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# Sacred Heart Parish celebrates 100 years in Madolenihmw

By *Bill Jaynes*  
*The Kaselehlie Press*

June 7, 2013

**Pohnpei, FSM**—The Sacred Heart Parish in Tamworoi, Madolenihmw is not the oldest Catholic Parish in Pohnpei but it is one of the oldest. More than 400 people celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of the Parish today at the church that is across from the former Pohnpei Agricultural and Technical School.

No one that we could find knew that actual day that the Parish was opened by German Capuchin Franciscans, but the opening of the Parish was certainly in 1913. The date for the Centennial Anniversary celebration was selected to coincide with the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

In 1856, Pope Pius IX decreed that the universal Church should observe the Feast of the Sacred Heart. June is known as the month of the Sacred Heart in which followers of the Catholic religion are charged to meditate on the connection between Christ's precious blood, the instrument of their salvation and His Sacred Heart which represents His mercy to mankind.



During the mass that was held at 10:00 this morning Cassiano Nennis was installed as the new Pastor of the Parish. Nennis had previously been the pastor at St. Phillip in Lukop, Madolenihmw for three years. He was ordained on September 30, 2006.

After the Mass and installation of the new pastor, officiants consecrated and blessed the new Sacred Heart monument on the grounds that was commissioned specifically for the Centennial.

The day's festivities concluded with what one observer called, "enough food to feed all of Madolenihmw."

Certainly there were heaps of food on hand.



*Cassiano Nennis stands as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish*



*Photos by Bill Jaynes*

# Sekere to COM pipeline to provide clean drinking water to hundreds

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

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**Pohnpei, FSM** - On Friday, June 7, Pohnpei Utilities Corporation celebrated the opening of the Sekere to COM water extension project when it turned on the well in Uhkalek, Palikir. The U.S. Government funded the project which includes a new two and half mile run of 8 inch water pipe. The pipeline originates in Sekere and ends at the College of Micronesia FSM National Campus.



*Pohnpei's Lt. Governor Peterson and FSM's Vice President Alik Alik receive the "Key" to the Uhkalek well*

The project cost approximately \$1.5 million and will service the customers along the route including the COM National Campus. The pipeline also services new fire hydrants positioned at approximately every 1000 feet along the stretch of the pipe.

A spokesperson at the FSM's Project Management Unit (PMU) says that the project is phase one of a much larger project. During phase two, an additional run of pipe carrying clean drinking water will be laid from COM and will terminate approximately eight miles further down the circumferential road near the bridge at the Lehnmesi River.

Phase two of the project has not yet been put out to bid. Though the PMU does have a cost projection for that phase of the project they asked that we not print that information so that it does not influence the bidding process.

According to Robert Hadley who is in charge of all of PUC's water and sewage projects, in 2007 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers drilled three more wells that have not yet been put into service. Phase one of the water project provided additional security for the wells including new fencing and plumbing to connect the wells to the pipe. However, the electrical components to get the wells online were relegated to phase two of the project.

Hadley said that PUC is not waiting around for phase two to start. "We've ordered the electrical components at our own [PUC's] expense to get those wells on line," he told us.

He said that the new water line is not yet able to provide a redundant water source to the rest of the system. For that he said that a booster pump is needed. He indicated that the pump is part of phase two of the water project. The PMU representative was not aware of that but said that it is something that would be worked out with PUC.

"One of the critical justifications for the expansion of the treated water was the outbreak of cholera in year 2000, which killed 15 people and impacted over 2,000," Lt. Governor Marcelo Peterson said in a prepared speech during the ceremony. "Treated water is the best prevention of cholera and it connects people through the use of water resources from various municipalities of Pohnpei State."

"The Center for Disease Control Report of 2000 states that, 'With the right conditions, a cholera epidemic can occur again,'" he continued. "The best prevention is treated water. There is still a need for more water line extension with the Compact Infrastructure Grant Fund."

"We would like to formally invite the U.S. Military Humanitarian Assistance Program to join PUC to develop 2- or more wells to continue moving PUC water system from surface water source to well water source. The Nanpil Dam will then be 100% dedicated to hydro power production," he boldly stated. "Our invitation will of course need the blessing of U.S. and Micronesian Governments who are present here today."



Currently, the Nanpil Dam provides 2.2 million gallons of water a day. All of the other wells currently in service combined generate a total of 1.7 million gallons of water a day to serve approximate 3500 water users. The wells require electricity in order to pump water.

"With the need for a large investment in power system and revenue generation, we are seeking FSM Congress at this session to move on appropriating \$2 million for PUC at the same time I request the joint support of ADB and OIA to approve the allocation of the unobligated funds of about \$2.5 million from the PUC Sewer Rehabilitation Loan to be used for power crisis mitigation," he said "It has been done for Chuuk Public Utilities Corporation Emergency Generators Purchase and Operation, Maintenance and Management."

He closed by saying that the day's turnover ceremony is a prime example of the kind of collaboration that can make big things happen.

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# PUC...trees...and a power recovery plan

By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

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**Pohnpei, FSM**—They're calling it the "Beautification and Safety" program and they've hired nearly 50 new employees to carry it out. In case you have not been outside for the last few months you may have noticed that Pohnpei Utilities Corporation is carrying out an aggressive line clearing project and have been clearing trees to get them away from the power lines.

PUC General Manager Marcelino Actouka said that the problem has been ignored for far too long. He said that the utility did a study and discovered that it was costing them \$250,000 more per month, to generate power than it needed to because of power lost to trees and other vegetation. Island wide, they have to go.

On the safety side of things, Actouka said that trees growing into the lines can be a severe safety hazard for anyone who may climb those trees.

On the beautification side we pointed out that some places in Pohnpei were beginning to look a lot like Guam. "Well, if you want power it has to be this way," Actouka said.

Another PUC spokesperson said that crews began the clearing project at the power plant in Nanpohnmal. Part of the crew went down the back road into Sekere and the other half headed toward Kolonia. They will be continuing around the island.

When asked why some trees have been cleared that didn't seem to need to be cleared Actouka said that some land owners asked for the favor.

"Through collaboration between Pohnpei State Government and PUC, we are now negotiating with the FSM Petroleum Corporation and EIG, on an independent power producer and power purchase agreement to execute a \$5 million investment for a 10MW emergency for power recovery plan," Lt. Governor Peterson said during his speech at last Friday's turn-over ceremony of the new water project. "This will allow time for proper design and financing of a permanent power plan with diesel and renewable energy of \$20-25 million investment for up to 15MW of new efficient and low tariff power system."

Actouka said that he's not ready to talk about that just yet other than



PUC General Manager Marcelino Actouka



to say that PUC's new board rejected all of the bids previously submitted and then asked FSM Petroleum Corporation and EIG to collaborate on an emergency power recovery plan.

Jared Morris, CEO of Vital, the FSM Petroleum Corporation said that he is not aware any agreements that have been made. He said that Balance Solutions, another of the bidders on PUC's previous request for proposals is working with Vital on other alternative energy products.

PUC's handling of the bids that came in after it issued its RFP for power provision was the subject of controversy and court action.

Morris said that Vital has no problem working with anyone. "PUC usually has to go to bids for this sort of thing." The only way he could see it working is if the Executive and Legislative branches, along with PUC all agree. "Certain checks need to be in place," he said.

