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Pohnpei lawmakers to consider proposed resolution to impeach Governor Ehsa

By *Bill Jaynes*
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Pohnpei, FSM—Five Pohnpei Senators have proposed a resolution to impeach Governor John Ehsa. Though the proposed resolution was signed on February 26, according to the Legislature’s Public Information Officer Salter Lohn, it only landed in the mailboxes of staff members two days ago.

The proposed resolution contains 19 articles each containing certain accusations. Seven of the articles have to do with the Governor’s implementation of the School Lunch program. Five of the articles have to do with the funding used to establish a World Park office. Three of the articles have to do with the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation. Two of the articles deal with alleged problems with the hiring of Yalmer Helgenberger as consultant for the Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture. One article makes accusations regarding the Governor’s handling of the former Pohnpei Fisheries Corporation dock. The last article has to do with the Governor’s extensive travel.

So that readers do not misunderstand, a proposed resolution is not an adopted resolution. Before a proposed *See “Resolution” on page 5*

Young woman’s body found on Sokehs Ridge

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Pohnpei, FSM—The body of Ms. Linda Luke was found at Sokehs Ridge by a local couple on February 23, 2013.

The couple was alerted to a suspicious smell on the mid-lower portion of the Ridge by a group of regular joggers, who happened to include a police officer. Curious of what the strange smell could be, the couple searched the area and found the body.

The police were immediately notified, and the body was transported to the morgue that same day.

Sources say that Ms. Luke’s adoptive mother reported her missing to the Police on February 13, 2013. The Police contacted the woman when the body was found. It is believed that by this time, the body had severely decomposed. The adoptive mother was therefore able to identify the body only by a watch on the body’s wrist she knew belonged to Ms. Luke.

Employees at the morgue were unable to confirm the cause of death, but have verified that Ms. Luke’s body was released to her family on February 24, 2012, the day following the discovery. The burial ceremony is believed to have occurred February 25, 2012.

Ms. Luke, from Sekere, was in her early twenties. She was studying to earn a business degree from the College of Micronesia. When contacted by the Kaselehlie Press, College President Daisy said, “The College is deeply saddened to learn of Ms Linda Luke’s passing. We know that it deeply affects the wider community and we have expressed our deepest condolence to Ms Luke’s family.”

The Chief of Pohnpei State Police said that they are currently

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Crime Scene tape surrounds the area where Sekere woman Linda Luke’s body was found at Sokehs Ridge



Swimming pool is not an FSMNOC thing it’s a community thing

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Chuuk Deaf Center

By Daniel DiDonna

The opening of Chuuk's Deaf Center marks a monumental step, not just in the Federated States of Micronesia, but also in the entire Micronesian region. As educational reforms are taking place in several countries, splashes are being made around Special Education departments as well, especially in Chuuk!

Chuuk is proud to announce itself as the leader for establishing the very first Deaf Center. Without the extensive help and lobbying from the director of the Special Education program, Ansina Kony, and the principal of Chuuk High School, Paul Hadik, none of this would have happened. With the help of the Deaf WorldTeach volunteers, the center was transformed into a stimulating visual environment tending to the learning styles of deaf students.

The Deaf Center kicked off with a small number of students during its first week of school. Since then, student registration has been steadily rising. In the midst of finding deaf children around Weno and the outer islands, the Center was blessed with an opening ceremony to mark an important footing in the Special Education department.

There was an open house for the community, teachers, and officials where they were able to tour the classroom. The ceremony started with a prayer, followed by a cutting ribbon episode by Deaf

WorldTeach volunteer Emma Bixler, a short presentation by Paul Hadik and Deaf WorldTeach volunteer Daniel DiDonna. Both discussed about this significant event in Chuuk, how this will benefit special education teachers, deaf students and their families, and the community – not just at the local and regional level, but at a national level as well.

In this center, there will be educational services provided not just for deaf students but for their families, special education teachers, and community members. The center is used as a classroom for teaching American Sign Language (ASL), self-expressive and interactive skills for deaf students every morning. There is a parents' corner where parents can come to school with their child, observe the teachings and incorporate signs taught in school at home, and further the students' education outside of the classroom environment. Materials are provided to the parents in books, DVDs and ASL instruction so they can develop their signing skills and how to better respond to their child's needs with clear expression and receptivity. After school, scheduled ASL classes take place for parents and local teachers at Iras, along with high school students who are involved with the ASL Club from Chuuk High School.

If you know Deaf children or Deaf adults in Chuuk in need of educational services or support, please contact Ansina Kony, Special Education Director 691-330-8910.



International Medical Corps explores local collaborations for more effective disaster preparedness and resilience

International Medical Corps

International Medical Corps has collaborated with a number of disaster risk reduction and management stakeholders in the Federated States of Micronesia in recent weeks in an attempt to build and foster strong partnerships. Representatives from International

Medical Corps met with government representatives, local leaders, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academia and communities in order to design programming that will support disaster risk reduction and preparedness.

International Medical Corps recognizes the vital role NGO's and community

networks play in everyday life in FSM. By harnessing the collective power and expertise of many – in fields as diverse as conservation, education, health, entertainment, and women's groups – we can work together to build capacity and create stronger communities. This approach is a proven model to raise awareness and community participation, communicate accurate information, provide needed services,

liaise with the government, and reduce redundancy. International Medical Corps has a successful history with this type of collaboration on similar United Nations and USAID-backed programs worldwide, and looks forward to joining and participating in local FSM groups.

