

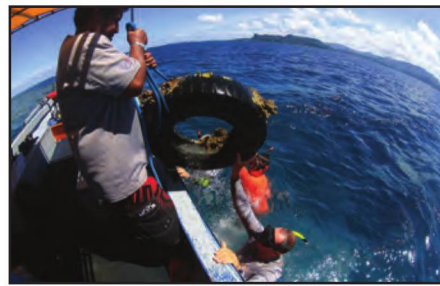
Dive operator raising awareness of the effect of carelessly discarded trash on Pohnpei's ocean ecosystem

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

November 26, 2017

Pohnpei—Allois Malfitani of the Pohnpei Surf Club is in Pohnpei's waters at some point nearly every day. He has loved the ocean since long before he began to make his living as a surfing, diving, and fishing guide. It's in his blood and his blood boils when he sees the effect of humans on the environment.

"During the fishing tournaments, even 10 miles out there's so much trash," Malfitani laments. He said that he took some people out diving today and even from the boat he could see all of the trash in the water and when one of his customers came up from his dive he had a piece of plastic



stuck to him.

He often takes garbage bags out with him and picks up trash wherever he finds it. It's unfortunate that he seems to find it everywhere.

On Wednesday of last week he put out a

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All photos by Simon Williams

White Ribbon Walkabout attracts hundreds committed to ending gender violence

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

November 25, 2017

Pohnpei—Several hundred people showed up at Mangrove Bay Bar to participate in the "White Ribbon Walkabout", a "fun run" through the streets of Kolonia to raise

awareness about the Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. The theme for this year's walkabout was "Youth Building Peace: Activism for Human Rights".

Indeed, many children participated in this year's walkabout, many of whom walked long distances to join in the walk.

As in years past, the walk

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Pohnpei AG to announce the formation of a White Collar Crime Investigation Unit

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The Kaselehlie Press

November 30, 2017

Pohnpei—Dana Smith, Pohnpei's Attorney General says that on Monday he will officially start the White Collar Crime Investigation Unit.

He said that the unit will consist of one prosecutor, one investigator, and researcher. The duties will be added to the duties of current staff members at the AG's office. Tracy Ardos, who is studying to take the Certified Fraud Examiner test soon, will be the head of the unit. He said

the purpose of the unit will be to seek compliance. Ardos will report directly to the Attorney General.

He said that the AG's office will be present when containers destined for local merchants are opened in order to compare the contents with the cargo manifest and bill of lading. The unit will seek enforcement of tax law and will investigate labor law violations.

The unit will have no overlap with the duties of the Public Auditor or the Department of Public Safety.

Pingelap government still struggling with financial issues audit shows

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

November 30, 2017

Pohnpei—Pohnpei's Office of the Public Auditor has released the results of an audit to help the then new Mayor to determine the cash status of Pingelap as of September 30, 2016. The audit says that the total budgetary revenues available for the Pingelap Municipal Government (PMG) in fiscal year 2016 amounted to \$124,232. The review found that as of September 30, 2016, Pingelap had approximately \$12,943. The figure is approximate because management was unsure of the amount due to unreliable financial reporting, because of un-updated records and balances and lack of review and reconciliation of the Municipal books with the bank records.

OPA had previously been engaged to audit PMG financial and accounting activities for the period October 1, 2012 to March 31, 2014. But due to the lack of financial and accounting records, they declared PMG to be un-auditable at that time.

"PMG has made some progress and improvement in the management of its financial records," the summary of the audit said. "Our auditors are now able to trace and verify financial transactions presented in the combined journal of deposits and cash disbursement."

The auditors noted that there still is much room for improvement in the cash receipt and cash disbursement activities. They were still not making receipts for every cash payment received and accounts were

Trial for first set of criminal charges against former Pohnpei Chief Justice begins

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Pohnpei—The prosecution has presented its opening statement in the first set of criminal charges filed against former Chief Justice Benjamin Rodriguez. The government alleges and intends to try to prove that Rodriguez illegally used government money to pay for travel for a personal medical referral to the Philippines, used government money to pay a personal medical bill, and collected payment from the government for trainings, seminars, and conferences that were fully funded by non-government entities.

"Your Honor, this case is about public corruption, involving a breach of public trust and/or abuse of position by government official," Pohnpei's prosecutor said in his opening statement.

The defense presented no opening statement at all.

Justice Anson is presiding over the hearings. So far the prosecution has presented two witnesses.

The hearing has been continued until December 18 at which time the prosecution will present further witnesses.

When the prosecution's witnesses have all been heard, the defense will have opportunity to present its witnesses.

An initial hearing on a second set of criminal charges against Rodriguez regarding alleged theft of bail money, covering up bail money, and obstruction is also set for December.

Rodriguez is innocent of all charges unless proven otherwise in court.


not reviewed and reconciled in a timely fashion. Filing and retention of records was apparently still a problem. Issuance of checks was not always supported by documentary evidence to properly justify disbursements of funds.

