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Bonsiano Fasy Nethon of Southern Namoneas converses with Florencio Singkoro Harper of the Mortlock Islands on the opening day of the 17th Congress

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Palikir, Pohnpei—During the first regular session of the 17th Congress a freshman Senator introduced a resolution that, at least according to the ubiquitous online bulletin board of anonymous posters, the Micronesia Seminar forum (www.micsem.org/forum/index.php), has raised the eyebrows and in some cases, the ire of at least some outspoken FSM citizens living here and abroad.

Newly elected Senator from Chuuk and Floor Leader of the 17th FSM Congress, Florencio Singkoro Harper introduced the resolution. It was the third resolution submitted to the 17th Congress. If the resolution had garnered Congressional support it would have requested that President Manny Mori pardon three former members of Congress who are also from Chuuk and who were convicted of crimes committed while they were Senators. But the resolution dated May 17 requesting official Presidential pardons for Roosevelt Kansou, Jack Fritz and Simeon Innocenti saw absolutely no action by Congress.

The resolution so far has been met by the sound of crickets in the Congress chamber.

Pardon resolution introduced but not heard in FSM Congress

One staff member of the FSM Congress said, "It has only been introduced. It wasn't passed. It doesn't mean anything."

Certainly other resolutions have been introduced in years past that are now amongst Congress' scrap heap of introduced resolutions that were never passed or perhaps were never even considered with the exception of the Senators who introduced them.

Veteran Senator Peter Christian submitted resolution 16-77 in March of last year during the 16th Congress. That resolution would have defined marriage in the FSM as a union between one man and one woman. The resolution saw no further congressional action after its introduction and to the best of our knowledge he didn't pursue it further.

16th Congress Senator Setiro Paul submitted Resolution 16-128 in September of last year. That resolution would have requested then Governor Linda Lingle to authorize the Hawaii Department of Motor Vehicles to create written driver's tests in the Yapese, Pohnpei, Chuukese, and Kosrae languages.

That resolution was also met by the sound of crickets.

Resolutions are often introduced; the political statements their authors intend for them to carry are made and then they pass into obscurity.

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Akoyikoyi Center and SHIP/HOOPS – Good news in Chuuk

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Weno, Chuuk—Sports programs of Chuuk's SHIP/HOOPS organization were well under way when we visited Clark Graham in Weno during the month of May. He estimates that as many as 900 young people participate in the sporting programs of SHIP/HOOPS.

In 1989 Graham and his wife Chineina founded SHIP, The Society for Historic Investigation and Preservation, which according to the organization's Facebook page is an FSM non-profit corporation founded in 1989 to promote historic preservation, environmental protection, to educate Micronesians, assist in preserving valuable knowledge & information, encourage pride in the past, provide a bridge to the future, and use this information to empower young people.

HOOPS, "Helping Ourselves: Outreach Programs in Sports," a subsidiary organization, was established later to offer sports programs, meaningful activities, lifestyle education (tobacco, alcohol, substance & violence abuse, literacy and health information) to Chuukese youth.

HOOPS has three guiding philosophies:

- Children and athletes have the right to practice their activity in a safe & healthy environment that is substance and violence free.
- They must have a qualified coach who is a good role model, and
- All children, regardless of gender, ethnicity, clan or island of origin must be treated with dignity and equality.

The organization offers competitive basketball, canoe paddling, soccer, table tennis, weightlifting & wrestling and also community volleyball competitions which

were going on during the weekends when we visited with Graham in late May.

"SHIP/HOOPS' programs are for all ages, both genders, from beginners to elite athletes. Inquiries are welcome and additional information provided upon request," their Facebook page says which can be found by searching for SHIP/HOOPS within Facebook.

The Graham's son, Keitani is now the President of SHIP/HOOPS. Clark said that under Keitani's leadership the programs have expanded and diversified.

In the month of August this summer, dignitaries and donors will gather at a new SHIP/HOOPS youth center that SHIP/HOOPS has named the Akoyikoyi Center. The organization's Facebook page says "most people will understand the name "Akoyikoyi" by its literal meaning: the birds piping signals the dawn; but it figuratively refers to knowledge or enlightenment. Thus our center's motto "Awakening Opportunities": the piping that literally wakes people up in the morning, and enlightens people.

"The center will provide developmentally appropriate drug-free activities to replace, reduce or eliminate involvement in substance use-related activities, in an environment that is safe: a place where you are comfortable sending kids, and also adult-friendly.

"There is a need to improve educational opportunities so that our young people are literate, respectful, and learn in a place where they feel welcome, enjoy themselves, and an adult provides appropriate mentoring, and cares about them!"

While the center is essentially functionally complete and already providing some limited services there is still a bit more work to be done before the grand open-

ing in August. Graham is understandably proud of the Youth Center which is located in Penia and primarily serves the communities of Tunnuk, Peniese, Penia (Yongku) and Sapuk.

"We're so grateful for the contributions of the Australian Government who provided money for the youth study area's roof, window, doors, and other construction materials," Graham said. "They also provided money for a solar system which we hope will be sufficient to provide all of our power needs potentially taking us off the grid. They recently supplied money for a retaining wall that will help keep the hill side from sliding off into the building. They also provided funding for a toilet and septic system which is nearly complete."

He said that SHIP/HOOPS is grateful as well for the donations and participation of several Rotary Clubs including the Tokyo Tsukiji Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Guam and Weno's own Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon.

Because of donations from the Tokyo Tsukiji Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Guam the center will be able to provide literacy activities using computers with English, math and other software. The clubs also provided digital cameras and camcorders for youth to tell their own stories along with related audio-visual equipment and supplies.

Thanks to the generosity of several Tokyo Rotary Clubs in 2010 and 2011, approximately 450 bicycles have been donated to Chuuk. SHIP/HOOPS was able to acquire some of these bicycles to operate a Community Bicycle Loan Program. The purpose of the program is to provide inexpensive, healthy and environmentally friendly transportation.

Students and others in need of transporta-

tion can borrow a bicycle from the SHIP/HOOPS' bike area. If a bike has a flat tire or something breaks, the student returns it, gets another bike while SHIP/HOOPS has their repairman fix the bike and put back into the loan program. It is estimated that the bicycle loan program saved for the families with bike riding students about \$4,500 or more.

The Akoyikoyi Center building is functionally complete though there still is a bit more work that needs to be done including the construction of the retaining wall.

The Centers objectives are:

- Our NGO's office will be located here allowing us to operate more effectively.
- Putting youth, family, literacy, health and social services under one roof.
- Literacy Improvement: Chuukese & English reading/writing, Oral English, availability of Chuukese language children's books, English reading books & general reading materials.
- Computer Literacy: keyboarding, English language acquisition, improving math skills, multi-media, & music pursuits, Internet learning and its proper use, Email.
- Cultural Literacy: Cultural/Traditional & Environmental Education and protection of historic & environmental sites.
- Sports & Recreational Activities will include wrestling, weightlifting, table tennis, other.
- Tutoring and Mentoring
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Micronesia's fallen heroes honored on Memorial Day

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

May 31, the United States Embassy to the FSM, the Federated States of Micronesia National Government, Pohnpei State Governor's Office, the Pohnpei Port Authority, and the Veterans' Association hosted a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Pohnpei International Airport in Dekehtik. The collaborative effort included an unveiling of portraits of FSM citizens in the U.S. Armed Forces who have passed while on active duty in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait since 2004. Attendees of the ceremony included FSM President Emanuel "Manny" Mori, Vice President of the FSM Alik Alik, FSM National Congress Speaker Issac Figir and other Members of the 17th FSM Congress, Pohnpei State Governor John Ehsa, Pohnpei State Legislature Speaker Nelson Pelep and other Members of the Pohnpei State Legislature, Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs Jane Chigiyal, members of the families of Micronesia's Fallen Heroes and their representatives, veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families, members of the Diplomatic Corps, members of the Royal Australian Navy, and members of the local community. U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Lori P. Dando served as Master of Ceremony.

Church of Christ-Pohnpei Reverend Bender Enicar, members of the Pacific Mission Fellowship Youth Choir performed the FSM and U.S. National Anthems.

Representing the FSM Government, Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs Jane Chigiyal described the service of FSM citizens in the U.S. Armed Forces as a testament to the "special and unique" relationship between the U.S. and the FSM.

During his remarks, Ambassador Prahar explained the honor of partaking in a memorial for those "who have fallen in defense of freedom...I know our nations will remain eternally grateful for their service, their valor, and their sacrifice ... this memorial will remind all visitors to these islands how much we - we who live in peace and freedom - owe these Fallen Heroes."