International Medical Corps was the lead

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Unofficial National Election Votes for two year term Congress seats

These results from the National Election Office are unofficial AND incomplete. As of Friday, March 8, Chuuk had not yet reported on all of its ballot boxes. Missing are counts from four polling places from Election District #1, Five from ED #3, fifteen from ED#4, and two from ED #5.

State of Pohnpei: Two Year Term

	Dohsis Halbert	2,489	52.17%
ED#-1	Ferny S. Perman	2,271	47.60%
	Write-in votes	11	0.23%
	Total Votes cast	4,771	100%
	Berney Martin	2,981	54.83%
ED#-2	Dion G. Neth	2,456	45.17%
	Write-in votes		
	Total Votes cast	5,437	100%
	David W. Panuelo	2,124	98.65%
ED#-3	Write-in votes	29	1.35%
	Total Votes cast	2153	100%

State of Chuuk: Two Year Term

ED#-1	Florenco (Singkoro)Harper	2463	100%
	Total Votes Cast	2463	100%
	Roger S. Mori	2464	49%
ED#-2	Victor Gouland	2525	51%
	Total Votes Cast	4989	100%
	Augustina S. Takashy	1539	24.50%
ED#-3	Bonsiano Fasy Nethon	3181	50.64%
	Michael M. Kanas	1561	24.85
	Total Votes Cast	6281	100%
	Setiro Paul	3050	47%
ED#-4	Tiwiter Aritos	3442	53%
	Total Votes Cast	6492	100%
	Moses S. Nelson	382	14%
	Robson U. Romolow	511	18%
ED#-5	Ruphin Micky	554	20%
	Tony Otto	813	29%
	Williander D. Jack	539	19%
	Total Votes Cast	2799	100%

President Mori applauds and says “thank you” regarding four Congressional Acts

FSM Information Services

March 04, 2013

On February 12, President Manny Mori signed into law four Congressional acts for which he expressed appreciation to the legislative body.

Public Law No. 17-75 calls for the elimination of the Chuuk State Commission on Improvement Project (CSCIP) ninety days after the congressional act became a public law and the reversion of the commission’s assets to the FSM National Government.

“I applaud and thank Congress for taking action on this important piece of legislation”, President Mori said in his signing statement, calling the decision by Congress a “necessary reform” that aligns project implementation with an existing court ruling – Udot Municipality vs. FSM.

President Mori also signed into law a legislation (P.L. No. 17-76) that appropriates \$50,000 in support of the relief efforts in the Republic of Palau for victims of Typhoon Bopha and to assist relief efforts in Samoa as well. Through the Micronesia Red Cross Society, \$30,000 of the fund will be directed to efforts in Palau while the remaining \$20,000 is provided toward relief efforts in Samoa.

“I thank Congress for taking action on this matter in order to help our neighbors in the Pacific Region that were devastated by recent catastrophic calamities.”

Additionally, President Mori expressed appreciation to Congress for supporting his request to allow that expenditures for oil, provisions and spare parts for the patrol and surveillance boats be charged against the Maritime Surveillance Revolving Fund.

In his P.L. No. 17-79 signing statement, the President said the new change to the law would strengthen the capacity of the Maritime

Wing, FSM National Police to, to effective patrol the FSM’s exclusive economic zone.

The fourth in a series of lauded legislations is one the President called “an important milestone” in relation to the FSM National Energy Policy.

Public Law No. 17-80 has authorized the President, or his designee, “to execute a sovereign guarantee to secure an Asian Development Bank (ADB) loan for the Yap Renewable Energy Development Project”.

According to the legislation, Yap’s \$11.16 million renewable energy project would be funded by \$4.68 million from ADB’s Ordinary Capital Resources funds, \$4.38 million from ADB’s Asian Development Fund, and 2.12 million from the State of Yap. The ADB requires a sovereign guarantee that the loan will be repaid.

In good faith in Yap’s ultimate responsibility and ability in eventual repayment of its renewable energy project loan and on the basis of Article 9 of the FSM Constitution, the authorization to execute a sovereign guarantee was given to the President by the Congress with other terms and guidelines that set parameters and procedures.

The State of Yap “pledges its state revenues and agrees to an offset of its national revenues in the event of default by the State of Yap”, as indicated among the terms that would be included in the “Terms of the guarantee” that is to be set by the President.

“...any legal guarentees by the National Government must be subject to reasonable legal protections, which are provided in the Act. The Executive Branch will ensure those protections required by law are observed”, President Mori stated.

State of Yap: Two Year Term

	Issac V. Figir	2692	100%
	Total Votes Cast	2692	100%

State of Kosrae: Two Year Term

	Johnson A. Asher	920	30%
	Paliknoa K. Welly	2106	70%
	Total Votes Cast	3026	100%

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Court orders Pohnpei to release Luen Thai freight

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

March 5, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Martin Yinug yesterday afternoon ordered Pohnpei State to “promptly execute all necessary clearance documents” to allow Luen Thai to ship its containers of fish on the next available vessel. In apparent violation of the injunction issued in early February establishing a status quo relationship with Luen Thai, Pohnpei’s Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture (OFA) had been refusing to clear any of Luen Thai’s containers of fish for export.

