

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2004 (PCC)

*Ngedikes Omelau -*



2004 PCC graduate with a degree in Business Accounting (BA). Omelau works as a Bookkeeper/Accountant at Palau Shipping.

### Class of 2003 (PCC)

*Mindy Sugiyama -*



2003 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Office Administration (OA). Sugiyama works as an Information Tech. Support Supervisor at the Belau National Hospital- MCH.

### Class of 1999 (PCC)

*Lourigene K. Samsel -*



1999 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Business Accounting (BA). Samsel is a teacher for Aimeliik Elementary School. She has been with the school for 3 years.

**Alumni Notes** showcases MOC&PCC alumni who contribute to the quality of life in their local community and are positive role models for other PCC students to emulate. If you are that alumni 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**

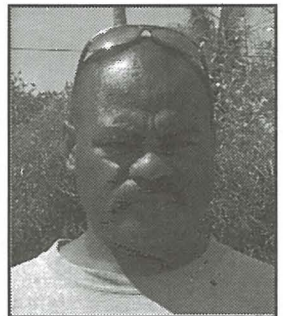
Abel Maech	February	15
Elizabeth DeJong	February	17
Lourdes Reksid	February	17

**Happy Birthday To You!**

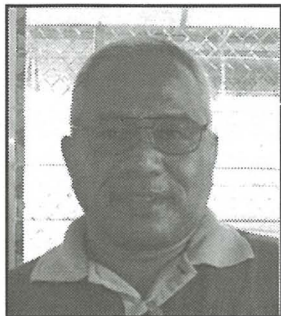
## More Show Support to Endowment Fund



Koriang Clarence,  
Koror Elementary School



Edward Yaoch  
Koror Elementary School



Colombus Sakuma  
Belau Transfer & Terminal Co.

This week, we are happy to welcome the newest members to the PCC Endowment Allotment Club. From the Ministry of Education, we welcome Koror Elementary School (KES) classroom teacher Koriang Clarence and maintenance technician Edward Yaoch. The two join many KES teachers and staff who are already members of the PCC Endowment Fund. We also extend a special welcome to Columbus Sakuma who is himself the first employee of Belau Transfer & Terminal Company to join the Endowment Club. Welcome aboard Mr. Sakuma and it is our hope that more of your colleagues will join you in the near future. PCC welcomes the new supporters of the Endowment Fund and invites others to join in our endeavor in securing a viable future for Palau's only institution of higher learning, Palau Community College. To find out how you can help, please contact any of our friendly staff at the PCC Development Office at 488-2471. We promise to come out to your school, office, campaign headquarters, state office, liaison office, embassy, conservation office, construction site, favorite watering hole, home, yacht, canoe, island, rock island, conservation area, barracks, compound, hotel, motel, farm house, taro patch, auto shop, video shop, etc. to tell you about our Endowment Fund. Call us.

## Mesekiu Baseball in First Place with 6-1 Record

Last Friday, Mesekiu Baseball secured sole possession of the first place spot in the Palau Major League Baseball 2008 season. They did so by defeating for the second time defending champions Airai Aces.

PCC scored early in the top of the first with Merei Ise and Dekei Ngiramengior reaching base on consecutive errors by the Airai defense. A single by Kalei Luii brought in Merei and advanced Dekei to scoring base. Another RBI single by Sureor Ngirailemesang scored Dekei for an early 2 run lead. Airai quickly evened the score on a pair of singles by Allen Tesai and Regan Sidoi and a double by Herman Alfonso. Airai took the lead in the fourth when Ulaol Ngirblekoo crossed the plate, and further increased to 4-2 in the fifth when Reagan scored. Cleofas Iyar and Ty Saiske scored in the sixth for PCC to even the score. In the seventh, PCC took a 6-5 advantage when Dekei singled and scored on Kalei Luii's RBI single. In the 8<sup>th</sup> inning, PCC put the game out of reach as they displayed their patent offense. Ty led off on base-on-balls and reached 3<sup>rd</sup> on a double by

Merei. With both speedsters on scoring bases, Dekei singled to bring them both home. The cleanup hitter Kaleb Meltel did not disappoint as he tripled to score Dekei, and later scoring on a single by Kalei Luii. Ace pitcher Sureor Ngirailemesang blanked Airai the rest of the game for the final score of 9-4. Cleofas had 2 strike outs and Sureor had 6, allowing only four hits.

According to team manager Todd Ngiramengior, he is happy with the team's performance, and is convinced that it is their strict training regiment that has put them in first place. "We take our practice seriously, starting our preparation in October, months before the opening of the season and I am happy the results reflect that," he said. "Our overall performance also gives me the liberty to give our second and third string players valuable field time, and this will benefit the team in the long run," he added. The team's roster is the biggest this season with 26 players.

