

At PCC Endowment, Surangel Staff are King! Ngarchelong Clams In On Endowment

Many of the hard working and very friendly staff of one of Palau's most popular business establishments, **Surangel & Sons Company**, have joined the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club! By doing so, these seventeen (17) people become the first employees in the private sector to join over 900 PCC and ROP employees who donate to the PCC Endowment Fund thru bi-weekly allotments. As endowment donors, 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.

These seventeen (17) new members from Surangel & Sons Company are **Rkesuk Takawo, Karl Omengkar, Jr., Jorena Baules, Jannielayne Niro, Almeria Alfonso, Razi C. Rimirch, Uchelie Tamtereng, Marline U. Ngiratmab, Lorin Rae Obak, Grace Takawo, Julita Blibei, Suzette Kyomasa, Thrisa M. Ngiratrang, Kimberly Elavionoff, Arzenia Rechirei, Rushlyn Ueki and Marcie Olkeriil.**



Ann Mary Teliu



Nora Singeo



Emiliana Melelm



Erina Telmetang



Seniora Kintaro



Ngiralmu Merep, Jr.

We are also very excited to welcome our newest members from yet another state government. This time, seven (7) employees from the Ngarchelong State Government have decided to join the Club! These individuals are none other than the governor himself the **Honorable Browny Salvador**, accompanied by **Keizy Kuroda, Lorenzo Ngiramolau, Sabina Ewatel, Jenny Ngirengkoi, Koichi West, and Alvina Merur.**

Our excitement continues as we welcome an additional six (6) employees of the Head Start Program to the Club. These people are **Ann Mary Teliu, Tadashi Belchal, Nora Singeo, Emiliana Melelm, Erina Telmetang, and Seniora Kintaro.** At the same time, we are delighted to see more employees of the national government joining us. From the Ministry of Justice, we welcome one (1) new member, **Darwin Siang.** Over at the Ministry of Resources and Development's Public Works Division, we welcome two (2) new members, **Ngiralmu Merep, Jr. and Fleming Bukurrou.** In the Ministry of Education, we welcome one (1) new member, **Joyce K. Beouch.** Finally, in the House of Delegates of the 6th Olbiil Era Kelulau, we are honored to welcome one (1) new member, **Aimeliik Delegate Kalistus Ngirturong,** who has officially invited all his other colleagues (who have not done so) to join the Endowment Contributors' Club!

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. **As Always, they will be very happy to assist you!**



Joyce K. Beouch



Aimeliik Delegate
Kalistus Ngirturong



Gov. Browny
Salvador

No Parking Today!!!

The main road, from the Post Office to the Furusato Restaurant, will be closed today so Palau can conduct a Dry Run as part of its planning and preparation for the upcoming 9th Festival of Pacific Arts. This area includes the PCC campus. All PCC employees and students are asked to observe this; hence, to make arrangements with regard to their transportation needs.

Celebrating Birthdays



Baskasio Oiterong February 22
Ismael Anastacio February 23
Xavier Decherong February 24

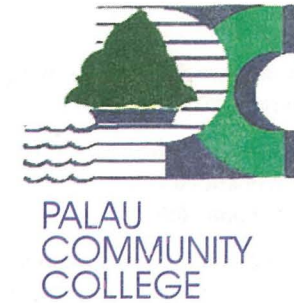
Happy Birthday To You!!!



Mesekiu's News

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BOR Reorganizes, Aki is Chair

During its annual meeting held on the Palau Community College campus last week Wednesday February 11, 2004, the College of Micronesia (COM) Board of Regents held election of officers, resulting in the following: Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl will serve as chairman; Minister of Education for the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Mr. Wilfred Kendall will serve as vice chairman; and, Mr. Andrew Yatilman of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) will serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

At the meeting, several decisions were made, among which was the adoption of new budget guidelines. In an interview with PCC's Interim Vice President for Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) Mr. Thomas Taro, the new guidelines will help COM and the Board Of Regents (BOR) in their efforts to improve fiscal management. The BOR also adopted its 2004 fiscal year budget.