Luen Thai said in Monday’s hearing on the matter that Pohnpei State and OFA were essentially holding its export for ransom.

In late January OFA sent a letter to all entities involved in shipping from Pohnpei. The letter instituted a new policy that required an OFA issued stamp on shipping documents before fish can be exported from Pohnpei. The letter said that before OFA would issue a stamp the exporter must pay a ten cent per kilo “transshipment fee”.

OFA representatives testified in Monday’s hearing that the office didn’t know what to do with the first payment when it came in. They hadn’t set up any mechanism to accept payment as they had never done it before. Yalmer Helgenberger, who serves as a consultant to OFA testified that he instructed the State Finance office to put the check in the safe and not to deposit it until after the dispute was resolved.

Twice, Luen Thai paid the transshipment fee under protest for containers it intended to export. Twice OFA withheld the necessary stamp. The end result was that by the time the ship arrived on Monday afternoon, Luen Thai had a total of 12 containers full of fish that had sat on the dock through multiple sailings.

During the hearing on Monday, Luen Thai attorney Steve Finnen said that his client intends to file a complaint contesting the constitutionality of the transshipment fee. He said the standard when one is opposing the constitutionality of a tax is to pay the tax under protest until a court issues a ruling on the manner.

But OFA had been refusing to clear containers for export unless Luen Thai withdraws its protest.

On February 28, 2013 the current Acting Administrator of OFA, Enter Paul, who usually works for OFA as a boat mechanic sent a Memorandum of Agreement for signature by Luen Thai’s Vice President Derrick Wang. The Memo said that OFA would clear the Bills of Lading for which Luen Thai had already paid a total of \$25,607 in transshipment fees. “However, it is agreed that future clearings will be conditioned upon

submission of all copies of Bill of Lading and Airway Bills from June 26, 2006 till February 1, 2013,” the agreement said.

“Failure to comply with the inten(t) of this note will definitely result in hold up of all tuna transshipments in the future and liquidation of tangible and intangible assets,” it concluded.

At the advice of his attorney, Wang refused to sign the agreement.

According to testimony by Enter Paul, and by Yalmer Helgenberger, because Luen Thai had not signed the agreement, Governor instructed OFA not to release the containers for export.

During his testimony Helgenberger outlined the steps that Luen Thai would need to take before OFA would release the containers. They had to sign the agreement and provide all requested airway bills and bills of lading for the period June 26, 2006 through February 1, 2013. It had to drop its protest of transshipment fees, and had to agree to pay all transshipment fees the State says that Luen Thai owes from previous years. “They had to agree to cooperate,” Helgenberger testified.

A February 19 letter from Pelson Moses who was then OFA’s Acting Administrator said that OFA’s estimated amount of back transshipment fees is approximately \$3.2 million.

Helgenberger said that Luen Thai would not need to pay \$3.2 million before OFA would clear their containers for export but it would need to agree to pay the amount that OFA finds that it owes after OFA analyzes the shipping documents. Without that agreement OFA would not authorize the shipment of any of Luen Thai’s containers.

In other words, Luen Thai would either have to give up their constitutional right to judicial review of what it thinks is an unconstitutional law, or be forced to go out of business.

While all of the back and forth between OFA and Luen Thai was taking place, on February 19, Pohnpei’s Attorney General issued legal advice to Pelson Moses. The AG advised Moses and Helgenberger to “go ahead and stamp the subject bills of lading and permit the seven containers to be loaded and shipped. If you shall refuse to do this, you may cause the State of Pohnpei, including yourself to give cause why sanction should not be imposed for violation of [the FSM Supreme Court’s] order.”

In fact, Luen Thai did file a motion for the defendants, along with Yalmer Helgenberger, and Pelson Moses to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court for violating the injunction. That motion, filed last Thursday, February 28 asked for the court to incarcerate Helgenberger and Moses

until they comply with the earlier court order. That motion has not been heard but since OFA has now issued the stamps it is probably a moot issue.

Helgenberger testified that the Governor asked him for his own personal opinion about the AG’s advice. He said that he told the Governor that he didn’t think transshipment fees had anything to do with the Court ruling granting an injunction for six months. He said that the Governor told him not to release the containers until Luen Thai was in compliance.

Enter Paul testified that at about 10:00 on Friday night Luen Thai people came to his house trying to get him to stamp the bills of lading. He said that he called the Attorney General who advised him to stamp the documents to release containers. He testified that he next called Governor Ehsa who told him not to stamp the documents. He followed the Governor’s instructions and refused to stamp them.

Paul’s visitors that evening were Derrick Wang, and Marstella Jack. Jack was there as legal representation for FSCO. After Monday’s hearing she said that she drove all over town looking for Paul and didn’t find him until late that evening. FSCO’s legal concern regarded what they should do if a client can produce a receipt that

shows that it has paid the transshipment fee but OFA has not yet stamped it. FSCO needed clarification to avoid being sued by Luen Thai for not loading the containers or being prosecuted by Pohnpei State if they did load the containers.

FSCO did not load the containers.

Monday’s court order modifying the injunction issued in early February was issued “in order to clarify its reach.” The Court ordered Pohnpei State to release all containers for which Luen Thai had already paid transshipment fees and any future containers for which Luen Thai pays the transshipment fees even if those payments are made under protest.