Actouka would only say that he will be meeting with the principals on the potential power recovery plan and would be willing to talk about the details after any agreements have been reached.

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# Yap Coastal Fisheries Management effort puts communities in the driver's seat

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

June 6, 2013

**Pohnpei, FSM**—Three villages in Yap have completed the first year of a coastal fisheries management program built essentially on the success of a pilot program that was carried out and is still being implemented in Pakin, Pohnpei.

Magele Etuati Ropeti, Coastal Fisheries Management Officer with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) said that the FSM National Government specifically prioritized a management plan for Yap as a Climate Change Adaptation project. He said that there had been no funding to get started until a German international aid program stepped up and funded the project.

Fenno Brunken's position as Climate Change Advisor at SPC at the North Regional Office is funded by "GIZ" (an acronym for "Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit", which translated means, "German Corporation for International Development").

## **Program has been going for less than a year**

In July of last year, national, regional and Non-Governmental Operators held a planning workshop in Yap to identify potential communities to establish pilot sites for a community based ecosystem approach to fisheries management; CEAFM they call it. Yes, they assigned an acronym to the type of fisheries management they would undertake.

The planning workshop identified Riken and Wanyan, West Fanif, and Rumung as the pilot communities. In November the communities participated in consultations to jointly develop CEAFM management plans. The plans identified "on the ground actions" to be employed for the sustainable management of fisheries resources. "They also provide key adaptation activities to support communities under a changing environment and to assist building their resiliency towards [the] impacts of climate change," a report on the project says.

## **While climate change impacts are not well understood, adaptation measures should start now**

"Impacts from climate change have also been discussed as contributing factors to the degraded marine environment although (they are) not well understood," the May, Climate Change Adaptation newsletter of CCCPIR ("Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Island Region") said. The newsletter which covers efforts on Climate Change Adaption in the North Pacific Region is a cooperative output from SPC and GIZ.

"It's not all about climate change," Paul Donohoe – Ecosystem-based Adaptation Officer at the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Program (SPREP) told Pacific Islands journalists at a workshop in Samoa during the last week of May. "You could say that even without climate change

we are driving extreme changes to the world's ecosystems through direct human impact – loss of habitat, spread of invasive species, loss of biodiversity, pollution of waterways, breakdown in ecosystem function," he said. "Climate change is an added stress on top of this."

"Catches of fish and shellfish have been declining in lagoons and inshore reefs of the Federated States of Micronesia. Reasons for this decline include overexploitation due to increasing population, the use of over-efficient and sometimes destructive fishing methods and other land-based activities such as near-shore infrastructure development affecting the marine habitats," the CCCPIR report says.

Ropeti said that it's almost impossible to definitively pin specific events on climate change. He said that climate change is certainly having an effect on the islands and there are things that can be done in the islands by the people who live there in order to strengthen their own resilience to the predicted effects of climate change. New coastal fisheries management plans are just one of many things that can be done.

## **Program is a "new" approach to coastal fisheries management**

He said that in the past, methods of coastal fisheries management included regulatory devices such as catch limits, fishing methods, licensing, and other methods concerning how and when fish are caught. Those methods can still be involved but what that method by itself doesn't take into consideration is that even land based human activities can, and do affect coastal fisheries. The "new" approach looks at what is happening from "ridge to reef" and what could be changed in a community in order to ensure their own food security through behavioral modification at the community level.

As an example, clearing in the highlands of the watershed of an island, no matter how high the island might be, affects water runoff which can dump silt into the ocean which affects reefs in a myriad of ways.

Highland clearing is just one of many human land and ocean based factors that can have an adverse affect on coastal fisheries.

"It's an ecosystem wide approach," Ropeti said, "and the communities are in the driver's seat."

## **Management plans being finalized now**

Ropeti, and Brunken met with State and National officials last week in Pohnpei to firm up the next steps for the coastal fisheries management program and to complete the management plan after input from the communities.

James Yinug of the Department of Resources and Development Marine Resources



Fisheries Management dream team fisheries project facilitators Magele Etuati Ropeti and Fenno Brunken of SPC, Valentin Martin of the FSM Division of Fisheries Management, and James Yinug of Yap's Marine Resources Management Division

Management Division was the Yap State Government representative. Valentin Martin of the FSM Department of R&D Fisheries Management Division was the National Government representative.

Yinug said that the three communities in Yap have made great strides and now various State government departments are in the process of considering what should be done on a State wide level in order to support the management plans that the communities have developed.

## **FADs proven method of climate change adaptation**

In February of this year, SPC supported a three-day training, in the communities of near shore Fish Aggregation Devices. During the training community members built six FADs and deployed them in areas that would be accessible to the community members.

"FADs have been used for decades," Ropeti said. "But they're usually out at sea and inaccessible to most community members." He said that the FADs that the communities deployed are out far enough to attract pelagic fish such as tuna but not so far out that they are inaccessible. Yinug said that the new FADs are one nautical mile past the reef and are available to be used by of the people of Yap.

FADs are not designed to attract reef fish but pelagic species, migratory fish that live in the top layer of the ocean. "FADs are hands-down one of the best proven tools for climate change adaptation for rural communities," Ropeti said.

FAD construction and maintenance is not the only arrow in the communities' management plans. So far they are the biggest step forward that they have made other than to develop the management plans themselves. Those management plans have not yet been published.

## **Plans for the future include other FSM States**

Plans for the remainder of this year include

training of data collection and monitoring of the deployed FADS for members of interested communities. There will also be training on FADs fishing methods to secure proper use of the devices in the future.

They also intend to develop a "National coastal fisheries monitoring team" for the FSM and to extend the CEAFM approach to other FSM States.

It's one heck of a lot of progress in less than a year.

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# Expert calls for Domestic Violence Laws in the Pacific to be gender specific

Secretariat of the Pacific Community

A four-day regional consultation on violence against women legislation in the Pacific, organised by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community Regional Rights Resources Team (SPC RRRT), is currently underway this week in Nadi, Fiji.

In her remarks at the opening ceremony of the consultation, guest speaker Shamina Ali, Coordinator of the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre, called for gender specific domestic violence laws in the Pacific as a vital way forward in addressing discrimination against women in the region.

'The use of gender neutral laws in addressing domestic violence ignores the reality of the nature of domestic violence, and is ineffective in the context of a patriarchal society. It is well established that cultural norms and societal values in Fiji and the Pacific are predominantly patriarchal, and that women's access to justice is restricted,' Ms Ali said.

A good example of gender specific domestic violence law, Ms Ali added, is India's Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act of 2005. The act guarantees a women's right to reside in the matrimonial or shared household, irrespective of whether she has any title or

rights in the property.

Other presentations during the opening ceremony reaffirmed the findings of national surveys showing the high prevalence of violence against women in the Pacific. The recent research shows rates of 68% in Kiribati, 60% in Vanuatu, 64% in Solomon Islands, 46% in Samoa and 61% in Fiji.

Participants were also reminded that legislation is only one aspect of the work needed to address violence against women; it is equally important to ensure resources

are available for the implementation of the laws and to monitor progress.

Activities on the agenda for this week's consultation include reviewing legislation to address violence against women in the region and lessons learnt from national committees and consultations, sharing lessons on law reform strategies undertaken in countries and developing plans to progress legislative law reform in the Pacific.

