

# Endowment Fever Claims 31 More People!

The PCC Endowment Membership Drive continues to gain new members. This week, staff of the Ministry of Health continue to dominate with nine out of thirty-one (31) new enrollees. 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 those nine (9) new members, **Magrina Aderiano, Jane Decherong, Helmer Rechelluul, Leileen Reklai, Donna M. Gibbons, Flora Kintaro, Deborah Elibosang, Nona Misech,** and **Jocelyne L. Tonyokwe.** At the Ministry of Education, we welcome one (1) new member, **Alex Meltel.** Over at the Ministry of Justice, we welcome two (2) new members, **Leis Madraisau** and **Clifton Soalablai** (who was recruited by endowment member **Margie Ngirmidol**). From the Ministry of Finance, we welcome one (1) new member, **Jelina Renguul.**



Magrina Aderiano



Jane Decherong



Helmer Rechelluul



Leileen Reklai



Donna M. Gibbons



Nona Misech



Jocelyne L. Tonyokwe



Leis Madraisau



Jelina Renguul

At Aimeliik State Government we welcome two (2) new members, **Lourigene Samsel** and **Judy O. Ikeda.** Over at the Ministry of Resources and Development, we welcome two (2) new members, **Nanette D. Malsol** and **Arlyn Ignacio.** From the Ministry of Commerce and Trade, we also welcome one (1) new member, **Debby Debengek** (who was recruited by endowment member **Julita Debengek**).

In the Palau National Olympic Committee office, we welcome one (1) new member, **Jemmy Watanabe.** At the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, we also welcome five (5) new members, **Cinderella Adachi, Beverly Rechuldak, Adora Ngiramolau, Melanie R. Charles,** and **Wilbur Williams.** From our friends at PNCC we also welcome three (3) new members, **Laurinda Meyar** and **Gailliard Rimirch** (who were recruited by endowment member **Blanche Sali**), and **Dinah Lee Blesoch** (who was recruited by endowment member **Jefferson Thomas**). Right here at PCC, we welcome three (3) new members, **Soledad Garcia, Ramon Garcia** (who was recruited by **Soledad Garcia!**), and **Elenita Brel.** Finally, we announce the addition of one (1) new member who wishes to remain anonymous. We can only say she's a very generous young lady from the Palau Judiciary!

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!**



Lourigene Samsel



Judy O. Ikeda



Wilbur Williams



Laurinda Meyar



Gailliard Rimirch



Dinah Lee Blesoch



Soledad Garcia



Ramon Garcia



Elenita Brel

## Celebrating Birthdays



Elenita Brel	February 8
Pioria Faungy	February 9
Nelson Esguerra	February 10

*Happy Birthday To You!!!*



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## Donors Increase Allotments!

...And the trend continues! More generous bi-weekly donors have decided to increase their donations to the PCC Endowment Fund. These people are **Marilou B. Lapuz, Cyril Leonardia, Yokichi Mori, Anne L. Pedro, Lucy Tangelbad, Henciano Basilio,** and **Stephanus Gabriel.** Wow, now their donations are bigger, so their refunds next year will be bigger!!!

**Thank you very much!**



# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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## PCC and TED Sign MOU

*This article was written by: PCC Associate Dean Sherman Daniel*

In December 2003, a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) and agreement was signed between Palau Community College (PCC) and Thomson Education Direct (TED). The MOU allows Thomson Education Direct programs to be offered through Palau Community College.

Thomson Education Direct is one of the oldest and largest distance learning institutions in the world. The institution provides programs and services that are designed to meet the life-long learning needs of the adult learner. Programs of study offered lead to specialized associate degrees and career-specific diplomas.

One does not have to attend scheduled regular classes at PCC to enroll in these programs. These are individualized programs which allow people to learn in their own time while using professional services and support provided by PCC in completing their required course work. The length of time to complete each program ranges from three months to eighteen months, depending on the number of course requirements for each specific program.

If you do not have the time to be a full-time regular college student at PCC, but are interested in advancing or changing your career, learn a new skill by enrolling in this unique educational opportunity. Even if you just wish to take these course offerings for personal enrichment, they are available and ready to accommodate you!