*(See inside to find out how Mesekiu Baseball got to first place)*

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# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## MOU with Scholarship Board to Promote Online Programs



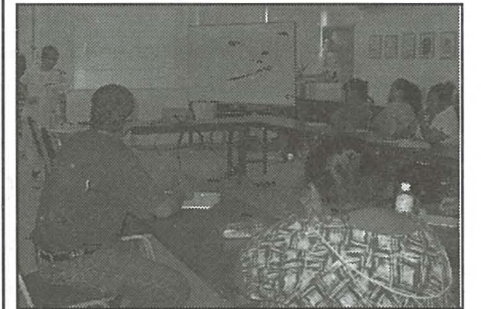
PCC President Patrick U. Tellei (l) with Palau National Scholarship Board Chairman Caleb Udoi Jr. (2nd-left), PNSB officer Chur Oiph, and PCC Associate Dean Sherman Daniel after the signing of the MOU. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed earlier this week by Palau Community College and the Palau National Scholarship Board formalizes procedures for financial support such as grants, scholarship, or loans to students who enroll in "non-traditional" educational programs at Palau Community College.

Recognizing the success of the nontraditional method of instruction at Palau Community College such as the online San Diego State University bachelor's and master's degree curriculum, the MOU says that it is in the best interest of the Republic of Palau to support such program offerings at Palau Community College.

The MOU also recognizes the benefit of the online degree program saying that it "reduces emigration of Palauan technical,

## Basic Stats Training Held for Staff

The Institutional Research Analyst and Assessment Consultant Nino Pate conducted a 4-hour basic statistics refresher course to PCC staff last Friday. The training covered the basic concepts in statistics such as commonly used



## Happy Valentine's Mr. President



Environmental Club students Ms. Oiterong (c) and Ms. Olsudong pay a Valentine's Day visit to PCC President Tellei. Bringing candy grams, the visit yesterday by the two students allowed Tellei to take an unexpected break from his usual hectic daily schedule. The Environmental Club is one of the most involved student organizations on campus, with activities that range from local coastal cleanups to raising funds for the College's Endowment Fund.

*Valentine's Ball Saturday, See Inside*

professional, and executive labor" by allowing individuals in the labor force to obtain their professional degrees and advance themselves professionally without leaving the island.

Under the MOU, funding will be available to qualified students seeking bachelor, master and even doctoral degrees in programs identified based on the development needs of the Republic of Palau.

The Palau Community College- San Diego State University online degree program has helped a number of PCC as well as government employees, especially Ministry of Education employees attain their bachelor and master degrees in the field of Educational Leadership.

Students enrolled in the PCC-SDSU master's program are expected to graduate this summer while the bachelor's cohort is slated for fall.

## Continuing Education Helps Airai Teachers in "Communication"



Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally (standing-center) conducted a workshop in "Communication Skills" to teachers at Airai Elementary School on Wednesday. The training provided helpful practices and hints on how to effectively communicate/deliver your message to an audience in a manner that will capture and keep their attention. A number of Airai teachers and their principal Dave Orrukem attended the training. Dean Wally invites other groups interested in the training to contact his office at 488-2471, ext. 237.

## Upward Bound Staff Meet with Parents



Parents of Upward Bound students discuss with UB staff ways in which they can pitch in to further improve the services to their students.

Upward Bound (UB) program Director Kuye Belelai and her staff held a meeting on Wednesday with parents of students enrolled in the college preparatory program. The focus of the meeting was to review student progress reports, information on college admission and financial aid for students.

The Upward Bound program offers college preparatory services to disadvantaged high school students from high schools throughout Palau to help them succeed academically and enroll in college. As such it works closely with parents to achieve this goal, and thus holds regular meeting throughout the year with parents.

## Valentine's Ball

A night to remember so dress to impress and bring your date. You might just be the lucky couple to be crowned King & Queen of the PCC Valentine's Ball. Fun-filled evening with cha-cha & jitterbug contest, including a singing contest! A raffle drawing will also be held with lots of fabulous prizes to be given away!

**Date: Saturday, Feb.16**

**Time: 6:00-11:00 pm**

**Place: PCC Cafeteria**

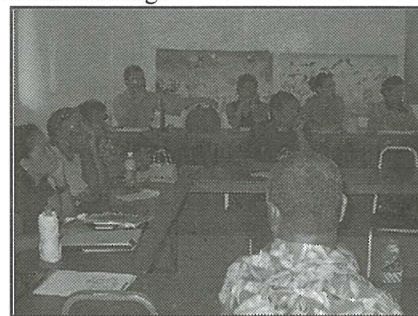
**Dress Code: Semi-formal**

Questions, please contact Emrei Takeo @ 488-2461

### Stats Training, from Page 1

statistical terminologies, descriptive statistics, and effective use of graphic/chart presentation. The training was geared at helping staff who collect, interpret, and use data in their professional capacity further hone and update their skills.

According to feedback from the eighteen participants, the training was helpful but participants further requested that a follow-up session which focuses on a more hand-on approach in using an Excel-based program to apply what was discussed in this training.



Participants included administration, registrar, admissions & financial aid and TRIO staff.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### THANKS

### Local Farmer Gives to Cafeteria...

Balkuu Kumangai, a supporter of the College recently donated 180 pounds of bananas to the PCC cafeteria. Kumangai who works for the ROP's Bureau of Land & Survey is a close friend of the College and regularly visits the auto-mechanic shop for hints and tips on engine tune-ups. The College extends its appreciation to Kumangai for his kind donation.

