sponsorship from the University of Guam, also invited and had the participation of Paramount High Chiefs Ibedul and Reklai on the "Forum of Pacific and on Peace" with other Pacific dignitaries from as far as Nauru, Saipan, Pohnpei and other Pacific Islands.

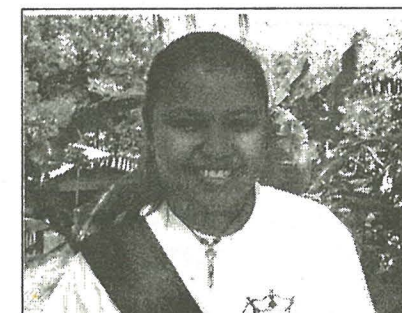
Since then, a lasting friendship and educational exchanges has been established with the Republic of Palau and Soka University and Soka Women's College affiliated with its University founder SGI President Daisaku Ikeda.

submitted by: Ayano Baules



Ayano Baules (r) presents *omiange* from her Japan trip to PCC President Patrick Tellei.

PCC Exchange Student Settling-in at Univ. of Ryukyus, Okinawa



The following is an email from Aberlynn Ngiruos, a PCC exchange student at the University of the Ryukyus in Okinawa, Japan to Dean Presley Etibek. She will be there for six months where she will study Japanese language and other courses related to her major which is Liberal Arts. She wants to hear from fellow students.

October 6, 2002

Konnichiwa,

Hello, how are you? As for me, I'm doing fine, but these computer that I'm using is kinda hard -Japanese characters. Hope you are doing okay.... My trip was okay, the orientation was great....I've met many new and different people and made lots of friends. Each of us in the program has a Japanese tutor to help us with our studies as well as show us around the city. It is hot here but am managing. I one class this afternoon, still have to register the rest of my classes this week.... I will be very busy this week, unlike last week where I had time to tour the city. Everything is okay here...have to go. Hope to hear from you soon. Take care and bye...

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