This consultation is the 5th organised since 2009 and is part of SPC RRRT's programme to develop and support comprehensive integrated legislation that addresses all forms of violence against women. The aim

is to build capacity at the national level to advocate for improved legislation through the development of appropriate policy papers and comprehensive legislative reviews encompassing all aspects of legislative change that affect women suffering from violence.

The consultation this week is being attended by government and civil society stakeholders including legal drafters from Cook Islands, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. This consultation and work to support legislative change in addressing violence against women is supported by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).



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## Yap public announcement concerning resolution on Foreign Investment Permit for ETG

### Office of the Governor of Yap

On May 2, 2013, the Eighth Legislature of the State of Yap adopted a resolution calling on the Yap State Foreign Investment Board to cancel the Foreign Investment Permit (FIP) of the Exhibit and Travel Group (ETG). The resolution further states that if the Board fails to cancel the FIP of ETG within twenty (20) days of receipt, the resolution shall operate to cancel the Permit itself.

In a May 16, 2013 meeting with the Legislature on the Resolution, the Lt. Governor informed the Legislature, with all of its members present except for the Speaker who was off-island, that the Executive Branch sees factual and legal problems in the Resolution; that the Resolution infringes on the power of the Executive Branch; and that it is an attack on certain personnel of the Executive Branch. The Lt. Governor further pleaded with the Legislature to set aside differences and

open up dialogue between the two branches to address the underlying problem(s) that the Resolution is intended to cure without further arbitrary in-fighting.

The Legislature, in its response to the Lt. Governor, reaffirmed the validity of its Resolution and requested the Lt. Governor and the Attorney General to put in writing a legal memorandum on the Resolution point for point. Given no other option, the Lt. Governor conceded.

It is not clear when the 20 day deadline expires as the Chairman of the FIP Board was not served with his copy of

the Resolution. In the meantime, OAG is drafting a memorandum of law addressing the resolution as requested by the Legislature.

The Executive does not agree with the course taken; it sees this path as a prologue to a civil suit with the Branches as opposing parties. But without an option for amiable discussion on the root problems, it must prepare for when it becomes necessary for the Judiciary to determine the legality of the Resolution.

The Executive, however, is hopeful that upon sharing its views of the Resolution with the Legislature, the Legislature would reciprocate; that it would see the negative effect of the Resolution weighed against its benefits, and accept the Executive's invitation to a working relationship towards an agreeable solution beneficial for the people of the State now and for the future.



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Due to the high volume of applications received by IOM, only short-listed candidates will be contacted directly and applications will be processed on a rolling basis.

#### Background

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an inter-governmental organization known for its dynamic work in the field of migration.

The Organization has a global presence with over 450 offices worldwide, including four offices in the north Pacific region. The Head Office overseeing IOM's operations across the region is located in Pohnpei, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). IOM also has sub-offices in the FSM States of Chuuk and Yap, and a sub-office in Majuro, in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

An ongoing service of IOM in the region is to assist the host governments and the United States government in disaster mitigation, relief and reconstruction activities. IOM is also managing a program on behalf of the Australian Government, which aims to assist communities to adapt to climate change while building resilience to climate-induced natural hazards. Recently, IOM also commenced a project focused on promoting safe migration and integration of Micronesian nationals into the United States through the establishment of a Migrant Resource Centre (MRC) in Pohnpei.

#### Program Assistant (MRC)

##### Migrant Resource Center - Pohnpei

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Under the overall supervision of Chief of Mission (COM) and direct supervision of the MRC Coordinator the successful candidate will be responsible for providing general and specific administrative support at the MRC and in IOM Head Office in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

#### Qualifications

a) Completed secondary school education or its equivalent commercial school or technical school; b) minimum of three years of administrative and secretarial experience; c) knowledge and experience in writing and preparing reports and correspondence; d) experience working in an International Organization, Embassy, or NGO is an advantage

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##### Chuuk

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Under the overall supervision of Programme Manager and supervision of the Programme Officer - Education the successful candidate will be responsible for the implementing the Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Education (CADRE) Programme in schools and communities in Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia.

#### Qualifications

a) Associate degree in education, business management, social sciences or related fields; b) experience in a classroom setting required; c) experience working with school-aged children; d) experience writing reports and/or correspondences; e) experience working in an international organization, embassy or non-governmental organizations.

#### Language

Thorough knowledge of English and Chuukese

#### Conditions of Employment

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## FSM Police Academy kicks off at PICS High School

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

June 11, 2013

**Pohnpei, FSM**—28 recruits from Yap, Pohnpei, and Kosrae, and the National Police filed in and were sworn in as cadets at the FSM Police Academy this afternoon. The ceremony took place at the PICS High School cafeteria and begins a three month session of intensive police training which will take place at PICS High School.

Academy Commander Patrick Carl said that Yap sent four recruits, Pohnpei sent 15, Kosrae sent 5, and the National Police sent 4 recruits. He said that Chuuk unfortunately did not have the funding to send any recruits to the Academy this year.

This Police Academy is the third FSM Police Academy that will use locally developed training materials and will be entirely taught by local actors. There were Police Academies in 2007 and 2009 that were supported by law enforcement consultants. The first Academy to utilize all local training resources took place in 2010. There was another in 2011. There was no Academy in 2012.

The trainers are all from FSM Police Departments. Carl said that one is from FSM Police Kosrae, one is from the National Police, four are from Pohnpei, and two are independent contractors who are also from the FSM.

Academy Commander Carl said that of the 28 recruits, three are female. They are all from Pohnpei.

# Ultimate show of Pacific unity

Wanganui Chronicle

**CHUUK, FSM** — Delivering a fire truck to the South Pacific might be all in a day's work for Rangitikei serviceman Richard Deihl—but even he admitted it was a pretty special day.

Providing humanitarian aid is one of the Royal New Zealand Air Force's key tasks, and this week it was navigator Squadron Leader Deihl's turn to be called into action.

Chuuk State, in the Federated States of Micronesia, has seen a series of serious fires which have damaged the state legislative chambers and a large tuna canning factory, so there was a clear need to get a fire truck to the island.

"There are limited ways to get such a large fire engine there, and the C-130 Hercules is one of the only aircraft that could do it, because it has a cargo space big enough to take a fire truck and is agile enough to land on small airfields in remote areas," Mr. Deihl said.

It was New Zealand firefighter Keith Norton who came up with the plan to help out the islanders.

"He identified the need and he has done a great job behind the scenes to personally ensure that Micronesia was given a fire appliance," said Mr. Deihl, a former Rangitikei College student whose family comes from Bulls.

"It's a pretty special opportunity, being able to support our Pacific neighbors like this."

As a navigator, he is responsible for programming the flight management system, planning the flight, fuel and power requirements and establishing the maximum altitude to ensure that they run to time.

He has been a navigator with No 40 Squadron on the C-130 Hercules

since he joined the air force in 1998. After graduating as an instructor in 2005, he is now back with No 40 Squadron, training other navigators.

It's a fast-paced life in the air force—almost as soon as soon as he returns to Auckland, he is off on another mission to Papua New Guinea.

"I am constantly travelling and continuously training, and I have spent more time out of New Zealand than in it

since I joined.