“Defendants State of Pohnpei and the Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture are enjoined and restrained from taking any action against Luen Thai Fishing Venture, Ltd. or refusing to promptly execute all necessary clearance documents for the fish containers because those payments (transshipment payments) are made under protest.

The matter of the hundreds of thousands of dollars Luen Thai testified that it sustained due to the delayed shipments will be decided on in later hearings.

On Friday, the State filed a motion to dismiss the whole case. Their motion has not yet had a response from Plaintiffs, nor has it been heard by the Court.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) is conducting a Call for Proposals for Building Resilient Protected Area Networks to Achieve the Micronesia Challenge (MC) Goals. The fund will provide grants for the development of resilient protected areas networks and ensure sustainability of resource management in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This project will build upon the initial implementation of the MC in expanding areas for biodiversity conservation as well as employing strategies that provide tangible resilience and adaptive capacity for climate change.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Develop conservation sites to meet the approved protected areas network criteria in each of the MC jurisdictions.
2. Support the improvement/development of protected area networks (PAN) that will strengthen and coordinate the role of protected areas and will reflect local priorities into broad-scale planning for biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation.
3. Gather momentum for the Micronesia Challenge at the site-level.

AWARD RANGE:

Maximum \$50,000 with average awards around \$30,000

DURATION:

12-22 months

ELIGIBILITY:

Legally recognized Not For Profit Organizations (including associations, schools, colleges and universities, religious organizations, research organizations, and other institutions), Community-based organizations, and Government agencies (national, state and municipal).

ANNOUNCEMENT SCHEDULE:

- Full proposals will be due no later than end of business day April 3rd, 2013
- MCT Technical Committee will review full proposals; successful applicants will be notified by May 1st 2013

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... Resolution

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resolution can come to the Legislature for a vote it must first be assigned to a committee. The committee is assigned to review and evaluate a proposed resolution through a process of hearings. Some resolutions never make it out of committee. If it does make it out of committee with a recommendation for passage, the full body of the legislature has to vote to adopt the committee report. Only then can the resolution be withdrawn from the committee for a vote. In the case of a resolution for impeachment, 18 of Pohnpei's 23 Senators must vote for passage of the resolution whether all of the Senators are in the chamber at the time of the vote or not.

According to Article 13, section 6 of the Pohnpei Constitution, if a resolution for impeachment is adopted, the Legislature is required to serve a notice of impeachment on the official. Once the notice of impeachment is served, the official is suspended from his or her duties with pay pending judgment.

A tribunal of three justices of the Pohnpei Supreme Court would be convened by the Chief Justice. That tribunal would appoint a special prosecutor with the approval of the majority of the Legislature. An impeachment conviction would require the vote of two-thirds of the tribunal.

The proposed impeachment resolution has been assigned to the legislature's Justice and Governmental Operations (J&GO) committee which is chaired by Senator Robert Nakasone. Salter Lohn said today that J&GO is scheduled to begin hearings on the proposed resolution on Friday.

Governor Ehsa is scheduled to give his State of State address in the chamber of the legislature tomorrow morning at 10:00. His secretary said this afternoon that his address will only deal with the Pohnpei's Annual Report and that he does not intend to discuss anything regarding the proposed resolution of impeachment. However, after he returns from his travels he will be holding a press conference. She said that the press conference is scheduled for March 15.

This is the second time that a proposal for impeachment of Governor Ehsa has been introduced at the Pohnpei State Legislature. The first was during the Governor's first term of office. That proposed resolution focused on the Governor's School Lunch program. The resolution did not pass in the Legislature.

The School Lunch Program is still a source of contention for some Senators. Seven of the articles in the new proposed resolution of impeachment contain accusations against the Governor that are directly related to his implementation and funding of that program. Several of the articles make the same allegation—that the Governor presided over illegal

expenditures of Government funds in order to fund the school lunch program in primary schools. Those articles each cite different specific laws or Constitutional provisions that the Senators say the Governor violated.

The aggregate allegation of the seven articles is that the Governor violated the law in order to incompletely fund a program that in the end funds school lunches only for some secondary school students.

Governor Ehsa said by phone yesterday that the Supreme Court previously considered the matter of school lunches after the last proposed resolution for impeachment and after the Legislature filed suit on the issue. He reminded us of his statement during his August 26, 2011 press conference in which he said that the Court had ruled that all children who attend school for two or more hours after lunch time must be provided with lunch. He intimated that he has only been carrying out the court's ruling.

The next five articles in the proposed resolution for impeachment involve the establishment of the World Park Project. Again, several of the articles allege that the Governor presided over illegal expenditures in order to fund the project, funds that were not allotted by the Legislature as the law requires. Specifically, the resolution alleges that the Governor diverted some or all of the \$107,000 that the Legislature allotted for the Pohnpei Visitors Bureau in order to help fund the World Park Project. It says that those funds came from the Private Sector Grant money provided by the U.S. and FSM Compact of Free Association.

The next three articles in the proposed resolution of impeachment are accusations directly related to the Governor's handling of Pohnpei Utilities Corporation during a period of time during which he had declared a state of emergency. The resolution alleges that he illegally took over the power of the board, suspended the General Manager, and caused a bid to be selected for a contractor to provide power to Pohnpei.

