

MOKEDAU.Com Presents Awards to ROP President



Members of the Mokedau.com Canoe Team presented the second and third place awards they won during the Independence Day Canoe Race and the MicroCup Canoe Tournament to the Honorable Tommy Remengesau Jr. in gratitude for his dependable support of the team. Since the Mokedau.com Canoe team started competing in tournaments, President Remengesau has always been a fan and committed contributor to the team. Giving the President their hard won awards was just a small token of the team's appreciation to the President for always taking time from his busy schedule to help the team. Thank You President Remengesau!

THANK YOU MESSAGE

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank all my PCC colleagues and friends for your support and contributions to me on the passing of my dear sister. I will always cherish your kind deeds and thoughts. Kom Kmal Mlo Mesaul.

/s/ Roger Vergara

Celebrating Birthdays



Patrick U. Tellei	November 7
Debra Ngiraingas	November 10
Patricia Maech	November 10
Leona Tkel	November 11

Happy Birthday To You!!!

Halloween Bash a Success!

The PCC Student Body Hosted a Halloween Party this Sunday as a way to bring students together for some ghostly fun. Over sixty children and PCC students participated in the scary event which was held at the PCC Cafeteria. There was live entertainment, music, and dancing with refreshments and snacks provided by the PCC Cafeteria. The Halloween party lasted from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. and everyone who attended had spooky, cooky and fun experience.



PCC Students Chilling Out



PCC Student Acting As Bouncers Making Sure Everything runs Safely and Smoothly



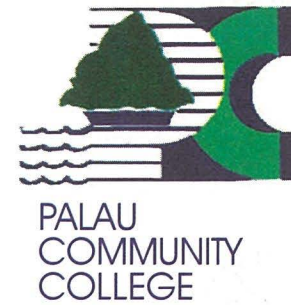
PCC Students Being Entertained by the Band

CE Offers Training

The PCC Continuing Education Office would like to announce the following training opportunities:

- Building Traditional Huts
- Designing Concrete Mix
- Designing Stand Alone Septic Tanks
- Thatching Roof Tops
- Making Adze Blades

Anyone who would like to learn more about these training programs offered by PCC is encouraged to contact Eileen Babauta or Taruu Nakamura at PCC telephone number 488-2471/6223. Or, you may visit the PCC Continuing Education Office every weekday from 8:00am - 5:00pm.



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PNCC Donates \$2,000 Worth of Prizes to PCC

The College would like to express its warmest appreciation to the Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) for its generous donation of \$2000 worth of prizes to PCC's 6th Annual Thanksgiving Fundraiser. PNCC throughout the years has proven time and time again to be a dedicated community member and friend of the College by always donating generously to PCC. PNCC's donation will go a long ways in helping the College meet the educational needs of PCC students and help develop Palau's most important resource, its children. PCC President Patrick U. Tellei on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Administration, faculty, staff and students would like to express the College's sincere gratitude to PNCC for their contribution. Thanks PNCC!

Just a few more weeks before PCC has its Annual Thanksgiving Fundraiser, one of the biggest fundraising events in Palau. It will be held on Wednesday, November 24, 2004 at the PCC Campus Courtyard, starting at 1:00pm. The fund raiser will strictly be a raffle drawing of tickets that have been given away per every \$10 donation by any individual or agency. This year's prize giveaways will be just as exciting and numerous as those of last year. We are grateful for the many businesses and individuals who have generously donated such prizes as those listed on page 2 of this newsletter. Tickets are available at the Development Office, for more information please call 488-2470/2471, extension 253 and talk to Hulda, Lu, Lolita or Temmy. They will be more than happy to come visit you wherever you are in Koror and Airai! As always, we anticipate the Prize List to grow each week so don't forget to read each week's issue of this newsletter. It will be aired live on WWFM 89.5 courtesy of Senator Elect, Mr. Alfonso Diaz. Ticket holders need not be present to win. Simply tune in to WWFM 89.5 and listen as they announce the many winners for this year's fund raiser!



PNCC Staff Pose with PCC Fundraising Consultant Lolita Gibbons

Imengel Mad Awarded Scholarship to Attend ASAO Conference!



Library Technician, Imengel Mad

Imengel Mad was awarded a Pacific Island Scholars Fund travel award of up to \$US 1000 for round trip airfare to the ASAO annual meeting in Lihu'e, Kaua'i, February 2-5, 2005. The PISF is supported by donations from ASAO members throughout the year. In addition to travel funds, the PISF will provide a one year complimentary ASAO membership and will pay for the meeting registration fee. This is an exciting achievement for Imengel and PCC Library is very proud of her accomplishment. Imengel will be presenting a paper at

the conference about some of the major web-based projects that Palau Community College is working on. The paper also addresses issues that Palau currently faces related to archiving unique web-based materials in our Pacific Collections.

