



# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## Happy Silver Anniversary Koror State!!!

*President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, on behalf The Palau Community College Family of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and most especially the Associated Student of Palau Community College Extend Profound Congratulations to the Traditional & Elected Leadership, and the entire Citizenry of the State of Koror on the Occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Day Celebration.*

*As you Celebrate your Silver Anniversary, Let it be known that Palau Community College will Perpetually be Indebted to the Bountiful State of Koror for its Unwavering Support and the Magnanimous Accommodation it has Extended to Palau's only Institution of Higher Learning, allowing us to Thrive and Prosper unhindered for the last Eight Decades.*

*Finally, We at Palau Community College Remember and Honor the Courage, Dedication, Perseverance, and Wisdom of the Framers of the Constitution of the State of Koror!*

**Thank You Koror State!!!**

Please see back page for profiles of notable alumni with Koror State Government

## Agriculture Club Creates Ideal Learning Climate

Story by: Usong Baules, Development Office Workstudy Student

Since the start of Fall semester, PCC's Agriculture Club with their instructor/advisor Alex Gachalian has initiated a series of educational projects and community outreach programs to provide club members with critical experience in farming, team-building skills, and financial responsibility. The club maintains the college's mission of serving the community through outreach programs in the form of clean ups, vegetation/undergrowth cutting, and tree planting. The services performed by the club contribute greatly

## Our Condolences

The PCC Family of Staff and Students mourn the tragic loss of former student Loyola Mesebeluu in Honolulu Hawaii; and Extend Condolences and Sympathies to her Family during this most difficult time of sorrow and grief. Get well wishes to husband Keith Mesebeluu and daughter Kia.

## GCC President Meets with Tellei

The President of Guam Community College (GCC) Mary Okada was in Palau last week to conduct a survey as part of her research work for her doctoral dissertation. While in Palau, Okada also had an opportunity to meet with top college officials last Friday to discuss regional issues and concerns related to member institutions of Pacific Postsecondary Educational Council (PPEC). Both PCC and GCC are members of PPEC. In her meeting with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Vice Presidents Jay Olegeriil and Thomas Taro, discussions focused on the US

Defense Department's plan to relocate thousands of U.S. soldiers stationed in Okinawa, Japan to the island of Guam. Both presidents agreed that the move will bring with it a significant labor boom for Guam; and PCC, GCC and other PPEC institutions in the immediate Micronesian region should work together to prepare a qualified workforce in anticipation of the demand.

Tellei and Okada agreed to continue the dialogue when they meet again later this fall in Saipan with other PPEC officials.



Guam Community College President Mary Okada (2nd right) with President Tellei, Vice President Thomas Taro (l) and Vice President Jay Olegeriil (r) after their meeting last week Friday.

## Phase II of Real Estate Appraisal Training Set for November

The Continuing Education (CE) office will offer the second phase of the Real Estate Appraisal training this coming November. The training will be held from November 10-15, 2008 at the CE training room every evening from 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. Tutoring classes will also be held every morning from Monday, November 10 to Friday, November 14 for those who want to retake the test, which was administered back in March when the first phase of the Basic Principles of Real Estate Appraisal training was held.

Mark Gruber of the Micronesian Appraisal Associates based in Guam will again be conducting the training. Registration is open until the end of October 2008. For more information, please contact Taruu Nakamura or Dean Willy Wally at CE office at 488-6223.

## Library Welcomes All

The PCC library welcomes all patrons to check-out its collection which includes various magazines, newspapers, fiction and non-fiction books, and helpful reference materials. Friendly library staff are always willing and eager to help you. Stop by and visit. We are open 7 days a week.

Mon.-Fri.  
Sat.  
Sun.



## Former Student Completes Tours in Iraq & Afganishtan



US Army Sergeant Dora Joseph


PCC alumni and now U.S. Army Sergeant Dora Joseph is back in her home base in Honolulu, Hawaii after serving two consecutive tour of duties in the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan. Joseph who enlisted in the U.S. Army after PCC has been in the service for 5 years. Joseph who is also the daughter of Business Office Supervisor Lorenza Joseph (see photo below) graduated in 2000 with an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts.


## Business Office "Matriarch" Celebrates Birthday




PCC Business Office Supervisor Lorenza Joseph (seated) during her birthday celebration last Friday. A feast was held in her honor, with birthday cards and flowers coming in from family and friends in Palau and abroad.

## Alumni Notes

**Class of 2005(PCC)**  
Ramsey Ngirai bai -  
 2005 PCC graduate with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Construction Technology (CT). Ngirai bai is an Inspector with the Koror State Government Planning, Building & Zoning Commission.

**Class of 1999 (PCC)**  
Eileen Babauta -  
 1999 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) in Business Accounting (BEA). Babauta is an Administrative Officer with the Koror State Government Solid Waste Management.


**Class of 1974 (MOC)**  
Isaias Oiterong -  
 1974 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Carpentry (CARP). Oiterong who is the Director of the Department of Public Works for Koror State Government. He has been with the city of Koror for 23 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*.

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## Celebrating Birthdays

Maria Joseph	October 17
Santos	October 17
Marianne Temaungil	October 18
Helene Moros	October 20
Samantha Bells	October 21

 **Happy Birthday To You!**

## EMS Club Marks Independence Day with Campus Clean Up

Photo and story by: EMS Club

As part of the 14<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration, the PCC Environmental Club organized a trash-a-thon held right here on campus on October 3, 2008. The trash-a-thon began at 1pm. Club members and supporters were divided into three groups and assigned to different sites on campus. They were the Dormitory/Cafeteria, Upper Campus, and Lower Campus. The trash-a-thon ended at 3pm with 10 bags of trash collected from the school grounds. This was just one of the activities the Environmental Club held during this new school year. Anyone who wishes to join the club is welcome and will have the opportunity to join us in "stepping toward the future" while keeping our environment healthy and safe. Keep an eye out for club meeting announcements.



