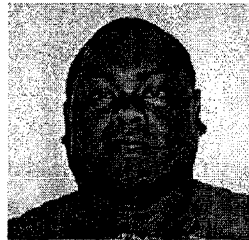


## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2008 (PCC)

Mesrine Kelmal



2008 - Earned an AAS Degree in General Electronics Technology. Worked at WCTC for 11 months then was hired at G.B. Harris Elementary School as a Physical Education teacher. He is looking forward to continuing his education. He is interested in pursuing a four year degree in Education, and plans on participating in the SDSU online program here at PCC.

### Class of 2009 (PCC)

Kelalbai Olivia Teblak



2009 - Earned an AAS degree in Small Engine and Outboard Marine Technology. Worked at PCC for a few months then applied and got accepted for the Taiwan Scholarship. Currently, she is attending National Tamkang University and taking courses toward a degree in Education.

### Class of 2010 (PCC)

Rachel Sumang



2010 - Earned an AAS degree in Office Administration. She was placed for her internship at Law Office of J. Uduch Sengebau-Senior, and upon completion of her term as an intern, was hired as the secretary for the law firm. Enjoys her work and expresses

her wishes to students to study hard and go for your dream career.

**Alumni Notes** showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities. If you are that alumnus/alumna 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

David Salapwa Feb. 06  
Pioria Asito Feb. 09  
Jay Olegeriil Feb. 10  
Happy Birthday To You!

## MESEKIU Basketball Corner

Another close call for Team Mesekiu. The game was tight and adrenaline was pumping through the team and the fans as the game progressed. But in the end, Team Mesekiu was able to hold off Meda Boyz and win the game by one point. GO TEAM MESEKIU! The team would like to thank the fans, especially the dorm residents who showed their support that evening. Even the Student Trustee Ueda came out to cheer the team. Coach Hamilton wishes to encourage all staff and students to come out to the games if you can make it. Team MESEKIU appreciates all your support.

The following is the official schedule :

Jan. 12 Ikelauns vs. Mesekiu (52 - 45)  
Jan. 17 Mesekiu vs. Meyuns RS (51- 89)  
Jan. 24 Ranchers vs. Mesekiu (74 - 91)  
Jan. 27 Mesekiu vs. Shark Attack (85 - 90)  
Feb. 1 Meda Boyz vs. Mesekiu (70 - 71)  
Feb. 7 Mesekiu vs. Cardinals  
Feb. 11 BOG vs. Mesekiu  
Feb. 17 Mesekiu vs. Surangel Kings  
Mar. 3 Mesekiu vs. 4 Wheelers  
Mar. 8 Stingers vs. Mesekiu

Come one, come all!! Let's cheer for our boys on the PCC Mesekiu Basketball team. For updates on game scheduling and time, please contact Hamilton Maech at 488-3885 or PNOOC at 488-6562.



Team Mesekiu showing off new uniforms.

### PTHSE Cont'd

Following the ribbon-cutting, all guests were taken on a tour of the facility by the Tourism and Hospitality students who also prepared delicious snacks served in the Reception section of the facility.



Ephraim exchanging greetings with Vice President Mariur



Guests awaiting the program to begin



Director Akiwo loving the spread of food

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### Vacancy Announcement

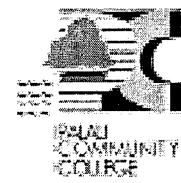
- (1) Computer Technician, Computer Services Office  
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- (2) Director, Human Resources Office  
Salary range: \$18,730 - 28,833 per annum
- (3) Director, Finance  
Salary range: \$18,730 - 28,833 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Mobil at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227.

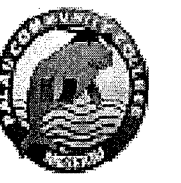
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# MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, February 4, 2011

Weekly Newsletter

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## Soft Opening for Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence (PTHSE)

The Palau Tourism and Hospitality School of Excellence (PTHSE) had its soft opening on January 31, 2011 at the new state-of-the art facility located on the PCC campus. Dr. Tellei, PCC President welcomed all the guests; including His Excellency Johnson Toribiong, President of the Republic of Palau; The Honorable Richard Marles - MP, Parliamentary Secretary for the Pacific Affairs, Australia Federal Parliament; Her Excellency Susan Cox, Australian Ambassador; and Her Excellency Maggie Taiching Tien, Republic of China Ambassador. Dr. Tellei gave a brief history of the PTHSE, noting how the idea came about, how PCC, Ministry of Education and Belau Tourist Association has collaborated to make this a reality, and how individuals, groups and nations have contributed to the construction of the facility, as well as how the school will contribute to the local capacity building to support the nation's growth.