It said that a detailed review of available cash receipts showed that \$305 of the cash collections had not been deposited and that the Treasurer could not provide any explanation. It also said that auditors had found that one check had been erroneously processed through the bank twice incurring an unnecessary service charge of \$25. Due to insufficient funds in the Municipality's bank account the bank did not pay the

amount of the check out again. Had the PMG been reconciling their bank accounts in a timely fashion they would have detected the error but they did not.

Auditors chalked up the difficulties to the Treasurer's lack of training and also a lack of oversight by management. They recommended that PMG provide personnel with relevant training.

The audit also found that PMG has not taken corrective measures to fully resolve the findings and recommendations identified in the Management Letter dated June 29, 2015 when they found the government to be un-auditable.



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Pohnpei Rotary Club raises over \$11,000 for scholarships and other community support

Pohnpei Rotary Club

November 11, 2017

Pohnpei—The Pohnpei Rotary Club’s Annual Quiz Night was held on November 11, 2017 at Cupid’s Restaurant. It was a rousing success.

21 tables of six players each competed for cash and prizes. Contestants at the tables try to answer basically irrelevant trivia questions. There is a lot of yelling and joking, and then things usually get out of control. If it weren’t for the efforts of the brave and selfless moderator, the night would descend into total anarchy.

The top prize was \$100.00 per person for the winning table. This year the winners were Nathan Bonnice, Mellyann Mallarme, McClaine Gilmete, Lara Studzinski, Aaron Nighswander and Rob Boylan. Congratulations to these trivia buffs.

The competition was hard fought and there was even a playoff round for second place.

In addition to the trivia competition, there were raffles including a 50/50 raffle and a raffle for lots of goodies donated by our sponsors. There were also a few auction items that could be bid on and won.

A highlight of the evening was the drawing for the raffle of two round trip United Airlines tickets to locations in Micronesia and Asia. That was a big win for a \$5.00 ticket. There were 500 tickets sold. A United Airlines representative pulled out the lucky tickets at quiz night. The lucky winners were Frankie Harriss and James Harry.

Thank you United Airlines for the sponsorship.

We want to thank all those in attendance for their generous support to all of the activities going on. For the Rotary Club this is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The Rotary Club in conjunction with Vital Petroleum awarded \$20,000.00 in college scholarships for this school year, and Rotary also has a separate scholarship program where it awarded \$12,000.00 in college scholarships this year. The scholarship programs are ongoing and a large portion of the money raised will go to the scholarship programs.

We are also involved in public service programs. We just recently gave sporting

goods equipment to Pingelap, and the club helps to organize the annual spelling bee for local Pohnpei elementary schools. A new program we are to starting to assist is to combat rheumatic heart disease in Pohnpei, which is a serious problem. We are looking at purchasing some testing units to diagnose this problem in grade school children. The most recent testing was in Kitti.

All in all we want to let people know the money you generously contribute is going to be well spent.

Additionally, we cannot do this type of fundraiser without support from a lot of sponsors. I want to thank all of our sponsors who made this evening a success:

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We also want to thank the staff and management at Cupids for all their help



in putting the event on, along with all the members of Rotary Club who put in extra effort beyond the call of duty to make this evening a success. All told, the raffle, donations and quiz night itself raised just under \$11,000.00. It was a great evening and a beneficial one also. Thank you to everyone.

We also sell calendars for 2018 for ongoing projects.



Chuuk Continues To Promote Solid Waste Management through JICA Partnership Program

JICA

A new project entitled “Improvement of Solid Waste Management in Pacific Island Countries-The Cooperative 2R Promotion Project in the State of Chuuk, FSM” (hereinafter referred to as “the Project”) under JICA Partnership Program (JPP) in Collaboration with Hachioji City Government has launched this November. The duration of this project will be from November 2017 to February 2020. The main objectives of the project are conservation of clean environment through ongoing 2R activities and establish waste collection routines. Chuuk State Environmental Protection Agency will be the counterpart organization to promote the concept of the 2R (reduce and reuse) principle as well as consolidating the waste collection system and install organic waste disposal units with cooperation of local communities.

The Team met with two other relevant agencies contributing efforts to this project and they are the Chuuk Public Works & Transportation and Chuuk Women Council (CWC). In collaboration with

Chuuk EPA, the Chuuk Public Works & Transportation operates and maintains the waste collection system. The members of Chuuk Women Council are practicing the principle of the 2R (Reduce and Reuse) by forming a sewing group who can fashion reusable shopping bags out of used clothes. This group of women also holds a market day on the last Fridays of every month to sell used items as well. These activities help prevent used clothes and other items as well as plastic bags from going to the landfill and will eventually contribute to future legislations on the ban of plastic bags.

