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International Women's Day 2017 Celebrated In Pohnpei

Pohnpei Women's Advisory Council

March 9, 2017

Pohnpei--The Pohnpei Women Advisory Council (PWAC) celebrated International Women's Day in Pohnpei from March 4-8, 2017. PWAC, is the umbrella organization for women groups in Pohnpei, with 31 groups and over 2,000 members.

The theme for this year's International Women's Day, is: "Pledge for Parity" - translated in the local vernacular as: "Poasoahniki Wahu oh Utuht Pene Pwe En Kak Kairada Epwel Pahrek, Ohnopek oh Soanamwahu ohng Kapwukoah kan me Poahsoane Ieias Mwahu en Ohl, Lih, Peinakapw oh Mwanakapw akan nan Pohnpei. (Engin Kehlap) "

On Saturday, March 4, members of PWAC organized a clean-up outside the Pohnpei State Hospital and planted trees and flowers. On Sunday, March 5, PWAC visited the patients at the hospital and inmates at the Pohnpei State Jail, conducted prayer services and provided hygiene kits, food and donations. A workshop was held on Monday, March 6 for during which the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, FSM Department of Health, State Social Affairs, State Department of Health and UN Joint Country Presence were invited to present on their current activities and how they can work in partnership with the PWAC.

Tuesday, March 8 was celebrated at the Pohnpei Track and Field, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with speeches, display of arts and crafts, agricultural and marine products with traditional and modern dances. The

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Pohnpei files civil action against Chief Justice Rodriguez

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

March 7, 2017

Pohnpei—Today the Pohnpei Attorney General's office (AG) filed a civil suit (PCA 154-17) in the Pohnpei Supreme Court against that court's own Chief Justice seeking financial remuneration and declaratory judgments on a variety of claims.

The claims in the Civil Action correspond with the claims the AG made in its letter to the Pohnpei State Legislature (PSL) suggesting a possible impeachment action against the Chief Justice.

No members of the Legislature that we attempted to contact on the actions it has taken on the letter have returned our numerous requests for comment.

Four of the counts in the Civil Action against the Chief Justice are for "Breach of Fiduciary Trust".

"Defendant Benjamin Rodriguez, because he is the Chief Justice of the Pohnpei Supreme Court, owes a fiduciary duty to Pohnpei State Government and the people of Pohnpei to act at all times with the utmost care, honesty, undivided loyalty, good faith and fidelity in his management of dealings with and use of public funds in the Pohnpei State Treasury," the AG claims in the civil action.

The first count of "Breach of Fiduciary Duty" in CA 154-17 claims that in April of 2011, the Chief Justice approved a travel authorization (TA) for his wife in the amount of \$2,142 so that she could accompany him to Manila during a medical referral that was covered by MiCare. The suit claims that the trip was not for business but for personal convenience and personal benefit. It alleges that a total of \$5,902.58 was expended from the public treasury for travel allowances received by the "defendant and his spouse".

CA 154-17 claims that Pohnpei is entitled to "compensatory damages in the amount of \$5,902.58, punitive damages, interest and such other damages as may be proved at trial."

Count two alleges that a State government check was

issued in 2011 in the amount of \$322.20 to Genesis Pharmacy for the defendant's personal medical bill.

Count Three says that during the period of 2009 through 2016, Chief Justice Rodriguez attended 12 Pacific Islands Education Programs with the US Government funding all or part of the travel expenses. It alleges that he also received travel benefits in the form of "stipends" or per diem paid by the State Government.

It also claims that during that period of time, the Chief Justice also attended approximately 13 conferences that were funded in whole or in part by the Pacific Judicial Council. It claims that the defendant also received travel benefits in the form of stipends or per diem from the Pohnpei State Government for those trips.

The Civil Action also says that it intends to prove that the defendant "attended other training programs, conferences, workshops and seminars and traveled for other purposes where travel benefits for his participation were funded in whole or in part by the sponsors of the events. It claims that he also received travel benefits in the form of "stipends" or per diem from Pohnpei State Government for those trips.

The AG is asking the court to require the Chief Justice to pay back all of the funds it alleges that he may have wrongfully received along with interest and attorney's fees.

The biggest return of allegedly lost revenue that the AG is asking for in the civil action is the return of \$123,857 along with 1400 missing cash receipts that according to a Pohnpei State Auditor's report went missing in fiscal years 2010 to February 27, 2014.

Those missing funds are a matter of criminal proceedings against two former court employees. That case is still being prosecuted at the Pohnpei Supreme Court and defendants are presumed innocent

unless otherwise proven.

The Civil Action also asks for Declaratory Judgment to close down an account that it alleges that the defendant illegally opened in 2009 and still maintains at the Bank of Guam. An audit conducted by Pohnpei State Auditors in 2014 said that the account violates Pohnpei State law. According to the Civil Action, the account was still open and active as of January 2017. It asks the court to issue a Declaratory Judgment directing defendant Benjamin Rodriguez to deposit all Supreme Court revenue into the Pohnpei State Treasury.

It's not clear if any justices at the Supreme Court could hear the case since all of the justices work directly for the Chief Justice.



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FSM voters go to the polls—Dual Citizenship again fails to pass voter scrutiny

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

March 10, 2017

FSM—On Tuesday of this week FSM voters turned out to vote for their representatives for the two year seats at the FSM Congress and also to vote on the question of whether or not the Constitution should be amended to allow its citizens to have dual citizenship.

This afternoon, the National Election Commission sent a letter to President Peter Christian with the certified results of the election.

In his letter to the President, Tony Otto, National Election Director wrote that the

reason that the results were a bit delayed was because the State of Chuuk didn't send its results in until late this afternoon.

The proposed Constitutional amendment to allow dual citizenship failed to pass. For a Constitutional amendment to be added, 75 percent of the votes in 75 percent of the states need to vote "yes" to amending the Constitution. 85 percent of Kosrae voters voted for the amendment. Pohnpei's votes fell short of the standard by 4.79 percent. Only 61 percent of Chuuk's voters approved the amendment and in Yap, it was only 52 percent.

