

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, Tammy 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:

2 Round Trip Tickets to Manila-PMA
Round Trip Ticket to Taipei-ROC Embassy
Washer, Dryer and Microwave-Surangel

Computer-PRA
Cell phone-PRA

Overnight Stay-Palasia Hotel
Membership at Fitness Center-Palasia Hotel
One week Free Lunch & Drink at PCC Bookstore

Fishing Trip
Plants-Ngiwal State
Beauty Makeovers
Massages

Really Really Big Fish
Dinner Certificates
Lunch Certificates
Live Baby Pig-Lucky's Farm

and much, much more!

Hurry, tickets are running out!!

Our Condolences...

The entire PCC family extends our condolences to our fellow colleague, **Grace Merong** on the passing of her dear sister. Our Prayers and warm wishes are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Celebrating Birthdays



Hulda Lukas November 13
 Vernice Rechebei November 14
 Eugene Uehara November 15

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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CE Offers Training

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

Log Construction
Basic Electronics
Stereo Servicing and Maintenance
Television Maintenance
VCR Servicing and Maintenance

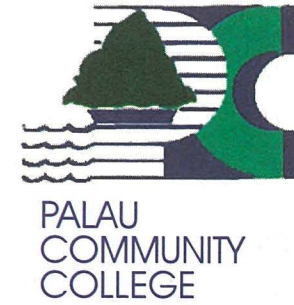
Anyone who would like to learn more about these training programs offered by PCC is encouraged to contact Eileen Babauta or Taruu Nakamura at PCC telephone number 488-2471/6223. Or, you may visit the PCC Continuing Education Office every weekday from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

Scholarship Opportunities

The Embassy of the United States is inviting candidates to apply for admission to the United States Military Academy, Navy Academy, Air Force Academy and Coast Guard Academy. Information packets and applications forms are available at the U.S. Embassy located in Ngermid, Koror. The deadline is this November 30, 2004, so hurry up and apply to enter the most prestigious military academies in the world. For information please call the U.S. Embassy at 488-2920.

PCC Intramural Co-Ed Basketball Playoffs Begin

Bored and looking for something fun to do at night? Well look no further as the PCC Intramural Co-Ed Basketball Tournament for this fall semester has just begun its playoff games. Check out these action packed and exciting games as teams battle it out for the tournament championship. The games begin at 7:00 pm at the PCC Basketball Court. The regular season is winding down with games already played on November 10-12th with the playoffs beginning on November 15 and the championship game on November 17. The basketball teams consist of current PCC students and the event is alcohol free. Cash prizes and bragging rights will be given to the top three teams with over 10 teams competing. So, what are you waiting for? Come on down to the court and watch the Micronesian Michael Jordans fly! For more information, please call Norman Sato at the PCC Recreational Office at 488-3036.



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PMA Donates Round Trip Tickets For PCC Fundraiser

Palau-Micronesia Air donated two round trip tickets to the Philippines to PCC Annual Thanksgiving Fundraiser. The donation is part of the Palau's first airline to reach out to the community and promote education and human development in the islands. Surangel Whipps Jr., Chief Executive Officer presented the tickets to Hamilton Maech, PCC Student Trustee at the PMA main office located in Ngermid, Koror. Student Trustee Maech thanked the PMA organization on behalf of the college and wished them well in their endeavor to providing quality service and affordable rates to our people throughout Micronesia.

Hamilton stated: "This is the first time we have ever received support from PMA and we are grateful for their kindness in supporting our fundraising efforts in helping us make this 2004 fundraising event a success. Hamilton added: "This is a wonderful beginning of a warm friendship which we look forward to strengthening in the near future, and we are happy that the PMA organization has joined PCC in helping develop the educational needs of our community."

PMA is the first locally owned and managed airline whose brief history began in July, 2004 with a Boeing 737-300 commercial airplane. PMA offers convenient times and reasonable air fares between the various Micronesian islands. Manila. Their Micronesia schedule reaches out from Palau to Yap, Guam, Saipan, Chuuk and Pohnpei.



PMA Chief Executive Officer Surangel Whipps Jr. Presenting Donation of Tickets to Hamilton Maech, PCC Student Trustee

PCC to host Japanese Language Fair

The Japanese Language Fair is an educational event to provide an occasion for Japanese language students to express and present what they have learned in the language courses as well as provide an opportunity for the students to have an exchange of what they have learned with their counterparts. The event will feature the following: Presentation of songs, skits, other forms of expressions and a panel discussion with local elderly Palauans on their experience during the Japanese Administration of the islands. The fair is set for Saturday, November 20, 2004 from 12:00 to 6:00 pm. The participants for this event will be students from the PCC, Palau High School, Mindzenty High School, Maris Stella Elementary School and Ngiwal Elementary School.

