

Ambassador-Designate Suta Sworn In



PCC President Patrick U. Tellei (c) and Interim Vice President of PCC- Cooperative Research & Extension Thomas Taro (r) congratulate Palau's Ambassador-Designate to the Philippines Mrs. Anita Rechirei-Suta (l) during her Swearing-In ceremony held on Wednesday February 12, 2003. Rechirei-Suta is a former Vice President of PCC-CRE.

Message of Appreciation

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my PCC family, especially the CRE staff, for all your support and kindness during my time of sorrow. It is indeed a blessing to have such wonderful people by your side when you are in need of comfort and strength. Again, I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

/s/ Sue T. Ikertang

Thank you Cafeteria Staff

The students and staff of the College wish to express our appreciation to the PCC Cafeteria staff who prepared a delicious lunch for us on Wednesday, honoring the eight (8) PCC employees who recently or will soon retire. Thank you very much Ezra and PCC Cafeteria Staff!!!!

Celebrating Birthdays



Baskasio Oiterong	February 22
Ismael Anastacio	February 23
William M. Mobel	February 24
Simiko Amida	February 28

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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H.B.O. GIRLS & MOH EMPLOYEES JOIN ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTORS' CLUB

The female members of the Hilo-Belau Ohana (H.B.O.), an organization comprised of former students and residents of Hilo, Hawaii-USA, have decided to become members of the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. The H.B.O. holds monthly meetings and during its February 13, 2003 meeting, individual members decided to enroll and become active supporters of Palau's only institution of higher learning. Their decision to enroll is testament to their collective belief that it is 'for a good cause' as it helps to ensure that PCC continues to exist providing educational opportunities to present and future students. By enrolling in the Endowment Contributors' Club, these female members of H.B.O. have issued an open challenge to their male counterparts to do likewise. Thus, a grateful PCC welcomes our newest partners from H.B.O. who include the following: National Judiciary employees Associate Judge J. Uduch Senior, Associate Justice Kathleen M. Salii, Allison Sengebau and Lourdes Materne, Ministry of Health employees Hilda Ngiralmu and Joanne Maireng Sengebau, Ngaraard State employees Susan Malsol and Eleanor Anderson, Senate-OEK employee Marie Anderson, Palau National Communications Corporation employee Blanche Salii, and National Development Bank employee Jacqueline Senior.

The College also extends its gratitude and welcome to new Endowment Contributors' Club members from the Ministry of Health. They are Julita Tellei, Nick Ngual, Jennifer Kailau (Class of '00 - Cert. in Bus. Acctg.), Yuchi Chin, Elizabeth S. Kyota, Irish Tutii, Dr. Janice Ngirasowei (Class of '87 - AS degree in Sec. Science), and Dr. Yuriko Bechesrarak (Class of '90 - AA degree in Lib. Arts). Welcome aboard, everyone!



Female Members of the Hilo-Belau Ohana (H.B.O.) have just become some of the newest members of the Palau Community College Endowment Fund Contributors' Club



PCC employees working in the Cafeteria who have enrolled in Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. They are Antonia Sisor (front), Allen Rengechel (back left) and Richard Saburo (back right)



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EIGHT SENIOR PCC EMPLOYEES RETIRE

This week the Palau Community College held a special luncheon honoring eight (8) of its valued employees who either just recently retired or will be retiring soon. The luncheon enabled the College to present Certificates of Appreciation as a token of PCC's deep appreciation for the services rendered by these people who include:

- Takemura Erungel - 33 years
- Emma Ultirakl - 28 years
- Simiko Amida - 25 years

- William Mobel - 25 years
- Joseph Adachi - 22 years
- Joe Manabat - 20 years
- Secundina Azuma - 16 years
- Anita R. Suta - 12 years

These valued employees range from Assistant professors to Human Resource personnel, cooks to media technicians, vice president to maintenance workers. Thus, they are somewhat representative of the entire Palau Commu-

nity College. While their PCC family is happy to see that they will now reap the sweet fruits of their hard work, we will nonetheless miss them very much as they have almost become permanent fixtures of this campus. For example, Takemura Erungel is the longest serving employee in the history of Palau Community College.

He started working here in August of 1968 when this place was still called Micronesia Occupational Center with only

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ROC's ICDF DONATES TO PCC TOURISM & HOSPITALITY



On February 7, 2003, the Honorable Clark K.H. Chen, Republic of China's Ambassador to Palau, along with Mr. Hseu who is Director of Technical Mission's representative to Palau, presented donations of teaching equipment for the PCC School of Tourism and Hospitality. The donations came as a result of a positive relationship between Palau Community College (PCC) and the International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF), an organization that helped to implement Palau's first ever conference on Eco-Tourism which took place last year. The donated equipment, worth an estimated US\$8,700+, include: refrigerator, TV set, In-Focus with laptop set, Compac To-Video VCR, DVD and VCD, Kitchen Aid Mixer (Heavy duty) and Kitchen Aid Processor 9-cups. PCC thanks Ambassador Chen and the Republic of China and ICDF for this generous donation of much needed teaching equipment!