Kosrae's representative to Congress for the next two years will be incumbent Paliknoa K. Welly, who ran unopposed for the seat.

Pohnpei has three two year seats. Incumbents Ferny S. Perman and Esmond Moses will occupy two of those seats. Dion G. Neth will take the seat currently occupied by Senator Berney Martin.

Chuuk has five two year seats. Voters chose, Florencio Singkoro Harper, Victor "Vicky" Gouland, Tiwiter Aritos, Doresio Konman, and Robson Romolow to take those seats.

Once again Isaac V. Figir will take the two year seat for Yap.

This year's election offered voters the opportunity to potentially seat the first two women to serve in the FSM Congress.



Though the women made good showings in the election, voters did not choose them.

Pohnpei accuses State employee of theft of \$5,000

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

March 6, 2017

Pohnpei—On February 14, 2017, Pohnpei State filed a criminal information against Penny Jimmy, an employee of the Department of Education.

The Kaselehlie Press previously reported from information obtained from the Executive Branch, that Jimmy had been arrested in August of 2016 after a police investigation claimed that "Jimmy may have funneled over \$400,000 dollars' worth of Department of Education purchasing contracts for supplies into a company that he owns."

The information we published then said that criminal charges would be filed on the basis of the investigation within a month of the arrest but charges weren't filed until February 14. When they were filed the charges surrounded only \$5,000 of personal gain. Apparently the difference in the two amounts is that the \$5,000 is the profit he allegedly made on sales from his personal business to Pohnpei State that may have totaled approximately \$400,000.

working for the State was to purchase copy products. The criminal information accuses him of purchasing those supplies from his own company at a profit.

The four other charges are "Use of State Property for Information", "Cheating", "Grand Larceny" in the amount of \$5000, and "Misconduct in Public Office".

Mr. Jimmy has not had his day in court and is innocent unless it is otherwise proven in court.

The State has accused Jimmy of five counts related to activities between 2009 and 2015. The first count accuses him of having outside employment which under the public service system is against the law for the type of contract he had with the State. The charge says that while he was the Assistant Director for the School Improvement program he was also the sole proprietor of a business that sold Duplo Copymaster products. One of his responsibilities while

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Pohnpei Port pilots demand fairer pay for the risks that they take or they will stop services

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

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Pohnpei—The services of Pohnpei's pilots are required to help bring in the large ships that supply vital supplies to Pohnpei such as fuel, groceries and other supplies. Though a letter to Pohnpei Port Authority said that the pilots would stop services as of March 3 unless an agreement can be reached but they agreed to keep working until after the public hearing. At issue is the allocation of fees for pilotage services under a new proposed Pohnpei Port Authority contract with the pilots.

The proposed contract with the licensed pilots proposes the same percent of revenue share for pilotage services that the operator grudgingly agreed to five years ago according to a letter dated February 27, 2017 from Ramp & Mida Law Firm which is representing the pilots. PPA proposes to again take 60 percent of the pilotage fee and give 40 percent to the pilots who perform the service, according to the letter that KPress received late yesterday afternoon.

A public hearing on the matter is scheduled

for the period of time during which the KPress will be preparing for print. PPA has not had opportunity to comment.

The letter asking for a public hearing on the proposed contract said that when the pilots began operating in 2000, the fee share was 90 percent for the pilot and 10 percent for PPA. Sometime in 2012, PPA changed its regulations and contracted pilots were able to collect 40 percent of pilotage revenues while PPA took 60 percent of those fees. Independent pilots received only 30 percent of pilotage fees collected for vessels entering the harbor that required a pilot.

According to the letter, the contracts have all expired and all pilots have been receiving only 30 percent of pilotage collections.

The letter reminded the PPA Board that pilotage is a highly skilled profession, rife with liability. It says that the new proposed contract requires the contractors to indemnify the port for any liability that might occur while the pilots provide their services, leaving the Port itself with no liability. Further the contractors must independently supply for their own health insurance and tax burdens. It said that while, during the last five years

the pilots were obliged to provide services under the 40-60 allocation, it has begun to cause an undue hardship on the operators, "as the risks they continue to undertake as part of their profession are outweighing the compensation received by their efforts."

"The Pilots take great pride in providing an essential service to PPA and to all vessels entering the Main Harbor of Pohnpei. However, the current allocation between PPA and the Pilots for pilotage charges does not adequately reflect how essential this service is to Pohnpei State. PPA has the power to amend, modify or waive the current regulation dictating that the Pilots receive forty percent of the charges for pilotage service. The Pilots formally request that this policy is changed back to the original division of charges, with ten percent of the charges being retained by PPA and the balance being remitted to the Pilots," the letter says.

Editor's note: The letter and the information in it is late breaking news. We apologize to PPA and to readers that we had no data on how much annual income for pilotage services are collected by PPA on an annual basis, and that we had no opportunity to contact PPA for comment before press time.

Governor gives first State of the State address – contents on the Internet

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

March 9, 2017

Pohnpei—This morning, Pohnpei's Governor Marcelo Peterson delivered his first State of the State address in Legislative chambers. The address included an exhaustive list of accomplishments and challenges in every department of the Pohnpei State Government.

He spoke in the Pohnpeian language, and the speech was broadcast live on State Radio V6AH. He also provided a copy in English for us to share on our website and on Facebook. The text of the speech is entirely too long for us to print in The Kaselehlie Press but it can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KPressFSM/. It can also be found on our website at www.kpress.fm.

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FSM Government files Human Trafficking charges against a Pohnpeian and an American

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

March 1, 2017

Pohnpei—On February 8, the FSM government filed charges against two men for human trafficking charges, specifically involving the prostitution of minors under the age of 18. William Chunn, a Pohnpeian taxi driver with K&M Taxi of Pohnpei is charged with 33 counts, and Joseph Parisi, a ship captain from the United States is charged with 13 counts.

An affidavit provided to the FSM Supreme Court by Sergeant Kasner Aldens of the National Police said that he was tasked early in the year to conduct investigations on human trafficking cases involving under age victims. His affidavits were very specific about the alleged events that led to the charges against both men. In the case of Parisi, the details went so far as to list the denominations of currency that were allegedly used to complete the transactions.