Several officials from the various colleges were also in attendance at the meeting. They included Dr. Singeru Singeo

who is Executive Director for the College Of Micronesia, Dr. Flordeliza B. Javier who is Interim Vice President for CRE at the College Of Micronesia-Federated States of Micronesia (COM-FSM), Ms. Diane Myazo who is Dean of CRE for the College of the Marshall Islands, Mr. Rick Cruz who is the Budget and Finance Officer for COM, and Mr. Daniel Roland of Salomon Smith Barney who serves as Financial Advisor for COM.

After the meeting the BOR expressed their gratitude to PCC President Patrick U. Tellei and the PCC Board of Trustees for hosting the meeting as well as hosting a special dinner for them. They also thanked PCC for the opportunity to visit the College's Research and Development Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui state. The next meeting of the BOR will be held either at the end of April or the beginning of May 2004 in Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia.

For information about the College of Micronesia and the COM Board Of Regents, contact Interim Vice President Thomas Taro at the PCC CRE Office at telephone number (680) 488-2746.



Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl
Vice Chair - PCC BOT and
Chairman - COM BOR



Introducing the 2004 PCC Baseball Team!



Front row: Dio Oliikong, Estrada Edeyaach, Cleofas Iyar;
Second row: Tomei Blelai, Wickson Yasuo, Harry Salik, Caleb Meltel;
Third row: Jazz Ngiraswei, Dingelius Ngotel, Everson Sadang;
Fourth row: Norman Sato, DeeJay Rengulbai, Mace Ngirmeriil, Calvin Johanes

The College invites all constituents to come to the Asahi Ballfield and cheer our PCC Mesekiu, the College's 2004 baseball team as it represents us in vying for this season's major league baseball championship. With the season now in full swing, our team has played several games, showing their eagerness and determination to do their best for the College. The team is comprised of both veteran and rookies, resulting in a synergy of talent, experience, and drive. Therefore, all College staff and students are invited to come and cheer our team as they intend to bulldoze any opposing team that tries to stop it! Following is a schedule of our PCC Mesekiu team's games for the remainder of the first round:

February 21 - PCC vs. Ngardmau February 25 - PCC vs. Angaur
March 04 - PCC vs. Kayangel

*There are other members of the PCC Mesekiu who were not shown on the above photo. For a complete listing of the team members, contact Mr. Norman Sato at PCC telephone number (680) 488-3885/3036.

Fall 2003 Achievers' Listing

PRESIDENT'S LIST

| Name | Major | Credits | Sem. | GPA |
|-----------------------|--------|---------|------|------|
| Yutaka Gibbons, Jr. | CT | 12 | | 4.00 |
| Olyvia Jerry | CJ | 12 | | 4.00 |
| Duke Joseph | CJ | 12 | | 4.00 |
| Laureen Joseph | BA | 14 | | 4.00 |
| Maria Kearney | LA | 12 | | 4.00 |
| Mayleen Kesolei | CJ | 18 | | 4.00 |
| Sandy Kinto | CJ | 12 | | 4.00 |
| Alan Marbou | CJ | 19 | | 4.00 |
| Dina Ngirmekur | LA | 14 | | 4.00 |
| Ngirmeriil Ngirmeriil | LA | 16 | | 4.00 |
| Sharon Ngirutang | LA | 14 | | 4.00 |
| Shirley Odaol | OA | 12 | | 4.00 |
| Delores Redhor | THTS | 12 | | 4.00 |
| Lekelong Secharraimul | LA | 12 | | 4.00 |
| Deborah Shay | LA | 13 | | 4.00 |
| Valentine Sikyang | EDEE | 12 | | 4.00 |
| Rumi Singeo | BA(BK) | 13 | | 4.00 |
| Dupline Stephanus | BA(BK) | 12 | | 4.00 |
| Charity Wachi | THHO | 13 | | 4.00 |

