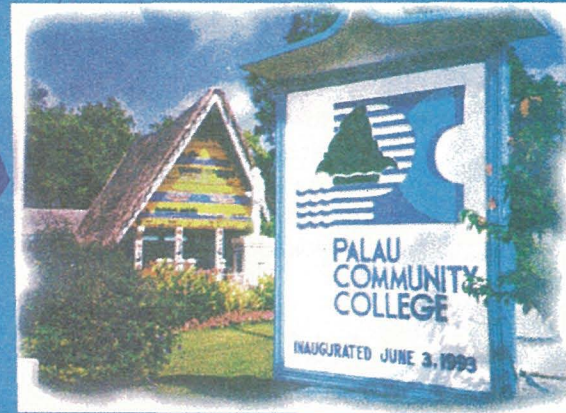


Happy New Year Palau

The Palau Community College President, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Faculty, Staff and most especially the Students, wishes everyone a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

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PCC X-Mas Luncheon Postponed 'Till Next Week

The X-mas luncheon that was scheduled for today has been re-scheduled to next week due to most college staff being on leave. The Endowment Fund Contributors Club annual meeting therefore, is also re-scheduled along with the luncheon. Keep posted for a new memo with the exact date and time.



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Celebrating Birthdays

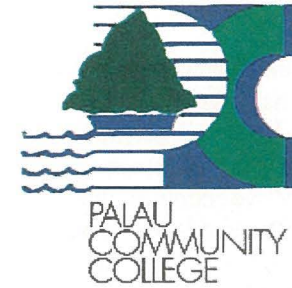
Helen Immanuel December 29
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Ramon Garcia January 02

Happy Birthday To You!!!

THANK YOU Mr. Diaz & WWFM for Your Support to PCC During 2002



(standing: l-r) PCC-CRE Vice-President Thomas Taro, PCC President Patrick Tellei, and Alfonso Diaz. (seated: l-r) Bilung Gloria G. Salii and Nancy Wong. The picture was taken during the recently held PCC Thanksgiving Fundraiser where Mr. Diaz broadcasted the fundraiser live on WWFM radio station.



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Palau Community College 2002 in Review

January, 2002, the Palau Community College Board of Trustees (PCC-BOT) held its annual organizational meeting. During the meeting, the Board elected new officers with the following results: Chairperson - *Bilung* Gloria G. Salii; Vice Chair - Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl; Secretary/Treasurer - Valeria Toribiong. The PCC-BOT also signed a new contract with PCC President Patrick U. Tellei to continue as PCC President for the next four years.



PCC-BOT members: (l-r) Weldon Gideon, *Bilung* Gloria G. Salii; Valeria Toribiong, Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl, and Dr. Emais Roberts.

January 2002, PCC Associate Professor Felix Domingo resigns after twenty-two years of dedicated service to PCC.

February 2002, WESTOP-PIC Donates \$1000 dollars to the PCC Endowment Fund after a successful WESTOP conference that was held at Palau Community College.

March 2002, Palau AHEC Office established on campus after PCC President Patrick Tellei signed an agreement with the University of Hawaii to establish the Palau Area Health Education Center (AHEC). The program will provide post-graduate diploma training for doctors in Family Practice from Palau, Marshall Islands, and FSM.

March 2002, the Pacific Regional Technology in Education Consortium (PRTEC) is now established on campus. This is a 5-year program aimed at developing the use of technology to improve teaching methods and learning capability in the Pacific region.

March 2002, assistant professor of Construction Technology, Onesimo Santos retires after 27 years of service to the College.

April 2002, PCC marks its 9th Charter Day celebration with the annual President's Run/Walk. ROP President Tommy E. Remengesau Jr. and MOC/PCC Alumnus and current Senate Floor Leader Steven Kanai joined PCC President Patrick U. Tellei and college staff in celebrating the special day.

May 2002, PCC Adult High School Program to sees first graduates. Twenty-one students received their high school equivalency diploma from the PCC Adult High School Program.

May 2002, the 39th MOC/PCC Commencement Exercise was held at the PCC Cafetorium. A total 65 students received their associate degrees (AA/AS) and certificates of achievements (CA) in the following fields: Nursing, Criminal Justice, Liberal Arts, Education, Business Accounting, Office Administration, Tourism & Hospitality, Automotive Mechanics Technology, and Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology. This year's graduation ceremony was special as it witnessed a couple of firsts: Senate Floor Leader Steven Kanai, first MOC/PCC alumnus was chosen as the commencement speaker. Senator Kanai graduated in 1979 with a CA in General Electronic Technology. Also the newly established PCC Adult High School Program saw its first graduates. Twenty-one adult high students received their high school equivalency diplomas.

