

**NGERMID HEAD START  
THANKS PCC**



These grateful Head Start students at Ngermid Center pose for a picture as they happily accept much needed and appreciated donations of scratch paper from Palau Community College!

**Columbia, from front page**

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, and by the provision of 1PNC503(c) and Executive Order No. 24, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., hereby proclaim that a national day of mourning shall be observed throughout the Republic as a tribute to these brave men and women and that to properly observe the occasion of the loss of these distinguished heroes, all flags of the Republic of Palau regularly flown within the jurisdiction of Palau, and Palau national flags flown at Embassies and Consulate Offices of Palau in other countries, shall be flown at half-mast for a period of five (5) days, commencing on 5 February 2003 and ending on 10 February 2003.

**SO PROCLAIMED** this 4th day of February 2003, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/ Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.  
President of the Republic of Palau

**ENDOWMENT FUND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS,  
Gets Dedicated Space in Mesekiu's News**

Because so many people are enrolling in the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, there will be a dedicated space in every issue of this newsletter, for the foreseeable future, highlighting new members. This week, PCC staff and students welcome some of the newest members of the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, who include:



Derek Augustine (PCC Class of '01 - Cert. in Criminal Justice) is a Police Officer I in the Bureau of Public Safety



Police Officer Jefferson Eriich is a member of the Bureau of Public Safety's elite Motor Squad



Mycellyne Edeyaach works in the Ministry of Resources and Development



Prelain Pretrick works in the Palau Public Lands Authority Office



Karl Iekar (Class of '97 - Cert. in Gen. Off. Clerk) works in the Ministry of Resources and Development



Virginia Nakamura is Chief of the Division of Nat'l. Youth Affairs - Min. of Community and Cultural Affairs



Lorena Miyuki(left) and Raymond Ongino(right), Class of '93 - Cert. in Gen. Office Clerk) both work at Palau Supreme Court.



Mr. Jefferson Thomas, Supply Clerk at the Palau Community College Cafeteria



Grant Ngirengchui(l) works at Water Treatment Plant under the Ministry of Resources & Development and Calista Decherong(r) works at Ethics Commission



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**MESEKIU'S  
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**ENDOWMENT FUND GAINS SUPPORT FROM K.E.S.**

Four issues ago on this paper, we reported on six (6) new members who joined the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. The next issue then reported on our club members from Aimeliik who not only increased their already existing bi-weekly donations, they enrolled eleven (11) new members to join another six (6) Koror-based new members who joined the Club that same week. Two issues ago, we then reported that fourteen (14) staff of the Olbiil Era Kelulau joined the Club, along with two (2) PCC staff, and two (2) teachers, one each from Koror and Harris Elementary Schools.

Last week's issue saw us welcoming eleven (11) new members from the Ministry of Justice's Bureau of Public Safety as well as twenty-six (26) employees

of George B. Harris Elementary School. We also enrolled two (2) employees from the Ministry of Health as well as two (2) other government employees (Ministry of Finance and OERC). This week, we witness five (5) employees of Koror State Government (see page 3) as well as twenty-seven (27) employees of Koror Elementary School (K.E.S.), and eleven (11) other individuals who are listed on the back of this newsletter, joining us in this most noteworthy cause. The K.E.S. employees are: Damiana Ngiratecheboet, Yvonne Ruloked (PCC Elem. Ed. major), Dilmai Saiske, Bevan Stephanus, Abraham Ngiruos, RosaLynne Florendo, Robertha Moon (Class of '02 - AS degree in Off. Admin.), Hustino Boisek, Annette Siksei, Stephanie Adelbai (Class of '89 - Cert. in Gen. Off. Clerk), Gillham Obeketang (Class of '94 - Cert. in Gen. Elec. Tech.), Chesnee Jonathan (Class of '00 - AS degree in Nursing), Hilda Kenzio (Elem. Ed. major), Elizabeth Ngirakesau, Ruth B. Ulitech, Mayleen Ngiriou, Epsie S. West (Class of '01 - AS degree in Secondary Ed.), Christina N. Orak (Class of '02 - AS degree in Elem. Ed.), Deborah Wiley (Elem. Ed. major), Jeanette Rebes, Christina Paulis, Grace Orukei, Sobire Ngiruos, Antonia T. Borja (Class of '97 - AS degree in Bus. Acctg.), Immaculada Rechuld, Marygrace B. Sadang, and Ferista Ngirailild. Thus, in a little over a month, the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club has increased membership by enrolling one hundred twenty-five (125) very generous individuals.