"We go to some amazing places. I have been to Antarctica—which is a place most people don't get to see—more than 40 times."

## Pohnpei Trade Fair



Beginning at 9:00 in the morning on Saturday, June 8, local crafters, and farmers gathered at the Spanish Wall park in Kolonia, Pohnpei to sell their wares. Pohnpei residents and tourists took advantage of the opportunity to score great deals on local products in a local setting.

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## Yap Congressmen briefed Yap State leadership

*FSM Congress News  
Yap Congressional Delegation*

**COLONIA, Yap** — The Yap State Leadership, which includes representatives from the Traditional Leaders Councils, the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative branches of the Yap State Government, and Representatives from Yap to the FSM Congress, held a leadership meeting on June 6, 2013 at the Legislature Chamber to discuss mainly the status of the State and development efforts to ensure sustainable economic growth for the State of Yap.

The two Congressmen of Yap to the 18th FSM Congress, Senator Isaac V. Figir and Senator Joseph J. Urusemal, actively took part in the meeting by sharing with the Yap State leaders some development efforts of the National Government, primarily the works of the FSM Congress, which may benefit the State:

### **On 18th FSM Congress**

During the meeting, Chairman Urusemal shared with the state leadership that the new 18th FSM Congress has re-organized its leadership during its First Regular Session, which began on May 11th. He added that despite the fact that a Senator from Yap no longer holds the seat of the Speaker of Congress, both he and Chairman Figir are fortunate to have been appointed as Chairman of the Education Committee, and Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee respectively.

Additionally, Chairman Urusemal shared with the Yap State Leaders that during the First Regular Session of the 18th FSM Congress, Congress was able to deliberate on the fiscal year 2014 budget, mainly focusing on Education, Health, and Compact Funding; approve certain supplemental budget requests; and pass a number of resolutions approving certain grants into the FSM. Copies of the Bills and Resolutions passed during the First Regular Session of the 18th FSM Congress can be found on the FSM Congress website: [www.fsmcongress.fm](http://www.fsmcongress.fm).

### **On Scholarship Efforts**

Chairman Urusemal also reported to the State Leadership that the Graduate Scholarship administered by the FSM Government was not available this year because of some misunderstanding at the National Government on issues of Sin Tax collection. He noted that the relevant National offices are looking into the matter. Additionally, he reported that his Committee on Education, which he serves as chairman, has recommended as part of the fiscal year 2014 budget request an increase of the FSM National Scholarship to \$1 million USD. College students from all four FSM States are eligible and are encouraged to apply for the ongoing FSM National Scholarship by contacting the FSM DOE or the State Scholarship Office.

### **On FSM Tax Reform Initiative**

In discussing the FSM Tax Reform initiative, Chairman Figir reported that the FSM Congress during a Special Session last April had extended the Sunset Clause of the Revenue Administration Act (RAA) of 2012 to July 19, 2013. He further reported that Yap and Pohnpei are

the two remaining States who have yet to pass State legislation on Value Added Tax (VAT), which would make the FSM's RAA of 2012 an effective law. The FSM's RAA of 2012 will only become effective if all four FSM States pass VAT legislation by July 19, 2013. Discussions amongst the leadership during the meeting made it apparent that Yap State's proposed RAA bill needs to be consistent with the State's current Unified Revenue Authority (URA) law. Additionally, the State has to ensure that there is no Constitutional issues in having the FSM URA collect Yap State taxes. Yap State's Office of the Attorney General has already issued an opinion on the Constitutionality issue of these tax laws, and will work with the State Legislature on the other issue of conflicting language between the State's proposed RAA bill and the State's URA law, before drafting a VAT legislation for the State Legislature's consideration. If Yap State concludes that the proposed tax law will be unconstitutional or for any reason does not pass the VAT legislation by July 19, 2013 then the FSM's RAA of 2012 will be null and void, even if Pohnpei State passes its VAT legislation.

### **On FSM Trust Fund**

Discussed also was the status of the FSM Trust Fund, which the Congressmen reported is doing well and might increase by another \$5 million USD if Congress, during its Second Regular Session this coming September, approves such an appropriation into the FSM Trust Fund. The Congressmen might also propose to Congress in their next Congressional Session a bill amending the current law on the FSM Trust Fund to allow for sub-accounts for each of the five governments in the FSM to contribute to.

### **On Public Projects**

The two congressmen also informed the State Leadership that Congress also recently appropriated another \$2.3 million USD for public projects and social programs across the FSM States. Both Congressmen encouraged transparent governance both at the National and State level, thus requests that all communities seeking public funding for projects channel their requests through the Yap State Government. This will also ensure that such projects are compliant to the State's Strategic Development Plan, and can be effectively implemented and monitored. Both Congressmen also congratulated the Yap State Government for doing exceptionally well in the latest audit report when it came to CFSM projects as compared to other sister states.

Other matters discussed also included the State's FY14 Budget Consultation, and the Woleai Runway Emergency Rehabilitation which Congress continues to fund through the FSM Outer Islands Runway Repair Project Fund.

After hours of open discussions, the State Leadership Meeting was called to recess until Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. Items pending for discussion includes the FSM Investment Symposium, Patrol Vessel, New Replacement Vessel, Yap State Trust Fund, Fiber Optic, and the FSMTC Liberation, among other things. Both Congressmen have expressed commitment to be part of the ongoing Yap State Leadership Meeting.

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# Eighteenth Congress concludes First Regular Session

## Congress News

June 5, 2013

**Palikir, Pohnpei** - The Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia adjourned sine-die its First Regular Session on Thursday - May 30, 2013 after a 20-day session.

The new Congress began its First Regular Session by reorganizing its Leadership during the Opening Day of the Session and elected Senator Dohsis Halbert (Pohnpei) as the new Speaker, Senator Paliknoa K. Welly (Kosrae) as the new Vice Speaker, and Senator Florencio Singkoro Harper (Chuuk) maintained his seat as Floor Leader of the new Body.

Along with the Branch Leadership, the reorganization also seated new heads and members for the seven Congressional Standing Committees and they included: Chairman Isaac V. Figir for the Committee on Ways and Means; Chairman Wesley W. Simina for Judiciary and Governmental Operations; Chairman David W. Panuelo for Resources and Development; and Chairman Yosiwo P. George for External Affairs. Three committees retained their former Chairmen and they are: the Committee on Transportation and Communications with Chairman Peter M. Christian; the Committee on Education with Chairman Joseph J. Urusemal and the Committee on Health and Social Affairs with Chairman Tony H. Otto.

Rounding out the reorganization of the new Congress are the heads of the State Delegations:

for the State of Chuuk, Chairman Tiwiter Aritos; for the State of Kosrae, Chairman Yosiwo P. George; for the State of Pohnpei, Chairman Peter M. Christian and for the State of Yap, Chairman Joseph J. Urusemal.

From day One of the First Regular Session until its conclusion, 20 days later, the 18th FSM Congress considered 19 Congressional Bills and 29 Congressional Resolutions and of the 48 measures, five Bills and 13 Resolutions were passed by the new Congress during its First Regular Session.

Accordingly, the Bills and Resolutions passed during this First Regular Session are:

Congressional Bill No. 18-01 [Congressional Act 18-03]: To further amend Title 11 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by creating a new chapter 13 to implement the provisions of the chemical weapons convention at the national level, and for other purposes.