Highlighting the significance of Memorial Day, Governor Ehsa affirmed that "today's remembrance is special because we honor those who have died fighting for a cause... they died fighting for freedom and liberty." Ehsa also noted the depth of the U.S.-FSM relationship illustrated through Title III of the Compact of Free Association, which obligates the U.S. to defend the FSM and its people "from attack or threats as the United States and its citizens are defended." With such in mind, Governor Ehsa explained that "Micronesians who die with their American brothers and sisters in the U.S. Military die not only in defense of the United States, but also in defense of their Micronesian homelands."



Mr. John Firtamag unveils the portrait of his son, the late U.S. Army Sergeant Jerome Firtamag, who died in 2010 after serving in Afghanistan.

Representing Admiral Paul Bushong, U.S. Defense Representative Guam/CNMI/FSM/Palau, Political Military Affairs Officer Commander Bryce M. Gibb thanked the FSM for its partnership in the defense of liberty and freedom, and the willingness of its citizens to pay the ultimate price to uphold the values shared by both the U.S. and FSM.

Following the remarks, family or designated repre-

sentatives were asked to unveil the portraits according to the date of passing. Those participating were: Mrs. Perpetua Soram (mother), Mr. John E. Weilbacher (uncle), Mr. Moses Nelson (cousin), Mr. David Marar (uncle), Mr. Ioakim Loney (father), Mrs. Flora P. Loney (spouse), Mr. John Firtamag (father), Speaker Figir, and Governor Ehsa. The memorial photographs included portraits of: U.S. Army Sergeant Skipper Soram (died September 22, 2004 while serving in Iraq); Staff Sergeant Steven G. Bayow (died February 4, 2005 while serving in Iraq); Specialist Derence J. Weilbacher Jack (died October 31, 2005 while serving in Iraq); Private First Class Henry Paul (died September 26, 2006 while serving in Iraq); Sergeant Iosiwo Uruo (died May 24, 2001 while serving in Iraq); National Guard Specialist Cwislyn K. Walter (died February 19, 2009 while serving in Kuwait); Sergeant Youvert Loney (died September 5, 2009 while serving in Afghanistan); Specialist Eric M. Finniginam (died May 1, 2010 while serving in Afghanistan); and Sergeant Jerome Firtamag (died February 24, 2011 after serving in Afghanistan).

After the playing of Taps and a moment of silence, Pohnpei and Kosrae Vicariate Father Julio Angkel offered the Benediction to close the Memorial Day ceremony.

The Compact of Free Association enables Micronesians to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, which they have done honorably since World War II. Currently, citizens from the FSM and other Pacific islands serve in the U.S. military at a higher per-capita rate than U.S. citizens.

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The selection process will take into consideration various aspects, including but not limited to: total cost, delivery, propinquity to the specification, warranty and local vendor reputation.

All submissions are to be made directly to the FSMTC ISD Department through the following channels:

Email: thubbard@fsmtc.fm
Post: P.O. Box 1220, Kolonia, Pohnpei, FM 96941

The deadline for accepting of submissions will be: close of business on July 2, 2011. Extensions to the deadline can be requested in writing and will be reviewed on a case by case basis. For further information or questions, please contact Tyler Hubbard through the channels detailed herein.



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Concerned citizen spouts off on Chuuk's spouting sewage

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

June 6, 2011

Weno, Chuuk—Vehicles often drive through it as it washes down the streets. Children sometimes are forced to wade through it on their way to and from school. The reek and inherent biohazard has sometimes driven families from their homes and its mere presence has forced temporary school closures. The problem of sewage handling has long been a problem in Weno. This is not new news.

"There are places in Chuuk that when you walk around it stinks; and one of the reasons is because the smell is coming from the sewage lines. Perhaps someone should take some of that water, go to CPUC's office and pour it on the office floor so your executives and employees can walk around in it like many children on Weno," an angry email delivered to Chuuk Public Utility Company's Chief Executive Officer this weekend said. The citizen sent a copy of the email to The Kaselehlie Press.

"I apologize if this ruffles feathers at CPUC, but my shoes smell of sewage water and I had to bathe with disinfectant yesterday," the email concluded.

"You are absolutely right to raise these issues," CPUC CEO Mark Waite responded. "I appreciate the contact."

The management team at the beleaguered utility company has been in place since October of 2010 with the mandate of turning the unprofitable and essentially unsuccessful utilities corporation into a viable business operation that meets the everyday utilities needs of its customers. The challenge is enormous and will not only involve investments of several million dollars in infrastructure but a reinvention of CPUC business practices.

It's a tall order. The management team has been given two years to accomplish the task, or at least to set tracks that lead CPUC to a happy future destination for all

of the citizens of Weno. So far the team is 8 months in and after spending six months evaluating the team has begun to lay those tracks in a proper direction..

"I understand your frustration to the apparent lack of action in relation to sewage management," Waite prefaced his return email that described for the concerned citizen CPUC's action plans and challenges regarding the problem.

He said that during the management team's evaluation phase which concluded in March they found that the sewage lines in the 'Blue Lagoon' area have been blocked for a very long time. To unblock them would require "specialist equipment" such as high pressure jetting hoses, air blowers and essential safety equipment for confined space entry for CPUC employees.

Certainly safety equipment is vital for CPUC employees. Methane gases can be deadly in high concentration such as can be found inside the confined spaces of sewers and cesspools.

Last week U.S. news sources reported the

deaths of a teenager who had fallen into a cesspool along with another teen who attempted to rescue the first by lowering himself into the cesspool. Both lost consciousness within moments after entering that confined space filled with methane gas.

Waite said that in March, after CPUC got confirmation of access to capital funds they ordered the necessary equipment. He said that the equipment should arrive sometime this month. Once it does CPUC will start to deal with the unblocking of the lines in the Blue Lagoon area as a high priority.

While the project in the Blue Lagoon area will kill off a serious and long term problem regarding waste management, power is still an issue and it affects the management of "lift stations." Lift stations are electrically powered pumping centers designed to move sewage through the pipes when gravity can't do it due to elevations. Fluids cannot pump themselves uphill.

"As you probably know, we have to ration power supply along the feeder to Blue Lagoon and the feeder to out past the airport to Sapuk. This means that we can't exhaust our lift stations when we should," Waite wrote.

He said that CPUC has crews on duty every day to pump sewage through the system. The company has also ordered some automatic level switches that would automatically start when the fluid level reaches a certain point but those solutions will only consistently work when power is consistent in Weno.

A good start will be made on consistent power in Weno after new generators arrive. Currently delivery is expected on those generators by October of this year. If identified revenue collection problems have also been resolved by that time Chuuk

power could be much more constant after those generators are installed.

Waite said that a third problem is that Weno's sewer system is designed to handle sewage flow only. It can't handle the additional strain of rain water that often comes in deluges. "Whenever there is rain we get infiltration into the sewer system, the volume of which is significantly higher than the designed flow of the sewer and it is principally this that causes water to bubble out of the manholes in the road," Waite wrote.

Waite said that another problem is that the sewage removal system also has sporadic problems with the road construction along which the new sewer system is following. Sometimes the process of construction damages the existing sewers. Additionally construction crews have to occasionally cut off the old sewer in order to make connections to the new sewer.

CPUC is "in pretty much constant touch with EPA responding to their demands to clear up the issues you raise," Waite responded to the concerned citizen's email. He said that CPUC knows about the problems and is dealing with them as best and as quickly as they can. "We have plans in place to remove the problems and will do that as soon as we have the wherewithal."

Further email exchanges between Waite and the concerned citizen were congenial once information was shared.

CPUC's Board of Directors received a copy of every email exchange though none of them made any comment on the thread of communication that we received.

Waite also copied the email stream to Mr. Bob Nelson who is working under a grant from the U.S. Department of Interior on behalf of the board and the State of Chuuk to assess the management team performance. "I'm sure he would be interested to hear your point of view on this and other issues," Waite wrote.

Waite agreed with the concerned citizen that while the CPUC management team had talked internally about how they should communicate their plans and progress with the citizens of Weno they had not yet addressed it properly.

That's another tall order. CPUC's options for communicating with the public are extremely limited as local media resources are nearly non-existent.

"Please feel free to print whatever you think is going on. We don't have anything to hide," Waite wrote to The Kaselehlie Press.



This photo of overflowing sewer pipes was taken in Chuuk three years ago

Pohnpei Public Library launches the SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

Readers of all ages will travel the globe this summer as the Pohnpei Public Library presents "One World, Many Stories" during their summer reading program. Children will explore places from Oceania to Russia through stories, crafts, music, dance, and other activities. The 2011 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, first grade through eighth grade, with programs, prize drawing, story hours, a reading club and more.

Registration for "One World, Many Stories" begins on May 9 and ends May 31. Total price is only \$3.50.

For more information, call the library at 320-2423.



Marshallese club artists to perform in Pohnpei

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—Musical artists DJ 692 and Flavor C are coming to Pohnpei from the Marshall Islands for a wedding. While they are on island they will be performing at Club Flamingo on June 24 and 25 but they hope to secure other gigs at other venues on the weekdays leading to that weekend.