In addition to presenting this paper, Imengel will be communicating with other Pacific libraries and Pacific scholars to learn what steps Palau can take in the early stages of our web-based projects to ensure their sustainability. A sincere congratulations to Imengel!

PCC'S Has New College Website

PCC's Official Website is now online for students and the public to access. The website has lots of useful information such as the school's history, student information, college catalog, list of departments, staff directory and an electronic version of the Mesekiu newsletter. Now, all your questions regarding the various programs PCC offers can be answered by logging on to the College's website at www.pcc.edu. Everything you wanted to know about the college is now conveniently at your finger tips. The website was designed by PCC's very own Computer Systems Analyst, Grace Alexander who is also charged with the responsibility of helping keep PCC's computers and network systems running smoothly. Furthermore, the latest addition of the Mesekiu news is posted on the website every week. So, what are you waiting for, visit Palau's only institution of higher learning online and check out what's new!

UBMS Visits



BACK-~~L~~ to R: Haruo Remeliik, Tennyson Ilemelong/Sheena, Henry, McNale Yuri. Front Center, UMBS Advisor-Counselor, Huan Hosei.

On October 29, 2004, UBMS Counselor/Advisor Huan Hosei visited UBMS participants at the Belau Modekngai School (BMS). This trip was one of UBMS' regularly scheduled school visits during this school year. UBMS participants were counseled with regard to their academic and personal issues, TOEFL, and workshop updates. UBMS is proud of its BMS participants for they are all on the Honor List at the end of the first quarter. Additionally, UBMS challenges all its participants to continue to excel socially and academically. UBMS is grateful to its hosting institution of higher learning, PCC, for its support, which enable UBMS to visit its participants in the Northern region of Palau. Congratulations, BMS students: Haruo Remeliik, Tennyson Ilemelong, Sheena Henry, and McNale Yuri. Great Job!

What's New at the PCC Library

Written by PCC Library Technician Ms. Imengel Mad

This year, the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museum (PIALA) will hold its annual conference in Majuro, Marshall Islands from November 15-19, 2004. The theme of PIALA 2004 is "Literacy Our Hope, Libraries Our Scope and Heritage Our Property." As we move forward into the future, our entire society is changing. Institutions, including government, industry, and finance are seeking ways to restructure as to increase their flexibility and effectiveness in this climate of change. This year's conference will focus on the role libraries play in our changing society.

FISHTALES: As a food, fish has always been important to people of the Pacific. It is nutritious, high in protein and helps bodies grow and stay healthy. It also provides employment and brings valuable foreign exchange to island countries.

Fresh fish is the most nutritious form of fish and the most sought after by local and international markets. Fresh fish is also a valuable raw material necessary for manufacturing safe, high-quality food products. The reasons for fishing, however, vary. Selling fish, rather than just fishing for home consumption, is becoming an increasingly important business in many countries. Along with the benefits of this business come a few problems: fresh fish must be protected from damage by poor handling practices, and from contamination by dirt and bacteria; the rate of spoilage must be controlled; transport to market must be quick and efficient; and post-harvest losses must be reduced.

Ensuring a safe, high quality product and making fair profits do not happen by accident, but occur through careful handling from capture to market. The PCC Library's Micronesia-Pacific (Micro-P) section has a set of Community Fisheries Training Pacific Series donated by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. The following titles are now available for our users:

- Fisheries Management
- Seafood Handling
- Seafood in our Meals
- Seafood Processing
- Seafood Spoilage and Sickness
- Fishing
- Sea Plants
- Business Skills
- Sea Vegetable Recipes for the Pacific Islands
- A Guide to Common Edible and Medicinal Sea Plants in the Pacific

2004 Thanksgiving Prize List

Once again, the Annual PCC Endowment Fundraiser is near. It will be held at the PCC courtyard on Wednesday November 24, 2004, the day before Thanksgiving. Tickets are on sale now for \$10.00 each. Stop by at Development Office and see Hulda, Dilubch, Temmy or Jay for a ticket.

Cash Prizes:

\$1,000 Grand Prize

\$500 First Prize

\$250 Second Prize

\$150 Third Prize

\$100 Fourth Prize

\$50 Fifth - Tenth Prizes

Other FREE Prizes:

Washer

Dryer

Computer

Cell phone

Overnight Stay-Palasia Hotel

Membership at Fitness Center-Palasia Hotel

One week Free Lunch & Drink at PCC Bookstore

Fishing Trip

Plants

Beauty Makeovers

Massages

Really Really Big Fish

Dinner Certificates

Lunch Certificates

Live Baby Pig

and much, much more!

BITS AND PIECES... UBMS To Conduct Workshop...

The Upward Bound Math and Science Program will be conducting a workshop for its students this Saturday November 6, 2004. The guest speaker for the workshop is Mr. Rick Mangham, Director, Division of Design, Ministry of Resources and Development. The purpose of the workshop is to familiarize UBMS students about the fields of engineering and exposing these students to these possible career options.

PCC Department Required to Submit Data....