C.B. No. 18-07, CD.1 [CA 18-01]: To appropriate a supplemental budget of \$4,702,628 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30,

2013, by amending sections 1, 2, 8, and 9 of Public Law No. 17-64, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 17-69, 17-72, 17-74 and 17-88, and for other purposes.

C.B. No. 18-12, CD.3 [CA 18-02]: To amend section 2 of Public Law No. 17-68, as amended by Public Law No. 17-71, for the purpose of changing the use of certain funds previously appropriated to fund public projects and social programs in the States of Yap, and for other purposes.

C.B. No. 18-17, CD.2 [CA 18-05]: To appropriate the sum of \$2,100,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, for the purpose of funding public projects and social programs in each of the four states, and for other purposes.

C.B. No. 18-18 [CA 18-04]: To appropriate a supplemental budget of \$80,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, by amending sections 1, 2 and 3 of Public Law No. 17-64, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 17-69, 17-72, 17-74, 17-88 and 18-01, and for other purposes.

As Congressional Acts, the passed measures have been engrossed and transmitted to the President for his signature.

The Congressional Resolutions passed during the First Regular Session of the 18th Congress are:

Congressional Resolution 18-01: To invite the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to deliver a State of the Nation Address;

C.R. 18-02: Designating and appointment of Mr. T. Lam Dang to the position of Legislative Counsel to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia;

C.R. 18-03: Expressing the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to Sister Maria Perez-Caballero for her lifetime of dedication to improving the quality of education in the Federated States of Micronesia;

C.R. 18-04: Approving and accepting a grant assistance in the amount of \$949,600 from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), for the implementation of UNFPA-funded Annual Work Plans relating to the 2013-2017 UNFPA Multi-Country Program for the Pacific Island Countries and Territories, including all the terms and conditions of the assistance.

C.R. 18-09: Approving and accepting a grant assistance in the amount of \$128,410 from the U.S Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration, to fund the Maternal and Child Health Services in the FSM, including all the

terms and conditions of the assistance.

C.R. 18-11: Approving and accepting a grant assistance in the amount of \$76,849 from the U.S Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to fund the FSM's HIV Program for the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Project, including all the terms and conditions of the assistance.

C.R. 18-17: Approving and accepting a grant assistance in the amount of \$209,129 from the U.S National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund, to fund the Pohnpei Historic Preservation Office, including all terms and conditions of the assistance.

C.R. 18-20: Approving and accepting a grant assistance from the Secretariat of the South Pacific Community in the amount of \$63,093, to fund the Implementation of the Pacific Regional Strategic Implementation Plan II under Stream I, including all the terms and conditions of the assistance.

C.R. 18-22: Expressing the sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Jonathan Pinkney-Baird for his service as a staff attorney to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

C.R. 18-25: Designating and appointing Mrs. Liwiana Ramon Ioanis to the position of Chief Clerk to the Eighteenth

Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

C.R. 18-26: Setting the ceiling of the total funds estimated to be available for appropriation from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013.

C.R. 18-27: Expressing the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to Father Francis X. Hezel, SJ for the spiritual guidance, intellectual challenges and knowledge he has shared with others in the Federated States of Micronesia for the past 50 years.

C.R. 18-29: Authorizing the President to submit the Recommended National Government Compact Budget Request, as revised pursuant to Congress's recommendations, to the United States under Article V of the Fiscal Procedures Agreement.

Details and copies of all Bills and Resolutions are available on the FSM Congress website at: [www.fsmcongress.fm](http://www.fsmcongress.fm).

The next Regular Session of the 18th Congress according to the Rules of Procedures will convene on September 12th for the duration of 20 days unless extended or shortened by resolution. Special Sessions meanwhile can be called at any time for any duration by either the Speaker or the President.

## President Mori receives Rear Admiral Tilghman D. Payne

### FSM Information Services

June 03, 2013

From May 27-28, Commander of the Naval Forces Marianas, Rear Admiral Tilghman D. Payne, visited Pohnpei State and attended the Memorial Day ceremony held at the Pohnpei International Airport, commemorating FSM's fallen heroes who have died in action while in the service of the US Armed Forces. During the visit, the Rear Admiral also met with the FSM government leadership.

On May 27, Rear Admiral Payne paid a courtesy call on President Emanuel Mori and Speaker Dohsis Halbert.

During the courtesy call on the President, President Mori acknowledged and complimented the efforts by the US Embassy in organizing and arranging the Memorial Day Event. President Mori also thanked the Rear Admiral for the unique relationship between the US and the FSM, which enables FSM young men and women to join the US military. He indicated that the history of the relationship between the two countries began pre-Compact Treaty, and regardless of the challenges faced by the two countries, the relationship remained strong. President Mori pointed out that the Compact assistance from the US is appreciated, but posed as a challenge when it comes to implementation. The President and the Rear Admiral also exchanged views and comments on other

issues such as maritime security, search and rescue and the budget issues in the US, among others. Rear Admiral Payne was accompanied by Ambassador Rosen to the courtesy call on President Mori along with staff from the Embassy. Attending the meeting from the National Government were Secretary Lorin S. Robert, Chief of Staff Leo Falcam Jr. and staff from the Department of Foreign Affairs.

The Rear Admiral also went on a tour of the Pohnpei State Hospital and was accompanied by Lt. Governor Marcello Peterson, US Ambassador Doria Rosen, Acting Director Paulino Rosario of the Pohnpei State Hospital and officials from the National Government, Pohnpei State and the US Embassy.

On May 28, before departing the FSM, Rear Admiral Payne visited the FSM Maritime Wing whereby a presentation on the FSM Patrol Boat Program was delivered by Commander Geoff Hart-Davies, an Australian Navy advisor to the Maritime Wing.

In his capacity as a Commander of the Naval Forces Marianas, Rear Admiral Payne also holds the positions of a US Defense Representative for Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau, and Commander of the Joint Region Marianas.



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## First Chuuk State Summit on Energy Security and Electrification

FSM Information Services

**WENO, Chuuk** — Chuuk State held an energy summit on June 6th and 7th at the Blue Lagoon Resort, calling together State and Municipal officials, including several Mayors from the forty Municipalities, Members of the Chuuk State Legislature, representatives of the Chuuk Chamber of Commerce, the Chuuk Women Council, and other non-government organizations.

Governor Johnson Elimo welcomed guests, presenters and participants at the meeting and thanked the primary organizers of the meeting, namely the Chuuk State Public Utility Corporation (CPUC) and the Chuuk State Energy Work Group (EWG). He also expressed enthusiasm and support toward the summit, calling for active participation to make the event a success. He also stressed appreciation to all the entities that enabled the convening of the summit, such as the FSM Petroleum Corporation and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, to name a few.

FSM President Manny Mori gave the keynote address at the opening of the summit in which he commended CPUC “for taking the initiative to convene the summit”.

“Earlier this year, I was happy to support the participation of CPUC management at a regional meeting in New Zealand and I want to thank Mr. Mark Waite (CEO of CPUC) for taking the time to join me in witnessing the launching of a Tonga Road Map for Energy. I am sure Mark will be able to share

his experience with you and utilize lessons learned to inform decision-making in this forum.”