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**PALAU MOURNS LOSS OF  
SPACE SHUTTLE CREW**

In expressing Palau's sympathies on the tragic loss of the United States Space Shuttle Columbia and her crew, the Republic of Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. issued a Presidential Proclamation No. 03-34 which states as follows:

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, 1 February 2003, at approximately 12 midnight Palau time, the U.S. Space Shuttle Columbia was lost and there were no survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbia was on its return trip from a 16 day research mission when it was lost; and

**WHEREAS**, this mission was the first shuttle mission of 2003, the 28th flight of the orbiter Columbia and the 113th flight overall in NASA's Space Shuttle program, and

**WHEREAS**, Columbia had a crew of seven, five men and two women, who "assumed great risks in the service to all humanity"; and

**WHEREAS**, "in an age when space flight has come to seem almost routine, it is easy to overlook the danger of travel by rocket and the difficulties of navigating the fierce outer atmosphere of the earth. These astronauts knew the dangers and they faced them willingly, knowing they had a high and noble purpose in life. Because of their courage and daring and idealism, we will miss them all the more."

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Koror Elem. Sch. teachers from left, Annette Siksei, RosaLynne Florendo, Robertha Moon, and Mayleen Ngiriou (back)



PCC President Patrick U. Tellei(l) gratefully accepts a donation of two dozen umbrellas from the Ministry of Health, represented by Mr. Kumangai Maech

**Celebrating Birthdays**



Maria Lourdes Reksid February 17  
Onesimo Santos February 20\*

\* = Retired

**Happy Birthday To You!!!**



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**PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Office of Registrar and Records  
**ENROLLMENT SUMMARY - Spring Semester 2003**

ENTITIES	CLASS LEVEL					TOTAL	GENDER		TOTAL	REGISTRATION STATUS						TOTAL	STUDENT STATUS		TOTAL
	FR	SO	DUAL	UNC	ENR		MALE	FEM		CNT	FT	RA	RET	TR	DUAL		F.TIME	P.TIME	
PALAU	349	152	9	13		523	195	328	523	430	36	4	43	1	9	523	326	197	523
YAP	39	18		3		60	44	16	60	50	8	2				60	43	17	60
POHNPEI	5	4				9	8	1	9	9						9	8	1	9
KOSRAE	22	6				28	18	10	28	21	5		2			28	22	6	28
CHUUK	13	2				15	8	7	15	15						15	11	4	15
MARSHALLS	7	2				9	6	3	9	9						9	8	1	9
OTHERS	4	1		7	9	21	6	15	21	10	10		1			21	1	20	21
SUBTOTAL	439	185	9	23	9		285	380		544	59	6	46	1	9		419	246	
GRAND TOTAL	<b>665</b>																		

<b>CLASS LEVEL:</b> FR - Freshmen SO - Sophomore UNC - Unclassified ENR - Enrichment	<b>REGISTRATION STATUS:</b> CNT - Continuing Student FT - First Time students RA - Readmitted Students RET - Returning Students	<b>STUDENT STATUS:</b> F.TIME - Full Time Students P.TIME - Part Time Students	<b>UNCLASSIFIED (UNC):</b> China - 2    Taiwan - 1 Japan - 4    Philippines - 0
	<b>ENRICHMENT (ENR):</b> Philippines - 0    China - 3 Korea - 2         Japan - 4	<b>CLASSIFIED STUDENTS:</b> Philippines - 2    China - 2 Korea - 1	

**PHS STUDENT LEARNS AT PCC-CRE**



In addition, Mr. Patrick learned communications skills such as use of Microsoft Word and Excel programs. CRE department continues its extension efforts in motivating students who express a career interest in the field of science. This was a 'win-win' situation for Mr. Patrick. If he had a good experience, his career choice is solidified. If he had a negative experience, this career choice can be eliminated to make room for him to explore other options. Best of luck for the rest of your high school years Mr. Patrick, and do come again!

The Palau Community College Cooperative Research and Extension (PCC-CRE) department provided a one week (February 3-7, 2003) on the job learning experience for Mr. Kieb Patrick. Mr. Patrick is a junior at Palau High School with a career interest in Science Field Work. He was given a rare opportunity to learn about various scientific studies on local agriculture crops and coral propagation for the aquarium trade.