The Team also visited Pohnpei on November 13-14 and paid a courtesy call to Mr. Antholino Neth, Acting Secretary of Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management (DECCEM) and Ms. Patricia Pedrus, Sustainable Development Planner and Embassy of Japan to introduce the objective and main activities of the project as well as expected outcomes and results. The Team then moved to Chuuk on November 14-22 to begin the

Japanese Ambassador commends JICA Alumni Association for work in the FSM

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

November 17, 2017

FSM—Japan's Ambassador to the FSM, Ryoichi Horie hosted a reception at his home as a "celebration party" for a commendation that he awarded to the JICA Alumni Association (JAA) during their annual meeting in Chuuk on November 8.

The commendation was the first ever presentation by a Japanese Ambassador to the FSM. It was awarded in order to acknowledge JAA's "outstanding contribution to the promotion of mutual friendship between Japan and the FSM over the years."

The commendation was presented to Mr. Simpson Abraham and other board members of JAA-FSM in Chuuk and again at his residence in Pohnpei on November 17.

FSM's Acting Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Samson Pretrick, Ambassador Horie, and Simpson Abraham gave speeches during the evening.

The Ambassador's commendation is awarded to individuals or group of outstanding achievements in international fields to acknowledge their contribution to the promotion of friendly relations between Japan and other countries. The Commendation also aims to promote the understanding and support of the Japanese Public for their activities. This time, the Commendation was awarded to JICA-Alumni Association in the Federated States of Micronesia. JAA in FSM is playing

a very active role within their respective communities. There are over 593 FSM citizens who have attended JICA trainings overseas and are recognized as members of the JAA in FSM and 129 active members as of today.

Ambassador Horie recognized the importance of the association and the role it plays in the FSM not only for promoting the social welfare of the local communities' people, but also the mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and FSM.

The JICA Alumni Association of the FSM or JAA-FSM was chartered and established on November 3, 2006 as a non-profit corporation with the purpose of gathering and creating friendship among JICA alumni and volunteers within and outside of the FSM; developing relationships between JICA and alumni with the frames of the Official Development Assistance Program of Japan; and, supporting economic, cultural, scientific and technical cooperation between the FSM and Japan.

Since its inception in 2006, former JAA-FSM President Moses Pretrick established a chapter in each respective States as one of their activities for FY2013. The Kosrae Chapter was established on November 23, 2013, followed by the Chuuk Chapter on January 25, 2014, followed by the Yap Chapter on March 16, 2014.

JAA supported numerous activities in each of the respective states in FY2016:

In Pohnpei, a Waste Survey Activity was conducted at Nett Point on November 11,

Good fish landed at 14th Annual Budweiser Tournament

For several days before the 14th Annual Budweiser Tournament, the weather had been threatening to be too dangerous to have a fishing tournament. But at the dawn of November 18, the sun rose bright and clear. The 16 boats that registered were rewarded by fair weather and a fair number of good sized fish.

Each boat that registered and that came to the weigh in received a case of Budweiser and free t-shirts for the crew. Thanks Budweiser and Ambros, Inc.

The format was a Catch-5 where the boats competed against each other to land at least one of each of the following species, Billfish, Mahi Mahi, Wahoo, Skip Jack Tuna and Yellow Fin or other tuna.

Only one boat managed to catch all five. The same boat caught the only qualifying billfish of the day, a 70.5 pound sailfish. Congratulations to Happier Hookers

captained by Kumer Panuelo.

With a total of 139.6 pounds of fish and five species caught, "Happier Hookers" grabbed the first prize worth \$400. "Pohnpei Surf Club" pulled in three species for a total weight of 82.2 pounds of fish and the \$300 second prize. "Happy Tuna" also landed three species for a total of 53.1 pounds for the third prize of \$150.

There were also prizes for the biggest fish of each species. Each of those anglers won a \$100 prize for their catches. Alloys Malfitani landed the largest Yellow Fin Tuna at 57.3 pounds. Kumer Panuelo's 14.6 pound Mahi Mahi scored him a prize. Thomas Beckman got a Skip Jack that was also 14.6 pounds for a win in that species category. Kumer Panuelo also scored a prize for his 70.5 pound sailfish. Dane Nighswander continued his series of wins with a 27.1 pound Wahoo.

Congratulations to all of the winners. Many



2016. In collaboration with JAA-Pohnpei, JICA-Volunteers, Micro-Japan Club of COM, Environmental Protection Agency in Pohnpei, and Nett District Government, a total of 100 trash bags were collected. In collaboration with JICA, OEEM and EPA, the later placed signs imploring visitors to not litter on each side of the beach.

In response to the Kosrae Governments declaration of State of Emergency for the outbreak of the ZIKA Virus and Dengue Fever on November 1, 2016, JAA-Kosrae collaborated with the public health to clean

up the community to help to eliminate the breeding of mosquitoes there.

In Yap, a Community Clean-up at Okeefe was organized by JAA-Yap in collaboration with EPA-Yap, COM-Yap, and the community to clean up the most popular, yet most polluted tourist attraction in Colonia.

JAA supported those activities by directly participating or co-sponsoring them.

thanks to Mangrove Bay for hosting the weigh in, and to all of the people that helped: Bill Pendergraft, Francisco, Tina Arnold, Uta Krause, Jim Tobin, and all of Kumer's guys. We couldn't do it without you.