DEAN'S LIST - HIGH HONOR

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|-----------------|--------|----|------|
| Angelynn Albert | OA | 18 | 3.83 |
| Harlie Temengil | BA(BK) | 13 | 3.92 |

HONOR

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|-----------------------|--------|----|------|
| Norma Adelbai | OA | 14 | 3.64 |
| Dana Antipas | OA | 12 | 3.50 |
| Charlyn Basilio | BA | 12 | 3.67 |
| Jocelyn Blelai | EDEE | 12 | 3.75 |
| Hui-Chun Chang | THHM | 13 | 3.77 |
| Lorraine Emul | EDEC | 12 | 3.58 |
| Valeria Gabriel | OA | 12 | 3.50 |
| Brandon Giramur | CJ | 12 | 3.50 |
| Shirley James | CJ | 12 | 3.50 |
| Jubilee Justino | BA(BK) | 12 | 3.75 |
| Marsha Kazuma | OA | 14 | 3.57 |
| Ngeaol Kernal | CJ | 12 | 3.50 |
| Jorang Kenty | LA | 12 | 3.67 |
| Ngedikes Kloulechad | BA(BK) | 13 | 3.77 |
| Delina Kulas | OA | 12 | 3.75 |
| Tristine Kumangai | BA(BK) | 13 | 3.69 |
| Christopher Leoliumal | SE | 12 | 3.75 |
| Efren Marquez | GE | 12 | 3.75 |
| Hilda Masahiro | OA | 12 | 3.67 |
| Clarrette Matlab | LA | 13 | 3.77 |
| Jenadine Ngiratreked | OA | 14 | 3.50 |
| Faye Ngirchomlei | BA(BK) | 12 | 3.75 |
| Tessy Nobuo | OA | 13 | 3.54 |
| Rsei Oderiong | CJ | 12 | 3.50 |
| Deanne Olkeriil | OA | 12 | 3.50 |
| Tanya Rengulbai | BA(BK) | 12 | 3.67 |
| Marla Rimirch | BA | 12 | 3.50 |
| Rilang Roberto | LA | 16 | 3.63 |
| Reesa Tatingal | OA | 12 | 3.75 |
| Leon Tellei | ET | 14 | 3.50 |
| Marvina Tiningrow | EDSP | 13 | 3.77 |
| Fareeda Tomei | CJ | 12 | 3.75 |
| Christine Trolii | OA | 12 | 3.75 |
| Kayann Yalap | CJ | 12 | 3.75 |

Library Hours

The PCC Library announces the following hours when it is open to all patrons:

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Monday to Friday | 8:00am - 8:00pm |
| Saturday | 9:00am - 6:00pm |
| Sunday | 12noon - 6:00pm |

The PCC Library encourages student groups to visit the Library. Our friendly staff are available to conduct orientation on how to familiarize oneself with and make the most of one's visit to the PCC Library. Teachers who wish to bring their students to the PCC Library are encouraged to call in advance so that arrangements may be made. Call us at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471/3540. We will be very happy to assist you!

Min. Kendall Meets PCC's RMI Students

On Thursday last week, Republic of the Marshall Islands' (RMI) Minister of Education Mr. Wilfred Kendall held a meeting with the Marshallese students attending PCC. At the meeting, Minister Kendall was able to address the students' questions and concerns about topics such as the Compact impact issue for Marshallese living in Guam and the U.S., Marshallese citizens' eligibility to receive U.S. federal financial aid, and the RMI scholarships. An RMI scholarship official also attended the meeting and fielded questions on this last topic.

According to PCC student Thomas Adiniwin, who is the RMI Student Leader here at PCC, two out of eleven Marshallese students attending PCC are currently receiving RMI scholarships. The other nine students will be submitting their scholarship applications later this year. Mr. Adiniwin says that the meeting with Minister Kendall was very productive and gave them an opportunity to learn more about the eligibility of Marshallese students for various financial aid programs.