The next two articles contain several allegations regarding the Governor's hiring of his first cousin, Yalmer Helgenberger, to be a consultant for the Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture. On October 8, 2012, the Pohnpei Legislature rejected the Governor's nomination of Helgenberger to be the Administrator of OFA. The resolution said that Helgenberger was then hired as a consultant at the same pay rate that an Administrator would have been paid and is paid from the OFA personnel budget but that there had not been a budget line item for a consultant position. The impeachment resolution says that the Governor has not made another nomination for the position. "The governor conspired with the consultant to take over much of the decision making responsibilities of the Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture which are properly the province of the acting Administrator of OFA..." it says. As evidence, the resolution pointed to the

summary removal of Itaia Fred as Acting Administrator, when he displayed reluctance to follow the "incautious instructions" of the Governor's consultant.

The resolution also claims that the position of consultant was never advertised as is required by law except when the Director of the Department of Treasury and Administration has certified that the service to be performed is special, or unique and non-permanent, and is essential to the public interest. The Director can certify that a person or organization has special expertise or knowledge that it would not be practical to obtain through normal public service recruitment procedures. The resolution says no such certification was obtained either before or after Mr. Helgenberger was hired for the position.

The resolution says that there is no law on the books that generally authorizes the Administration to lease out government owned properties but that the Governor improperly leased out the fish processing facilities in Dekehtik to Miju Mulsan, Co. Limited. It says that on February 1, 2013 the Pohnpei Legislature passed a resolution urgently requesting the Governor to cancel the agreement. The Legislature cited numerous inconsistencies, deficiencies, and legal problems with the leasing process of the site. It says that the Governor has taken no steps "to rectify the wrong carried out by his Administration in the bidding and awarding of a lease for the PFC fish processing facilities."

In the final Article of the proposed resolution the drafters bluntly call Governor Ehsa, a "travelholic". They said that because of this he is rarely seen in Pohnpei, and "has cost Pohnpei State Treasury a fortune with no productive results."

"John Ehsa, as Governor of Pohnpei State, is often travelling out of Pohnpei for purpose unknown to the people of Pohnpei and by his constant absences he abandons and neglects his duties as the Governor for the Government and the people of Pohnpei," the proposed resolution concludes.

Though past legislatures have begun impeachment proceedings against former Governors, none of them have ever ended in a conviction.

In the event that this proposed resolution of impeachment does make it all the way through to trial and results in the dismissal of the Governor, the Pohnpei State Constitution says that the Lt. Governor would fill the position of Governor. Statute dictates how vacancies in the office of Lt. Governor are filled.

The five signers of the propose resolution for impeachment were Senators Francisco L. Ioanis, Ausen T. Lambert, Dahker D. Daniel, Magdalena A. Walter, and McGarry Miguel.

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Court bars Election Commissioners from election travel

By **Bill Jaynes**
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March 1, 2013

Weno, Chuuk—The Chuuk State Supreme Court was “not persuaded” by the testimony of Chuuk State Election Commissioner Rufus Petewon. Petewon told the court that Chuuk’s Election Commissioners would remain impartial in the event of an appeal of next Tuesday’s election by attempting to be honest.

The court granted a temporary restraining order prohibiting members of Chuuk’s Election Commission from appearing in person at polling places they had planned to supervise. The ruling was a result of a Civil Action filed on February 26, by candidates Alexander R. Narruhn and Willie W3 Williander. The Chuuk State Election Commission and the individual Commissioners were named as defendants.

“The decision by the Chuuk State Court is monumental as well as Mr. Narruhn and Mr. Williander’s determination to fight for an impartial election commission for themselves and more importantly the state of Chuuk,” said Attorney Kembo Mida who handled the case.

Tuesday’s election will be the first in nearly a decade that will not have at least one Election Commissioner directly supervising a polling place despite numerous legal opinions that they should not personally supervise polling places. The current legal victory is only for the election that will take place on March 5. The court will reconvene in two weeks to consider the Complaint for Injunctive and Declaratory Relief which has not yet been considered. The outcome of that hearing will determine whether or not the practice will be allowed in the future.

Associate Justice Repeat Samuel issued the order on February 28, the day before four Commissioners had scheduled themselves to travel to four off island polling places in order to supervise the elections in those polling places. Commissioner Ananter Year was to have gone to Portland, Oregon. Commissioner Rufus Petewon was to have gone to Honolulu. Commissioner Sondak Gidieon had been scheduled to go to Maui, and Commissioner Angelino Rosokow was scheduled to go to Hilo. The court prohibited them from doing so.

The last minute filing was only made necessary because the Election Commission did not publish the names of the polling place supervisors 30 days before the scheduled election as it is required to do by Chuuk State law. The lawsuit contended the decision about who was to supervise the out of country polling places was not made public until February 24. Because the Commission did not publish the list as required, the candidates did not have time to utilize the formal complaint process.

After two continuances on February 27,

the Attorney General’s office withdrew as legal counsel for the defense. The AG’s office had issued repeated memos to the Election Commission cautioning the Commissioners not to personally engage in managing polling places. Though the Commission didn’t have a budget for private legal counsel they told the Court that they could issue a “reprogramming request” in order to secure the funds.

When the hearing continued on the morning of February 28, the AG’s office withdrew as legal counsel, and Johnny Meippen, Chuuk State Director of Marine Resources entered his appearance to represent the defendants.