The library raised over \$900.00 this year from hot dog and sausage sales at the weigh in. Some of the books bought for the library were on display. Pohnpei Fishing Club is a proud sponsor of the library.

Many thanks to our sponsors Budweiser and Ambros/Shimbros.

I am sure we will be seeing a lot of people proudly wearing the shirts around town.



This is our last tournament of the year. Happy holidays to all fishermen and women.

The Annual General Meeting will be set some time in January, and we have a full lineup of tournaments scheduled for next year.

See you then.



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request on Facebook and elsewhere for volunteer divers and snorkelers to pick up trash on a part of Pohnpei's reef. He said that he was really impressed with the response from people, both locals and expats who wanted to help. CSP offered to provide trash bags. Local businesses and individuals called with offers to help fund the cleanup. He said that this time he had it all covered and ready to go this time but that he was really impressed with the interest in the issue.

On Saturday, November 25 four divers and eight snorkelers showed up. Malfitani provided enough tanks for each of the divers for two dives. He said that they took off from where the ships are anchored in Dekehtik and drifted with the wind and currents from Sokehs Pass, the Pohnpei Port main channel, toward Palikir pass over the course of three and a half hours. During that time, the volunteers picked up so much garbage from the reef that there was barely enough room for the passengers to get back into the boat.

The trash included old tires, bicycle parts, shoes, clothes, cans, and bottles--a veritable potpourri of reef killing, man caused detritus.

He said they could only clean within line

of sight. They had to leave a lot of trash there either because it had already grown into the reef or just because there was so much of it a diver would not have been able to come back to the surface because of the weight of it. He said that maybe next time he might use salvage balloons to help bring back some of the heavier items.

On the day after the reef cleanup he took customers to Ahnd Atoll, a beautiful marine preserve. He and two of his customers each took one large trash bag each and filled them to nearly overflowing within a matter of minutes. "Rosa Willy Hawley and his family and staff members constantly clean the island," he said, "but the trash keeps floating in from Pohnpei's main island." He said that the entire shore at the high water mark on the Pohnpei side of the island is covered in trash that insensitive people carelessly throw away without thinking about it at all.

"Cleanups like these won't solve the problem," he said. "This is just a Band-Aid. What needs to happen is for people to realize that just because they can't see the trash they throw away doesn't mean it doesn't exist anymore. It goes somewhere."

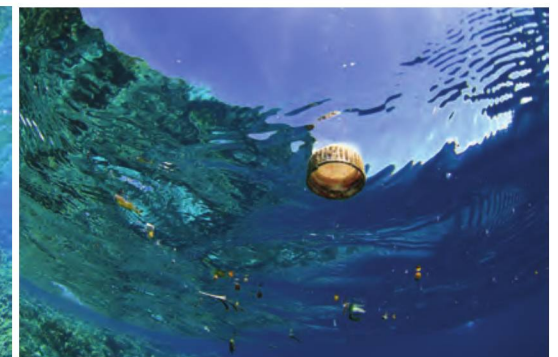
He said that more than anything he wants to make people aware that

everything they carelessly discard goes somewhere and that it is having a huge impact on Pohnpei's ocean ecosystem.

"It's just going to take some time—maybe generations," he said. "When I was a kid in Brazil it was acceptable to

throw your trash on the streets. Now it's unacceptable but how long did that take?" He asked. "It was 40 years, maybe more before people understood."

He said that he hopes it doesn't take Pohnpei that long.



Hot dogs magically transformed to books!

Fishing club members and Pohnpei Public Library board member Uta Krause with brand new books purchased for the library from the proceeds of hot dog and sausage sales during Pohnpei Fishing Club tournament weigh-ins. "Please buy a hot dog at the next weigh-in. It makes a difference," Krause says.



FSM Social Security Taxable Wage Base to Increase on January 1, 2018

FSM Social Security Administration

FSM— FSM Social Security Administration hereby reminds the general public that per Public Law No. 16-10, the taxable wage base is scheduled to increase from \$7,000 to \$8,000 on January 1, 2018.

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providing a means whereby employees may be ensured a measure of security in their old age and given an opportunity for leisure without hardship and complete loss of income. Further, to provide survivors' insurance for wage earners and their dependents.

The increase is part of several amendments that were enacted to improve the short term as well as long term viability of the program.

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route was grueling, starting with the big hill that heads up to the circumferential road from Mangrove Bay Bar, then through Kolonia to the Spanish Wall and back again.

Charges de' Affaires, Eliza Woolcock of the Australian Embassy said that while the fun run is exactly that—fun, the more important thing was that while the runners participated in the event with their T-shirts on, onlookers would be reminded of the importance of eliminating domestic violence. She told the crowd of supporters that this year's walkabout was especially important in light of the recent passage of the "Domestic Violence" Act.

Susanna Sohs also addressed the crowd in Pohnpeian. It was clear that she was happy about the passage of the domestic violence act.