Anyone who is interested in learning more about these courses/programs, or wishes to get more information about enrollment information may contact **Sherman Daniel** at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 254. The following is a listing of the professions one can become after taking TED programs that are now available through PCC:

- Carpenter
- Home Inspector
- Desktop Publishing & Design
- PC Repair
- Professional Landscaper
- Electrician
- Telecommunication Technician
- Drafting with AutoCAD
- Medical Office Assistant
- Medical Transcriptionist
- Occupational Therapy Aid
- Diesel Mechanic
- Air Condition/Refrigerator Repair
- Auto-body Repair Technician
- Wildlife and Forestry Conservation
- Artist
- Dress Making & Design
- Photographer
- Child Day Care Management
- Electronics Technician
- TV/VCR Repair
- Dental Assistant
- Legal Secretary
- Pharmacy Technician
- Small Business Management
- Appliance Repair
- Auto Repair Technician
- Small Engine Repair
- Hotel/Restaurant Management
- Travel Agent
- PC Specialist



PCC Associate Dean Mr. Sherman Daniel

## AHEC Thanks UOG

**Dr. Gregory J. Dever**, Director for the PCC-based Palau Area Health Education Center (AHEC), recently wrote to University of Guam (UOG) President Dr. Harold Allen, thanking the latter for allowing Arlene Cohen to give a distance lecture on "Accessing Medical Information Using PREL, PubMed and the University of Guam RFK Library."

The lecture was delivered to audiences in Yap, Palau, and Fiji. It is part of a postgraduate course, one of many courses making up the Diploma Program in Public Health at the Fiji School of Medicine. This program is being coordinated through PCC-Palau AHEC under contract to the John A. Burns School of Medicine of the University of Hawaii-Manoa.

For information about Palau AHEC programs, contact Dr. Gregory J. Dever at (680)488-2001/2002.

## Thanks, WWFM 89.5 and ECO Paradise FM!

If you tune in to local radio stations, WWFM 89.5 and ECO Paradise FM, you will notice that they regularly announce Palau Community College news by reading the PCC weekly newsletter **Mesekiu's News.** This service provided by these two stations helps inform the listening public about what our college, PCC, has to offer to our students and the community as a whole. We at PCC are very fortunate to have **Mr. Alfonso Diaz**, owner of WWFM 89.5 and the **radio team at ECO Paradise FM** to provide this bonus service that benefit our community. Thank you WWFM 89.5 and ECO Paradise FM, and we continue to count on you in the future!

## PCC Intramural Co-Ed Softball Tourney Begins!

A total of eight (8) teams have begun participating in the College's 2004 spring semester Intramural Co-Ed Softball Tournament. These teams are: *Bir* (Yobech Toribiong, Team Captain); *Meruruu* (Caleb Meltel, Team Captain); *Ky-Angels* (Uly Remoket, Team Captain); *Yapese Pride* (John T. Waayan, Team Captain); *Mesekiu Staff* (Todd Ngiramengior and Ezra Takeo, Team Captains); *FSM-4 Stars* (Shiro Kesol, Team Captain); *Kampare* (Harvey Tulensru, Team Captain); *Yoz/Rec. Stars* (Nixon Augustine and Kazuhisa Takahashi, Team Captains). Everyone is encouraged to come to the Meyuns Ballfield and cheer your team(s) all the way to the championship!

Game	Date
Bir vs. Meruruu	January 26
Ky-Angels vs. Yapese Pride	January 28
Mesekiu Staff vs. FSM-4 Stars	January 30
Kampare vs. Yoz/Rec. Stars	January 30
Meruruu vs. Yapese Pride	February 2
Bir vs. Ky-Angels	February 4
FSM-4 Stars vs. Yoz/Rec. Stars	February 6
Mesekiu Staff vs. Kampare	February 6
Mesekiu Staff vs. Yoz/Rec. Stars	February 9