In considering a preliminary injunction the court must consider whether four factors are met. It must determine whether there is a substantial likelihood of success on the merits of the case. It must decide if there is a substantial threat of irreparable injury to the plaintiff if the preliminary injunction is denied. It must decide if the benefit to the plaintiff in obtaining the injunction outweighs the harm the defendants will experience. Lastly, it must decide whether or not the public interest will be served if the injunction is granted.

The court decided that all factors favored the issuance of the injunction and granted it.

On the first factor the court said that the plaintiff “cites case law to bolster the contention that in the absence of a statute mandating the impartiality of the Commission, the Commission must still be impartial.” The defendants only argued that Commissioners have traveled to polling places in order to conduct elections since 2005, and that this new “status quo” should not be disturbed.

The court was not persuaded and felt that the plaintiffs had a stronger argument. The Court also said in a foot note that the ruling is “not a suggestion that the Defendants have no possibility of prevailing in this case.”

The court ruled that in the absence of an injunction, the plaintiffs would suffer irreparable harm since Commissioners were scheduled to fly out on the next day. “The harm is actual, as the harmful conduct will occur allowing for the Commissioners to bathe in the appearance of impropriety...” the Court ruling said.

The Court used more space to explain its ruling on the next two standards, the first of which is the “balance of harm”.

The ruling described the testimony of Commissioner Rufus Petewon, who has been a Commissioner for over six years and who also assisted in the 2005 elections. The attorney for the defendants called him as a witness in order to demonstrate the possible injury or inconvenience defendants would face if the injunction was issued. Essentially, he described the

duties of the Commissioners as being that of contingency managers, supervisors, and ballot box delivery people.

During the plaintiff’s cross examination, Petewon testified that during the 2009 election he flew to Hawaii to conduct the election but that he closed the polling place at 11:00 in the morning instead of 5:00 in the afternoon. By the time he closed the polling place, just over 10 percent of the registered voters had cast a ballot.

Petewon testified that although the law doesn’t require that the supervisor for polling places must be a Commissioner, it has been the practice.

While explaining the damages the Commissioners would incur, the defense said that per diem checks had already been issued, and that some of the money had already been spent on “travel stuff”. They said they would not likely be able to repay that money.

The court said that the travel authorization was for travel that was to begin on March 1, 2013. Funds that were not directly attributable to the travel could not then be ascribed to the issuance of an injunction issued before the time travel was to have commenced.

Defendants also contended that there might be penalties imposed by the airlines for cancelled travel at such a late date. The court disagreed saying that the status quo is for Chuuk State Government to purchase full fare tickets that are refundable with a minimal fee imposed. The same applies to hotel and car rentals that are cancelled with a notice of 24 hours.

The Court ruling required the plaintiffs to put up security of \$3,000 to cover any fees imposed by United Airlines for the cancelled tickets, along with any fees for cancelled car rentals or accommodation cancelations. It is standard operating procedure for Courts to require injunction bonds. If the plaintiffs prevail when the full matter is heard, their bond will be refunded.

Plaintiffs argued that the Commissioners running the polling places would be the same group of people to whom election appeals must be directed. If all but one of the Commissioners were off island, then there would not be a quorum to consider election appeals.

Additionally, in its complaint for a permanent injunction and declarative judgment, which has not yet been heard, Defendants

reminded the Court of one incident during the last gubernatorial election. The Election Commission denied the appeal of Redley Killion who appealed for a revote and recount of the Hawaii polling place that Petewon closed at 11:00 in the morning. Petewon himself was one of the Commissioners who denied the appeal though he should probably have been conflicted out since he was the one who ran the contested poll.

“...impartiality of the Commissioners is necessary to protect the integrity of the elections while protecting the fundamental rights of the Plaintiffs and other individuals,” the Court said. “The commissioners stated that they will attempt to be ‘honest’ when impartiality [is] required, but that alone is insufficient. The balance of equities tips overwhelmingly in Plaintiffs’ favor.”

The court ruled that the public interest is not served by withholding the injunction.

The Court said that significant differences exist between the Chuuk State Election Law and the “conduct at issue here.” Defendants contended in court that it is the responsibility of the Commissioners to handle every aspect of an election from personally transporting ballot boxes, right down to lining voters up. They contended that in order to do their jobs they must be personally present at polling sites. The Court disagreed, saying that the Election law allows the Commission to delegate tasks for the efficient performance of functions and duties. “Further, the law requires impartiality, whether explicitly, or implicitly, and the physical presence of the Commissioners at the polling sites defeats impartiality and clouds the Election Commission with the appearance of impropriety.”

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implementing agency for the recently completed PREPARE Project, a USAID-funded global Disaster Risk Reduction initiative that worked with vulnerable countries and communities in Africa and Asia to execute comprehensive preparedness planning for the mitigation of disaster impacts of pandemics and other major hazards. Using a sustainable planning, training, and exercise-based program, International Medical Corps worked with central and local governments, the private sector, military, civil society organizations, families and individuals to build capacities to respond to emergencies and cope during extreme circumstances. International Medical Corps' PREPARE project uses a "whole-of-society" multi-sectoral approach which aims to strengthen every essential component of society at all levels, so that the whole system is better able to respond to shocks, both major and minor. International Medical Corps is hoping to implement a similar program in FSM which focuses on all-hazard disaster preparedness.

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International Medical Corps staff is currently in Pohnpei and Chuuk to conduct assessments of the current level of preparedness, and explore partnerships with the government, established organizations, and local professionals. For more information on International Medical Corps, visit: www.InternationalMedicalCorps.org or email Jacob Schafer at jschafer@InternationalMedicalCorps.org.