The special guest speaker was Senator Shelten Neth, Chairman of the Health and Social Services Standing Committee of the Pohnpei Legislature. Neth is credited with having re-introduced a version of the bill



that ultimately did pass with amendments after nine years of trying since it was initially introduced.

"The subject of violence in our family settings is not new to Pohnpei State. It has been with us as long as we have inhabited these islands," he said. "The notion that women are chattels (and item of property) is a central part of other cultures, including ours. In like manner, the subjects of sexual crimes and how to deal with them have been before the Legislatures of Pohnpei since the advent of self government in the early days of the Trust Territory. The topic was always there, but it was only discussed in hushed whispers. Why could we not speak out loud about it? Perhaps the answer is as simple as Pohnpei pride. That's our custom; that's our tradition; that's our way of life."

"...I am proud to say that attitudes are changing. Today, we are not afraid to challenge our own beliefs, our own prejudices and our own intolerances. This Bill makes us stand before the comity of nations (an association of nations for their mutual benefit) and the world stage - that we are a nation who is not afraid to speak out, that we are not a backward society, that we respect a significant measure of decency, and that we refuse to tolerate abuse of power, and violence against women.

"...Through this bill, we can now expect that victims of domestic violence and sexual



assault are given access to the services that they so desperately need. The motivation for this legislation is to make our families whole again, and that leads me to relay to you the curious story of what happened to this legislation on the very day it finally passed the Legislature. In the form I introduced this legislation, it was called the "Family Safety Act" and the crimes listed down in the bill were referred to as "crimes of family violence". All through the public hearings and into the committee executive sessions, the legislation retained this name and its references to family violence.

"The concept of family, constitutes the very foundations of our customs and traditions as a people. Soon many of us began to reflect within ourselves on the true meaning of the Pohnpeian term peneinei. Family is not the very essence of who we are. Family is not a singular unit under a singular roof. Our families are large; they are extended; they reach across entire communities. When problems occur in a singular home, it is our extended families who come to our rescue. They are our support; they are our strength; they are our liberators from the ravages of internal conflicts.

"Let's not use the term "family violence" in Pohnpei. Instead, let us refer to conflicts in the home as 'domestic violence'. An amendment was offered to the bill to this effect, it was approved by majority vote of the full Assembly, and now we have the Domestic Violence Act of 2017.

"And so, my friends, the Legislature has spoken: Families are not the problem. Families are the solution.

"That action was taken more than two weeks ago. This evening we are gathered together to campaign against ---not only domestic brutality --- but all forms of gender-based violence. As we are hearing on the internet news just this week, sexual assault and sexual abuse is also prevalent in the work place and even is alleged to be occurring between adult men and minor teenagers in stores and shopping malls. It appears that concerns about sexual attitudes and sexual misconduct reach all the way to the White House itself, both past and present.

"A new call must come out of this year's 16 Days of Activism. Gender-based violence must be stopped whenever and wherever it is occurring ---- in the brothels, in the homes, in the work place and on the street," Senator Neth concluded.

After Senator Neth's lengthy speech, the crowd participated in a Zumba warmup before swarming up the hill to spread the message that gender violence must be eliminated.

As runners and walkers returned, Woolcock asked them each to take a white flower and drop it into the lagoon as a symbol for all the people who have suffered from domestic violence.



Two FSM citizens sworn in to practice law in Guam

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

November 23, 2017

Guam—Two FSM citizens originally from Chuuk have recently earned the right to practice law in Guam after they passed the exam that allowed them to be admitted to the bar in that jurisdiction.

Debrah Ann Mori Retuyan earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Public Administration at the University of Guam. She later attended Thomas M. Cooley in Ann Arbor, Michigan where she earned a Juris Doctor. Retuyan interned at the Embassy of the FSM in Washington D.C. after which she returned to Guam where she currently works in the Prosecution Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Guam.

Maximo Mida spent his early years on Wonei and Udot before he moved to Pohnpei where he attended first through sixth grades at Kolonia Elementary. His family moved to Hawaii in 1986. He graduated from Mililani High School there. He enlisted in the US Coast Guard after High School where he became one of the services elite helicopter rescue swimmers. At the school he “learned that nothing is impossible to achieve if you put your mind to it,” he said.



While in the Coast Guard, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science from Chaminade University in 2008. Retiring honorably from the Coast Guard after 20 years he then graduated in 2017 with a Juris Doctor from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego.

He has passed both the FSM and Guam bar exams and currently works at the Law Firm of Ramp and Mida.

He says that he has two beautiful children, four year old boy named Makai and a four month old baby girl named Meraki. He is currently engaged to be married to Agnes Billimon.

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Grave and avoidable injustice: Islands to perish from Climate Change Impacts says FSM Vice President at COP23 meetings in Bonn

That island nations are at the forefront of impacts of climate change and therefore are the proverbial “canary in the coalmine” was the message of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) at the negotiations in the Global Conference on Climate Change (COP23), held in Bonn from November 6-17, 2017.