Game	Date
FSM-4 Stars vs. Kampare	February 11
Bir vs. Yapese Pride	February 13
Meruruu vs. Ky-Angels	February 13
Meruruu vs. FSM-4 Stars	February 16
Yapese Pride vs. Coz/Rec. Stars	February 18
Bir vs. Mesekiu Staff	February 20
Ky-Angels vs. Kampare	February 20
Ky-Angels vs. Coz/Rec. Stars	February 23
Meruruu vs. Mesekiu Staff	February 25
Bir vs. FSM-4 Stars	February 27
Yapese Pride vs. Kampare	February 27
Yapese Pride vs. FSM-4 Stars	March 01
Meruruu vs. Kampare	March 03
Bir vs. Yoz/Rec. Stars	March 05
Ky-Angels vs. Mesekiu Staff	March 05
Yapese Pride vs. Mesekiu Staff	March 08
Bir vs. Kampare	March 10
Meruruu vs. Yoz/Rec. Stars	March 12
Ky-Angels vs. FSM-4 Stars	March 12

## Continuing Ed Announces Training Opportunities



- *Office Administration Skills* - Upgrade and enhance your skills in Customer Service, Telephone Etiquette, Work Ethics, Dress Codes, and more. (Began February 2, 2004)

- *Basic Clerical Skills* - Learn Basic office skills in filing methods, time management, use of office equipment and more. (Began February 2, 2004)

- *Wood Carving and Wood Sculpture* - Learn to make your own storyboard and/or create your own wood sculpture. (To begin February 7, 2004)

- *Site Preparation & Layout (for construction)* - Get working knowledge in site preparation and layout of structures and more so that you can do it yourself. (To begin February 21, 2004)

- *Footing and Foundation (for construction)* - Get working knowledge on the different types of footings and foundations used in carpentry and be able to do it yourself. (To begin February 21, 2004)

- *Basic Plumbing (for residential)* - Get a residential plumbing orientation and learn the different types of plumbing tools and materials to be able to do it yourself. (To begin February 21, 2004)

Anyone who would like to learn more about these training opportunities offered by PCC Continuing Education is encouraged to contact Eileen Babauta or Taruu Nakamura at telephone number (680) 488-247/2471/6223.

## 'THE GATHERING' Tackles Alcohol Abuse

On Tuesday last week, the College and Bedochel Center held their monthly 'Tuesday Night's THE GATHERING' at the PCC Cafeteria. The evening's theme was "The Effects of Alcohol are Deadly," and about fifty youth attended THE GATHERING, including students from PCC, Mindszenty and Palau High Schools.

The GATHERING saw several key speakers who enlightened the students on the issue. These speakers included police Lieutenant Ismael Aguon who presented 2002 statistics on accidents, injuries and deaths relating to alcohol abuse. Koror Delegate Joel Toribiong also shared his personal views, stating his observation that youth today drink alcohol and do not respect elders as a result of their alcohol and drug use.

Also speaking were PCC Dean of Students Presley Etibek and Mindszenty High School Principal Justa Polloi. Both speakers also emphasized the negative effects of alcohol use and abuse. The month's

THE GATHERING was a powerful session, bringing to the youth's attention the sobering fact that they are not invincible and that the effects of alcohol are indeed deadly.

We thank Bedochel Center and PCC for providing such a forum where youth can be informed on critical subjects as this. The next session of THE GATHERING will take place on the last Tuesday of February 2004. In the meantime, information about this program may be obtained by contacting Ms. Marenia Edward at PCC telephone number 488-3036.



## BITS AND PIECES...

### Library Policy Manual is Out

The PCC Library is proud to announce that it has completed the Library Policy Manual. The friendly PCC Library staff are now requesting everyone to please make time to review the manual and submit their recommendations for possible modifications, if any. A copy of the Manual is available at the circulation desk for everyone's convenience. Thank you for your patronage and support!

### PCC Cafeteria Staff Make History

The team of hard working staff at the PCC Cafeteria has successfully ended a fiscal year by making history. The 2003 fiscal year saw the Cafeteria ending in the black, meaning that the Cafeteria actually earned more than it expended in one year!

According to Vice President of Administration and Finance LeoBen Teriong, the Cafeteria will be able to sustain itself without outside financial support if this were to occur for four consecutive years.

Some of the major reasons for the increased revenue lie in the fact that the number of PCC and Palau High School students served has increased. At the same time, certain measures taken by the Cafeteria have also helped reduce costs. As observed by Vice President Teriong, the latter was accomplished without compromising the quality of services to the students. Therefore, the College is quite proud of all our diligent Cafeteria staff for this outstanding achievement and is very confident that they will perform the same feat for this 2004 fiscal year as well as succeeding years. Congratulations for a job well done!