### TRAINING

### Licensed Residential Appraisal Program...

Palau Community College will be hosting a training program for Residential Appraisers. Mark Gruber, a certified appraiser and instructor from the Micronesian Appraiser Associates based in Guam will be coming to Palau to conduct a training from March 24-27. During his visit, he will offer an initial course- Basic Appraisal Principles- with subsequent courses to be offered in later meetings. Anyone interested in becoming a certified/licensed appraiser is asked to contact the Continuing Education office at 488-6223, or 488-2471, ext. 238.

### DONATION

### Library Donates to Ngarard Elm. School...



Pioria W. Asito (far-right) and Miriam Kual (3rd-right) brought the computer donation to Ngarard Elementary School. The donation is part of the PCC Library's outreach program to improve rural school libraries throughout Palau.

## Quick Glance at Mesekiu Baseball's Journey to First Place

### Mesekiu Baseball Team Opens Season; Throbs Champions 12-2

January 6<sup>th</sup>: The 2008 PCC Mesekiu Baseball Team, behind superb pitching by Ty Saiske and Sureor Ngirailemesang, opened the 2008 Palau Major League season with a convincing win over defending champions Arai Aces. The contest resulted in a drawn game in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning with PCC winning by a score of 12 - 2.

Saiske led the offensive attack with a four-for-four performance with three singles and one double and Ngirailemesang connected for a pair of doubles. Also contributing offensively was Cleofas Iyar, Merei Ise, Dekei Ngiramengior and Jason Monkeya. Saiske pitched 5 innings before being relieved by Ngirailemesang.

### PCC Wins to Stay Perfect

On Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, Mesekiu improved its record to 2 wins by defeating Koror by a score of 12 to 3, giving PCC a perfect record of two wins. Day viewing on the mound was Merei Ise who pitched 5 inning while veteran Cleofas Iyar and Jason Monkeya came in relief. All the 25 Mesekiu players saw playing time, including rookie players: Justin Udui, Brandon Wilter, Jayvans Emesiochl, Gibson Jonah, Sorab, Meriu Antonio, Carl Mengidab, John Still and Gordy Norman.

### Mesekiu Suffers First Loss

Wednesday, January 31: Mesekiu baseball team suffered its first lose of the season, dropping a close contest to Ngerbeched by a score of 7 to 5. Former Mesekiu player Caleb Dulei kept PCC bats quiet by striking out 6 and allowing 6 hits. He earned a win for six innings of work while PCC alumni Fave Ngiramengior earned a save.

### Mesekiu Improves to 3 - 1

Friday, February 2: The Mesekiu baseball team bounced back from a loss to Ngerbeched and defeated Ngerbeches 9 to 5 to return to the winning column and improve its record to 3- 1 win-loss. Cleofas Iyar pitched 8 complete innings with 5 strike outs, 4 base-on-balls, and allowing only five hits. His performance earned him a win and reliever Ty Saiske was credited with a save.

PCC trailed most of the game until the 8<sup>th</sup> inning when it exploded for four runs on for hits. PCC's offense was led by first batter Dell E. Mad who went 3 for 5 with a triple and 2 singles. Also contributing offensively was Dekei Ngiramengior (3 RBIs on a double and 2 singles), Sureor Ngirailemesang (two RBIs on a double and a single), Kaleb Meltel (two singles), Cleofas Iyar (three singles), Merei Ise (two singles), and Nelson Ngirairikl, Ty Saiske and Jason Monkeya each with a single.

### PCC Overcomes Ngardmau, 4-2

Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>: The new improved Ngardmau Pirates team, under the leadership of Manager Allan Said, has demonstrated its newly-acquired ability to stand its ground against the PML powerhouses. However, PCC was able to tame them and secure another win by a score of 4 - 2. The win improves PCC's win-loss record to 4 wins and 1 loss.

Although finding themselves behind through the first four innings, Mesekiu scored 2 in the sixth to take the lead and kept Ngardmau scoreless the rest of the game to seal the victory.

### PCC defeats Kayangel to take PML Lead; PCC 6, Kayangel 4

Tuesday, February 5: Although forced to play back-to-back games, PCC Mesekiu baseball team defeated Kayangel Angels and improve its win-loss record to 5 wins and 1 loss and take the PML lead.

Kayangel took an early lead in the top of the second by scoring 1 run on a solo homer by Smau Imeong. However, Kayangel's hullabaloo was short lived as PCC's lumbers came to life, exploding for six runs on a single by Sureor Ngirailemesang, a stand-up 2-RBI double by Kalei Luii, 1-RBI single by Ty Saiske, single by Etitel Mad, 2-RBI single by Merei Ise, and a double by Kaleb Meltel. Kayangel managed to score two more runs in the third which brought out ace pitcher Ty Saiske who relieved starter Cleofas Iyar. With Ty on the mound, striking out 4 and allowing only 1 single in seven innings, Kayangel would only manage a single run for a final score of 6 to 4. Ty's outstanding performance on the mound earned him a win.