As islands are already facing devastating impacts and continually seeking ways to adapt to climate change, leaders like the FSM Vice President, the Honorable Yosiwo P. George, continue to call on leaders of the developed countries to take responsibility and leadership in their own countries to curb their destructive emissions of carbon and other greenhouse gases.

The Honorable Vice President George spoke on behalf of the Government and his delegation to the Climate Change Conference consisting of members of the executive branch, legislative branch, and non-governmental organizations and partners at the international and national level. In his call for leadership, he outlined the following specific actions to facilitate global action:

1. Strengthen your resolve to keep global temperature rise to below 1.5 degrees Celsius.
2. Redouble your efforts to use every means possible to support climate protection
3. Make a sincere promise to protect the countries and communities that are most vulnerable
4. Support and encourage parties for an effective Talanoa facilitative dialogue
5. Support the Adaptation Fund to serve the Paris Agreement
6. Support the Loss and Damage to become a permanent agenda of the subsidiary bodies.

“There is some progress at the global level to gain commitment from developed countries to curb emissions and the FSM assists to take lead in negotiating some of these arrangements like the Kigali amendment which will lead to a reduction of 0.5 degree in global temperature by the end of the century” said the Honorable Vice President George. The FSM Government remains diligent in its efforts to push for island issues with Fiji as the COP President, along with other

island nations within their island nation coalition called the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).

As the talks wrapped up at COP23, the FSM President, His Excellency Peter M. Christian, took forward the global efforts on the Kigali Amendment within the global framework under the talks on Ozone Depleting Substances, held in Montreal Canada the week after.

Furthermore, the FSM and AOSIS continue to commit to their role of keeping the issues of climate change at the forefront and holding countries to their commitments under the Paris Agreement. “Any slip by developing country parties from delivering on their commitments could result in devastating impacts to our islands and we must not let that happen,” said Secretary Andrew Yatilman of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management. The FSM takes what it can from the global talks but Vice President George emphasized FSM’s view of the gravity of the situation for islands, “To allow even one canary to perish – to sink below the rising seas or to be swept away by a violent storm – is a grave and avoidable injustice.”

Yap Fishing Club Derby


COLONIA, YAP FSM- The fish are biting so the Yap Fishing Club is hosting another fishing derby on December 9th.

The derby is supported by Vital FSM and there are some fantastic prizes on offer. The categories include a Big Fish competition with prizes in each category such as Yellow Fin, Wahoo, Mahi Mahi, Skipjack, Barracuda and Trevally. There is also the Most Weight and Most Species categories.

Each boat that enters will receive \$100 worth of gas vouchers. Please note, this is a trolling tournament, there is no bottom fishing or drop stoning allowed. The tournament starts with check in on Saturday at 6am to 7am.

Registration is open now until 4.30pm on Friday 1st November. Entrance fee is \$50 for non-members and \$10 for Yap Fishing Club Members. There is over \$1500 of prizes up for grabs so make sure you sign up now.

For more information, please phone 691.350.8990 or email kim@ycc.fm.



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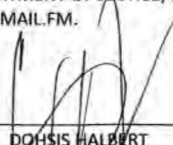
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Moran Eye Center from the University of Utah makes fourth visit to Micronesia

By Dr. Sandra Wang-Harris

University of Utah's Moran Eye Center in partnership with Mahi International Foundation (www.mahi-intl.org) and the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs returned to Micronesia for their 4th visit and outreach from October 17th through November 6th 2017. This year's focus was centered on Pohnpei State Hospital's first ophthalmologist Dr. Padwick Gallen and eye outreach in Chuuk State. The visit began with Moran Eye Center's Dr. Eric Hansen training and supervising Dr. Gallen in the most modern techniques of cataract surgeries. They completed over 16 modern day cataract surgeries known as phacoemulsification making him the first Micronesian phaco-trained ophthalmologist in the FSM.

The following two weeks (October 23rd through November 3rd) was spent with a team of eye care professionals led by Dr. Craig Chaya, state outreach nurses and community health workers. The team traversed by boat the small islands around Chuuk Lagoon: Tonowas, Udot, Pata, and Toll, Feichuuk. The team screened and

examined the people every day, gave out spectacle glasses and identified patients that needed surgery for the following week. The second week was focused in Weno and continued with full eye examinations, prescribing spectacle glasses and medicines as well as completing surgery for those who needed it. In total, 978 comprehensive eye exams were completed, 940 reading glasses were given to patients as well as 170 prescription ophthalmic glasses. 55 patients were treated with laser surgery while another 250 patients underwent surgery for various conditions including cataract, pterygium and other treatable causes of eye blindness.

The last week of the visit was spent in direct supervision and training of Dr. Gallen at Chuuk State Hospital where he successfully completed another 20 phaco cataract surgeries.

Eye care for any nation is critical for the economic and social welfare of its people not only for education, but for daily working and livelihood. The Moran Eye Center at the University of Utah and Mahi International is committed to the people of Micronesia and long-term sustainable eye care. This has been shown in the more than \$500,000 spent on eye care in the FSM over the last 4 years which does not include the time and resources from some of the leading experts in vision and ophthalmology of the United States.