Japanese Performers come to PCC

Japanese performers will be performing in various locations throughout Palau to promote Japanese culture and dance in Palau beginning on December 2, 2004. The Belau Childcare Program requested these cultural performance from the JICA Belau Office. They will be performing to children and will hold a seminar with the caretakers and teachers of the Belau Childcare Center. For a performance near you please contact Jemmy Blelai, Supervisor, Belau Childcare Program.

Surangel & Sons Donates \$2,000 To PCC

Surangel and Sons Company donated \$2000 in cash to the PCC Endowment Fund in addition to the Washer, Dryer and Microwave they donated as prizes for PCC's Annual Thanksgiving Fundraiser. The College is truly humbled by such a warm outpouring of support from the Surangel and Sons Company which has proven throughout the years to be dedicated and generous friend to PCC. PCC President Patrick U. Tellei stated: "Since the inception of our fundraising efforts, the Surangel and Sons Company has always been there for us. And as we have grown, they have grown with us step by step. They are more than donors, they are like family. Thank you." President Tellei added, "The Surangel and Sons Company are a wonderful example of how a local business can become successful and grow while giving back to the community."

UBMS Students Get Schooled In Engineering

Rick Mangham, Manager Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Office from the Ministry of Resources and Development was invited by the Upward Bound Math and Science Program to speak to their students. Mr. Mangham's presentation was held last Saturday November 6, 2004 at PCC's CE Training room. An engineer by profession, Mr. Mangham made a power point presentation on the recent public work projects his division had completed. He showed infrastructure projects such as the construction of airport terminal, sewer treatment plant, landing docks, and ports. He demonstrated the planning, technical and implementation stages of how to complete such projects. During the presentation, Mr. Mangham challenged his audience to prepare themselves for a career in the engineering field by studying hard in school and getting a strong base in the field of math and science. Mr. Mangham said, "Being an engineer is a rewarding job because you always learn something new everyday, while facing new and exciting challenges, and you also get paid pretty good too. So you should really think about pursuing a career in engineering but to do so, you have to have a strong foundation in mathematics. Mangham feels that engineering is a good career choice for Palauans because there are so few Palauan engineers. He added that for Palau to develop their infrastructure, they need more educated, experienced and qualified Palauan engineers. These presentations conducted by professionals in the engineering, medical and scientific community in Palau is part of a weekly series organized by the UBMS Program to encourage their students to consider pursuing careers in those fields.



UBMS Students Pose with Rick Mangham, Director of Public Works

UBMS Submits First Annual Report

PCC's Upward Bound Math and Science program submitted its first ever annual report to the Office of the President. The submission of the UBMS performance report is a major accomplishment as it is a first time for this new program. The report contains a program performance narrative of ten (10) objectives that are required by the funding organization, which is the U.S. Department of Education. According to the report, the UBMS program fulfilled 7 of the 10 objectives with the rest being fulfilled toward the end of the 2004-2005 school year. As part of their mandate, the UBMS Program is to serve 50 high school students from all six high schools throughout Palau. The program is designed for students who have a strong interest in math and science related fields. The College received funding for a five-year grant period for the UBMS with a total funding of \$1.1 million, beginning in October 2003 and ending in September 2008.

The purpose of the program is to help students recognize their potential to excel in math and science and encourage them to pursue post-secondary degrees in these fields. Prior to the establishment of the PCC Upward Bound Math and Science program, only two UBMS Centers operated 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 now houses the third center in the Pacific and the only one in the Micronesian region. The College recognizes the good work of UBMS Project Director Tchuzie Tadao and his staff for their excellent work and the timely submission of their annual report.

What's New at the PCC Library

Written by PCC Library Technician Ms. Imengel Mad

Have you ever wondered how Koror looked 50+ years ago? As you sit and listen to your parents, grandparents or any *rubak* or *mechas* telling stories during their adolescent years, it may be quite hard to imagine the scenery of Koror then. Well, now you can begin to see some real pictures of Koror at the time -- Japanese Era, or you might even want to go a little bit further down the history path to the German Era. You may access these pictures from the comfort of your own desk. As mentioned in our previous article regarding the Palau Community College-Belau National Museum IMLS Project, the PCC Library has cataloged all the images that have been uploaded to our server from the BNM Image collection. You may access these images through our College website: <http://www.palau.edu>. If you are on the College network, click on the campus link to access the Web Collection Plus and if you are outside of the College network, click on the Internet link. Once you get in the Web Collection Plus you may search using title, keyword, author, etc.