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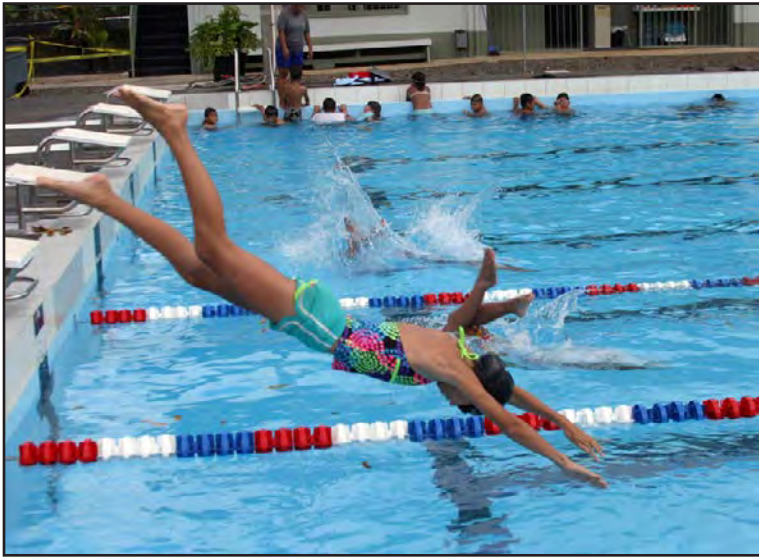
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Swimming pool is not an FSMNOC thing it's a community thing



By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

March 7, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—Parents who have brought their children to participate in one of Pohnpei's swim teams sit on the bleachers in the shade on the side of the newly renovated pool. They talk and laugh with each other with one eye on their progeny who are busily having the time of their lives. It's a safe place. It's a community place and everyone is welcome.

Jim Tobin, Director of the FSM National Olympic Committee is understandably proud of the newly renovated and restored swimming pool and the new headquarters for the FSMNOC. But he is quick to point out that he wants the pool to be a "community thing". He said that the pool is a place where everyone can come for exercise and for health. He encourages the support of volunteers as well.

Tobin said that despite the fact that Pacific Islanders grow up completely surrounded by water, the islands have the highest rate of drowning deaths in the world. That may be because there is so much water but it doesn't help that a good number of Pacific Islanders never learn to swim. It's something that he hopes the pool will be able to help with in Pohnpei. He said the pool's "learn to swim" program will begin after Easter.

The pool has open lap swim hours every day of the week. Swimmers under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign a release form in person. All open lap swimmers must have a demonstrated ability to swim. Floats are not allowed in the pool except during instruction times. Monday through Friday, open lap swim times are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays swimmers can also swim from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. On Saturdays the pool is open for lap swimming from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m.

The cost of open lap swim is \$2 per day per person, \$20 monthly, or \$200 per year. The family package rate for families with 3 or more members is \$50 per month or \$500 per year.

Tobin says that there has been a lot of

interest in the Pohnpei swim teams but there is still room for many more to join. Try-outs are open to all swimmers six years old and older. Swimming evaluations are conducted daily from 3:30 to 4:30. He said that the try-outs are timed. All swimmers who can swim the 25 yard length of the pool in 55 seconds or less will be placed on a team depending on their time and age. The registration fee is \$20 and includes the first month of participation. After that the cost is only \$10 per month.

The pre-novice, novice, and age group development teams all meet from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The age group advanced, and high school development teams practice from 4:40 until 6:00 p.m. The Pohnpei Elite Group practices from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. All of the above times are Monday through Friday.

No question, a pool is extremely expensive to operate. It takes a great deal of power to run the various pumps and systems, and chemical costs are quite high. Right now Tobin says it costs about \$3000 a month and the pool takes in a little more than \$1000 per month in admission and participation fees. He said that the addition of some new state of the art equipment will decrease the monthly operating costs by about 50 percent. The Australian Government, through the Australian Embassy provided two grants so that the FSMNOC can purchase a new plastic pool pump to replace the worn out cast iron pump, and also a state of the art pool ionizer.

Power costs are reduced by what Tobin says is the first solar power generation system that feeds into the PUC power grid. Essentially the meter goes backward when the system which lines the roof of the office building, is producing more power than the facility is using. Tobin wrote a special International Olympic Committee grant for \$50,000 provided by the IOC President's Office to purchase the solar power system.

So far the whole endeavor seems to have been powered by grants, even for the recruitment and salary of the Swimming Development Office, Conrad Kohrs. His job was paid for with a grant provided from the IOC's Olympic Solidarity Development of National Structures in Sports in Swimming.

The FSMNOC recruited Kohrs to come from California to Pohnpei and work himself out of a job as quickly as possible. He arrived in November of 2012. Besides operating the pool itself and training swimmers, his job will be to train the members of a now forming non-government organization called the Pohnpei Swim Club how to operate the pool. His contract was to have been for one year but Tobin said that during a trip from which he just returned he got another grant so that Kohrs can continue to work for the program until after the FSM Micro-Games in July of 2014.