June 2002, the Director of the Center on Pacific Studies at San Diego State University (SDSU) was on campus for 10 days to conduct an intensive course for students who are enrolled in the "on-line" program with SDSU. SDSU currently provides courses to students in Palau via the inter-net for Bachelor's degrees in Vocational Education and Master's degrees in Educational Leadership. Students in both programs are expected to graduate in Spring of 2003.

June 2002, PCC sent two of its recreation office staff to attend an athletic training in Taiwan. Ismael Anastacio, Recreation Supervisor and his assistant Jeremiah Rafael were selected by the College to attend this training program. All expenses of this month-long training program was paid for by the Taiwanese government. Since the establishment of diplomatic ties between Taiwan and Palau, PCC has benefited tremendously from such training programs.

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June 2002, the Operations and Maintenance Improvement Program (OMIP) on campus conducted a successful Summer Bus Training program for all public schools bus drivers in Palau. Training focused on preventive maintenance, repair techniques, and safety procedures.

July 2002, Mr. Dough Melvin, an Aus AID representative visited the College. PCC has been a recipient of the much needed assistance from the Australian Government in the form of Australian Small Grant Scheme. Mr. Melvin met with President Tellei and discussion centered around a grant proposal to Australia to help the College in some critical development areas.

July 2002, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) conducted an outcome-based evaluation workshop for representatives from State Library Administrative Agencies and National Leadership Grantees in Honolulu, Hawaii. PCC Librarian, Debra Neas was chosen to represent Palau Community College and the Ministry of Education. The College and the Ministry of Education are recipients of the IMLS National Leadership Grant and are both working collaboratively to improve library standards and services in the Republic of Palau.

July 2002, the Japanese government officially handed over language lab equipment worth U.S. \$250,000 dollars to Palau which will be housed at Palau Community College and used by both PCC and Palau High School. The hand-over of the language lab equipment was symbolized by a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Japanese language lab classroom that was attended by Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., Japan Charge d' Affaires Yoshio Koshio, PCC President Tellei, ROP Chief of Staff Billy G. Kuartei, Ministry of Education School Administration Chief Kalistus Ngirturong, and Palau High School Principal Reynold Mechol.

July 2002, the College held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the opening of the Palau Wind Orchestra Building. The building houses many kinds of musical instruments including pianos, drums, trumpets, saxophones, and many other musical instruments. All musical instruments are donations from the government of Japan. The Palau Wind Orchestra will be an added benefit to those students who are taking music classes.

August 2002, the newly established Registrar's office has now taken over the responsibility of registering students and providing official transcripts of students, a task that was previously handled by the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid. With the creation of the Registrar's office, the College now has a separate office that is tasked with the registration of students, thus avoiding the "bottleneck" effect which was a common occurrence at the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid at every registration period, most especially during Fall semester when most students apply to PCC.

August 2002, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei and four PCC Faculty members traveled to Guam to attend a Distance Learning conference that was sponsored by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation.

Dr. Joel Miles, Epimachus Moses, Marianne Temaungil and Vernice Yuzyi attended the Agriculture Challenge Grant workshop which was aimed at developing a distance learning program, whereby participants/students can take on-line courses in Education and Agriculture in their respective countries, thus enabling them to obtain their degrees in the said fields without leaving their home countries. President Tellei attended meetings with school officials from UOG and COM-FSM to talk about program alignment and articulation in Education and Agriculture for the distance learning program between the three institutions.

August 2002, along with the high number of high school students coming to PCC from Palau and the micronesia region, PCC has also attracted a number of top local high school graduates. The Palau High School Class of 2002 Valedictorian, Lauren Joseph enrolled in the Business Accounting program while Athena Wally, Ngirmeriil Ngirmeriil, Shannon Toribiong, Rilang Roberto, and Tewid Elechuus signed up for the Liberal Arts program. All have G.P.A.'s of not less than 3.98. Over 680 students enrolled this Fall semester, the highest ever since MOC became PCC back in 1993. In addition to the more than 680 traditional students enrolled this Fall semester, over 80 Teachers in Yap are enrolled in the distance learning program taking courses in early childhood education.

September 2002, a two-day Eco-tourism conference was held on campus. Sponsored by the International Cooperation and Development Fund, Embassy of Taiwan, Palau Community College, Palau Visitor's Authority and the Palau International Coral Reef Center, the conference was to enhance and promote Eco-tourism in Palau as well as involve non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the promotion of Eco-tourism. PCC Tourism instructor Vicky Maui was one of the presenters and her topic was "Eco-tourism and the indigenous population". Vicky Maui's tourism class also attended the conference.