President Mori highlighted that the FSM Energy policy put in place a year ago calls for a 30-percent reduction in use of fossil fuel across the nation and a 50-percent increase in energy efficiency by 2020.

The summit was organized to spur stakeholders’ discussions on energy security in Chuuk and assess ways and means to supporting statewide electrification as an underpinning factor to socio-economic development. One of the objectives of the summit was to steer toward developing Chuuk State’s integrated roadmap to achieving energy security aligned to the FSM National Energy Policy, involving expert advice and based on specific needs and environmental configurations at the regions.

Supporting the summit by way of technical expertise and financial sponsorship were FSM Secretary of Resources and Development Mr. Marion Henry, Mr. Rupeni Mario from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the NorthRep Office, Mr. Jared C. Morris, CEO of the FSM Petroleum Corporation, and Mr. Mark Waite, CEO of the Chuuk Public Utility Corporation. Assistant Director Mr. Gillian Doone from FSM SBOC Office, Division of Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) also the FSM National Authorizing Officer (NAO) was on hand to give guidance in light of the proposed National ODA policy now pending before the FSM Congress for endorsement.

On the second day, participants grouped down according to regions to provide their views and make inputs. Inputs from the Chuuk Women’s Council through Mrs. Kiki Stinnett and the Mortlocks Development Authority, presented by Mr. Rex Palacios, reinforced the acknowledgement that electrification entailed much more than providing light to households in remote areas.

In general, participants shared the confidence that the national goal of reducing fossil fuel dependence by 30 percent in 2020 and the ambition to eventually electrify Chuuk in the long run were some achievable objectives. If stakeholders played their parts consistently.

“Energy must be sufficiently available if we are to achieve private-sector-led economic growth to meet our needs and contribute to our shared-global Millennium Development Goals of reducing poverty, providing education and health care for all, and promoting the sustainable use of our natural resources”, President Mori remarked when opening the summit.

## Charmaine Scotty elected to Nauru Parliament; second woman in history

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**MELBOURNE, Australia** — A woman has been elected to the Nauru Parliament for only the second time in the country's history.

Charmaine Scotty has been elected alongside sitting member Dr. Kieren Keke in the seat of Yaren after yesterday's (June 9, 2013) parliamentary elections.

Ms. Scotty was a permanent secretary in the public service before running for office.

The only previous female member of parliament was independent Ruby Thoma, who was elected four times in the 1980s and 1990s.

Other results continue to be announced with votes still being counted in a number of constituencies.

President of Nauru, Sprent Dabwido, has been returned in his seat of Meneng alongside new members Lyn-Wannan Kam and Squire Jeremiah after a recount of votes this morning.

In the seat of Anetan sitting member Marcus Stephen has been returned and former MP Cyril Buraman has been re-elected.

The count in Anabar, Boe and Aiwo have also been finalized.

There were a record number of candidates in this election with 68 people contesting the 19 seats in 8 districts.

Nauru has endured months of political turmoil leading up to the election.





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## Teen climate change activist shows that age doesn't matter

### "...One person stepping up and following their heart can make a huge impact..."

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

June 7, 2013

**Pohnpei, FSM**—With a winsome smile and confidence far beyond her years, Brianna Fruean began her presentation in front of media figures from throughout the Pacific. By the time she was done, at least one reporter wiped tears of joy from his eyes.

That reporter was me.

Fruean is a Climate Change and environmental activist in Samoa. At 15 years of age she has done more to mobilize her Samoan community than many people four or five times her age.

She organized the planting of 350 native trees in Samoa. She mobilized a "moving planet" exercise in which participants walked the length of Apia's sea wall to demonstrate that people can get around without burning fossil fuels. She put together a "Connect the Dots Fun Run" that also followed the length of the sea wall,

and she has also promoted health through exercise.

At the very least her body of work is impressive. It certainly is inspiring, and she has only just begun.

During her presentation she ran a short video that was produced by the organization "350.org" when she was 14 years old. The video featured her work in Samoa.

"350.org" ([www.350.org](http://www.350.org)) is an international organization whose imperative is to encourage international grassroots actions to return the earth's atmosphere to a safe level of carbon dioxide of 350 parts per million.

During the video she said that when she was six years old she began sneaking into Climate Change meetings. She said that she has been interested in the environment and its protection for as long as she can remember. She became actively involved in organizing local environmental events when she was 11 years old.

Her first international conference was in Korea. She was sponsored for the conference by the United Nations as a child representative. Her relationship with 350.org began serendipitously during that conference when she was late for a seminar and was locked out. The only other seminar available to her was the seminar for 350.org.

"That began my "350 movement" and journey", she says. It was under that aegis that she began to move her community to action despite her age.

The second conference Fruean attended was in Japan where she reconnected with the contacts she had made in Korea and also attended workshops on empowering youth as climate change and environmental activists.

Her latest journey was to Rio de Janeiro where she served as a Pacific Island journalist at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, better known as Rio+20. It was an experience

that could easily have intimidated seasoned journalists. While there she produced three news stories on the conference each day and maintained a personal blog that was published in Samoa's newspaper, the Samoa Observer.

Nanette Wootton of SPREP was her mentor at the conference. "I'd tell her to go do something, get this picture, or talk to this person. She never questioned it. She just went and did it. She never complained and she always came back with the story," Wootton said. "I kept forgetting that she was only 15."

Fruean wrote 30 news stories while she was at the conference of international leaders and climate change negotiators.

Wootton told us that Fruean also had to study for the final exams that she was due to take when she returned to Samoa. She still managed to get everything done during the conference and apparently did just fine on her exams.

"Brianna Fruean is a truly remarkable young leader that has inspired hundreds of people in Samoa to get active around the issue of climate change, and join their voice with the global movement, 350.org," wrote Aaron Packard who coordinates the activities of 350.org in the Pacific region. "Just as importantly, the short video clips she has done from her events in Samoa, have been shared globally, and (have) inspired thousands and thousands of people."

"A lot of people get overwhelmed with the scale of the climate change problem," Packard continued, "but Brianna shows that one person stepping up and following their heart can make a huge impact."

Brianna uses social media to get climate change information out to people of her age.

"As a high school student I find it very hard to get through to people of my own age. It is definitely an uphill battle trying to create youth interest in climate change," she said during her presentation. "There's only one student in the class who wants to hear about [the] science [of climate change] while everyone else tunes out," she told the media representatives at the workshop. "So to approach everyone else and keep them interested, I keep it short and simple...I use sites like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to connect with my generation because this is now our youth's international language."

"I am so blessed to live in a country and a place like Samoa which is really a true paradise," she said in her video. "The Lord gave this to us to take care of—He gave it to us as caregivers and I think it's our job to keep it the way it is, for us and also for future generations."

She said that at first funders in Samoa did not take her seriously. Her plans for environmental promotional activities were rejected many times before she was finally successful.

She said that they take her a lot more seriously now.



## FSM Maternal Child Health Program calls for public input

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June 03, 2013

The FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program is calling for public input in their 2013 grant application. The comprehensive narrative incorporating the States and National components' reports and views on past experiences provides further information.

The MCH Program solicits support from interested individuals in terms of review and input

with regards the stated objectives and activities for the project.