Chunn is charged with multiple counts for several transactions involving the alleged recruitment, transportation and transference of minors for sexual favors in exchange for money.

The criminal information filed against Chunn claims that on February 8, Parisi called K&M Taxi and asked for Chunn to come to the Seven Stars Hotel where Parisi was staying at the time. Aldens' affidavit said that Parisi asked Chunn to "bring him a chick". It claims that Chunn returned with a 16 year old victim who sat in his taxi until after Chunn had received \$50 from Parisi, allegedly for delivering the girl to him after which he went to the taxi and told her to go inside.

The affidavit says that the two ultimately had sex after sharing a pizza together and that he paid the victim, who told him she was 17, \$200 in the form of one \$100 bill and two \$50 bills. After some time, Chunn came back and picked the victim up. The affidavit says that she gave Chunn the \$100 bill representing it as payment from Parisi. The two went to Amcres gas station where Chunn allegedly used the bill to pay for \$20 of gas. He reportedly kept \$30 and gave the victim \$50. The victim kept the rest of the money she hadn't reported to Chunn.

Parisi's description of events is expected to differ substantially from Aldens' affidavit.

Chunn's charges include several other occasions where the details were not quite as detailed as in the case of Parisi.

The first affidavit says that sometime in 2016 Chunn picked up "child victim 1" and "child victim 2" in his taxi. An unknown male was aboard. He drove the passengers to Tropic

Helicopters and picked up another unknown male. He then drove them all to the former Rumors bar and dropped them off. "Child victims 1 and 2" had sexual intercourse with the two unknown males on the concrete floor of the former bar on blankets the two men had brought with them. They received \$40 each from the men. Chunn came back and picked the two men up at which time "child victims 1 and 2" left Rumors on their own.

Aldens' affidavit said that in December of 2016, Chunn drove his taxi with two unknown males aboard and picked up two child victims at the FSM Telecom headquarters. It says that he then drove to the back of the JG store near the PAMI building. After their arrival, one of the unidentified men and one of the victims got out of the taxi while the other two had sex inside the taxi. When they were finished, the other two got in and had sex. Afterwards, one of the males handed one of the child victims \$50. The other male handed the other child victim an unidentified amount of cash. One of the child victims handed Chunn \$30 in cash after which Chunn drove the victims back to Telecom and then drove away with the unidentified males.

In another incident described in Sergeant Aldens' affidavit, Chunn allegedly picked up another child victim near the Spanish Wall in December 2016. An unknown male passenger was aboard. Aldens testifies that he then drove them to the dredge site in Daini, Sokehs and left the victim and the unknown male inside. They had sexual intercourse. The child victim allegedly paid Chunn \$10 and the unknown male also paid him \$10.

Pending trial both men were released on their own recognizance with certain pre-trial release conditions including that both men were to stay 100 feet or more away from minors except that Chunn was permitted to have contact with his children.

On February 22, Parisi moved from Joy Hotel where he had been staying to a cottage at Ocean View. On that same day Aldens showed up with a search warrant that could not be executed on that day. He told the owner of Ocean View that he had to search the place because Parisi "was going around the island having sex with minors", an assertion that Parisi claimed in an affidavit was not true. The owner refused access and the National Police parked a vehicle at the end of the driveway from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

On February 23 at 8:30 in the morning, Parisi and his attorney waited for the police to serve the warrant and conduct their search. They confiscated his laptop and his only cell phone. His attorney told Parisi to buy a new cell phone and text the number to the attorney, which he did.

At about 6:15 that evening, according to a filing by Parisi's attorney, Parisi went to Ace Office to buy some groceries. Parisi was in the back of the store buying vegetables and talking on his cell phone to Anne Vitt when he noticed Sergeant Aldens rapidly approaching him. The filing claims that Aldens asked a woman who was nearby what her age was. She replied that she was "twenty-something" and wanted to know why he had asked. Aldens allegedly told her that Parisi was not allowed around minors within 100 feet. He then told an older gentleman the same thing and said that he was going to arrest Parisi which he did.

According to the filing requesting an emergency hearing, Parisi said that he was merely buying groceries but that Aldens waved his arm around the store saying that the store was full of minors though he didn't point one out. He would not allow Parisi to call his attorney saying that he could do that after he was at the jail when he was being questioned. Parisi was made to wait in line while Aldens made his own grocery purchases after which he was taken to the jail.

An emergency hearing did take place in late February during which the father of the 13 year old minor who was in the store at the time testified that Parisi had walked by them but that he had never made contact and that he seemed only to be shopping. The

government argued that they felt that Parisi had violated the terms of his pre-release by coming within 100 feet of a minor and that as a result he should be jailed until trial but was agreeable to amending the terms of the pre-release. The defense argued that Parisi had not made contact with a minor and that his being in the presence of a minor in a public place was purely unintentional, and that the conditions of the pre-release were almost impossible to live up to if one is to live on a small island.

The Court agreed with the Government that Parisi had violated the conditions of his pre-release but that the violation was unintentional. The new pre-release provisions apply to both defendants and allow them to be in proximity of minors in public places such as the hospital, the bank, the grocery store and other public places so long as no contact is made with the minors but stipulated that they must separate themselves from minors as soon as reasonably possible. It additionally banned contact with minors by cellphone, other electronic devices, or through third parties. Chunn is still allowed contact with his minor children. It also established an 11:00 PM through 7:00 AM curfew for both defendants.

Joe, Ichiko and Anne Vitt agreed to house Parisi and the court released Parisi from jail under their supervision.

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Chuuk State Legislature Approves \$3M for New Chuuk Campus

(Palikir, Pohnpei) – The Chuuk State Legislature approved in its April 2016 session, a \$3,000,000 contribution for the construction of a new Chuuk Campus at the proposed Nantaku site on the island of Weno. In a memorandum released by Chuuk State Governor Johnson S. Elimo on October 6, 2016, he congratulated the Chuuk State Legislature for its enactment of Act No 13-18 which the Governor signed into law and designated as Chuuk State Law No 13-16-09.