MORE ROP EMPLOYEES JOIN ENDOWMENT CLUB

Three weeks ago, this newsletter reported on fourteen (14) staff of the Olbiil Era Kelulau (Palau National Congress) who became active donors to the PCC Endowment Fund. This week, 10 more of their colleagues join the Club where they donate to PCC Endowment Fund and get refunded at the end of the year as PCC is a non-profit organization. These OEK staff are Deborah Pedro, Tricia Wong, Capily Mutsuo, Johnson Saikemal, Krispin Termeteet, Stephanie Tmodrang (Off. Admin. major), Nangisa Mai, Dominic Sengebau, Leeboy Albert, and Yokichi Mori. In addition, staff of the ROP Tax office, namely John Temengil, Lesley T. Meltel, and Dorothy Udui have also

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OEK staff: Standing back are Yokichi Mori (l) and Krispin Termeteet. Seated from left are Capily Mutsuo, Deborah Pedro, Nangisa Mai, Tricia Wong, and Alonzo Moses (who is already a member of the Endowment Fund Contributors' Club)

MORE ROP EMPLOYEES, from front page

opted to join the Club this week, along with four employees in the Ministry of Finance: Yutaka Mengloi, Ngelomes Franz (Class of '80 - Cert. in Gen. Office Clerk), Ebil N. Kadoi (Class of '79 - Cert. in Gen. Office Clerk), and Ibuuch Ngirou (Class of '85 - Cert. in Gen. Office Clerk). Welcome to our newest members of the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club. As always, PCC invites everyone to join us support Palau's only college, PCC. Simply call us at telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471 and we will be very happy to assist you!



ROP Tax Office staff from left are John Temengeil, Lesley T. Meltel, Dorothy Udui, and Kirino Nagata (who will be joining the Club in the very near future!)



ROP Finance Office staff from left are Ebil N. Kadoi, Ngelomes Franz, and Ibuuch Ngirou. (Yutaka Mengloi not shown).

EIGHT PCC EMPLOYEES, from front page

one program and serving a small number of students. Thirty three (33) years later he retires after having seen this College evolve into an accredited institution of higher learning with fifteen (15) programs as well as opportunities for students to pursue their bachelor's and master's degrees through online programs. However, he continues to work at PCC on a limited term while the College seeks a replacement. It will not be easy to fill in Takemura's shoes.

The College also recognized the late Joseph Adachi, who had begun preparing for medical retirement when he passed away. Thus, Joe's brother, Mr. Yoshitaka Adachi accepted the Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Joe's family. As for Secundina Azuma, although she is now retired, she has put her belief in helping others into action by having already started working as a volunteer instructor at the PCC Adult High School.

Anita Rechirei-Suta, former vice president of PCC-Cooperative Research and Extension, took the opportunity to thank everyone at the College for supporting her professionally and personally. As Rechirei-Suta takes on the post as Palau's first woman ambassador and Palau's first Ambassador to the Philippines, she called for everyone to continue working together for the benefit of Palau's citizens and the nation as a whole. As for William Mobel, Emma Ultiraki, Joe Manabat, and Simiko Amida, they will take on retirement full time for the foreseeable future. Indeed, the luncheon was an occasion full of mixed feelings, but mostly those of gratitude and appreciation on the part of the College. To our retirees, 'enjoy your years of rest and relaxation. You deserve them'.

UB STUDENT WINS HANPA SCHOLARSHIP

Palau High School senior and Upward Bound student Ms. Dina Ngirmekur - daughter of Lomisang and Diliaur Ngirmekur - has just made history by being the very first student in Palau to be selected as a recipient of the Hanpa Foundation's scholarship for high school seniors. This is the first year of this scholarship program which aims to award high school seniors, as opposed to all government-funded scholarship programs that are catered to current college as well as college bound students.



Dina Ngirmekur

On Thursday February 13, 2003, Mr. Soon Seob Ha (representing Hanpa Scholarship Foundation), accompanied by Mr. Jay Olegeriil, who is a member of the Palau National Scholarship Board, presented the Hanpa Scholarship to Ms. Ngirmekur during a brief ceremony held on the PHS campus. Before calling on Ms. Ngirmekur to accept her scholarship, Olegeriil delivered a brief history of Mr. Ha's involvement in the scholarship movement in Palau. The students were quite impressed by the fact that Mr. Ha has been a strong supporter of education by establishing and funding the Hanpa Scholarship for almost ten years and counting. In addition, while they were understandably envious of Ms. Ngirmekur, they congratulated her nonetheless on her achievement. The College also congratulates Ms. Ngirmekur on her successful bid for the Hanpa Scholarship and stands ready to provide for her educational needs in the event she opts to further her education right here at Palau Community College.