September 2002, the College received word from the U.S. Department of Education that the proposal it submitted for the Minority Science Improvement Grant has been approved for funding. The \$215,000 dollars grant will be used to enhance the science program at Palau Community College. Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong will serve as the grant director.

September 2002, Talent Search Grant proposal is approved for funding. The \$960,000 dollars grant will establish the Talent Search program on campus and is expected to serve over 600 students and adults in Palau whose age range from 11-26 years old.

September 2002, Mr. Ben Ponia, aqua-culture advisor for the Secretariat of the Pacific Commission visited PCC. Mr. Ponia's visit was to promote aqua-culture and he was pleasantly surprised to learn that the College has a fully equipped and operational research & development station that has already implemented its aqua-culture research and development efforts.

October, 2002, Japan Foundation, a non-profit organization in Japan donated Japanese language teaching materials to Palau Community College. Japanese Charge d' Affaires presented the teaching materials to PCC President Patrick U. Tellei at the Japan Embassy. The teaching materials donated include textbooks, teacher's guides, dictionaries, cassette tapes, videos, and other study materials. PCC continues to benefit greatly from the friendly relationship between the government of Palau and Japan.

October, 2002, the Center for Disease Control & Prevention, Pacific Emergency Health Initiative, and Palau Community College hosted a Bio-terrorism Preparedness Developmental Workshop on campus. The workshop's goal was to improve the island's capability to better prepare for, in case of a bio-terrorism attack.

November, 2002, Mrs. Anita R. Suta retired as Vice President of PCC - Cooperative Research & Extension. Mr. Thomas Taro succeeded her as the Interim Vice President of PCC-Cooperative Research and Extension. Mr. Taro will continue to serve as the director of the Research & Development Station while serving as the interim-vice president.

November, 2002, PCC Dean of Students Presley Etibek was in California to attend a workshop that was conducted by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities, and the American Association of Higher Education. Dean Etibek who is PCC's Accreditation Liaison Officer attended the workshop to familiarize himself with the new accreditation standards in preparation for 2003 as PCC is slated to undergo a comprehensive self-study as well as receive an accrediting team on the third week of February.

November, 2002, the recently retired Vice President of PCC-Cooperative Research & Extension has been appointed by Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., and unanimously approved by the Senate as Palau's first Ambassador to the Philippines. Mrs. Suta is the first Palauan woman ever appointed to an ambassadorial post.

November, 2002, the Annual PCC Thanksgiving Fundraiser nets over \$30,000 dollars for the PCC Endowment Fund. MOC/PCC Alumni Association holds separate softball fundraiser that raises over \$3,500 for the PCC Endowment Fund.



MOC/PCC Alumni Association Softball Team.

Vice President Teriong Back from Overseas Trip

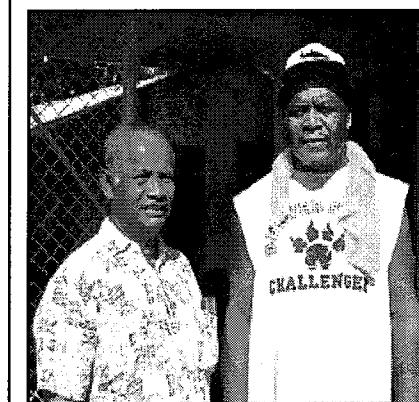


The Vice President of Administration and Finance, LeoBen Teriong is back from a week long trip that took him to Las Vegas, Nevada. VP Teriong went to attend the Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE) conference. The conference was attended by numerous heads of many vocational and technical colleges all across the United States.

The conference updated participants with workshops and exhibitions on the latest technologies and equipment used for vocational education such as computerized engine check-ups for Automotive Mechanics Technology as well as the latest tools and equipments used in the field of Construction Technology, which includes Auto-CAD for Blue Print Reading and Design.

On the return leg of his trip, VP Teriong stopped in the Marshall islands where he met with his counterpart, the Comptroller of the College of the Marshall Islands (CMI). He also stopped in Pohnpei for a day and half to meet with COM-FSM President Michael Tatum where they discussed articulation agreements among other things.

Maintenance Staff Carve Story Board Signage as X-Mas Gift for Peleliu Senior Citizens



Vincent Akiwo and Huan Anastacio of the maintenance department carved a storyboard signage for the Peleliu Senior Citizen's Center. Akiwo and Anastacio with other college staff accompanied Peleliu State Delegate, Gerdence Meyar to Peleliu earlier this week to personally hand over the gift on behalf of PCC to a crowd of grateful senior citizens.