The Governor also stated that this shows the commitment of Chuuk State’s basic

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Sea cucumbers play key ecological roles in the marine environment

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Sea cucumbers are a vital part of the Pohnpei marine ecosystem. They offer a free cleaning service for our sea floors, keep ocean acidity levels in check, and share a symbiotic relationship with dozens of other sea creatures. However, due to their stationary lives in shallow waters, sea cucumbers can be easily collected for commercial profit. If harvesting strategies of sea cucumbers are not managed properly, they can be rapidly overfished, leading to “boom and bust fishing.” In fact, a single “harvest impulse” can impact the resource to the extent that there are not enough adults (brood stocks) left in the wild to be able to rebuild their natural populations. If this occurs, it can take years, if not decades before sea cucumber harvesting activities can resume. In some cases, restocking the harvested grounds will only be possible through reseeded with aquaculture-raised individuals: a very difficult and expensive task. Although impulse harvesting may generate short-term revenues for the local economy, it will likely jeopardize any hope for long-term returns and put at risk the health of sea cucumber populations and the reefs and waters they inhabit.

Other than the harvesting impacts, removing too many sea cucumber individuals from their natural habitats, notably the soft-bottom and reef ecosystems, can lead to much degradation of the ecosystem in which they live. A large number of exploited sea cucumber species are deposit-feeders, gathering organic detritus and sediments from the bottom substrate. Like earthworms, sea cucumbers swallow the sediment and extract the organic matter as the sediment travels through the gut. This process contributes to the marine environment by “cleaning” the sediment of various debris and microorganisms (bacteria, microalgae, etc.). Deposit-feeding sea cucumbers play the role of a person who regularly sweeps and mops a floor to keep it clean. If this activity ceases, the floor will rapidly become sullied and uninhabitable. The volume of sediment transiting through the guts of sea cucumbers is remarkable. It is estimated a single sea cucumber can process 4 to 37 pounds of sediment per year. Imagine the tonnage of sediment that is being processed on a yearly basis!

Sea cucumbers are also known as major “bioturbators”. Bioturbation refers to the process of overturning and reworking sediment layers by organisms. This activity mixes the surface and sub-surface sediment layers, which increases the permeability, as the sediment becomes more porous and less compact. This enhances the exchange at the water-sediment interface leading to higher oxygen supply in deeper sediment layers. In turn, this has beneficial effects on the infauna (organisms

living within the sediment) community.

Another advantage of maintaining the presence of high densities of sea cucumber populations in their natural environment is their potential to modify the seawater chemistry. At a local scale, through their feces, sea cucumbers can increase the seawater alkalinity, which means that the seawater can become less acid. The oceans are slowly acidifying through global climate change. Acidification of the seawater will potentially have drastic long term effects on the degradation of the coral reef structure since acid dissolves the coral rock. By helping to prevent seawater from becoming more acid, sea cucumbers contribute to protect the reef structure itself.

Sea cucumbers are also the host to many small species of various taxonomic groups who either live on the body wall of sea cucumbers or inside the individuals. Without the sea cucumbers as a host, many of these creatures would simply be absent from the ecosystem. In turn, this variety and range of species forming symbiotic relations with sea cucumbers increase the total ecosystem biodiversity.

Finally, sea cucumbers serve as food supply to a number of predator species, thereby acting as a link between the microalgae and organic detritus (the sea cucumber diet) to the consumers of the higher trophic levels. Many of these predators are themselves fished by humans. In this way, sea cucumbers form an indispensable link in the marine food chain and their absence could have a cascading effect on other fisheries. In other words, without sea cucumbers we may have fewer fish to eat!

In summary, sea cucumbers offer many services to their ecosystem, notably: improving sediment quality, modifying the water chemistry, increasing biodiversity, and offering a link in the transfer of energy to higher trophic levels in the marine food webs. It is likely that large-scale depletions of sea cucumbers through excessive fishing will affect the productivity and diversity of the soft-bottom and coral reef habitats. Fisheries managers should consider these ecological benefits when developing and implementing policies relative to sea cucumber harvest. It could even be debated that the economic returns gained by protecting the sea cucumber stocks would largely outweigh the profits obtained when exploited unsustainably.

For more information relative to this subject refer the following scientific paper:
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...Women's Day

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FSM First Lady, Mrs. Maurihna Christian, delivered the keynote address while Governor of Pohnpei, Honorable Marcelo Peterson gave special remarks. First Lady Christian congratulated PWAC for organizing this year's IWD and encouraged the Pohnpeian women to continue their efforts, by joining with other FSM women and other countries, to promote gender equality. The same sentiment was echoed by Governor Peterson.

PWAC in partnership with the Pohnpei State Department of Education, launched an art and essay contest with the schools in Pohnpei. Participating in the art and essay contests were ECE to 8th graders. The State Department of Education and PWAC, will host a separate awards ceremony for all the student winners. The names of the student winners will be published in the next KPress.

"This year's event was a great success", says PWAC President Susana Sohs. PWAC would like to recognize the following individuals, government and businesses for their support in making this year's IWD a reality:

- Senator Berney Martin
- FSM National Government
- Pohnpei State Government
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- Micronesia Productions
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Apply now for the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Fund



Background:

The establishment of the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Fund was inspired by the work of one of Micronesia's conservation pioneers, William Charles Raynor, known to many as Bill Raynor. Bill Raynor (Feb. 22nd, 1957-Sept. 1st, 2015), former Director of The Nature Conservancy's Micronesia Program, first came to the region as a Jesuit volunteer on the island of Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). As a long-time resident of Pohnpei, Bill became extremely involved with Pohnpeian culture and customs; and as a result he earned a Pohnpeian honorific title, Soumadau en Pei ni Eng Eih—Lord of the Altar of the East Wind. He was considered a true Pohnpeian; he spoke the language fluently and was revered as a bona fide Pohnpeian agroforestry expert.