These eight-graders from Koror Elementary School visited the PCC campus two weeks ago and collected trash that had been carelessly thrown by others. They follow the giant footsteps of our PCC Day Care students who collected trash on campus several weeks ago. The College thanks these Champions of the Environment and reminds everyone to put our trash where they belong - the trash bins. All College offices are also reminded that trash are to be put in trash bags and deposited at designated sites on campus before 5:00 pm each working day. As the College has been commended for its beautiful campus, let us ensure that everyone continues to enjoy our campus grounds.

**PVA STAFF UNDERGO TRAINING AT PCC**

The PCC Continuing Education is currently conducting a computer training to eight staff working at the Palau Visitor's Authority. This computer training on Microsoft Office 2000 encompasses all programs under its umbrella including Microsoft Excel, Access, Microsoft Word, and Powerpoint. Mr. Edwel Ongrung from the Ministry of Education is teaching this five-week program which began on February 3rd and will end on March 8, 2003. Held for two hours every evening from Monday thru Thursday, the training enables the PVA staff to continue their work at the office uninterrupted while they undergo this important program. When all participants successfully complete the training, they will each receive a certificate of completion to reflect the newly acquired knowledge and skills they gained as a result of their participation in this training.

For information about PCC Continuing Education training opportunities, contact telephone number 488-2470/2471.

**Endowment Gains Support, from front page**

Now, one may initially think that the number of people who donate on a bi-weekly basis to the PCC Endowment Fund is now sufficient; however, PCC believes that everyone ought to have the opportunity to become a members of a group that supports our nation's only institution of higher learning. Thus, we at PCC continue to invite all members of the working public to join us. Become a member of the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club and ensure that our College, Palau Community College, will continue to exist to provide the educational and training needs of Palau's children for years to come. Contact PCC telephone number (680) 488-2471 to make a donation or for more information about the PCC Endowment Fund.



These employees of Koror State Government have just joined the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club. As members, they donate a certain sum out of their paycheck every two weeks. At the end of the year, PCC issues a receipt allowing them to file for a 100% refund for their donations. Thus, they donate to PCC and get their money back! From left are: Farra Oiterong, Nathalie Adelbai, Lourdes Matlab (Class of '90 - AA degree in Lib. Arts), and Charlene Madraisau. Not shown in the picture is Fitzgerald Clarence.

**LIBRARY NEWS...**

For all PCC students, faculty, staff and all Library patrons. If you happen to see some new looking faces at the Circulation area, these are PCC workstudy students and an intern from the PCC Adult High School. Please do not hesitate to ask them any questions you might have or assistance you may need. They are most able and are very willing to help you like the rest of the friendly Library staff.

**New Books Are Out!!!!!!!**

- Stephen King's "Carrie, Salem's Lot, The Shining"
- John Grisham's "Skipping Christmas"
- Anne Taylor's "Back When We Were Grownups"
- Jonathan Kellerman's "Flesh and Blood"
- Faye Kellerman's "The Forgotten"
- Anne Rice's "Blood and Gold"

Monday - Friday 8am - 8pm  
Saturday 9am - 6pm  
Sunday 12noon - 6pm

**BITS AND PIECES...**

**E-mail Migration Happening at PCC**

The College has recently obtained a new domain address, palau.edu, for the purpose of hosting our web site as well as provide other services such as e-mailing. Mr. Bruce Rimirch has begun the process of migrating all staff and faculty e-mail users from the e-mail address belau.org to the new domain address, palau.edu. When all PCC staff and faculty have been successfully migrated to palau.edu, PCC will then terminate the use of its domain address belau.org. According to a February 7, 2003 letter from PNCC to PCC President Tellei, PNCC will be implementing new IP addresses on March 7, 2003 and all their DSL line subscribers will be assigned only one IP address. Thus, termination of the PCC domain address belau.org will coincide with PNCC's implementation of new IP addresses. In case our Computer experts Mr. Bruce Rimirch and Grace Alexander have not visited you regarding this change, give them a call at extension 232.

**Self-Study/Accreditation Update**

The February 26th deadline for submission of the first draft of the Descriptive Summary for the Self-Study Report has changed to March 5th. Thus, everyone will have a few more days to ensure that their drafts are as complete and final as possible. Meanwhile the Standard One Team on Institutional Mission and Effectiveness has been meeting quite regularly and has expressed confidence that they will complete all their assigned work on time, if not ahead of schedule. What say you, Standards 2, 3 and 4?

**Watch Out - Arrows in the Air**

Today is Valentine's day so everyone watch out - One (may be even more than one) of Cupid's many straight arrows may just find you unawares. Happy Valentine's Day one and all!