CT - Construction Technology; CJ - Criminal Justice; BA - Business Accounting; LA - Liberal Arts; OA - Office Administration; THTS - Tourism & Hospitality Tour Services; EDEE - Education (Elementary Education); BA(BK) - Business Accounting (Book Keeping); THHO - Tourism & Hospitality (Hotel Operations); THHM - Tourism & Hospitality (Hotel Management); EDEC - Education (Early Childhood); SE - Small Engine; GE - General Electronics; ET - Electrical Technology; EDSP - Education (Special Education)

BITS AND PIECES...

Internship Update

The College is proud to announce that internship placement for the 2004 spring semester has been completed. A total of fifty-seven (57) students have been placed in various private and public agencies throughout Koror for the duration of this semester. This is nineteen percent higher than the previous internship placement which occurred in summer 2003. Back then, a total of forty-eight (48) internship students were placed in the workforce. The College expresses sincere gratitude to the thirty (30) employers who are currently providing training stations for our students. We also express continued appreciation and gratitude to the Workforce Investment Act (W.I.A.) Office for providing critical assistance in terms of placement support for these internship trainees.

FSM Student Org. Gives Thanks

The PCC-FSM Student Organization would like to say Kalangan, Kulo Malalap, Komwakar, and Kilisou Tapur to all our sponsors at our recent 'Koror State Clean Up' Project, held in January 2004. Because of your support, we were able to raise \$168, to be used toward our planned excursion to the beautiful state of Angaur in March. (For a listing of the very generous individuals who donated, please contact Jay Olegeriil or Rosita Weilbacher at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2357).

TOEFL Update

The last testing date for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for this school year 2003-04 is May 15, 2004. As of today there are 44 students registered for this test date. The registration deadline date (paper registration forms to ETS) is March 29, 2004, but candidates can register online with a credit card until April 12, 2004.

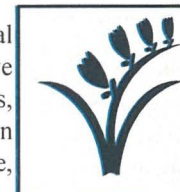
Paper registration forms are available at PCC Student Life Office, while online registration is done through Human Resource Office. The latter registration is available for PCC students only.

For questions on this and other TOEFL related-issues, contact PCC Student Life Office at 488-3036.

JAPANESE LANGUAGE FAIR IS TOMORROW!

Greetings! The Association of Japanese Language Teachers is sponsoring the "Japanese Language Fair" to be held on Saturday, February 21, 2004. The Fair will be held at the PCC Cafeteria from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participating in this Language Fair are Japanese language students from Palau Community College, Palau High School, Mindszenty High School, Belau Modekngai School, and Maris Stella School.

The students as well as the teachers extend to you a cordial invitation to come and observe the students demonstrate what they have learned of the Japanese language and culture through songs, dances, and skits. This will also be a good opportunity for you to experience fun Japanese cultural activities such as origami, judo, popular Japanese Dance, and much, much more.



The fair is free and the general public is encouraged to come and see musical performances by Palau Community College students, Mindszenty High School students, and Belau Modekngai School students. Skits will be performed by Maris Stella School students. Palau High School students will also sing a song as well as demonstrate Japanese Calligraphy. In addition, a very interesting lecture titled, "What I think of Japanese Language," will be presented by Ms. Rosemary Mersai, a long-time Japanese language instructor at Palau High School and Palau Community College (also former Principal of Palau High School). Finally, the fair will conclude by holding cultural demonstration and activities. This event is promising to be a great opportunity for us to learn more about our close friend, Japan. See you tomorrow!

They're Here!

This week, we finally got to meet the eight-member accreditation evaluation team from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges! While some institutions, understandably, dread undergoing such an intense process of self-study that PCC has just undergone, it is a great opportunity for colleges/universities to be assessed in terms of their programs and services, to see if they are really doing what they have set out to do!