Not only did he adapt to and become involved with the culture, he also dedicated his life to supporting and improving Micronesians' quality of life through his work. For over 30 years, he engaged in significant and meaningful conservation work across Micronesia. Among his many pioneering efforts, he helped launch the Conservancy's program in the region. He also helped to establish/strengthen several non-governmental organizations in Micronesia, that are now leading conservation and sustainable development work in the region. As a sponsor and founding member of the Micronesians in Island Conservation (MIC) Network, Bill was committed to identifying and nurturing emerging conservation champions from across the region. He was also instrumental in establishing the Micronesia Challenge (www.micronesiachallenge.org) and the endowment fund associated with the initiative. Over the course of approximately three decades, Bill supported and mentored emerging environmental leaders who have the passion and the potential to continue the conservation initiatives and maintain the Micronesia Challenge commitment that he and the other conservation pioneers helped establish in the region.

Bill lived life, including his end of life, on his own terms—fully, with love and with a commitment to others and to the world. In his honor, the Micronesia Conservation Trust and its many partners are pleased to announce the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Fund.

Applying for the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Fund:

The Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Fund aims to contribute to the development of effective conservation of Micronesia's biodiversity and the promotion of sustainable livelihoods across the region. This scholarship provides an opportunity for individuals from Micronesia to undertake either a Master's or Doctorate degrees in any resource management/conservation field at various institutions within the Pacific Region to include universities in Guam, Hawaii, Fiji, Japan, New Zealand or Australia.

For more information or for an application form, please contact Ms. Lisa Andon at deputy@ourmicronesia.org. Application forms and more information are also available on MCT's website at <http://www.ourmicronesia.org/>.

For an application to be eligible for review, it must be accompanied by all required documents stated on the application form. Applications with incomplete supporting documents will not be considered for review and late applications will not be accepted. Please send all application documents to: deputy@ourmicronesia.org or mail to: Micronesia Conservation Trust PO BOX 2177 Kolonia, FM 96941 Attn: Lisa Andon (envelopes must be post marked by March 31st to be eligible).

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Water Sanitation Management in country Supplementary training in Pohnpei

JICA

A 3 year capacity enhancement training by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) entitled "Water Sanitation Management" was implemented in Okinawa, Japan, since 2014 and the supplementary in country training was held in Pohnpei in January 2017 at Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC) conference Room. The training was conducted by Okinawa Environment Club (OEC), to monitor and inspect the actual situations happening here in Pohnpei and how it has been treated. The trainees learned how to enable the monitoring of leachate/wastewater to be carried out constantly by confirming, on site, the meanings of monitoring implementation and monitoring plans.

Kwajalein Atoll Joint Utilities Resources (KAJUR) and Majuro Water and Sewer Company (MWSC) also attended the 4 days training along with the participants from Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC), Pohnpei Environmental Agency (EPA), Pohnpei Waste Management Services (PWMS), Kosrae Island Resources Management Authority (KIRMA), Kosrae Department of Health, Kosrae Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, Chuuk Public Utility Corporation (CPUC) and Chuuk Environmental Agency (EPA).

One of the participants both in Okinawa and Pohnpei, Mr. Norlin Livaie from Kosrae Department of Health Services, commented that he had a great opportunity to have professional lecturers in the field of water management and it was somewhat indeed needed to our small islands to participate in this training.

Mr. Kuniki Shimoji, a lecturer from OEC and the participants visited the dumpsite in Dekehtik and the sewage plant in Kepinle, to collect leachate samples from Dekehtik and water from the sewerage plant. Afterwards,

the collected samples were tested to examine the volume of (PH), Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) and Transparency.

Ms. Ayako Yoshida JICA Project Formulation Advisor (PFA) represented Mr. Shinji Shibata JICA Resident Representative (RR) to congratulate and award the participants with certificates for those who attended training in Okinawa and to appreciate the partnership and collaboration each of the organizations have with JICA. Certificates for the training in Pohnpei were handed over by Mr. Shimoji. He advised the participants to continue and apply the knowledge they obtained in the training.

Mr. Robert Hadley Acting General Manager of PUC also congratulated all the participants who completed the 3-year training and encouraged them to continue the work they learned and appreciates JICA for conducting the training, and for all the aid they have been providing in the FSM.

The training was surely productive for participants and hope that it contributes to sustainable environment in the FSM.



Improving understanding of oceans and tides in the North Pacific

Pacific Community (SPC)

6 March 2017

Majuro, Marshall Islands— In a first for the North Pacific, the Marshall Islands Weather Service will host an Oceans and Tides Workshop this week (6-10 March) in coordination with the Pacific Community (SPC) in an effort to increase knowledge, technical capacity, understanding and application of ocean science for improved decision-making and disaster preparedness.

Developed and funded through the Australian Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific (COSPPac), the workshop, held at the Marshall Islands Resort, also includes participants from Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Kiribati.

As Director for Marshall Islands Weather Service, Reginald White reports, "In RMI, communities continue to witness sea level rise, extreme king tides, and more frequent severe inundations, so being able to better monitor and forecast

oceans and tides enhances our ability to make more informed decisions as well as provide more accurate advisories and warnings to the vulnerable coastal communities of RMI."

The week-long training will be facilitated by ocean science experts and trainers from SPC, the Australian Bureau of Meteorology and the University of the South Pacific (USP).

Participants will receive practical training on sector-specific applications of ocean information and online tools, including tide calendars, tide gauge data, and the COSPPac Ocean Portal.

The COSPPac Ocean Portal provides updated information on sea surface temperature, wave forecasts, surface current forecasts, coral bleaching alerts, and seasonal sea level variations, in addition to hosting near-real time tide gauge data from 14 sites across the region.

"Through this workshop, not only do we provide technical training on ocean and tides, but we also use it as an opportunity to encourage in-country ocean stakeholders and neighbouring meteorological offices to connect, share experiences, and form collaborative partnerships," SPC's Manager of Oceans

and Coastal Geoscience, Jens Kruger said.

"Our hope is that these connections will continue in countries long after we leave and help local partners to build community resilience to extreme ocean and tidal events," Mr Kruger said.