“Our music is mostly Marshallese up beat like disco music similar to Chanin Way and Lamarin. I believe most Pohnpeians would know who they are,” wrote Shem Livai in an email. Livai goes by the performing moniker of DJ 692.

He says that his partner Flavor C, a vocalist has released several albums and that most of his music can be viewed or heard on YouTube.

“I, DJ mostly clubbing music such as hiphop, reggae, and Marshallese remixes,” Livai wrote.

The duo is still looking for venues in which to perform while they are in Pohnpei and once they are secured they will be posting flyers on island to announce them. They hope to perform on Monday, June 20 through June 23rd as well as their performance at Club Flamingo on the 24th and 25th. The latter two dates are secured.

“We want to make it a memorable summer for us and the community,” Livai wrote.

U.S. Conducts Trafficking In Persons presentations in Pohnpei

Embassy of the
United States of America Kolonia

On May 18, U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Lori P. Dando presented on trafficking in persons (TIP) to Women's Health Week participants at the Pohnpei State Administration Building in Pohnpei. The presentation included a definition of TIP, its various forms and venues, TIP as a global multi-dimensional threat, and U.S. Department of State efforts to combat TIP.

The Women's Health Week presentation on human trafficking materialized following a pilot presentation by Embassy Economic/Consular Officer David Reynolds to public and private sector women representatives on May 5. As part of an ongoing effort to empower women in the F.S.M., the discussion focused on TIP awareness, and also included a briefing on upcoming training opportunities through the Secretariat of the Pacific Community Human Development Program.

In the annual U.S. Department of State TIP Report, 175 countries and territories are ranked based on various standards, including government prohibition and punishment of trafficking, data-supported law enforcement efforts, victim protection, TIP prevention and anti-corruption efforts.

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Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on April 20, 2011, public notice is hereby given that the parcel described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Lot No. 61618, land known as “Winipon”, situated in Sapuk Village, Weno Municipality, Chuuk State, with an approximate area of 3,337.25 square meters, as described in the Certificate of Title issued on November 11, 1995 and registered as Doc. No. 43234 at the Office of the Registrar, Chuuk State Land Commission and as further described in Drawing P.I. 5, registered as Doc. No. 4323.

- There is no minimum bid amount for the parcel.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “June 30, 2011 Land Auction” by personal delivery to Ms Janet Sisam at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Weno, Chuuk on Thursday, June 30, 2011 between 2 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 pm, Thursday, June 30, 2011.
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Questions concerning this auction may be directed to
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The resolution introduced by Florencio Singkoro Harper on May 17 may be one of those as well. Even if it were to receive consideration in Congress and if it were to pass the scrutiny of that body which it still could do, President Mori would not be obligated to pardon anyone. It is the President's constitutionally mandated power alone to exercise his pardoning power and not that of Congress.

Resolution 16-65 offered by Kosrae Senator Paliknoa Welly and Chuuk Senator Joe N. Suka in December of 2009 stated five reasons why the President should review the records of all FSM citizens convicted of crimes with an eye toward the possibility of granting pardons to convicted felons who had changed their lives.

Harper's resolution May resolution stated only two: The former Senators had served their time and, it is in the President's constitutionally mandated powers to grant pardons.

There was no claim in Harper's congressionally ignored May resolution that citizens convicted of a crime who have served their sentences have put the past behind them and are currently living clean and productive lives. He didn't say in his resolution that their efforts to start again are currently hampered by an earlier mistake despite their best efforts to move forward productively, although all of the above may be the case for any or all of the former Senators.

Welly and Suka's 2009 resolution which also saw no Congressional action claimed that all of the above factors apply to at least some FSM previously convicted law breakers. "...Some criminal infractions might be deemed worthy of forgiveness and Presidential Pardon during this period of forgiveness, rebirth and national prayer," the Christmas time resolution suggested.

The 2009 resolution, if it had passed would have asked the President to do a search of the records of ALL FSM citizens convicted of crimes whose current lives indicated that they might be eligible for a Presi-

dential pardon that would expunge their criminal records from FSM books.

Harper's resolution suggested that Kansou, Fritz, and Innocente alone should be pardoned for illegal actions for which they were convicted while they were members of the FSM Congress.

It was the third resolution submitted for Congress consideration. The 17th Congress has just begun and the resolution could potentially be taken up in future sessions at any time but it has currently seen no action.

The text of Harper's resolution follows without line numbers:

"A RESOLUTION

"Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to grant official pardons to Jack Fritz, Simeon Innocenti, and Roosevelt Kansou.

"WHEREAS, former Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia Jack Fritz and former Members of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia Simeon Innocenti and Roosevelt Kansou were tried and convicted of various offenses and have served their sentences; and

"WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia has the power to grant pardons pursuant to article X, section 2 of the Constitution; now, therefore,

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2011, that the Congress requests the President to grant official pardons to Jack Fritz, Simeon Innocenti, and Roosevelt Kansou;

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia."

Senator Harper did not return our phone calls during the first session of the 17th Congress.

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JICA volunteer influential in Chuuk's Solid Waste Management plans

Chuuk Environmental Protection Agency

waste pollution to land, air and water of Chuuk.

Mr. Tadashi Miyagi, a JICA Volunteer at Chuuk Environmental Protection Agency, has been instrumental in securing the proposal for assistance from Japan Grassroots Grants which resulted in awarding of Grassroots Grants to Chuuk in the amount of \$97,000.00 U.S dollars in order to purchase a Bull-Dozer, the main heavy equipment used for the improvement of waste management on Weno, Chuuk. Mr. Miyagi assisted Chuuk EPA and Public Works staff to implement the waste management project, constructing the access road to the public waste disposal site and rehabilitating the disposal site itself, utilizing the donated bulldozer, and successfully completed the project within 1 year.

There are many other accomplishments by him. This energetic young man has revitalized and motivated the staff of Chuuk EPA to pursue the set objectives and goals of the Agency. He has been very helpful in getting most of the Solid Waste Program project implemented and in operations. Chuuk EPA is very grateful for the contributions by this young JICA volunteer. Now that he is finishing his term with Chuuk EPA and leaving us. We will surely miss his active participation in our projects in Chuuk and we pray for his bright future.



During his two year tenure at Chuuk Environmental Protection Agency, Mr. Miyagi has also assisted in disseminating public awareness education programs that enlighten the Chuukese Public in the effects of solid and hazardous

USDA-NRCS opens new office in Pohnpei

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On May 25, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) held a grand opening ceremony for its new Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Field Office in Pohn Umpomp, Nett, Pohnpei. Attendees at the ceremony included U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) Lori P. Dando, FSM Department of Foreign Affairs Deputy Secretary Jane Chigiyaal, Department of Resources and Development representative Mark Kostka, Australian Ambassador Martin Quinn, Japanese Ambassador Ichiro Suzuki, Chinese Ambassador Zhang Weidong, Pohnpei State Agriculture Chief Adelino Lorens, members of the College of Micronesia-FSM Cooperative Research and Extension, College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) Department of Agriculture, and representatives of the non-government community and international organizations based in Pohnpei.

USDA-NRCS works with landowners, local conservation districts, government agencies and other environmental entities through conservation planning and assistance to benefit the soil, water, air, plants, and animal for productive lands and healthy ecosystems. In addition, the NRCS FSM Field Office has produced digitized soil surveys for the four FSM states, designed piggery waste management systems, assisted in the sakau "Grow Low" campaign, provided soils assessments to the outer islands, conducted soils and hydrology workshops, and promoted reforestation through seedling distribution. In her remarks, DCM Dando noted that "I am proud that this unique and valuable organization is part of the U.S. Mission to the FSM and that its technical assistance and expertise is available, free of charge, to FSM residents through their national, state and local governmental agencies and organizations." Speaking on behalf of Ambassador Prahar, Dando highlighted the "direct, positive impact NRCS has on the FSM community." Whether through its youth gardening initiatives, technical assistance and computer donations to the COM-FSM Agriculture Department, or collaboration with its conservation partners, NRCS displays a "continued effort to promote a sustainable future in the FSM."

On behalf of the NRCS FSM Field Office, Director Paul Lake noted that "over the course of about twenty years that NRCS has been in the FSM, [I and] my predecessors have worked to improve conditions by working with the national, state, and local partners, including all of you here today." Highlighting NRCS's previous and ongoing efforts to conserve soil, water, air, plants, and animals, Lake mentioned the FSM Field Office's collaborative efforts with specific entities: Pohnpei State Environmental Protection Agency, Pohnpei State Department of Agriculture, Department of Forestry, Soil and Water Conservation District, and Invasive Species Taskforce of Pohnpei, COM-FSM Cooperative Extension Service, the International Organization for Migration, the World Health Organization, Island Food Community of Pohnpei, Pohnpei Farmers' Association, The Nature Conservancy, and the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP). Following Lake's remarks, appreciation was expressed by FSM National, Pohnpei State, and NGO Conservation Partners: R&D Representative Mark Kostka, Agriculture Chief Adelino Lorens, and CSP Executive Director Patterson Shed.