In accordance with Republic of Palau Public Law 4-2, PCC is required to submit its Annual Report to the Board of Trustees by December 31st. All departments, divisions and offices are hereby requested to begin compiling their respective reports, and submit them to the Development Office by Monday, November 12, 2004. Anyone who has questions may contact Jay Olegeriil, PCC Interim Vice President at extension 226 or our Public Relations Manager Temmy Temengil at extension 252.

PCC Staff Get Photogenic for Directory....

PCC is currently in the process of compiling a College Staff Directory, so that our students and guests alike may familiarize themselves with names and faces of our PCC family. All PCC staff members who have not had their picture taken for the directory please put on your best Sunday clothes and call the Development Office to have your official photo taken.

To Err is Human....

On behalf of the Mesekiu Newsletter, we would like to apologize for the mistakes printed in the Mesekiu's Issue 42 October 22, and Issue 43 October 29. On issue 42, front page, the correct name of the representative who presented the \$500 check on behalf of the Law Firm of Kirk and Shadel is Mr. Hans Derbai. On the third page, the correct name for the supervisor from Asanuma Stores who was guest speaker is Wayne Yada. Finally on Issue 43, page four, the Mokedau Canoe Team took 2nd Place in the Micro Cup Senior Division Long Distance Race.

Palau SBDC Helps Start Catering Business

Submitted By Lisa Abraham, Director of the Palau SBDC

Koror, Palau – There is a generating trend in Palau where men, women, and even teenagers are more conscious of healthy life by eating healthy and even changing life styles to becoming vegetarians, that is, no beef and no pork! Recently, driving on the main road of Koror, capital of Palau, in the early mornings, one can see many people exercising to stay healthy, to stay fit, and to relief stress. However, walking in the local restaurants, one can see and hear different people ordering something on the menu with "can you replace the rice for green vegetables?" Wow! Are we all turning green?

That's the market that Mrs. Brenda R. Ngirmeriil targeted and tapped into. NuStart Catering service is a start-up woman-owned catering business which specializes in vegetarian cooking and food preparations containing no beef or pork products. The new business into the food industry is owned by Mrs. Brenda R. Ngirmeriil, who will be conducting her catering business from her home in Ngesekes hamlet, Koror, Palau. Mrs. Brenda Ngirmeriil is a retired career nurse from both, the public and private medical institutions; Working for McDonald Memorial Hospital (currently known as Palau National Hospital) from 1964 ~ 1991. Immediately thereafter, she continued her nursing career with the Palau Seventh-Day Adventist Medical Clinic from 1991 ~ 2003. Mrs. Ngirmeriil is an inspiring entrepreneur who, at one time, owned a retail store from 1991 ~ 1999. She is currently taking the time to give back to the community by conducting cooking classes, twice a week at the Palau Mission Academy High School. She holds an Associate Degree in liberal arts at Palau Community College; Nursing Diploma, which she acquired at the Trust Territory School of Nursing; and a High School diploma at George Washington in Guam. She is also a well known cook by her peers at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

When Mrs. Brenda Ngirmeriil came to Palau SBDC for assistance, she had already established her customer base and with the assistance of Palau SBDC, together formulated Mrs. Ngirmeriil's business and financial plan, which she submitted to the National Development Bank of Palau and received 100% approval of her loan earlier this year, January 06, 2004.

"This is a remarkable success story to share with everyone as Mrs. Ngirmeriil cooked for fun (for church and family gatherings), and with a nursing career background, she converted those strengths into an enjoyable, profit generating business, so she is literally having fun and getting paid for it", commented Lisa K. Abraham, Director of Palau SBDC. Mrs. Ngirmeriil chose the perfect business for herself and knowing what her weaknesses were, she created a position to fulfill her needs. Now that's knowing what you are getting yourself into. NuStart Catering is currently employing two employees, Mrs. Ngirmeriil as the owner/employee and another, operating on a daily basis except Saturdays; cooking, preparing orders, and deliveries. The two person operation is ready to take orders for delivery at your preferred venue, just call at Tel. (680)488-1219 for more information on menu and orders.

Palau SBDC congratulates Mrs. Ngirmeriil in achieving the first phase (starting up) of her business goals and wishes her luck in her future business endeavors. Palau SBDC will continue to offer workshops for individuals, prospective businesses, pre-venture, and existing businesses in preparation or to enhance your business skills. Future workshops will be promoted with flyers posted at all the large shopping centers, government public bulletins, and advertisements in the PCC Mesekiu newsletter. Similarly, each workshop announcement will be aired through Eco-Paradise 87.9 FM. Reasonable accommodations for person with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. If you are interested in business and would like to receive assistance through personal consultation/counseling or as in groups in a workshop, please contact Lisa K. Abraham at the Palau SBDC at Tel. #(680)488-6004 or e-mail at palausbdc@palaunet.com or lees@pacificsbdc.com for appointment or sign-up for workshop.