Along with the satisfying accomplishment of direct care by the visiting team this past month, perhaps one of the most notable achievements was the presentation of a



Moran Outreach Team with local Chuuk United personnel (United Airlines has been a major sponsor for 4 years)

National Eye Care Plan to Mr. Marcus Samo, Deputy Secretary of Health, FSM. In order to continue this vital work of sustainable eye care for all Micronesians, the National Eye Care Plan needs the full support of the state and federal governments. With the support of the FSM government and the state governments, eye care for all Micronesians is reachable and obtainable.

Letter to the Editor

Secession?

Dear Editor:

I write this letter as an open letter to the Chuukese. I tried to discern the motive for the Chuuk secession, but I just cannot find it. I do not see any human right violation or heard of any genocide committed by the FSM government officials in Chuuk. Usually the justification for secession movement is systematic violation of human rights, genocide or ethnic cleansing committed by national officials (as in Kosovo, Southern Sudan, and other places). Chuuk is plagued with social and administrative problems, but it is all internally brewed. None of these problems are fomented by national officials or officials of the other states. The blame seems lie squarely with Chuuk state officials.

If Chuuk secedes, it will take all of these internally created problems with it. It owns all of its social and administrative problems. Chuuk officials complained almost incessantly about the formula used to divide Compact I funds, but Chuuk's share was larger than individual share of the other states. All the three other states benefited from Compact I funds. They at least improve their infrastructures, but Chuuk did not have anything to show for its share. It just simply gobbled up its share of the funds.

I think the main impetus of the secession movement was to get more funds for Chuuk from its own Compact with the United States. Chuuk also want its own foreign aid money. Later in this letter, I will discuss the possibility of Chuuk negotiating its own Compact of Free Association with the United States and getting foreign aids from other

countries.

The other day I read a posting on Face Book detailing the preparation for the plebiscite to take place next year. I am surprised that the Chuuk administration is pushing for secession from the Federated States of Micronesia. Under the FSM national constitution, no state can secede. A proposal was introduced in 1975 Micronesian Constitution Convention, which drafted the FSM Constitution, to allow the state to secede in the first fifteen years under the constitution. Because of the importance of this issue of secession to national unity, the Convention created a special committee consisted of traditional leaders and chairmen of all the district delegations. The special committee considered this issue of state secession and what it reported out as a special committee proposal, which the Convention adopted, was a provision that prohibit secession. This special committee proposal became Section 3, of Article XIII (General Provision) of the FSM national constitution.

Section 3, Article XIII of the FSM constitution reads as follows:

"It is the solemn obligation of the national and state governments to uphold the provisions of this Constitution and advance the principles of unity upon which this Constitution is founded."

When Chuuk voters approved the FSM constitution in the 1978 Trust Territory-wide referendum, Chuuk state assumed this "solemn obligation" to support, uphold, and advance the principles of unity in the Federated States of Micronesia. This "solemn obligation" is a perpetual and irrevocable public commitment assumed by Chuuk state as the successor to the Truk District in the

Trust Territory.

When this current Chuuk separation movement is viewed from the point of view of FSM constitutional and the FSM national sovereignty, it becomes an attempt to commit crime against the national government and national sovereignty. Under international law, this national sovereignty is indestructible, indivisible, permanent, and continuous. According to Calhoun (2014, pp. 230-300), "it is an entire thing. To divide it is to destroy it." This Chuuk state separation movement is not only unconstitutional, it is violating international law.

Chuuk state is definitely in breach of its "solemn obligation" under Section 3 of Article XIII of the FSM constitution, and I think FSM Department of Justice should investigate the secession movement for possible infringement on national security law.

This secession movement is all about money. Chuuk wants a new Compact that would provide more funding. Would the United States agree to negotiate a new Compact with a new state born out of unconstitutional means? Would the United States even recognize the existence of such a state? The United States experience with Chuuk under the first Compact was not good at all. Because Chuuk's misused of Compact I grant funds led the United States to imposed JEMCO on the FSM during Compact II. With the assistance of JEMCO, Chuuk has had some major infrastructure funding. Even today with JEMCO, Chuuk still face huge challenge in providing education, health services, and public safety. The United States would probably be extremely reluctant to recognize an unlawfully created and failing state.

How about foreign aid from China?

No countries in the world provide foreign aid before establishment of diplomatic relations. China would probably viewed Chuuk in the same way it viewed Taiwan: a renegade FSM state. It is unlikely that China and other foreign countries and international organizations would see Chuuk as a legitimate country because it achieves independence by unconstitutional means and it breaks international laws as well. It is a double whammy for Chuuk. It faces a problem of legitimacy, both domestically and internationally.

Finally, I am appealing to my good Chuukese friends who support this secession movement to stop wasting your time and resources on an unconstitutional movement, and start reforming your state administration to prepare for the termination of the amended Title Two-Economic Relations of the Compact.