At the program's conclusion, DCM Dando, Deputy Secretary Chigiyaal, and Resource Conservationist Lake participated in a ribbon cutting officially opening the new facility.



Soil Conservation Technician Gibson Santos (l) and Agriculture Conservation Aid Rodasio Samuel (r) watch as DCM Dando, NRCS Lake, and Deputy Secretary Chigiyaal official open the new NRCS FSM Field Office in Pohn Umpomp May 25.

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Public Announcement

The FSM Department of Education announces that an application for funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is being submitted for Fiscal Year 2011. The FSM receives funding under IDEA to provide special education and related service programs for eligible children with disabilities and their families.

IDEA requires that the annual application for funding be made available for Public Review and Comment. Consistent with this requirement, The FSM Department of Education announces that the Annual State Application under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as Amended in 2004 for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education on July 20, 2011.

The FSM Department of Education announces that a 60-day public review period and a 30-day public comment period will be available to allow the public an opportunity to review the application and to make comments. The dates for the 60 day public review will be from May 18, 2011 – July 18, 2011. The 30 day public comment period will be from May 18, 2011 – June 16, 2011.

Copies of the Part B Application FFY 2010 are available at each State Department of Education. A copy of the application is also available at the FSM Special Education Website: <http://fsmsped.org/dashboard/> and NDOE website: www.fsmed.fm

Please submit any comments concerning the application to:

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PICS High School graduates 295 members of the class of 2011

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

June 3, 2011

Pohnpei, FSM—The PIC High School class of 2011 graduated this afternoon at the PICS track. 292 regular high school students and three Special Education Transition program students for a total graduating class of 295 marched to their seats and received their diplomas during the rainy celebration.

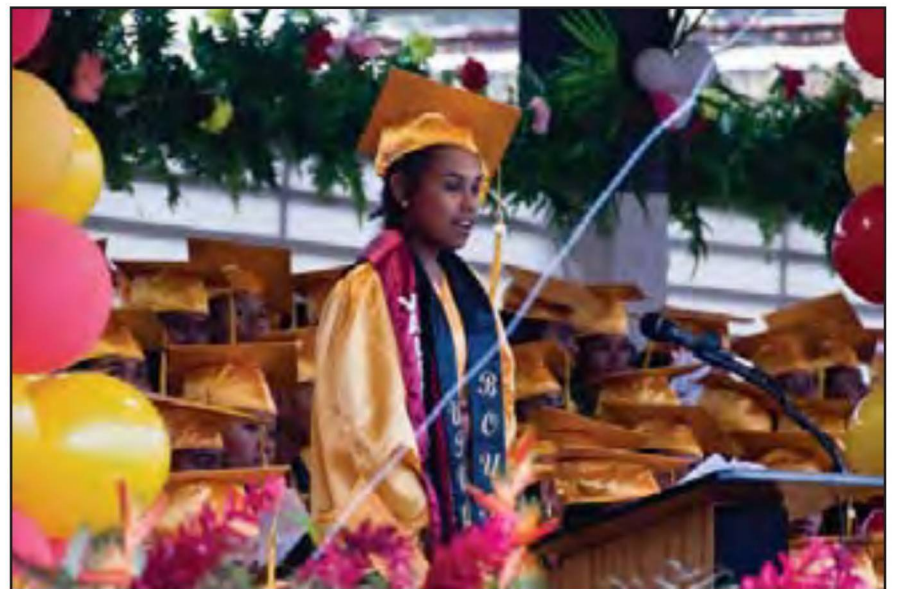
Chief of Secondary Education Salpasio Salvador presented the class and Speaker of the Pohnpei Legislature Nelson Pelep accepted the class. Fast Track student Hirusimram introduced the keynote speaker for the ceremony, Pohnpei's Chief Justice Benjamin Rodriguez. Governor John Ehsa also spoke to the students.

The real stars of the ceremony were the students themselves who had every reason to celebrate for sticking with their education. Unfortunately some of Pohnpei's young people never participate in a graduation and drop out long before their studies are completed. Not so for the members of the PICS graduating class of 2011.

Salutatorian Dewia Sione and Valedictorian Cheryll Ligor had the honor of addressing their classmates as the top two academic performers in the PICS class of 2011.

Because the Kaselehlie Press did not receive invitations or announcements from any of the schools in Pohnpei that held graduation ceremonies, we were not present at any of those ceremonies and we were not fortunate to hear the remarks of the top academic performers from any school. We congratulate all of the 2011 graduates of all of the schools, primary, secondary, and tertiary, public and private.

The pictures in this issue were provided by Tim Lebel of Ten Mangoes Photography.



ABOVE:
Valedictorian
Cheryll Ligor



LEFT:
Salutatorian
Dewia Sione

Pohnpei's Department of Education has promised photos and information from the Nanpei Memorial High School in Kitti and the Madolenihmw High School in time for the next issue of The Kaselehlie Press which comes out on June 27.

Congratulations to the graduates throughout the FSM!



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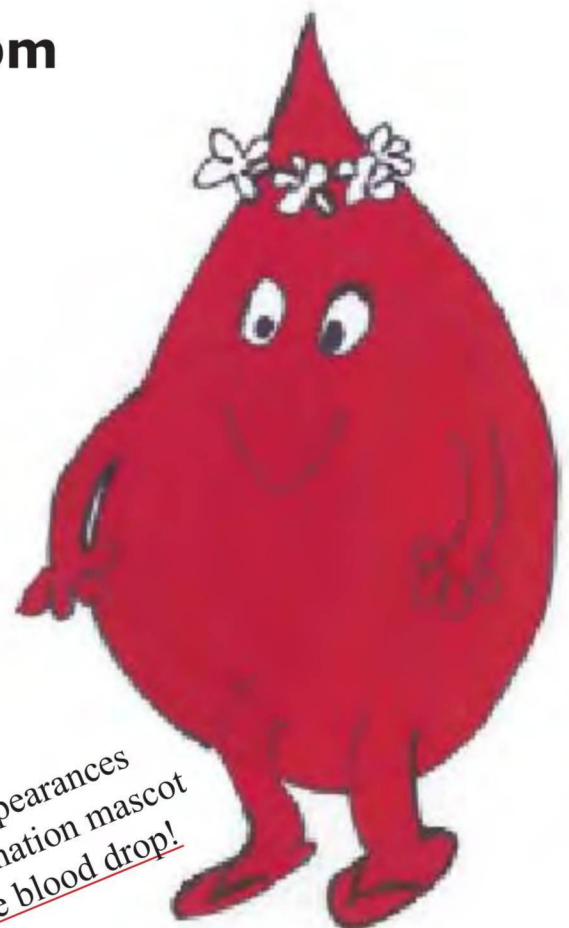
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Unified Revenue Authority established

FSM Information Services

June 7, 2011

Palikir, Pohnpei – On April 19, 2011, Congressional Bill No. 16-154 was signed into law and became Public Law No. 16-75, which amends Title 54 of the FSM Code and establishes a Unified Revenue Authority (URA) that is responsible for the administration of tax laws for the National and State Governments. This law is a fore-runner of a legislation package being considered in Congress as well as the State Legislatures to implement the nation-wide tax reforms. A one-year transitional period is built into the URA Act to allow for a smooth transition to the new tax administration arrangement.

During this one year transition period, other legislations need to be enacted to delegate the tax administration and collection functions of the Governments to the URA. The transfer of tax administration functions to the URA does not deprive the State Legislatures of their taxing powers. Setting of tax policy remains a State Legislature and FSM Congress function and power. Also, such delegation of tax administration function does not prevent the State Governments from reversing the delegation of tax administration functions from the URA.

Existing weaknesses, duplications and inefficiencies inherent in the current tax administration provide the key impetus for the move to centralize, modernize and strengthen tax administration by setting up a single autonomous tax administration agency. Tax-payers are expected to reap benefits from having to report to one tax office in-

stead of two tax offices.

The URA Act provides that the Authority will be governed by a five-member Board of Directors consisting of representatives from all four States, the National Government, and the private sector. The Board of Directors will appoint a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who will be responsible for the administration and enforcement of the revenue laws and the day-to-day operations of the URA.