This workshop will also be attended by stakeholders and partners of the Marshall Islands Weather Service such as the office of the Chief Secretary, the Ministry of Transportation and Communication, the Shipping and Port Authority, government representatives from Majuro and Kwajalein, the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Agency and local universities. Topics covered in this workshop include tides, shipping and maritime safety, fisheries and marine resources, the Pacific Sea Level Monitoring Project, and waves and coastal hazards to name a few.

COSPPac is managed by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology in partnership with SPC, Geoscience Australia, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), and USP, and is a key component of the Australian Government's support to Pacific Island countries in adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate variability and change.

Coast Guard, Navy conduct joint Oceania Maritime Security Initiative mission

U.S. Coast Guard 14th District Hawaii and the Pacific

HONOLULU — The Coast Guard and Navy completed a 18-day joint mission in the Central and South Pacific under the Oceania Maritime Security Initiative to combat transnational crimes, enforce fisheries laws and enhance regional security, Friday.

Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment 103 from Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team embarked USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) and conducted 16 fisheries enforcement boardings with the assistance of the ship's visit, board, search and seizure team and law enforcement ship riders from Tuvalu and Nauru.

Five of the boardings were conducted on the high seas under the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission guidelines while the other 11 were conducted in the exclusive economic zones (EEZ) of Tuvalu and Nauru.

Coast Guard teams and Pacific Island Nation shipriders routinely conduct joint boardings within the host country's exclusive economic zones to protect the ocean and the living marine resources within.

Boarding teams inspected documentation and fish holds for illegal activity and compliance with conservation and management measures.

"Illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing undermines efforts to conserve and manage global fish stocks," said Coast Guard Cmdr. Richard Howes, chief of enforcement, Coast Guard 14th District response division. "The OMSI

mission along with our partnerships with Australia, New Zealand, France, and Pacific Island Nations helps deter illegal fishing and promote economic and environmental stability in the region."

Partnership between the Coast Guard and Navy supports OMSI, a Secretary of Defense program to use Department of Defense assets transiting the Pacific region to build maritime domain awareness, ultimately supporting the Coast Guard's maritime law enforcement operations in Oceania.

"Like our forefathers who sailed these waters years ago, the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard partnership remains a formidable maritime force," said Cmdr. Robert A. Heely Jr., commanding officer of Michael Murphy. "We enjoyed working alongside the U.S. Coast Guard as well as the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency and our partners from Tuvalu and Nauru. It was a true team effort, and I am proud of team Murphy's resilience and professionalism in accomplishing the mission."

The Coast Guard is responsible for patrolling the waters around the numerous islands belonging to the United States throughout the region. Each of these islands has territorial waters stretching out to 12 nautical miles from shore.

Beyond that, stretching out to 200 nautical miles is an exclusive economic zone, an area defined by international law that allows each nation exclusive rights to the exploration and use of the marine resources within. Oceania contains 43 percent, or approximately 1.3 million square miles, of United States' EEZs.

A message from the president on the occasion of the successful holding of 2017 national election

On the 7th of March 2017 we stood at another crossroad of our political obligations to carry out the mandate of our National Constitution that every two years the people of the Federated States of Micronesia shall choose members to the FSM Congress.

We did. And did well. And I take this occasion to express my "thank you" to all the people, the citizens of the Nation who went to the polls to cast their votes for the candidates of their choice.

I want also to take this opportunity to salute all the candidates whose desire to serve the Nation must not be taken lightly.

Finally, to those candidates upon whom the people put their greatest hope and trust for good representation...I congratulate them and hope that their success in the election enlarges their hearts and minds to represent all people of the FSM to the best of their abilities.

Let us all look forward to working together for the well being of all our citizens.

*Peter M. Christian
President*

Muslims held first Annual Conference of Peace in Kosrae

Kosrae, known as the Jewel of Micronesia is also famously known by its proud Christian prominence. It was with no surprise that in 2011 when a Muslim denomination known as Ahmadiyya Muslim Community established themselves in Kosrae, they were faced with much hostility. The first instance in September of 2014 was a petition with nearly a thousand signatures calling for the ban of Islam from Kosrae. This was followed by a State sanctioned Legislative meeting held in February of the following year to question the social impact that Islam would have on society in Kosrae. And this was not the end of the discussion about Islam, it was followed by local municipal level attempts at proposing ordinances aimed at banning Islam, taxing the Muslim community specifically, and even a Leadership conference in which one of the two main items was regarding the presence of Muslims in Kosrae. With all of this there was with no surprise a clear response by letter dated January 29, 2016 from the Department of Justice of the FSM government stating that such proposed ordinances and any actions that conflict with the FSM constitution which insures the right of freedom of religion will be taken seriously and criminal actions can be charged. Over the past two years the community was also facing discrimination on a smaller scale from local stores and businesses as well as from the relatives of those who had joined the faith. There was a taxi service, which is no longer operating, which refused rides specifically to Muslims. There are stores that refuse to sell to Muslims and not only were rocks thrown at Muslims while they drove by, but their buildings were tagged and vandalized and they even up until recently received death threats. Throughout this whole period, the community remained peaceful and

continued to find ways to help local residents and people of different faiths to come together. They launched a "Beautify Kosrae" project at the end of last year which aimed to provide basic renovations for nearly 10 residents among whom some were widows and others were neighbors of different faiths. Similarly, they launched a program to provide free clothing to more than 100 women and young girls all over Kosrae. The clothing was fancy Indian style dresses and was donated by members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA to the people of Kosrae. And finally, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community held its first Annual Conference of Peace in Kosrae on Saturday 25th of February. It was the first Peace conference ever held in Kosrae. The aim was to bring people of different religions and different backgrounds together for the common goal of peace. Delegations from the Marshall Islands arrived on Nauru Airlines, some even a week before to help with the preparation of the event. Another delegation from Pohnpei also arrived, they were local Ahmadiyya Muslims who also came for the event. And there was also a delegation from Kiribati. There were nearly 30 people who had flew in to participate in this historic first Annual Conference of Peace. The event hosted speakers of different faiths from four islands: Pohnpei, Kosrae, Majuro and Tarawa, making it a truly diverse experience. The opening speech was made by the visiting Imam (Muslim Religious Minister) from the Marshall Islands, Imam Ahmad, who spoke on the topic of 'God, the source of Peace'. "To begin the process of establishing peace, the first step that we need to think about is that we must have peace within our own hearts and in our minds. And once we have made peace with our own selves and our own hearts and with our own thoughts, we must start thinking about our attitude towards our families. If our relationship with



our close relatives, our wives, husbands, brothers and sisters, parents, children, that If all of these relationships cause us unrest and problems, then we can never have peace in our own homes."