We at PCC are no different. The only difference, however, appears to be the anticipation that we at PCC have for this week's visit. Because we have been working so hard for a year in preparing our Self-Study Report as well as this week's visit, we have actually been looking forward to this week. The campus has been abuzz with questions such as, "When do they come?, Has anybody decided at the last minute that they won't be coming?, Will we all meet them, or do they decide who to meet?," etc.

Thus, if the accreditation/evaluation team observed a somewhat eager group of people, we offer our apologies. We are just happy to have them on campus! After all, we at PCC believe that we are providing much needed programs and services aimed at meeting the educational and training needs of our constituents, doing so in such a way that meets our obligations and expectations under the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

We hope that the visiting team was provided the assistance and support it needed in doing its work. We also hope that the team members, with the little free time they had, enjoyed what Palau has to offer in terms of social and recreational activities. Finally, we wish them a safe journey back to their respective destinations and invite them to visit us again in the near future. We look forward to seeing all of them, again with much anticipation!



The Accreditation Evaluation Team, the PCC Board of Trustees, and PCC President Patrick U. Tellei stand for a group photo in front of the Prince Lebuu Memorial

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Basic Computer, Excel, Word

Date: Thursday, February 26th

Time: 6:00PM

Place: PCC Tekrar Building

Customer Service

Tips for Customer Relations

Date: Tuesday, March 2nd

Time: 6:00PM

Place: PCC Room 50 - Sebus

All full-session attendees will receive **Certificates of Completion** accredited by the Ministry of Commerce & Trade and the Palau Small Business Development Center. All workshops are **FREE** but space is limited. Please call the Palau SBDC at 488-6004 or email us at pacificsbdc@palaunet.com to reserve your seat.

Training Provided by: Alfred Fung



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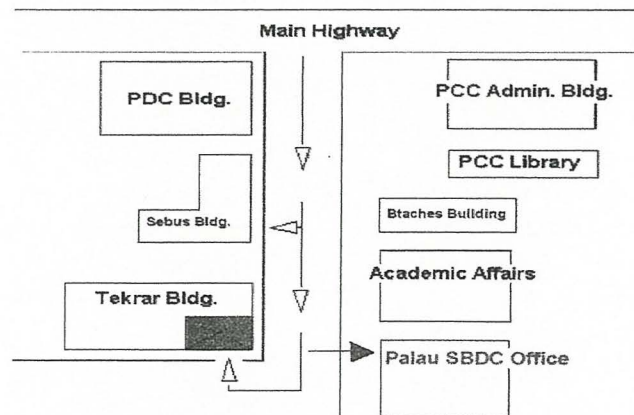
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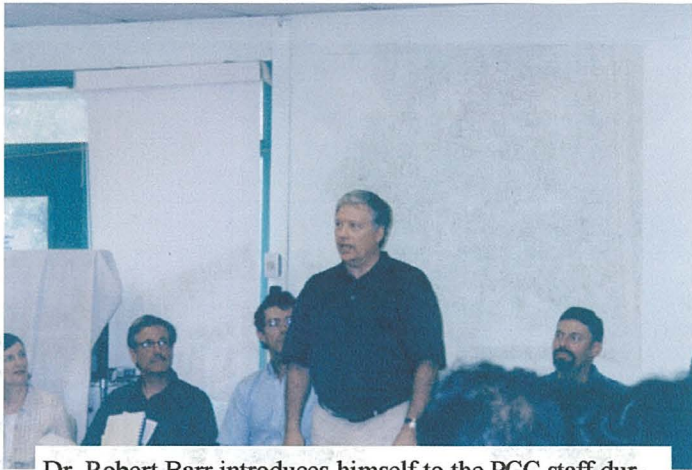


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Dr. Robert Barr introduces himself to the PCC staff during the first day of the visit



Senate President Seit Andres greets the Team at the Olbiil Era Kelulau Senate Chamber



Interviews aside, let's look good for the camera!



Lyn and Dan show us teeth free of betel nut stains!



Palau Chief of Staff Billy G. Kuartei, on behalf of Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., meets the team and expresses gratitude for the hard work they are doing in helping the cause of higher education.