Section 757 of the URA Act sets reporting standards for the URA. Within three months after the end of each fiscal year, an annual report must be submitted to the Board, the President, each State Governors, and the Finance Officials, detailing the following, at a minimum: a statement of financial performance, a statement of cash flows, a statement of distribution of revenues to the States, a copy of the URA's most recent budget, a report of the Authority's operations for the year, and such other information as is required relating to the Authority's financial affairs. The Annual Report and the auditor's opinion on the URA's accounts must be submitted to Congress and the State Legislatures within 30 days of receipt of such opinion. In addition, the URA is required to submit to its Board from time to time, but not less than once each quarter, an interim report accounting for estimated and actual tax collections as well as its estimated and actual expenditures.

The confidentiality provision in the URA Act (Section 735) prevents any URA employees, Board members, former employees and board members, or any person presently or formerly engaged by the URA from disclosing any business or personal information or document he or she received during the performance of duties for the URA.

The tax reform measures, including the URA Act, do not make or propose any changes to the existing distribution of taxes for the nation. Collected revenues are remitted to respective Treasuries in the government where the taxes were collected, using separate accounts for each of the five governments. The current arrangement for tax distribution among the governments remains.

The four State Governors and their technical staff including State Attorney Generals and Finance Directors are involved in the development of the tax reform measures. As members of the Tax Reform Executive Steering Committee (ESC), the State Governors support the ongoing tax reform. For more information, contact the Tax Reform Project Manager in the FSM Department of Finance and Administration at telephone number (691)320-2640 or email eadolph@mail.fm.

U.S. launches new J-1 Visa exchange website

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On June 1, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs will launch a new website dedicated to the J-1 Visa Exchange Visitor Program. The new website is at <http://j1visa.state.gov>.

The Department of State's J-1 Exchange Visitor Program is a work and study based exchange program created to further mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries. More than 350,000 J-1 visa visitors come to the United States each year, including high school and university students, au pairs, physicians, researchers and summer work travelers. J-1 Exchange Visitor Program participants gain skills and knowledge, as well as a better understanding of the United States and its people, then return home to share their experiences. The State Department works with 1400 private sector sponsors to administer the J-1 Visa Exchange Visitor Program.

The new website will make it easier for potential visitors, as well as program sponsors and host families to find the information they need. The look and navigation of the new site reflects state-of-the-art Web design and plain language instructions on how to participate in the Exchange Visitor Program. The site features descriptions of each of the Exchange Visitor program categories, and provides video testimonials of the Exchange Visitor Program experience to potential participants; giving them crucial insights into what the programs are like. The site offers plain language descriptions of all of the Exchange Visitor Program categories so that individuals can find which category is right for them, as well as clear instructions on how to apply. The site is designed to perform well in either low or high bandwidth environments. Information for visa seekers is easily accessible in mobile, low bandwidth, and high bandwidth environments. The site also features an interactive map of the United States for individuals interested in finding out, state by state, how many participants and sponsors are involved in the Exchange Visitor Program. For comprehensive information regarding how to apply for a J-1 visa, the site will link to the Bureau of Consular Affairs' web site at <http://travel.state.gov>.



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Kosrae charity event for Japan recovery and relief efforts

By Lipar George

Tofol, Kosrae—The State Gymnasium in Tofol was packed with over a thousand people on Thursday, May 26, 2011, as people of all ages came for a charity event co-hosted by the State Government and the Kosrae Chapter of the Micronesia Red Cross Society.

The program started around early noon and carried on non-stop for four hours as performing individuals and groups of all stripes, including the four main Congregational Churches, the Mormon, Seventh Day Adventist and the Assembly of God Churches took turns in their presentations. There were also the students representing seven of the eight elementary schools, along with Kosrae High School and College of Micronesia-Kosrae Campus proudly performing their own, either by singing with instruments or giving encouraging messages both written and oral.

In his opening statements and speaking to the video cameras, Governor Jackson stated, "[the] people of Kosrae have come together in today's charity event to once again search deep into our hearts and to make monetary donations to assist with your recovery and to contribute to the international relief efforts undertaken by charity groups the world over."

The entirety of the events on this day was captured in video, with the understanding that the video recordings will be sent along with all the monetary donations to the Japanese Embassy and Japan Red Cross, via Micronesia Red Cross Society.

Following Governor Jackson's remark, Reverend Nena Kilafwasru led a prayer service in recognition of the sufferings the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan have endured.

Mr. Yasutoshi Sagami, representing Ambassador Eiich Suzuki of the Japanese Embassy in F.S.M, then read a statement on behalf of Ambassador Suzuki, expressing the ambassador's "sincere appreciations to the Kosrae[an] government and people for organizing this charity event and for the

sympathies and prayers for the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake". The prepared statement by the ambassador went on to say that the devastation caused by the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear power plant accident was unprecedented and that "the government and people of Japan are now united in doing their best to manage the situation."

Speaker Lyndon Abraham expressed what most Kosraean must have felt when he said, "[w]e wanted very much to assist as much as we can but our geographical locations have hindered our wishes". Also included in Speaker Abraham's remarks were the words of a resolution on the subject by the 10th Kosrae State Legislature.

And in closing the program, Chief Justice Alikxa Alikxa echoed the sentiments expressed by both Governor Jackson and Speaker Abraham when he stated that the people of Kosrae "will continue to pray and help in whatever ways we can" to help "alleviate the hardships the people of Japan are going through."

This event was initially suggested by Leigh Weilbacher, son of the former Governor Robert Weilbacher, through the Chairman of Micronesia Red Cross Society- Kosrae Chapter, Mr. Berlin Sigrah, with inspiration from the FSM's Deputy Chief of Mission to Japan, Mr. Renster Andrew, and then implemented by Governor Jackson and his Charity Event Task Force. In the end, it truly became an island-wide effort.

Although the main purpose of the event was to jointly express Kosrae's sincere condolences to the people of Japan it was able to raise money as well.

This charity event was a success, taken into account Kosrae's small population and the size of its economy, as the event was able to raise \$6,188. Together with the voluntary donations before and after the event, the total amount generously donated or received from all the donors, including individuals, families, church groups, businesses, local governments and remitted by Micronesia Red Cross Society was at \$12,975.05.



Letters To The Editor

Chuuk Director of DPS says there's more to the story

Dear Bill Jaynes;

Greetings from Chuuk State. Ran Annim! This is to thank you for the latest edition of your Kaselehlie Press Newspaper published June 1, 2011 most especially your article entitled, "Chuuk Department of Public Safety Under Investigation" disseminated all over FSM and the World via the Internet Webs.

For your information, I am in full support of your intent to be of services in informing our Micronesian communities through your newspaper stories but with facts and more or less un-bias and truthful information with balance. However, Mr. Jaynes, in this particular issue I believe you had decided to published without the genuine inputs from the Chuuk State Department of Public Safety and most especially from me as the relevant subject, "the eye of the storm", of your news stories on the subject matter. In publishing in omission of my input, you are short of the truths, very bias in your stories along with other bias inputs that are revolving in my personal beings, my reputation, my job, my family, my life, my integrity and my future existence rendering me helpless.

For your further information, I am also a veteran of the US Armed Forces with honest and authentic "honorable services" to the United States of America likewise, more or less, with the so called USAF Major accusing Chuuk police for brutality after being drunk, disorderly and fighting with Chuukese locals. The Attorney General of Chuuk then claimed as stated in your newspaper that he is 50% ready to prosecute Chuuk police based on "unex-

plainable" injuries and a statement obtain from then a highly intoxicated complainant or victim. As my colleague Chief of Pohnpei State Police use to tease, "OIC" only in Chuuk.

The picture painted on the issues of the American lady by the stories in your Kaselehlie Press News is an excellent art of the re-direction of the truth. The statement that the American lady was beaten up by police because she insisted on pressing charges against the Chuukese citizen is untruthful and articulated. The truth is that she was highly intoxicated, provoking and violent. The truth that the American lady was consistently un-cooperative, demanding, intoxicated and unruly was omitted from your stories. The truth that the so-called veteran assaulted a Resort Security Guard and a Police Lieutenant was omitted. The truth that the highly intoxicated lady attempted to jump out through a rear broken window of the transporting police patrol vehicle and got stuck half way in between broken classes adding more self inflicted injuries was omitted. The truth that the lady while under restraint for her violent behavior continues to resist by kicking and spitting at police at every opportunity was omitted. The truth that the lady injured her left knee inside the patrol vehicle after kicking at everyone inside and the vehicle hand control putting the vehicle through sudden stops endangering her own life and the officers with her was omitted. The truth that the lady who had initially requested for police suddenly refused to give her statement to police became un-cooperative but yelling profanity, spitting at police and screaming crazy the rest of the time was omitted. The truth that

police did transport the lady to the Chuuk State Hospital per my instructions for her unexplainable violent behavior, heavily intoxication and for the observed self inflicted injuries was omitted. The truth that I had decided to release the lady from police custody dropping all criminal charges against her to clear her way to leave Chuuk State that day was omitted. The truth that the supposedly USAF Major left Chuuk refusing to pay for her bills at the Blue Lagoon Resort Hotel, disrespecting its management by directing threats and profanity toward them was omitted.