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L-R: HE President Toribiong, Chairwoman Salii, HE Ambassador Tien, Honorable Marles, HE Ambassador Cox, Director Wenty, Honorary Consul - FRG Schubert, BTA President Kishigawa.

## Australian Ambassador Receives Gift

The Belau Tourism Association (BTA) and PCC representatives presented a gift to the Australian Ambassador Susan Cox. With the Ambassador was AUSAID Officer Majella Walsh. In terms of AUSAID assistance to the college, her job of enlisting the support of her government was made easier with the college's commitment to conservation of resources and environment by utilizing the existing building. Cox mentioned that this will be her last visit to Palau as the Ambassador, but definitely

not her last visit, as she is planning to return to visit this "beautiful country."



Executive Dir. BTA - Blair Phillips; Tourism Instructor - Vicki Maui; Australian Ambassador - Susan Cox; AUSAID Officer - Majella Walsh

## Caryn West Donates to Nursing Program

Caryn West, a lecturer from School of Nursing Midwifery & Nutrition - James Cook University (Australia) came last fall to visit MOH and PCC regarding the Nursing Program. After discussions with the NU students, she found out that they were lacking resources and equipments. She made a promise to the students that she would donate some of the much needed resources and equipments. True to her word, she went back and sent a box of nursing text books, 8CD ROM for nursing skills, 3 stethoscopes for students to use during their training. These stethoscopes were donations from Cairns-NU Students Social Club. Thank you Caryn West for your inspiration and donations to the nursing students.



Nursing students and their resource books and equipments

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

URM in the Biological Sciences  
Apply for Summer 2011 to study and learn hands on in Hawaii.  
Application: <http://www5.pbrc.hawaii.edu/urm/app/>  
Deadline: **Feb. 28, 2011**  
See Science instructors if you have questions

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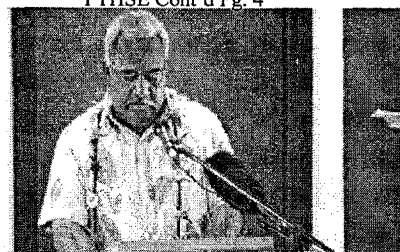
## PTHSE Con't.

Parliamentary Secretary Marles' remarks included his government's commitment to the region. He presented a \$25,000 check as his government's additional contribution to PTHSE. The Chairwoman of the PCC Board of Trustees was present to receive the donation along with President Toribiong. Ambassador Tien, in her remarks expressed her continued support to the college and the Republic especially in the area of human resources development. She referenced a Chinese saying that: "it takes 10 years to plant and raise a good tree, but it takes three generations to create a successful and productive person." She was hopeful that with this school, it will take less than that to produce quality individuals to support the country's development. President Toribiong expressed his profound gratitude to the donor nations and also expressed his appreciation for the role the school will play given the continued increase of tourist arrivals as evidence by the fact that all the flights arriving from FOC, PRC, Japan and Australia are full.

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Ambassador Tien, HE President Toribiong, Honorable Marles, Ambassador Cox



President Tellei giving the welcome/introductions



Honorable Marles presenting a check to Chairwoman Salii and HE President Toribiong



Ambassador Tien, Minister Yano and Mr. Shallum Etipson

## Former Superintendent Returns to Palau with Family

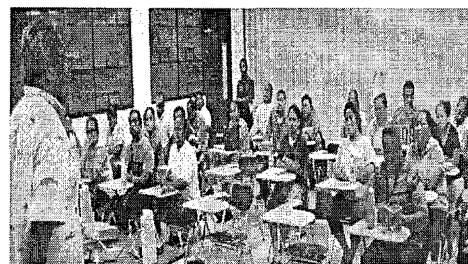
Owen Seckinger, who was the Superintendent of the Elementary Education here in Palau under David Ramarui in 1962, brought his family to Palau to visit on January 27, 2011. Traveling with him was his wife Gerry, who worked as a staff under J. Boyd McKinzie, the District Administrator at the time. They brought their son Chris, who is a pilot for Continental Airlines. Their visit included a stop at the old OEK which used to be the District Administration Office during the Trust Territory days, where they met the members of the Compact Review Commission. It was a great reunion, as Mr. Seckinger knew George Ngirarsaol and Polycarp Basilius. They also met the rest of the members of the commission, including Dr. Yano, whose father Takeo Yano was a man known to Mr. Seckinger.