Right photo: Environmental/Marine Science Club students with their instructor Vernice Yuji (left) and Dean Timarong (2nd left). At their feet are the bags of garbage they collected during their campus cleanup earlier this month.



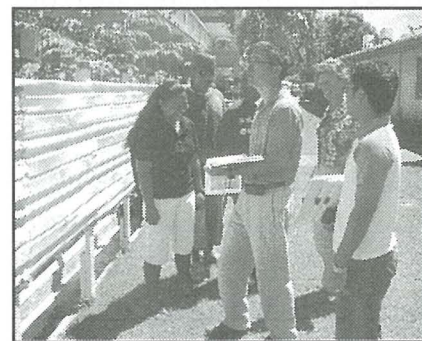
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CAMPUS CLEAN.  
DON'T BE A  
LITTER BUG!  
EMS Club

## PCC-CRE Joins Agriculture Fair



Koror Elementary School students swarm the PCC-Cooperative Research & Extension booth to sample the refreshing Taro ice cream during yesterday's Agriculture Fair organized by Palau's Bureau of Agriculture.

## Construction Tech. Students Observe Contractors at Work



Construction Technology students and their instructor Elizabeth deJong (2nd-right) observe private contractors on their tour of the construction site for the new PCC library. Instructor deJong regularly takes her students on tours of construction job-sites as a means to help her students tie in textbook knowledge with actual industry practices.

## Free Mandarin Classes at PCC

PCC's Continuing Education currently offers free Mandarin courses to the staff of Palau Pacific Resort (PPR) and Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC).

Other agencies interested in enlisting their staff in the program are welcome to contact the Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally at telephone number 488-2471, ext. 237.



PCC Business instructor Danka Ledgerwood practices Chinese calligraphy in the Mandarin class.



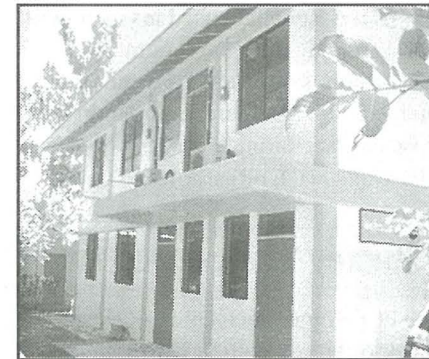
PNCC staff Kebesei, Shirley and Pam show off their individual class projects.

## BITS AND PIECES...

BE INFORMED

### BTA and PCC now Housed on Campus...

The Palau Chamber of Commerce (the other PCC) and the Belau Tourism Association (BTA) offices are now located on campus-second floor of the new *Dadait* Building. Palau Community College is a member of the Palau Chamber of Commerce; and the College's Tourism & Hospitality program works closely with the Belau Tourism Association to enhance student learning, especially in the area of practical training. To contact PCC and BTA, call 488-3400 or stop by their office.



BTA and Chamber of Commerce offices on the second floor of the new *Dadait* building.

CLUBS

### Agriculture Club Gets \$500 Donation from Mrs. Chin...

The PCC Agriculture Club and their instructor/advisor Alex Gachalian extend profound appreciation to Mrs. Miriam Chin for her most generous donation of \$500 dollars during the club's recent fundraising activity.

SALE

### Cheapest USBs on Island...

PCC Bookstore has the cheapest flash drives in Palau. (8GB - \$50; 4GB - \$20; 2GB - \$10). Call PCC Bookstore at 488-2471, ext. 236. Hurry while supplies last.

## Garbage Truck Donation Saves College Time and Money



Maintenance crew Dawckins Dingelius and Gaylord Rdechor (above) conducting daily trash runs.

According to maintenance staff Gaylord Rdechor and Dawckins Dingelius, the garbage truck which was donated to PCC earlier this month by Mr. Yuji Namakawa and the South Sea Community Association (SSCA) of Japan has indeed saved the school

valuable time and money when it comes to the daily business of garbage collection and disposal. They say that the truck with its built-in compactor can haul all the schools refuse to the dump in one-go compared to the several trips they had to make with the flat-bed trucks, and that saves them valuable time and fuel.

Rdechor also says that in the long run, they should realize a considerable reduction in maintenance cost for the maintenance department's flatbed trucks, especially in paint and body work, as they will no longer double as garbage trucks.

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to the community and fulfill club goals of introducing its members to farming methods and creating a team-building environment. According Gachalian, these goals prepare club members to become responsible citizens. To this end, the club recently held a pledge carwash on September 27, 2008 to raise funds for the purchase of instructional materials and equipment that will supply members with additional learning tools in the classroom. A portion of their savings will also be used in the acquisition of immediate farm supplies for animals and plants managed by club members and the agriculture department. Through these means, club members become acquainted with the commitment necessary in managing a farm. The club wishes to convey their heartfelt thanks to their sponsor Hon. Vice President Elias Camsek Chin, and Senator Alan Seid for their support. They also express their gratitude to Mrs. Chin who donated \$500 to the club.

The Agriculture Club extends an invitation to all interested individuals to join their club.

The PCC garbage truck was one of four donated to Palau by Mr. Namekawa and the non-profit Japanese organization SSCA. Two were donated to the Ministry of Health and one went to the Ministry of Justice along with a 50 meter ladder fire-truck.

## Palau Bar Sheds Light on Con Con Amendments



Members of the Palau Bar Association held a seminar at the PCC cafeteria yesterday to answer questions about the 22 proposed amendments to the Palau Constitution which will be on the ballot in the upcoming general election in early November.