For information about the Hanpa Foundation Scholarship, contact Palau National Scholarship Office at (680) 488-3608, or e-mail pnsb@palaunet.com.



Starting from left are Takemura Erungel, William Mobel, Joe Manabat, Secundina Azuma, Anita R. Suta, Simiko Amida, Yoshitaka Adachi, and Emma Ultiraki

2003 PBILC COMING SOON...

As reported in a previous issue of this newsletter, the 2003 Pacific Basin Interagency Leadership Conference (PBILC) will be held in Palau from March 17-21, 2003. This is an annual regional conference whereby advocates of people with special needs representing different agencies, groups and organizations meet to address matters and concerns of mutual interest. This year's conference will be held on the Palau Community College campus; therefore, PCC will be playing a major role in the Conference. In fact, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei serves as the Co-Chair of the entire conference while the ROP Vice President and Minister of Health Sandra S. Pierantozzi serves as the Conference Chairperson.

One of the primary roles for PCC in this conference is Logistics. Hence, in July 2002 President Tellei issued a memorandum to all PCC personnel informing them of the upcoming conference as well as appointing the following PCC personnel to serve on the Logistics Team:

NAME	OFFICE
Jay Olegeriil, Chairman	Development Office
Ezra Takeo, Vice Chair	Cafeteria
Helen Immanuel, Recorder	Upward Bound
Bennie Telei	Admissions Office
Alvina Timarong	Academic Affairs
Clement Kazuma	Physical Plant
AnnSabra Vanoosterweyck	Physical Plant
Vernice Rechebei	Project Beacon
Merelyn Omelau	Business Office
Helene Moros	Bookstore
Ismael Anastacio	Recreation
Ephraim Ngirachitei	Dormitory
Byron Tellei	Coop. Res. & Extension
Wilma Tmecherur	Coop. Res. & Extension
Leilanie Senior	Coop. Res. & Extension
All Personnel	Physical Plant

In addition, the College has also taken on the lead role in terms of registering participants for the Conference. Specifically, Bennie Telei has been designated to spearhead this crucial task and so has begun working with her team of experts to ensure a smooth process for everyone who will register for the conference either via online, air-mail or in person. Finally, because the conference is fast approaching, **the Logistics Team will have its first meeting on Friday February 28, 2003 at the PCC Dining Room starting at 9:00am to begin detail planning for the conference.** This will enable the College to prepare for the approximately three hundred (300) participants who will attend the conference. In the meantime, any interested person may contact Bennie Telei or Jay Olegeriil at PCC telephone number 488-2471, extension 235 or 253 for information about the 2003 PBILC Conference. Or, you may visit the conference website at www.visit-palau.com/pbilcconf.html.

PHS Student Works at PCC Library

Palau High School student Ms. Jeleen Pedro has just recently completed her forty (40) hours of work experience at the PCC Library under the Career Mentoring (Work Based Activity) program of the Ministry of Education. According to Grace Merong, Library Technician, Jeleen was a very enthusiastic learner and proved a helpful assistant during her brief tenure at the PCC Library. PCC congratulates Ms. Pedro and thanks her for choosing the PCC Library for her Career Mentoring program.



Jeleen Pedro

PCC LIBRARY HOURS

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

BITS AND PIECES...

MOJ Donates Fish to PCC

The very grateful Palau Community College students extend their thanks to the Ministry of Justice for its generous donations of 680 lbs. yellowfin tuna to PCC last Tuesday February 11, 2003. Indeed, the fresh fish was quite sumptuous and the students enjoyed every bite. Thank you very much MOJ!

Self Study Accreditation Update

According to the College's Dean of Students Mr. Presley Etibek, who is also PCC Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO), the self study review process is now 'in full swing'. There are at present two or more working sub-teams for each standard in accordance with each standard's major components. In fact, there are a total of nine working sub-teams looking to appraise the College based on four accreditation standards. Some of the teams have begun interviewing College staff and students and gathering relevant materials for writing the descriptive section. The first draft of the descriptive summary is due to the editor on March 5th and scheduled for review by the steering committee on March 13th. In case you are wondering whether or not you're part of the self study working team, check your mail or the bulletin boards on campus. If your name is not listed on any team and you would like to contribute, please call ALO Etibek at extension 249 or the assistant ALO Marianne Temaungil at extension 256.

Elaus Without Gains a New Member

Slowly but surely, the Elaus without Club is getting bigger. The latest addition to the group of PCC employees who chew without tobacco is our own Lesley B. Adachi at the Registrar & Records Office. We continue to invite everyone to join us as we chew toward better health. Welcome aboard, Lesley!