

MOH & MOE Lead Pack of 34 Endowment Enrollees!

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, Palau Community College is excited once again to announce the addition of 34 new members to the PCC endowment Fund Contributors' Club! This pack of 34 are led by staff of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. By joining the club, these individuals donate a certain sum directly out of their paychecks to the PCC Endowment Fund. At the end of the year, PCC will help them apply for and receive refunds for their donations! In other words, they donate to a very good cause and in the end, get their money back.

From the Ministry of Health, we welcome fifteen (15) new members, **Lorraine Reddin, Valentina Edesomel, Lydia Reklai, Agnes Esiwini, Theresita C. Aderiano, Ngermokat Soaladaob, Sadako Tadao, Veronica Umedib, Lucio Hidemi** (who was recruited by endowment member **Kolbas Kloulechad**), **Ann Klass** (who was recruited by endowment member **Connie Olikong**), **Leah Salii, Evelyn F. Tomokane, Atanacia Ngiralo, Quintina Nestor, and Grace Rafael**. At the Ministry of Education, we welcome twelve (12) new members, **Cyrus Kikuo, Elizabeth Watanabe, Sharon Tellei, Helen Sengebau** (all recruited by endowment member **Pillar Ngiraswei**), **Clifford Ngirchomlei, Francen J. Secharraimul, Moana L. Tangadik, Veronica Masami, David Orrukem, Mario Ngiraidong, Sebelau Tadao, and Joyce I. Ramarui**. Over at the Ministry of Justice, we welcome three (3) new members, **Dominic Kyota, Sunray Meluat, and Malsol E. Nobuo**.



Lydia Reklai



Valentina Edesomel



Sadako Tadao



Veronica Umedib



Ngermokat Soaladaob



Lucio Hidemi

Celebrating Birthdays



Rennette Meyar	January 31
Felix Sengebau	January 31
Eileen Babauta	February 2
Vernice Yuzi	February 2

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!



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At the Ministry of Finance, we welcome two (2) new members, **Artin Hideyos** (who was recruited by endowment member **Surech Hideyos**) and **Vierra Toribiong**. From the Ministry of State, we welcome one (1) new member, **Hilde D. Senior**. And, over at the Ministry of Resources and Development, we welcome one (1) new member, **Caleb Mad**.

Once again, we welcome these new members as they showcase their commitment to supporting PCC's continued efforts to providing quality educational and training opportunities to Palau's and the Micronesian region's students. If you would like to join the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, please call Hulda, Dilubch, or Jay at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 253. They will be very happy to assist you!



Ann Klass



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Donors Increase Allotments!

The trend continues! More generous bi-weekly donors have decided to increase their donations to the PCC Endowment Fund. These people are **Monaliza S. Melayong, Jeana Dismas, Sherry Sisor, and Stacy Akitaya**. Wow, now their donations are bigger, so their refunds next year will be bigger!!! **Thank you very much!**



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Accrediting Team to Visit PCC

The College is excited to announce that the Comprehensive Evaluation Visiting Team (aka Evaluation Team) will be on campus from February 17-19, 2004, to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of PCC based on the Accrediting Commission's standards. The College has undergone this process in previous years, and has always had its accreditation status reaffirmed. However, unlike prior years, this time the previous ten standards have been consolidated down to four. Therefore, this is the first time the College will be evaluated against these four standards.

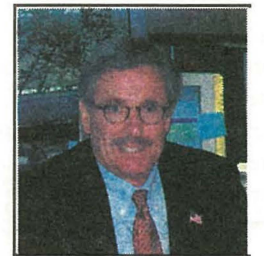
Last month, PCC submitted a self-study report based on these standards, and the team's visit will actually validate the report against their actual findings. In anticipation of the visit, the College has also prepared a Team Room and a Resource Room. Thus, we are just about 100% ready to receive our much awaited-for visitors! They are a team of eight individuals, all hailing from the state of California except for one from the neighboring island of Guam. These people are:

- Dr. Shirley Kelly, President of College of San Mateo
- Dr. Roger Welt, Executive Dean for Off Campus Programs at Allan Hancock College
- Mr. Jerry Patton, Vice President of Finance and Administration at Palomar College
- Dr. Robert Barr, Executive Director of Institutional Research & Planning at Foothill-DeAnza Community College District
- Dr. Patricia Griffin, Vice President of Student Services at College of San Mateo
- Dr. Lyn MacConnaire, Dean of Student Services at Ventura College
- Mr. Daniel Petersen, English Instructor at Hartnell College
- Mr. John Armstrong, Assistant Professor at Guam Community College

Palau Community College looks forward to receiving our visitors and encourages everyone to arrange their schedules, enabling them to meet our guests while they are here. In the meantime, all inquiries pertaining to the College's accreditation status and the upcoming visit may be forwarded to our Accreditation Liaison Office and Dean of Student Services, Mr. Presley Etibek at PCC telephone number 488-2470, extension 249. Or, you may contact Assistant Accreditation Liaison Officer, Mrs. Marianne Temaungil at the same PCC number, with extension 256.