The public education and health services need major improvement. The school buildings need major renovation, adequate textbooks and desks for students, and most importantly, trained and qualified teachers. The state hospital and all the state dispensaries need adequate supplies of medicine.

Obviously, Chuuk state needs to fund education and health service improvement programs; and not diverting its public fund to an unconstitutional secession movement.

Thank you very much and I remain
Sincerely yours,
John R. Haglegam
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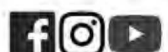
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Since the auditions on 29 September when over 250 children and some adults tried out their acting and singing skills in front of the Directors and each other, the successful 30 member cast that was chosen for the parts, have been rehearsing three times a week to make the pageant "the best ever".

Funke and Sandra Wang-Harris) will distribute tickets, with only a small number of tickets available at the door.

There will be three performances available for your viewing pleasure which will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Gymnasium on Saturday 9 December (1pm and 7pm) and on Sunday 10 December at 3pm. The shows will be free to the public, but tickets are strictly limited. The US Embassy, Kolonia, along with the Board Members (Kristi and Wayne Parker, Natasha

Grab your friends and family and come support your fellow friends and classmates performing in the show – the only disappointment you will feel is if you miss it!

Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor presents fraud awareness training to government leaders



Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor

November 30, 2017

Pohnpei—On November 30, 2017 The Office of the Pohnpei State Public Auditor, Compliance Investigation Division conducted a Fraud Awareness Program for Pohnpei Government officials. The activities of the ongoing program have included conducting training on fraud and corruption and how it impacts government operations. The participants in today's training included the Pohnpei Governor's Office, Pohnpei State Legislature, Pohnpei Supreme Court, all the Municipal Governments, and several other participants in management.

Government agencies and the public can work together to fight corruption and fraud. They also distributed promotional materials including t-shirts, bumper stickers, posters, and lanyards to the participants.

The video and promotional materials were funded by Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman under the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT).

FSM's Office of the Public Auditor's (OPAs) objective has been to raise public awareness through their community outreach program by educating the entire community, inclusive of government departments on the impact of fraud, corruption and suspicious activities. The OPAs aim is to empower the community to be able to identify and correctly report these activities supporting the prevention of fraud and corruption.

This is part of Pohnpei State OPA's effort in doing proactive prevention work. The Pohnpei OPA also introduced an awareness video produced by Micronesia Productions to educate the public on fraud and corruption and how the OPA Office,

Employment Opportunities



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia's National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Program, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward FOUR NATIONAL FOOD INSPECTORS/COMPETENT AUTHORITY (CA) INSPECTORS based at the FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs (FSMDHSA) (ONE in Kosrae, FSM; ONE in Yap, FSM and TWO in Pohnpei, FSM) and reporting to the Head of National Food Safety Inspection Program or his designate. The CA Inspector services include:

GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

- To provide regulatory inspection and certification services to fishing industry vessels and establishments within Federated States of Micronesia in accordance with the National Food Safety Act (PL 7-116), Subsidiary Food Safety Regulations, associated amendments, as well as the National Control Plan (NCP) and other CA System documents;
- To provide advice to other organizations with regard to the safety of fish and fishery products.
- Perform routine inspection of food facilities and vessels engaged in receiving, storing or preparation of food and food products for commercial import or export and recommend regarding the formal approval of establishments and vessels;
- To perform sampling and testing as required in the NCP and the National Monitoring Plan and Regulation
- Effective and accurate recording and reporting of CA official control activities;
- Enter ports of entry, detain and search vehicles/vessels at such port of entry and examine and take samples of articles and anything which is capable of being used for such preparation, packaging, storage, sale or conveyance;
- Collect evidence, samples of suspected food, obtaining statements and preparing reports;
- Act as witness in support of the charges against offenders of the National Food Safety Act and Regulations;
- Assist in developing and implementing training programs in Sanitation Management and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) for the food industry;
- Assist States with relevant education activities, surveys/investigations during outbreaks, conduct food inspections/recalls.
- Other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelors degree in food science, health, fisheries or related field. Associates Degree may be acceptable if proven extensive relevant experience.
- 2 years experience in food safety inspection, management, sanitation or related work
- Fluency in the English language.
- Good written and oral communication skills including basic computer skills.
- Proven ability to work independently and under limited supervision with strong attention to detail.
- Willingness to work outside conventional working hours.
- Good people skills
- Strong commitment to sanitation and hygiene.



The incumbent shall undergo one (1) year of field work to be administered by the CA Team Leader. The incumbent must also attend, complete and pass the biennial national food safety and health certification training course and examination.

DURATION and REMUNERATION

The position will be full-time for an initial two (2) year period. Salary will be based on the Local Labor Market Payscale and/or depending on qualifications under a Contract with FSM NORMA.

APPLICATION

The FSM NORMA invites submissions by electronic and/or hard copies of a) Letter of Interest, b) CV, c) support Degrees/Certificates and d) 3 reference letters to NORMA no later than December 08, 2017. Selection will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition). Full Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from: NORMA, FSM National Government
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