Under the able leadership of Food Service Supervisor Mr. Ezra Takeo, the Cafeteria staff have made history by ending fy2003 in the black. From left are Ezra Takeo, Lucky Beketaut, Xavier Decherong, Jefferson Thomas, and Richard Saburo. Sitting are Juan Camacho and student worker Maxson Nithan.

### The Anatomy of an Organization

In the anatomy of every organization, there are four kinds of bones:

1. **The Wish Bones** - who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work.
2. **The Jaw Bones** - who do all the talking but very little else.
3. **The Knuckle Bones** - who knock everything that anyone tries to do.
4. **The Back Bones** - who get under the load and do the work.

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## PCC Volunteers to Do BETA Test

The Palau Community College Office of Admissions and Financial Aid has been approved by the U.S. Department of Education to participate in the 2004-2005 EDEXpress Release 1.0 for Windows Packaging/Global Beta Test. EDEXpress is a software provided and required by the U.S. Department of Education to be used by colleges and universities to process financial aid applications, awards packaging, process Pell Grant reports, etc.

The Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Dahlia M. Katosang, was assigned the "Testing for the Packaging and Global Modules." The Beta Test was completed in December 2003. We thank the U.S. Department of Education for selecting us to serve as one of their Beta Test volunteers. For more information about this, contact Dahlia M. Katosang at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471, extension 233.

## President Tellei is Guest Speaker at K.E.S. and PCC



K.E.S. students listen attentively to President Tellei's lecture

On Wednesday last week, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei was a guest speaker for an eight grade class at Koror Elementary School. The class, taught by Mr. Andrew Tabelual, convened at the PCC Mesekiu Bai as President Tellei talked to them about educational and career options and goals. He also touched on the concept of needs vs. wants, helping the students to understand the difference between them.

After the session with these students, President Tellei gave each of them pencils, while giving their teacher a complimentary book 'From the Grassroots,' written by former Palau President Kuniwo Nakamura, and a PCC yard stick. He also treated them to cold drinks from the PCC Bookstore.

Two days later, President Tellei was a guest speaker for the PCC Nursing program class on leadership and management, taught by instructor Terry Ngirmang. For this class, President Tellei described the role of leadership and management, the difference between the two, as well as discuss issues related to good management and leadership. Both the K.E.S. and PCC students thanked President Tellei for taking time from his busy schedule and providing them an educational experience via his very interesting presentations.



PCC Nursing students addressed by President Tellei



## FINANCIAL AID SESSIONS

The Office of Admissions & Financial Aid is conducting series of meetings with **CONTINUING STUDENTS** to complete **2004-2005 Financial Aid** forms during the month of February as follows:

1. **FEBRUARY 12, 2004** - Meeting with students from **FSM and the MARSHALLS** at **7:00pm - PCC Cafeteria.**
2. **FEBRUARY 09-12, 2004** - Meetings with students from **PALAU** will be done in groups (6 groups) by alphabetical order at the CE Training Room.

Last Names that begin with letters..	Group	Day	Date	Time	Location
A, B, C	1	MONDAY	2/09	4 - 5pm	CE TR
D, E, F, G, H	2	TUESDAY	2/10	11 - 12pm	CE TR
I, J, K	3	TUESDAY	2/10	12 - 1pm	CE TR
L, M, N	4	WEDNESDAY	2/11	4 - 5pm	CE TR
O, P, R, S	5	THURSDAY	2/12	11 - 12pm	CE TR
T, U, V, W, X, Y	6	THURSDAY	2/12	12 - 1pm	CE TR
FSM AND MARSHALLS		THURSDAY	2/12	7pm	CAFETERIA
Students who are unable to attend the sessions indicated above due to class conflicts may come to the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid for assistance					


Students are encouraged to come and complete their **forms if they plan to use financial aid to cover their educational costs.**

Please bring the following to the meeting:

1. Pen
2. Your 2004-2005 Renewal FAFSA.
3. Your Pin Number

Thank you.

  
 Dahlia M. Katosang  
 Director of Admissions & Financial Aid

  
 Presley Etibek  
 Dean of Students