Are you curious to see what the present OEK building used to look like? Or the former Koror State Office? Check out the present Medalaii road by the Courthouse. Tip: type in **pcc-bnm imls project** then click on **series** and choose any image you want to access or type in **medalaii, koror** then click **title**. Once you access the full catalog of the image, click on the first electronic access link (for College network) or second electronic access link (for outside of the College network) to access the image.

BITS AND PIECES... Happy Veterans Day To all Veterans....

The College would like to wish a happy veteran's day to everyone who served in the U.S. Military and helped make the world a safer place. Your sacrifice and dedication is greatly appreciated as we all take time to honor you this Veterans Day. In addition, PCC would like to wish the best to all our men and women from Palau and Micronesia who currently serve in the U.S. Military. Your military service to America is your service to your homeland and the world.

PCC Bookstore & Lounge Open til 7:00 pm....

Looking for some brain food to give an you an edge for your exam, well the PCC Bookstore is there for you. The Bookstore is open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm from Monday to Thursday and closes at 5:00 pm on Fridays. So all you nighttime munchers can drop on by for some sweets, soda and munchies. The Bookstore also has a nice cozy lounge area where students can have quiet time to study while filling their tummies. So if you get the urge to splurge, stop by the Bookstore and let their cool staff and good food set you straight!

PVA Kicks Off Tourism Awareness Week....

November 14th, 2004 marks the beginning of the Palau Visitors Authority's Tourism Awareness Week campaign. It begins with a walkathon on the November 14th with breakfast, refreshments and free t-shirts for the first 250 participants, Airport Greetings from November 14th to the 20th where visitors will be welcomed with leis and traditional Palauan dances, PVA Open House for the public, a Trade Show at the "Bethlehem Village" and ends with the Taste of Palau - Cook Off Event at Hokkon's place next to the Peleliu Club. For more information please call the PVA office at 488-2793 or email at pva@visit-palau.com. Check it out!

To Err is human....

Last week's issue mistakenly printed the wrong website address for PCC's Official Website, the correct website address is www.palau.edu. Sorry Folks! Check out the abundance of information you wanted to know about the college including all the back issues of the Mesekiu Newsletter for the past month.

ROCK ISLAND CAFE ROCKS PCC

The Rock Island Café (RIC) donated almost a hundred dollars worth of prizes such as free lunch and pizza to the PCC Thanksgiving Fundraiser. Not to be outdone by PMA and Surangel & Sons, RIC has also stepped to the plate by donating prizes to PCC's fundraising events. The College is grateful to RIC for their support and thanks them for being a valuable friend to PCC. Every donation made to PCC whether big or small, whether it's a cash donation, becoming a member of our Endowment Fund or just



PCC Students Receiving Donation from RIC Rep. Sinobu Gibbons

purchasing a fundraising ticket, every little donation helps the College and makes a difference not only to our students but for the betterment of Palau as a whole. For more information on how you can donate, purchase a ticket or become an Endowment Member please call PCC's Development Office at 488-2470/2471 for more information. But if you want tickets, please call early because they are running out fast. So give us a call and help PCC develop our best resource, our students.

CRE Thanks Bilung for Donating Orchid Specimen



Mitsuko Kobayashi Receiving Donation of Orchids specimens from Bilung Gloria Salii and Carlos Salii

The Palau Community College Cooperative Research and Extension (PCC-CRE) gratefully acknowledges Bilung Gloria G. Salii, Chairperson PCC Board of Trustees and her husband Carlos Salii for their donation of orchid specimens to the CRE. About fourteen samplings of orchid flowers provided training opportunities for the support and maintenance of orchid culture techniques in Palau. As a result, JOCV Senior Volunteer, Ms. Mitsuko Kobayashi was able to conduct a technical exchange and the transfer of skills for CRE staff members.

Culturing of local plants is one of the many CRE program that are being explored as feasible economic alternatives for local farmers. To learn more about PCC-CRE programs please call 488-2746.

Reminders for PCC Department Heads Annual Reports are Due

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 Friday, November 19, 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.