Next a local Kosraean member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community who is also the former Mayor of Malem, Mr. Maheta Kilafwasru, gave the welcome address to the different guest speakers. He mentioned that "If you look around you, you will see that there are people from the four villages of Kosrae, from Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Pohnpei, Germany, Canada, America and many other places. This gathering is the first, and it shows that when it comes to God, we are all one, and we all come together for the love of God." He further said that "in this Peace conference, the goal is that each individual today learns something that they take home so that you can all begin to live and practice peace. It is not enough that you just preach and talk about love, we have to show peace and love from our actions."

A Senator from Utwe Village of Kosrae State also addressed the audience with the following words. "Let me honestly tell you that I think the dream for every human being is to have peace, and that peace can be attained by respect, love, understanding and by learning each other's religion. That doesn't actually mean conversion, but it's so that we can lead a

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community to peace. Like I said in the very opening, that I have a dream that some day we will come together as God-loving people, peace loving people and its our responsibility to continue to sit down [together].”

The next speaker was visiting from Kiribati and is the former Member of Parliament and Minister of Education of Kiribati, Mr. Teiraoi Teberia. He mentioned that “As fathers and mothers of society, we don’t like war, we like peace. I have been here for a week now, and I stayed with them. We thank them for their daily prayer and for their teachings.” He further spoke about Peace through public service and mentioned that the majority of employment in Kiribati is currently through government in the public service sector. Explaining that the three main sectors that have the majority of employment is within the Health, Education and Police departments. He further added that by making necessary amendments to the constitution is also a way to attain peace, as Kiribati is currently for the past one year been led by a newly elected government that has already began to make changes for the people of Kiribati.

Pastor Mullen Talley of the local Kosraean Pentecostal Church also joined the event and shared his thoughts. He spoke about ‘Love of thy neighbor’ and how events like these help to foster love and compassion among God’s children and its something we should always continue.

Mr. Kembo Mida Jr., Attorney of Ramp & Mida Law firm speaking about how to attain peace through the lens of the Law said the following, “I will give you a very basic example about peace and the law. About a year and a half ago I was told by the doctor that I was too heavy. I weighed 220 pounds and the doctor said I had to lose 40 pounds. So I started running and I’ve lost 40 pounds. So I very much appreciate running, everyday how I attain peace physically is through running. I love running and I run almost every day. Now imagine if the government passed a law that said that only basketball and volleyball is allowed in Kosrae, I wouldn’t be able to run in Kosrae and running is my peace physically. So I am here to say that our constitution must be followed and that it doesn’t matter what religion we are. I am a Catholic and I’m friends with Kauser and his family who are Muslims. And I’m told that Kosrae has a big Protestant population but regardless of our religion, we must follow the constitution which allows all of us to practice our faith whatever that may be. I believe it is

very important that the law is followed because it will help us to attain peace. I am here not as Muslim, and not as their attorney, but as a supporter of the Constitution.”

The next speech was by Mr. Tatoi Kemkeiti from Kiribati who is a former student of BYU Hawaii who spoke about the effects of poor health on an individual’s attainment of peace.

Additionally, the Ambassador of Australia to FSM, George Fraser, was not able to be present at the event, but sent his thoughts on the subject. He writes “For those of you I have spoken with previously, you will know it is a goal of the Australian government and people that our neighbours live in Stability, Security and Prosperity. Peace is essential to achieving these conditions, and it is a central theme of the Ahmadiyya community. I thank them for their global efforts and initiative in calling this and other similar conferences. At this point, I would like to acknowledge the foresight and wisdom of the Kosrae State legislature in passing the first Family Protection Act in 2014 which will do much to maintain peace in their community.”

He further writes, “There are many elements forming the pathway to peace. An important one however must surely be constant and reasoned dialogue; whether between individuals or nations.” He then highlighted how forgiveness, consideration and sharing resources are all essential blocks for attaining peace. He ended with his final exhortation that “whatever insights you gain from this conference about peace-making – please share them widely, most especially with the children into whose hands we will deliver this earth.”

And finally, the day was closed with remarks by Imam Kauser, the Imam and Religious Minister of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of the four states of FSM. He stated, “Today, what we are doing here, is that we are also planting a tree, the roots of which is peace. In this way our children and next generation will remember this day that we sat together for Peace. The current worldwide leader of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Mirza Masroor Ahmad said at his address to European Union that ‘the basic building block for peace in society is tranquility and harmony within the family home. If there is disturbance in the home it will negatively affect the local area and that will affect the town or city. In the same way, the state of the town or city affects the peace of the entire country and ultimately the state of a nation affects the peace and harmony of the region or the entire world.”



Other notable guests included the Mayor of Utwe village of Kosrae, and representatives from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Salvation Army and other individual members from different churches such as the Congregational Church, Catholic Church and Seventh Day Adventists. It was a mixed array of people from different countries and backgrounds coming together to bring society closer to peace. With all of the unrest and chaos around the world, this was a step forward for humanity as people gathered irrespective of their differences, and chose peace and love and humanity over division and hatred. It was indeed a very unique event. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is expecting to host this event for the coming years, and will maintain this annual event hoping to host it in different states as well.



BankGuam Holding Company Declares 1st Quarter Dividends

BankGuam Holding Company (BKGMF), announced that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per share for the holders of its common stock and a dividend payment to the holders of the Company’s 5.5% Fixed Rate/Floating Rate Noncumulative Preferred Stock, Series A, at its Board’s regular meeting held on Monday, February 27, 2017. The dividends will be paid on

March 31, 2017, to shareholders of record as of March 15, 2017.