Mr. Jaynes, your run-on story in regard to female officers submitting report to Joses Gallen on sexual misconduct of their Director is mini organized attempt of an unhappy individual or few that can be truthfully probed if need be. If I had a say in balancing that story for the Kaselehlie Press, I would point to the fact that if these allegations were meant to be criminally pursued, then the submission of these reports to the AG Office is un-procedural at best. In fact, these kinds of reports were duplicates of the same class of sources alleged by the legislative investigation a year ago but with no avail. These reports should have been filed properly on a criminal complaint report form in the Operation Division of the Department of Public Safety. It is that while the AG Office is charged with prosecuting crimes, it remains is the responsibility of the DPS to collect evidence through the investigation of crimes in fulfilling its departmental obligation as a matter of LAW.

In regard to the Chuuk Legislature Resolution # 10-10-HR-21 aimed for my removal as Director of the Chuuk State Department of Public Safety a year ago. Such is the result of influential others on these politicians, again, a collective of complaints of several un-happy individuals especially

terminated police officers and others including politicians who couldn't be treated more favorably than others as they may falsely perceived. For police influence, most witnesses came about by those who were terminated for violation of rules and or current officers who may not like their assignments and or what not. A balance for the Kaselehlie Press is simply the fact that in this kind of a profession there is just no way we can please everyone. It was purely politics, therefore, based in retaliatory motivated witnesses and was short the essence to remove me as Director of the Department of Public Safety. The legislative investigation initial outset was to look into the welfare of inmates and the Corrections Division in general which had changed course in mid stream and focus into my personal life and associations yet twisting and pending for results. Incidentally, about ¼ percent of the police force filed a petition disputing all the allegations mention in the legislative investigation report to be articulated and false. The police petition prayed to the Governor of the State of Chuuk and the Legislature to find the evidence provided in the legislative investigation against me insufficient and emphasized on the departmental needs in my kind of leaderships.

Let me close here and hope the information provided herein is enough not only to enlighten the general public but also setting in with the intent to support the balance toward the truth as it is only fair. Again, I believe in the services of public information in order to keep our environment just, merciful and as humanely as possible.

Thank you.

Jimmy Emilio
Director
Chuuk State Department of Public Safety

Excommunication and turmoil in Mwalok church

It was a grim day in Mwalok Church when, in the middle of a monthly congregation meeting, held on Sunday, May 22, 2011, Senior Pastor Edigar Isaac and Pahpahn Pwihn Ieske Iehsi, walked out. This lack of patience, and disregard for the "sheep" still sitting in the pew, on the part of these two church leaders, show that they both no longer possess the credibility to remain in these very important church positions. The issue being discussed at the time of the walkout goes back several years, but I will just pick it up from 2010. A letter dated November 12, 2010, signed by Senior Pastor Edigar Isaac, Pahpahn Pwihn Ieske Iehsi and Nohnohn Pwihn Fasi Jimmy, was sent to Wanparon Iuhfert Hierick, President of Pwihn en Apwahpwali, asking the Pwihn en Apwahpwali to strip the title of wanparon (pastor) from Pernis Diopulos. The sole reason for this stripping of title was Pernis Diopulos' refusal to participate in KAHULA, a ritual members of CE in congregations under the United Church of Christ (UCCP) in Pohnpei, and beyond, practice first Sunday of every month. A let-

ter signed by Wanparon Iuhfert Hienrick, and Wanparon Bender Enicar, advisor to Pwihn en Apwahpwali, dated March 7, 2011, was sent to Pernis Diopulos informing him that he had been stripped of his title of wanparon. When the content of the March 7 letter was made known to the Mwalok Church members in the March monthly meeting, some church members were not happy. A letter, signed by 60 members of the church, dated April 7, 2011, was sent to President Iuhfert Hienrick. The issues covered in the letter included the following:

- The letter of November 12, 2010, sent to the former president of Pwihn en Apwahpwali Wanparon Midion G. Neth was prepared by Senior Pastor Edigar Isaac, Pahpahn Pwihn Ieske Iehsi, and Nohnohn Pwihn Fasi Jimmy, and perhaps with the consensus of twenty others. (The contention by Senior Paster Isaac that the letter represented the wish of the church, kosondi en mwomwodiso, was not right.)
- When the content of the March 7 letter

was made known, many in the church were disappointed.

- Pernis Diopulos really deserved to be stripped of his pastorship if he had committed a sin against the Ten Commandments of the God of Israel, which he did not do.
- An accused person needs to be in the presence of his accusers to defend himself, a fundamental human right. Yet the decision to strip his pastorship was made without him being present.
- The November 12, 2010 letter was addressed to the former president of Pwihn en Apwahpwali, Wanparon Midion G. Neth, who apparently did not take any action. (Could Pwihn en Apwahpwali have decided to side with Senior Pastor Isaac, the main accuser in the November 12 letter, who is the current vice president of Pwihn en Apwahpwali?)
- It has been allegedly said that some churches do not practice this kahula ritual. And some pastors are not even participating in the kahula in churches that do participate. If so, why are those pastors treated differently?

The April 7 letter concluded with a plea to

the Pwihn en Apwahpwali to reinstate Pernis Diopulos to his pastorship. As of the date of the walkout, no response to that letter had been received.

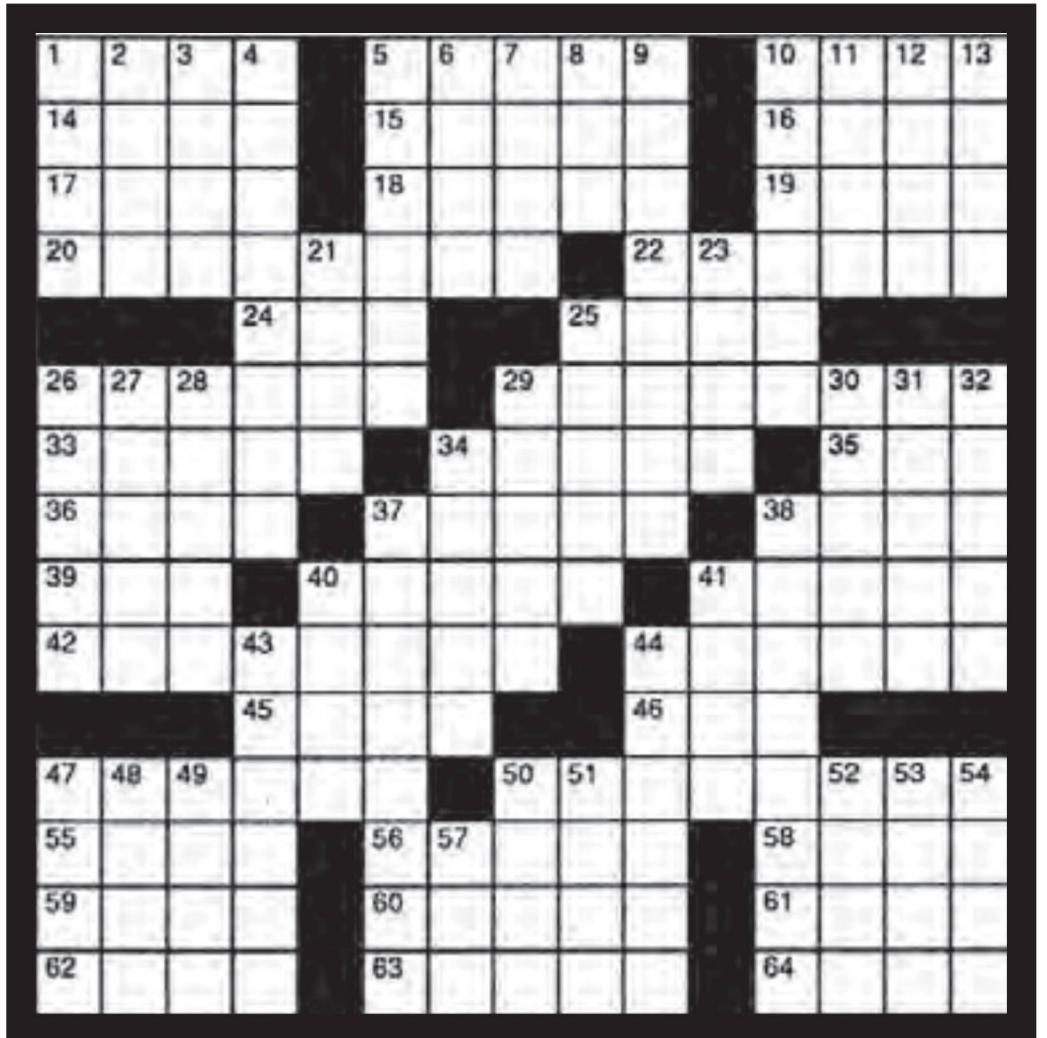
A sullen mood in the church reflects this turmoil. Some church members are even saying that Mwalok Church should not participate in the "pidek in rongamwahu", scheduled to be hosted by the church in July of this year. "Why participate when there is no rongamwahu in our church", they say.