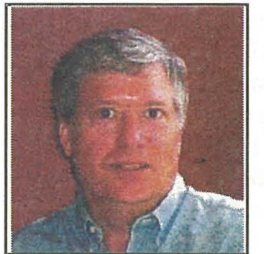
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ETS Does It Again, This Time it's Ngarchelong

This article was written by: Angelio Antonio, ETS Advisor/Counselor

Last weekend, the PCC Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program went on another field trip to Ollei, Ngarchelong, to conduct yet another weekend workshop with the students from Ngarchelong, Ngaraard, Airai, Harris, and Maris Stella elementary schools. The workshops lasted for two days, with many exiting activities taking place. On January 24, 2004, students from Airai traveled to Ngarchelong by boat, while Ngaraard students took a ride via the rocky road between Ngaraard and Ngarchelong States. Several other students took the option of driving with the parents to the workshop. Upon Arriving at Ollei Bai, the first workshop was then conducted. Introductions of all the students, tutors, parents, teachers and ETS staff commenced.

On the first day of the workshop, Ms. Veronica Kloulechad (ETS Asst. Dir.) conducted a tutoring session, going over the importance and benefits of tutoring. After this, both counselors, Jolene M. Joseph and Angelio Antonio conducted the Strong Interest Inventory. Like the test conducted at Melekeok the week before, this inventory is used to determine a student's potential career interests.

Later that afternoon, Ms Kloulechad then conducted the transition workshop to the eight graders, while Jolene and Angelio conducted counseling motivation to sixth and seventh graders. Afterward, everyone took a short walk to the Ollei port to play volleyball, while others went for a swim. After dinner that evening, students from Airai Elementary School surprised everyone with a small skit that they put together shortly before the evening's activities. Students from Ngarchelong Elementary followed with a powerful performance of their own. The evening ended with live music that proved quite popular with everyone.

The next day began with Airai and Ngaraard students going on a cultural site visit to Baderulchau, an activity that took most of the morning. After a delicious lunch, everyone prepared for the return trip to Koror. The PCC ETS program staff would like to extend their gratitude to all Seinengdang (youth) of Ngarchelong state, as well as all parents, tutors, and participants of this field trip. Your support and participation made this a great learning experience for our students. Special thanks also to Mr. Willes Tmecherur (boat driver) for his excellent services and superb boat-driving abilities.

BITS AND PIECES...

Palau To Host Investment Meet

Palau is slated to host the 4th Annual Pacific Region Investment Conference, scheduled to take place on March 25-26, 2004, at the Palasia Hotel Palau. This annual regional conference provides a forum for discussion on the processes and issues that affect institutional funds management. The College will be involved in the planning for and coordination of the conference.

All individuals interested in attending the conference are encouraged to register to ensure their spot as space is limited. As the conference nears, detail information will be made available; however, those who wish to register now may do so by calling (671) 649-0883, or send inquiries to Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies P.O. Box 3191 - Hagatna, GU - 96932. You may also visit their web site, www.apafs.org

2004 Charter Day Softball Tourney Slated for April

The College has identified the weekend of April 2-4, 2004 as the date when it holds its 6th Annual Charter Day Softball Fund Raiser for the PCC Endowment Fund. This tournament has become a tradition at the College where sixteen (16) co-ed teams vie for the championship, with the tournament fees going to support the only college in the nation.

While others may think it is too early to make plans for this activity, it is always beneficial to plan ahead. Therefore, any interested team may contact Dilubch, Hulda, LeoBen, Todd, or Jay at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471 for further information or to secure a slot for their team. In the meantime, this newsletter will provide updates on the tournament as the date nears, including information on tournament venue, game schedules, etc.

As has become a slogan for this tournament, "Come and let's enjoy a weekend of fun competition as we help raise funds for our college, Palau Community College!" Thank you very much.

PCC and KSG Offer Classes

Palau Community College, in collaboration with Koror State Government's Cultural Affairs, wishes to announce to the public that the second Woodcarving class and the first Wood Sculpture class are now ready to be held at the PCC campus. These classes will take place on Saturdays, and are scheduled to begin on February 7th, provided the minimum number of participants is met.