The document link is

[http://www.fsmpio.fm/grant/2013\\_MCH\\_Grant\\_FM\\_Narratives.pdf](http://www.fsmpio.fm/grant/2013_MCH_Grant_FM_Narratives.pdf).

**All input and comments should be directed to  
Mr. Dionis Saimon at [Desaimon@fsmhealth.fm](mailto:Desaimon@fsmhealth.fm).**

# Crossword - All about food...

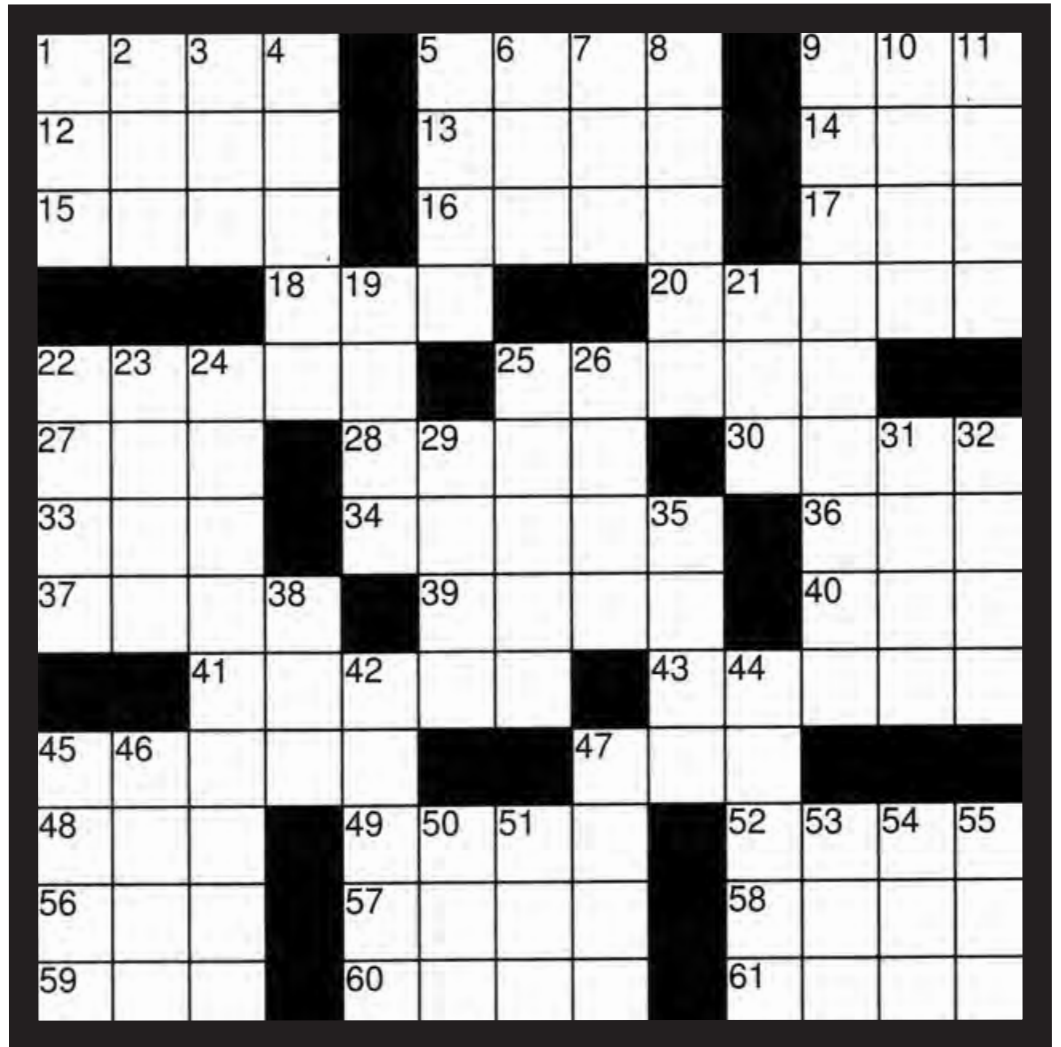
## ACROSS

1. Dutch cheese
5. Brewer's yeast
9. Absorb, like gravy
12. Part of IPA
13. Recipe words
14. Another part of IPA
15. Italian cooking style?
16. Broil
17. Food school, for short
18. Recipe abbr.
20. Hungry-Man rival
22. Soy sauce
25. Red wine also called Shiraz
27. Way more than 18 Across
28. \_\_\_ Moco (a burger with a fried egg, rice, and brown gravy)
30. Spirit sometimes used in tapenade
33. Sushi tuna, often
34. Dos Equis, for one
36. Strong Brazilian coffee
37. Jicama or horseradish
39. \_\_\_ trout
40. Place often having a quaint restaurant
41. Frequent detail for Chinese food
43. Stovetop
45. Epicure's pride
47. Where to skim from
48. Sushi squid

49. A lubricating liquid
52. \_\_\_ apple
56. Sushi fish
57. Their tails are used in soup
58. Common fruit shape
59. Tea \_\_\_
60. More than merely dip
61. Keg tapper

## DOWN

1. Farm spray watchdog
2. Indian legume or dish
3. \_\_\_ purpose flour
4. Like some beans
5. Food fish
6. Fruity drink
7. Advised quantities, for short
8. Seder spice
9. Artificial sweetener beverage
10. Aglio e \_\_\_
11. Fruit shaped like a light bulb
19. The "meat" of onion or garlic
21. \_\_\_ prik (hot sauce)
22. \_\_\_ fruit
23. Hostess product
24. Seasoning from a shaker
25. One without much meat
26. \_\_\_ Imperial apple
29. Seasons a pan, perhaps



31. Flan mold
32. Ice cream holder
35. UK candy bar
38. A "short shot" of a beverage
42. Red Bordeaux wine
44. Chef's garb
45. Bow \_\_\_ (farfalle)
46. Caribbean fruit resembling a peach
47. Loosely cover meat
50. Kitchen gadget
51. Black-eyed or goober \_\_\_
53. Caviar, for instance
54. \_\_\_ Tai (drink)
55. Shape for some kitchens

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 H R E R T A O Y A A I N T N  
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Your  
 Word  
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## Score

Insert the proper consonant into each empty circle to create the maximum number of 4-letter words. In the example, "V" would form the words "hovel," "verse," and "vying," but "T" (as shown) forms the words CATCH, HOTEL, TERSE, and TYING, for a total of 4 words. If you choose the right letters, you'll hit the 52-word SCORE. Use each consonant only once.

- C  
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# Pohnpei Little League



The Opening Ceremony for the 2013 Pohnpei Little League was held at 9:00am Tuesday, June 4 at the Spanish Wall in Kolonia. Pohnpei State Sports Director Mike Loyola welcomed all the young baseball players to the opening of Little League Baseball, and thanked the parents and coaches for their hard work and support. Ten teams have registered to play with the league play from the beginning of June to the end of August. A Junior Baseball League will also be starting in the middle of June with 4-6 teams. The leagues are organized by the Pohnpei Little League Association, chaired by Chris Christian and the Pohnpei Sport Office and FSM National Olympic Committee, with league coordinators Paterson Anson and Jose Joab. The major sponsors of the leagues are: the Honorable Peter Christian, Senator, FSM Congress; Ace Hardware – Pohnpei; Lyon and Associates; Micronesia Fishing Ventures; Palau Shipping; Caroline Fisheries; Pohnpei State Sport Office and FSM National Olympic Committee. The general public is welcome to watch the baseball games from Monday to Friday starting at 9:00am each day.