I asked Pernis Diopulos why he refused to participate in this kahula ritual. "The Bible says 'do not swear'", was his answer. As a onetime member of Mwalok Church CE who quit for similar reason, I kind of agree with him. After all, the all-knowing Jesus Christ understands our weaknesses. He knows that our minds and hearts are not unlike the swinging of a pendulum, which cannot maintain an exact path every time. So He says "...swear not at all..." And when we try to prove Christ wrong in this instance, we become hypocrites.

Herson Anson

Crossword - I've made it!

- ACROSS**
- 1. Things done
 - 5. Overturn
 - 10. Forfeit
 - 14. Dinghy, e.g.
 - 15. Explosive salt
 - 16. Among
 - 17. Butter bean
 - 18. Genuflect
 - 19. Sharp pain
 - 20. Fundamentals
 - 22. Come forth
 - 24. Professional, for short
 - 25. Wicked
 - 26. Declare
 - 29. Flight hazard
 - 33. Trudges
 - 34. Deteriorating
 - 35. Soul (Fr.)
 - 36. Peel
 - 37. Caption
 - 38. Attract
 - 39. Untruth
 - 40. Flock
 - 41. Suit fabric
 - 42. Signed up
 - 44. Team-mate
 - 45. Membership fees
- DOWN**
- 1. Skilled or efficient
 - 2. Tight curl
 - 3. Subdue
 - 4. Wild rush
 - 5. Solve
 - 6. Half quart
 - 7. Saints (Fr.)
 - 8. Before (poet)
 - 9. Air on TV
 - 10. Collar Sections
 - 11. Persian poet
 - 12. Make music
 - 13. Rim
 - 21. Strays from good
 - 23. Land measure
- 25. In advance
 - 26. Fall fruit
 - 27. Killed
 - 28. More tender
 - 29. Carried
 - 30. Ward off
 - 31. Reflection
 - 32. More recent
 - 34. Spouses
 - 37. Put up with
 - 38. Transactions
 - 40. Hint
 - 41. Flat piece
 - 43. Strangest
 - 44. Bogus
 - 47. Actual
 - 48. Goad
 - 49. Expires
 - 50. Wyatt_, lawman
 - 51. Meaning
 - 52. Store event
 - 53. Factual
 - 54. Matched groups
 - 57. Precious stone



Crossword CHICKEN SCIENCE

K Press Puzzle Pleasure

WORD LIST:

- AMNION, BEAKS, BLASTODERM, BLOOD, BRAIN, BROOD, CAPABILITY, CHICKENS, CLAW, DEVELOPMENT, EGGS, EMBRYOLOGICAL, EYES, FARM, FEET, FORMATION, HATCHABILITY, HEAD, HEALTHY, HEART, HEAT, LIDS, MACHINES, MOUTH, OPAQUE, ORGANS, PELLUCIDA, PERCENTAGE, PORE, POULTS, SCIENTIFIC, SOMITES, THROAT, TIME, TURKEY, VESSELS, YOLK

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- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome. For details, call 320-8365.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Kia's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Public Welcome.
- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.
- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
- Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the High Tides Restaurant. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at: - rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com
- Pacific Mission Fellowship - A Bible-based English Worship Service Invites you to join us on Sundays for worship at 9am - 11am, Children's Church for the kids too!. Call: 320-2496

U.S. Congress professional staff members visit F.S.M.

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

From May 31 to June 1, U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (SENR) Professional Staff Allen Stayman and Isaac Edwards visited Chuuk State. The visit was an official trip to meet with FSM leadership to discuss progress under the Amended Compact as well as open a dialogue regarding the impact of growing migration from the FSM to the United States. During their trip the Staff delegation was accompanied by U.S. Embassy Economic/Consular (ECON/CON) Officer David Reynolds.

On Monday, Staff Members Stayman and Edwards met with Chuuk State Governor Wesley Simina. The Staff Members then toured the Chuuk State Hospital with Department of Health Director Julio Marar where they looked at improvements from the Amended Compact as well as two unused dialysis chairs donated by the Government of Israel. In the evening, Stayman and Edwards met with American business and community leaders at the Truk Stop Hotel in Weno.

The following day, the Staff Members joined Chuuk State Director of Education Gardenia Aisek to visit Compact-funded school facilities on Fefan and Tonoas islands. While some

schools were in the middle of commencement preparations, others appeared to have already closed for the year. In the afternoon, Stayman and Edwards held a joint meeting on the status of the project with representatives from the FSM National Government's Project Management Unit (PMU), construction company Pacific International, Inc., and construction manager Stanley-Setiadi. Although the Weno road project is progressing there have been many setbacks to construction. The Staff Delegation then met with Chuuk State Legislature's Vice Speaker Garson Billy, Floor Leader Martin Edward, and Chairman Keeper Lippwe to discuss issues of FSM migration to the U.S.

In addition to meetings with the Chuuk State leadership, the Staff Members also met with the staff of the Chuuk Financial Control Commission, as well as Chuuk Women's Council members and President Christina "Kiki" Stinnett.

On Wednesday, Stayman and Edwards held an out briefing during their stop over at Pohnpei International Airport. Attending the meeting was U.S. Ambassador Peter A. Prahar, Deputy Chief of Mission Lori P. Dando and embassy staff, FSM Department of Foreign Affairs Deputy Secretary Jane Chigiyal, and FSM Office of Statistics, Budget, Overseas Development Assistance and Compact Management (SBOC) Director Fabian Nimea.

Astronomical Tide Prediction June 13, 2011 - June 26, 2011

	Pohnpei		Chuuk	
Monday	06/13	06/20	06/13	06/20
	01:09AM 3.9	05:34AM 3.9	12:47AM 2.1	04:02AM 2.1
	08:07AM 1.0	12:30PM 0.8	10:00AM 0.0	12:15PM 0.2
	01:42PM 2.5	06:29PM 2.6		05:01PM 0.4
	07:02PM 1.1	11:38PM 1.5		07:21PM 0.3
Tuesday	06/14	06/21	06/14	06/21
	01:53AM 4.2	06:04AM 3.6	01:13AM 2.3	04:17AM 1.9
	08:53AM 0.7	01:01PM 0.9	10:18AM -0.2	12:20PM 0.3
	02:31PM 2.5	07:12PM 2.6		05:28PM 0.5
	07:46PM 1.0			07:35PM 0.4
Wednesday	06/15	06/22	06/15	06/22
	02:34AM 4.4	12:19AM 1.7	01:43AM 2.4	04:21AM 1.7
	09:34AM 0.5	06:33AM 3.3	10:41AM -0.3	12:18PM 0.3
	03:14PM 2.5	01:32PM 1.1		
	08:27PM 0.9	08:04PM 2.6		
Thursday	06/16	06/23	06/16	06/23
	03:13AM 4.5	01:10AM 2.0	02:14AM 2.5	04:07AM 1.5
	10:12AM 0.4	07:01AM 2.9	11:05AM -0.3	12:14PM 0.4
	03:54PM 2.6	02:05PM 1.2		
	09:07PM 0.9	09:10PM 2.7		
Friday	06/17	06/24	06/17	06/24
	03:51AM 4.5	02:34AM 2.2	02:45AM 2.5	03:17AM 1.3
	10:49AM 0.4	07:33AM 2.6	11:28AM -0.2	12:08PM 0.4
	04:33PM 2.6	02:46PM 1.3		
	09:46PM 0.9	10:30PM 2.8		
Saturday	06/18	06/25	06/18	06/25
	04:27AM 4.4	05:13AM 2.1	03:14AM 2.4	01:49AM 1.3
	11:24AM 0.5	08:35AM 2.2	11:48AM -0.1	11:58AM 0.3
	05:11PM 2.6	03:41PM 1.4		
	10:23PM 1.0	11:39PM 3.0		
Sunday	06/19	06/26	06/19	06/26
	05:02AM 4.2	07:10AM 1.8	03:40AM 2.3	12:44AM 1.4
	11:57AM 0.6	10:58AM 2.0	12:04PM 0.0	11:28AM 0.2
	05:49PM 2.6	04:48PM 1.4	04:48PM 0.3	
	11:00PM 1.2		06:58PM 0.2	

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The Go Local Agroforestry and Health Improvements Evaluation is Launched

By Chizuru Seki, Island Food Community of Pohnpei

The evaluation survey for the Go Local Agroforestry and Health Improvements project was started on June 2nd, 2011, by the Island Food Community of Pohnpei and its partner agencies, College of Micronesia-FSM Cooperative Research Extension, Pohnpei Forestry of the Pohnpei Department of Land and Resources, and Pohnpei Agriculture of the Office of Economic Affairs, and target communities.