BankGuam Holding Company President and Chair of the Board, Lou A. Leon Guerrero stated, “I am happy to report that we have met our financial performance for this quarter, thus allowing us to once again provide a return on our shareholder’s investment.”

Universal access to sexual and reproductive health—the key to gender equality

Statement of UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin on International Women's Day, 8 March 2017

Gender equality is a human right. Women are entitled to live in dignity and in freedom from want and fear, without discrimination. Gender equality is also vital to sustainable development, peace and security. It's not just a women's issue. It's an issue for all of humanity.

Sadly, despite some progress, the world still has a long way to go to achieve full gender equality.

Take, for instance, the fact that every year tens of thousands of girls are forced into child marriage —nearly one third of these before the age of 15. Or that one woman in three experiences gender-based violence in her lifetime. Some 200 million women and girls have endured female genital mutilation. And there are 225 million women who want modern family planning but are not getting it, and therefore are unable to choose whether or when to have children.

The global community has an obligation to advance the new agenda for sustainable development, which enshrines gender equality as one of its goals. The ability of women and girls to exercise their basic human rights, including their right to sexual and reproductive health, is a prerequisite for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Nauru Airlines extends its servicing of Honiara, Solomon Islands

Nauru Airlines will offer a new opportunity to travellers between Honiara and Australia with effect from the 24th of March.

A convenient early Friday morning service into Honiara from Brisbane, coupled with a late afternoon Sunday service into Brisbane from Honiara will provide new and convenient choices for visitors to the Solomon Islands, and residents of the Solomon Islands, alike.

In announcing these services today, Nauru Airlines CEO, Geoff Bowmaker added " Nauru Airlines is pleased to be building this further new link to and from Brisbane, in addition to Nauru Airlines current connections from Honiara through to Nauru, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands and Micronesia."

"A further service through to Guam is in the latter stages of U.S. approvals and will be announced in due course" added Mr Bowmaker.

Guadalcanal Travel Solomons have been appointed as Nauru Airlines General Sales Agent, supporting its customers travel needs in the Solomon Islands.

Studies have demonstrated clearly that family planning is the best investment countries can make for human development.

Ensuring universal access to voluntary family planning means putting the poorest, most marginalized and excluded women and girls at the forefront of our efforts—particularly those in conflict and fragile settings.

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Their families and societies are better off financially. Their children, if they choose to have them, are healthier and better educated, helping break the spiral of poverty that traps billions and triggering a cycle of prosperity that carries over into future generations.

UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, is fully committed to ensuring the rights of women and girls to sexual and reproductive health services, including family planning. On this International Women's Day, we urge the global community to join us. Together, we can make a giant leap forward that saves lives, empowers women and girls, advances gender equality and ensures a more prosperous and sustainable future for all of us.

Pacific fisheries leaders to gather in New Caledonia

2 March 2017

Noumea, New Caledonia – Mapping the future of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture management with assistance from the Pacific Community (SPC) will be a priority for Pacific fisheries leaders when they gather in Noumea, New Caledonia, in March 2017.

The biennial Heads of Fisheries meeting, scheduled for 14 to 17 March at SPC headquarters, will bring together fisheries officials from up to 22 Pacific Island countries and territories, as well as fisheries and aquaculture experts from regional and global research and development agencies.

Pacific people are custodians of around one quarter of the world's ocean resources – including the world's biggest tuna fishery – so what happens in the region also has global implications.

SPC's Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems Division (FAME) is tasked with providing scientific advice and technical assistance to SPC's 22 member countries and territories to help inform decisions on the management and development of their aquatic resources, and build the capacity needed to implement these decisions.

"The Heads of Fisheries meeting plays a strategic role in providing guidance to the Pacific Community's Coastal and Oceanic Fisheries programmes. In essence, it determines our priorities and work plans,

and how we can best utilise our expertise to effectively assist the region," SPC's FAME Division Director, Moses Amos, said.

"It also gives us an opportunity to discuss emerging opportunities and challenges for the Pacific region across a range of issues including economics in both coastal and oceanic fisheries, future data needs and directions, and upcoming fisheries initiatives that SPC will undertake with respective governments and partner agencies," Mr Amos said.

Also high on the agenda at the four-day meeting will be the implementation of A new song for coastal fisheries – pathways to change: the Noumea strategy to achieve sustainable inshore fisheries, underpinned by community-based approaches that provide food security, long-term economic, social and ecological benefits to Pacific Islands communities.

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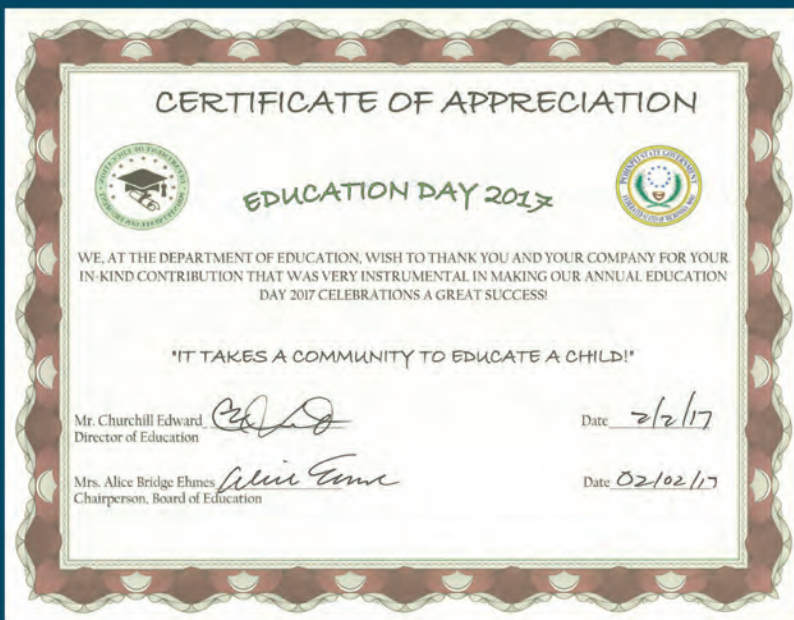
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