2013 Pohnpei Little League Baseball started the first week of June and will continue all summer. Ricky Olter, Pohnpei Agent, Matson Navigation, presented a check of \$1,000 to Patterson Anson, Pohnpei Little League Coordinator, as a major sponsor of the league. Other sponsors of the league are: the Senator Peter Christian, Ace Hardware, Lyon and Associates, Palau Shipping and Micronesia Fishing Ventures.

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# FSM and Chuuk dedicate first grid-tied solar energy system at Chuuk Airport

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On the roof of the Chuuk Airport terminal facing Mount Tonachaw, solar panels are easily visible.

On June 5th, President Manny Mori officiated at the turn-over of the installed solar energy system at the airport to the Chuuk State Government. The system was made possible through a grant of \$700,000 U.S. dollars from the Italian Government.



FSM President Mori and Governor Elimo, Chuuk State

seeking out and securing the grant. He asked for all stakeholders for the project to shoulder their roles to maximize use and sustainability of the new technology.

President Mori also voiced appreciation to Bruton Enterprise, a Chuuk-based company that engineered the installation; the FSM Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure; Dr. Steve Winter who assisted Ambassador Nakayama; and the Chuuk Public Utilities Corporation (CPUC). CPUC will manage the use of the system.

In closing, President Mori highlighted the need for Chuuk leaders and land owners to work out land-related issues that have continued to complicate infrastructure developments for long-term State-wide benefit.

“This is the first and certainly not the last”, President Mori said referring to the solar photo-voltaic system that feeds back into the main electricity grid on Weno Island.

The grant will be divided in two phases.

The completed first phase involved the installation of 252 panels and five inverters along with other hardware for an approximate power output of 64 kilowatt hours.

On behalf of Chuuk State, Governor Johnson Elimo accepted the completed first phase of the project. He expressed gratitude to the FSM National Government and to the Italian Government. He noted that the project was the first phase of a \$700,000 dollar grant that will assure electricity generation to the airport and assist in lowering Chuuk’s reliance on fossil fuels.

In his remarks President Mori acknowledged the role that the late Masao Nakayama, FSM Ambassador to the United Nations played in

- For information on Alcoholics Anonymous call 924-9197 or email lonestarihelipters@yahoo.com
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Kia’s Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Public Welcome.
- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-4015.
- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
- Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
- St John’s Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
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## Guam Micronesia Island Fair

By Mona J. Tara  
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) is grateful to have been one of the participants at the Guam Micronesia Island Fair that was held in Guam from May 17-19, 2013. It was a busy event starting each day at 9:00 in the morning and ending 9:00 each evening.

IFCP representative showcased the giant swamp taro or mwahng flour and also samples of banana bread made with the flour. It was the first time that Pohnpei showcased giant swamp taro flour. There was a lot of interest from the people who visited the Pohnpei booth. By the second day, all the giant swamp taro flour was sold. People didn't know that giant swamp taro could be made into flour and that it is very rich in Vitamin A.

The purpose of IFCP showcasing giant swamp taro flour was to create awareness so that Pohnpeians living abroad can access this nutritious local alternative. Giant swamp taro flour can be used in place of regular white flour that can be purchased from stores. Furthermore, giant swamp taro flour has a long shelf life.

IFCP is grateful to the delegation team leaders, Honorable Lt. Governor, Marcelo Peterson, Pohnpei State Economic Affairs Administrator, Mr. Kadalino Lorens, Mr. Chester James and Ms. Lululeen Santos for organizing the trip. A special "Thank You" goes to FSM R&D for funding the event. A very special "Kalahngan" to all the ladies that went out of their way to make the entertainment segment very special.

## UN launches book on Island Food Community of Pohnpei

By April Turner (AVI)  
Island Food Community of Pohnpei  
(adapted from CINE Press Release)

"Let's Go Local! Pohnpei promotes local food production and nutrition for health," is the title of the chapter in the recently launched book, "Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems & Well-Being". Launched on Saturday 25th May at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues the chapter is an in-depth study by Island Food Community of Pohnpei on our 8 years of community health promotion work.

In FSM, like indigenous people globally, traditional island food systems that ensure food security and health, are being challenged, despite the treasures of food biodiversity that could avert our current health crisis. The loss of indigenous peoples' expertise and knowledge of sustainable food systems and local biodiversity is also a loss to humanity, at a time when it is most needed.

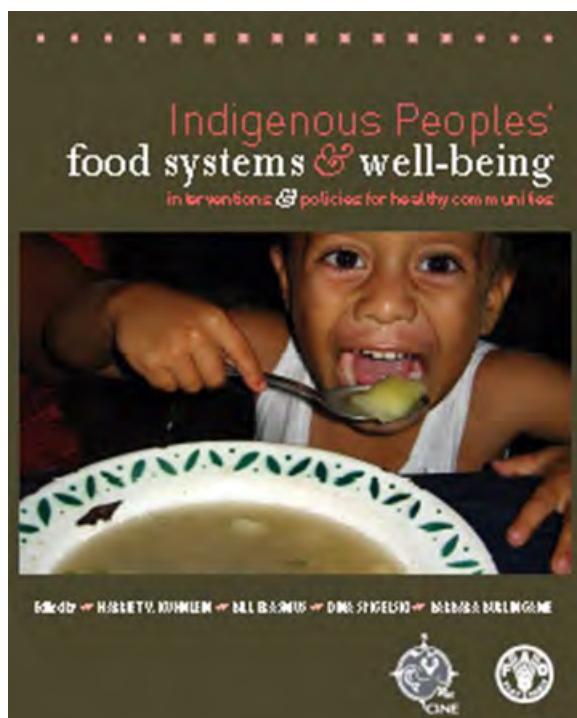
The Let's Go Local! campaign continues to make efforts to preserve our culture and resources, but we should all take responsibility for our local Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food Security (CHEEF). The lessons drawn from this book encourage readers to pursue the promotion of more sustainable and healthy food systems, adapted to modern life's necessities and inspired by the sustainable food

systems preserved throughout generations by our island families.

Finding alternatives to preserve these sustainable food systems and the knowledge, expertise and biodiversity linked to them is of crucial importance to finding solutions to feed a growing humanity today and in the future.

This is the second book in the series featuring IFCP and Pohnpei traditional food systems and can be accessed online at FAO and CINE.

Special thanks to AusAID/Australian Embassy, Children's Healthy Living Program (USDA grant to University of Hawaii), and Australian Volunteers International (AVI) for their current funding support.



Chapter 12 on Island Food Community  
downloadable at FAO

## Karat Banana Smoothie

### Ingredients

- 3 ripe Karat Bananas
- 2 cups of fresh coconut juice or one small coconut
- 1 calamansi or 1 teaspoon of lime or lemon

### Instructions

- Pour coconut juice into blender and add peeled karat bananas
- Squeeze calamansi juice into the blender
- Blend on high for 30 seconds or until smooth

### Health Facts

This sugar- and fat free smoothie contains Vitamin A, from the Karat Banana, great for healthy skin, the immune system and good eye health. The citrus adds Vitamin C and Calcium also.



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