The target communities in Pohnpei are: Rohi, U; Mand, Madolenihmw; Rohi, Kitti; Eirke, Nett; and Enipein, Kitti.

Ms. Michelle Larson, a Public Health graduate student from University of Arizona, arrived in Pohnpei on May 27, 2011, to assist in this evaluation. It involves interviewing representatives of participating households in all the target communities in Pohnpei.

The 2-year Go Local Agroforestry and Health Improvements project started last year, 2010, involving five communities in Pohnpei as well as in Mwoakiloa atoll along with communities in Yap, Chuuk and Kosrae.

The goals of this project are:

1. Increase production and consumption of selected agroforestry food crops in selected target communities.
2. Raise awareness about the cultural, health, economic, environmental and food security (CHEEF) benefits of using these traditional food sources through the use of mass media.
3. Develop and maintain a gene bank of rare varieties of local foods focusing on giant swamp taro, banana and pandanus.
4. Deliver workshops to community members to increase the use of appropriate technologies for small-scale food processing such as energy-efficient charcoal ovens.

By increasing awareness of the health benefits of growing and consuming local foods, there is great potential to protect the traditional agroforestry, which has been shown in the past to have great sustainability, and to im-

prove diet, lifestyles and health.

In 2010, the baseline survey was conducted in order to understand communities' typical eating patterns, varieties of tree crops, health knowledge and waist circumference, which is an important health indicator for overweight and obesity. Workshops were also given on the Project Concept and the importance to grow and eat more local food. A demonstration of the local charcoal oven was presented. An oven was given to people of the communities to try this simple, healthy, environmentally friendly and inexpensive way to prepare meals.

In 2011, planting materials were distributed to increase varieties of local crops in each community. In addition to those questions on the baseline survey, the evaluation survey included questions on whether they received any planting materials from this project, whether they have used a charcoal oven, and the benefits brought into their community through this project. After the evaluation surveys are completed, the surveys information collected will be compared to the information from the last survey to show the effect this project has had on the communities.

IFCP would like to thank for its participating communities for their generous contribution to this project as well as its partner agencies and the funding agencies: US Forestry, Secretariat of the Pacific Community Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees, and Australian AUSAID Small Grant Scheme.

Watch out for the trans fat, it can harm your health

By Chizuru Seki, Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Have you ever heard of trans fat? It can harm your health and increase risk of heart disease.

You may be amazed how abundant trans fat (also called trans fatty acids) is in your life. The majority of trans fat can be found in shortenings, stick (or hard) margarine, cookies, crackers, snack foods, fried foods (including fried fast food), doughnuts, pastries, baked goods, and other processed foods made with or fried in partially hydrogenated oils. Shortening (also known locally as crisco) is one of the most frequently used type of fats in Micronesia. It is commonly used to deep-fry doughnuts. To limit or discontinue the use of shortening is important to protect our health and the health of our family.

Where does trans fat come from?

Trans fat is formed when liquid vegetable oils go through a chemical process called hydrogenation, in which hydrogen is added to make the oils more solid. Using hydrogenated fats is very common in manufacturing of foods and restaurants because they allow long shelf-life and give food a desirable taste and texture. Some trans fat is found naturally in small amounts in various meat and dairy products; however, it is the trans fat in processed food that seem to have more harmful effects on the body.

Why trans fat is so bad for your health?

The biggest concern with trans fat is its unhealthy effect on cholesterol level. It increases LDL ("bad") cholesterol and decreases HDL ("good") cholesterol. LDL ("bad") cholesterol transports cholesterol throughout your body. When the LDL level is high for a period of time, it can cause an accumulation of fatty deposits on the wall of the arteries, which affect the blood flow and can be resulted in a heart attack or stroke. On the other hand, HDL ("good") cholesterol collects excess cholesterol throughout the body and brings back to the liver for disposal.

Can we avoid trans fat?

The American Heart Association recommends having dietary trans fat at less than 1 percent of your total daily calories. The trans fat content is listed separately on the Nutrition Facts panel of all packaged foods. It is required by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the United States. Consumers should pay attention to the Nutrition Facts panel for trans fat content to avoid those processed food containing trans fat.

Keeping fat intake low could help you stay away from trans fat. Frying food is common in Micronesia, but it adds unnecessary fats and calories. Frying food in shortening is the worst healthy way of cooking. There are many alternative ways to frying, which use much less oils: stir-frying, roasting, grilling, boiling, baking, poaching, sautéing and steaming. If you can't avoid frying to prepare a traditional dish, use oils which are lowest in saturated fats, trans fat and cholesterol (canola oil, olive oil, safflower oil, sesame oil, soybean oil and sunflower oil) instead of shortening. Also, focusing on fish rather than chicken would be better choice. Fish and nuts are better fat sources because they contain unsaturated omega-3 fatty acids with monounsaturated fats, which have a positive effect on your health.

Too much fat can harm your health. However, fat performs an important role in your body, and a healthy diet should include some "good" fat-unsaturated fat, and remember there is a limit.

References: Mayo Clinic and the American Heart Association



Members of Rohi, U Community, happily showing their local foods, meet on June 2, 2011, at the Go Local Agroforestry and Health project evaluation, led by the IFCP and partners.

Four ECE teachers are first ever FSM participants and graduates of APTC in Fiji

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

June 7, 2011

Pohnpei, FSM—The FSM’s first ever graduates of the Australia-Pacific Technical College School of Health and Community Services took part in a graduation ceremony at Yvonne’s Hotel conference room this evening at 5:30. The graduates each earned a Certificate III in Children’s Studies after studying in Nadi, Fiji for the last six months.

The graduates were Salter Alten, Elizabeth Miguel, Bailey Moses, and Laura Shed each of whom work in Pohnpei’s Early Childhood Education department either as administrators or as teachers.

Ms. Eileen Olney, Community Services Teacher from the APTC School of Health and Community Services represented the school at the graduation and acted as Master of Ceremonies at the ceremony.

Ambassador Martin Quinn addressed the students and congratulated them on their success, “it certainly is not easy to get back into a classroom and start taking courses after being in the workforce. I commend you the efforts that you put into obtaining your certificates today.”

“You are now going to be the “trainers” who teach other ECE classroom teachers about the new techniques for classroom management and how to use some new assessment tools that will certainly help to make your programs more effective,” he said.

“The work that you do through the ECE program is so important, because you are helping parents care for their children and are getting the children ready to have a successful start to their formal education. Your work is the foundation that these children grow from, and for that, we should all be thankful to you.

“I want to acknowledge the scholarship support through APTC that facilitated this group. Australia is a committed development partner for the FSM, and this program is one way in which our assistance for the improvement of education in Micronesia can be seen.”

Ambassador Quinn concluded his remarks by once again congratulating the graduates for completing the course and expressed confidence that “ECE teachers here in Pohnpei will benefit from your experiences and knowledge, with the end result of raising up the educational standards of Pohnpei State.”

Bailey Moses spoke on behalf of the graduates. He spoke about the value of the course that he said would be invaluable for him in his duties. He said that when his wife, who also works for ECE asked him about the program he thought of Thomas of the Bible. “You have to see, smell and touch to believe how good it was,” he said.

He said that he and his two roommates had to find places to study each evening because there were no adequate tables and chairs on which to study. It was his only complaint about his experience.

He talked about the challenges of dealing with children of different social, religious and language backgrounds but that he came away as a more patient, self controlled, confident, active and loving teacher as a result.

“The most precious gift of all is our children,” he said. He challenged parents and teachers alike to develop their children to their fullest potential.

The school has been in existence since 2008 at which time participants from Nadi, Fiji and Port Vila, Vanuatu took part in Early Children’s Services class.

During the following year students from Tonga and Samoa participated in training on Community Services work. A second class of students took part in training in Vanuatu with students coming from Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, and Nauru.

In 2010 an international group of student converged in Nadi, Fiji to participate in the Children’s Services certificate program. The graduates from Pohnpei participated in that class. Another international group studied in Suva, Fiji.

In Vanuatu two separate groups studied for the certificate including students from the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Tonga and Vanuatu outer provinces.



APTC Graduates

Deadline

For submissions of articles, advertisements, community service items and other items for the next issue of The Kaselehlie Press is:

June 22, 2011

K.P. Crazy Corner

Island Inspiration: It sure makes the day longer when you come to work on time!

English 101: Some people have a way with words, others have not way.

think about it: Never hire a cleaning lady named Dusty

Me Time: It’s been nice but I have to SCREAM now

Mama Says: a clear conscience is the sign of a bad memory...

Daffy Definition: Tact - A tool for people who aren’t witty.

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