The Woodcarving class is a 75-hour course that introduces the ancient Palauan art of carving beautiful storyboards. The number of participants required to make this a class is not less than ten and no more than fourteen.

The Wood Sculpture class is a 36-hour course on the basics of wood sculpturing. The class will be held for three hours in the morning and three hours in the afternoon. Participants in the Wood Sculpture class are required to bring their own adze (ebakl). The number of participants to make this a class is not less than ten and no more than twenty.

Classes will be based on a first-come first-serve basis, as space is limited. Thus, anyone interested is encouraged to register by calling PCC tel. number 488-6223.

EBSCO Access Via PREL

Elton B. Stephens Co. (EBSCO) databases provide free access to 6000 full-text journals. To use this great research tool:

- Visit PREL's homepage at <http://www.prel.org>;
- Click on "Need to do research?" to login
- Type in your **entity password**: palau
- Click on one of the topics: All databases, education, health, social issues, business, or student services;
- Select one or more databases and click on "Continue";
- Type in search terms or phrase in the "Find" box and click on the "Search" button; then, view, print, or e-mail your search result!

For assistance in going about this, please do not hesitate to ask your friendly PCC Library staff.

Vacancy Announcement

Position: Public Relations Manager
Salary: \$16,010 to \$21,911 per annum
(Depending on qualifications)

Examples of Duties:

Under the direct supervision of the Director of Development, Public Relations Manager will work to create and market a positive image of Palau Community College to all sectors of government, business, specific community groups and the general public. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- Contributing to the high profile exposure and resource to promote College activities and programs;
- Ensuring regular communication of College activities and marketing of its programs including production of a high quality newsletter and other printed materials;
- Organizing, planning, and controlling the public relations activity, including budget, reports, etc.;
- Establishing an Alumni Association throughout Micronesia and will provide assistance in all public relations aspect of the Association;
- Working with other College components to ensure that high quality of the marketing content provides a positive and accurate corporate image;
- Provide key role in College fund raising activities; and,
- Doing division budget and other reports as may be required.

Minimum Qualification Requirements

Bachelor's degree in international relations or related field and at least three years work experience in public relations or related areas. Has the ability to communicate effectively in writing and speaking English, following and giving oral/written directions, and meeting timelines of difficult work assignment schedules.

General Information

Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division at Palau Community College - P.O. Box 9 - Koror, Palau - 96940. Send completed application with transcript(s), resume, and verification of previous employment(s), if any, to the same address. For further information, contact Ms. Karen Mobel at telephone (680) 488-2470/2471.

FSM Students Help Beautify Koror

This past Sunday January 25, the Palau Community College-Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Student Organization helped beautify the state of Koror by picking trash that had been carelessly thrown by others. Some thirty-nine (39) members of the organization, along with their president Mr. Shiro Kesol, picked up trash starting from the Ice Box Park all the way to PCC. This activity resulted in four full truck loads of large trash bags that were then taken to the Koror dump site!

Although the students would have liked to collect trash all the way to the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge, they realized that this will take extra amount of time; hence, they have decided to tackle that in the future. Meanwhile, some PCC staff provided logistical support and assistance with this noble student activity. PCC's Food Service Coordinator Ms. Rosita Weilbacher, Student Services Supervisor Mr. Ismael Anastacio and JICA volunteer Kazuhisa Takahashi helped with the overall planning for and coordination of the activity.

By collecting trash in Koror, the FSM students received pledges of financial support from many individuals who recognized their good deeds. President Kesol stated that this support will be used to fund future organization activities, including a planned excursion to the southern state of Angaur, scheduled to take place during the spring break this semester.

After having successfully collected the trash in the targeted areas, the students had their much deserved lunch at Long Island Park before heading back to the PCC Dorm. However, before departing from the Park, they noticed some locals carelessly throwing their empty cans and other trash on the grounds. Therefore, our FSM Student Organization has issued this message to us all -- **Help Keep Koror and Palau Beautiful!**

The College thanks the officers of the FSM Student Organization (President **Shiro Kesol** of Kosrae, Vice President **Dino Saipwerik** of Chuuk, Treasurer **Alice Kabetin** of Yap, and Secretary **Marla Andrew** of Pohnpei) and the members as well for this most noble gesture of community citizenship. You have shown a good example to others and we are very proud of you!



Students pose proudly after successfully collecting trash from Ice Box Park all the way to the PCC campus!



These students forget about collecting trash momentarily as they pose for a photo!