1st row(L-R): Owen, Gerry, Chris; 2nd row(L-R): Mr. George Ngirarsaol, Dr. Victor Yano, Dr. Stevenson Kuartei, Speaker Isaac Bai, Mr. Polycarp Basilius, Back row(L-R): Dr. Patrick Tellei, Ambassador Joshua Koshiha, Baptist Rechesengel

## President Tellei Meets With SDSU Undergraduate Students

President Tellei met with SDSU Undergraduate students during the week their instructor Aida Allen was here. President Tellei encouraged them to continue doing well in their classes as they embark on the final stretch of their program. They will be completing all 18 courses by December 2011. He reminded them not to forget their financial obligations to PCC for their education.



President Tellei speaking to SDSU Undergraduates

## Public Health Training Program

To address the need for human resource capacity building in the area of public health, the Ministry of Health (MOH) in partnership with the Palau Community College (PCC) are working together to formalize a curriculum at PCC that focuses on Public Health. The Public Health Training Program is now in the process of being finalized and will be reviewed by the Committee on Programs & Curricula (CPC) before it is recommended for approval. It is anticipated that the new Public Health degree program will be implemented in the Fall of 2011, pending approval for substantive change by the accrediting commission.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### PRESIDENT TORIBIONG'S LECTURE SERIES - "HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OF PALAU"

The second of the lecture series on the "Historical Perspective Of Palau" will focus on the *Constitution*. It will be on Feb. 17, 2011 at 6:30pm at the PCC Assembly Hall. We invite all students and community members who are interested in learning more about the history of Palau to please come attend these lectures. DVD's of lectures are available. Contact Fermin Meriang at 775-2601 for copies.

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### Online Computer Lab (Rm 63)

This lab is only for students taking online courses and only online related work is done here. The online courses for the spring semester are: EN112, EN114, HI259 and SC249. 8:00am - 8:00pm

### Open Computer Lab (Rm 60)

Lab is for all students who need to use a computer. Also a place to print coursework. Not connected to internet. Only for course related work. Lab Hours: 9:00am - Noon / 2:00pm - 8:00pm

### Your Stories Wanted

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to adora@palau.edu.

Please call ext. 252/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday.

## Trainings in Office Procedures and Business English

Continuing Education is now offering trainings in Office Procedures and Business English to the community. The two classes, both taught by Sandra Pierantozzi started on Jan. 31, 2011. For Office Procedures, the course learning outcome includes improving on basic human skills, management and administration of the work environment, letter



Students participants in the courses for Office Procedures and Basic English

writing, records keeping and management and self image. The Business English course focuses on refining one's English writing skills to improve one's ability to effectively communicate within the office and with other businesses through correspondence. The desired outcome of the course is for students to communicate effectively by applying these qualities: concise, correct, clear, complete and courteous.

## Adult High School Orientation

Adult High School held its orientation on Jan.31, 2011. Students were welcomed by Dean Wally and given the message of how important the program was by Director Mangham. Program review, scheduling and standards of behavior were explained by Counselor Kual. The participants seemed eager to begin their classes. WELCOME ABOARD, and all the best in your endeavor this semester.



Students attending orientation.

## STEM FAIR is COMING SOON!!

The STEM Fair Committee has been meeting to discuss this year's upcoming fair. Keep a lookout for more information as the date for the fair approaches. GET READY TO DISPLAY YOUR TALENTS AND IDEAS!!

## Residential Appraisal Course Attended

Mark Gruber, an appraiser from Guam was here in Palau to hold a week long training for Residential Appraisal for interested individuals. This is a one of the series of courses that upon completion of all courses, one receives a Trainee License in Appraisal. To earn this license, one needs to obtain 75 hours of training. Many of the attendees are from the banks, as they need to learn about valuing land and buildings, as part of their job in mortgaging homes.



Participants in the Appraisal course.

## CONGRATS SDSU Master Students

SDSU Master's Program participants ALL passed their COMPS!!!! CONGRATULATIONS FROM PCC STUDENTS, STAFF & FACULTY.