Tobin said that the FSMNOC had been looking for a location in the Kolonia area for five years to build a permanent small office. The International Olympic Committee had pledged a one time Olympic office development grant of \$150,000 so that the FSMNOC could build or renovate an office space. Tobin said that the FSMNOC had been working with Governor Ehsa in order to find a small piece of Pohnpei State Government land to lease. Pohnpei State wanted the FSMNOC to lease a land lot across the street from PICS High School. It was an idea that FSMNOC liked but then they found out that the construction costs to build a new two story office building were prohibitively high.

FSMNOC latched onto the idea of renovating the closed Pohnpei swimming pool in trade for the existing two story building within the pool's fenced complex. It required approval from the IOC. That approval took only two weeks. Last June, the FSMNOC signed a 50 year lease with the Pohnpei State Government and began the process of contracting for the renovation which was done by E-CAD construction. "The FSMNOC would like to thank Wayne Bricknell for the professional job that his company did in renovating the pool and the FSMNOC office," Tobin said.

The FSMNOC moved into its new office building in December 2012, and the pool was opened for lap swimming in January, 2013. Junior swim team practice started in February.

Tobin also wrote a special grant to "Olympic Archives" for \$35,000 in order to furnish the new FSMNOC training

center and conference room which is located on the second floor of the new FSMNOC office complex. The conference room looks over both the swimming pool and the decrepit tennis courts which are next on the list for renovation. It houses memorabilia from past Olympic events in which the FSM has participated. In one corner stands a glass case with a piece of the extravagant Olympic torch that was used in the London Olympics. Another corner has the Olympic torch that was used when the torch passed through Pohnpei. "This room should be an inspiration to anyone who comes here," Tobin said and beamed with pride.

The FSMNOC will hold an FSM national sport leadership meeting starting on March 18. For the first time, the FSMNOC will hold the annual meeting in the new training center and conference room. Tobin said that sport leaders from all 4 FSM States will attend the weeklong meeting which will include the annual FSMNOC general meeting and sports administration workshops on the topic of preparation for the 2014 Micronesia Games.

The pool will be used as one of the sport facilities for the upcoming 2014 Micronesia Games to be held on Pohnpei in July 2014. The facility will also be put to use as the FSM's first Olympic training center. Tobin said that when FSM swimmers train for the Olympics they have done it in local rivers and some have been sent to Hawaii for training there. Tobin says it costs about \$40,000 to do that. The new training center would mean that FSM swimmers could train at home, sleep in their own beds, see their families every day, and still get top notch training.

While walking through the new training center conference room, Tobin stopped in front of a picture of Keitani Graham. "We're starting something new," Tobin said, "The Keitani Gram Memorial Athlete of the Year Award." He said that the award will be presented annually to the FSM athlete who most closely follows in the spirit of Keitani Graham. Keitani Graham, an FSM wrestler of great accomplishment competed for the first and last time at the Olympics in London last summer. He spent his short life giving back to his community and reaching out through sport to the young people of his home.

Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission fishing tournament

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission fishing tournament, was held on February 23. There was a great turnout and lots of prizes were won.

The Commission put up \$1,500.00 cash in prizes, and the prizes were evenly spread out as seen below. Lots of fish were caught and people had a great day on the water.

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The weigh-in was held at Mangrove Bay, a fine new facility in Pohnpei. The Pohnpei Library ran the barbecue, and the club is helping the library with its numerous projects.

Big thanks to our sponsor, Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission. Thanks to all of you who helped run the tourney.

The next tournament is the Do It Best tournament on March 23. Please plan on watching or participating.

Glenn Hurry, Exec. Dir. WCPFC, John Weitzer, Wilmar Aquino and Johnny Hedson



U.S. Veterans Administration Representative to visit Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae

U. S. Embassy, Kolonia

The U. S. Embassy in Kolonia and the U.S. Veterans Administration on Guam would like to inform all U.S. military veterans that a Veterans Benefits Representative, Mr. Gregorio Borja, is scheduled to visit Chuuk from March 18 to March 20. While in Chuuk he will meet veterans at the Blue Lagoon Hotel. He will then travel to Pohnpei where he will meet veterans from March 20 to 22 at the Ocean View Hotel. Additionally, he will travel to Kosrae to meet veterans there from March 22 to March 25 at the Nautilus Resort.

Interested veterans can contact Mr. Borja directly at the different hotels during the dates listed above or email Gregorio.A.Borja@va.gov for an appointment. For more information, contact Ms. Elizabeth Silwer at the U.S. Embassy in Kolonia after March 13. Her phone number is 320-2187 and email is SilwerEP@state.gov.

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unable to comment on the death. "The case is still under investigation," he explained. He also clarified that the Police have not closed off access to the Ridge as there are no major concerns for public safety and use of the Ridge at this stage.

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Sources with firsthand knowledge said that Police have questioned a few people of interest. At press time no arrests had been made.

Rumors in Sokehs say that the death may have been the responsibility of a male with whom Luke had a relationship. The Pohnpei Women's Council told the Kaselehlie Press that they are deeply concerned that "domestic violence may have been involved in the cause of death".

The family could not be contacted for comment as they are in mourning.

The Kaselehlie Press would like to take this opportunity to express sympathy to Ms. Luke's family.

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Type: 2004 Xterra
Drive: Manual Transmission
Mileage: 18,770 may be different at purchase
Color: Silver
Minimum bid: \$8,000



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Make: Nissan
Type: 2007 Frontier 4WD
Drive: Manual Transmission
Mileage: 32,872 may be different at purchase
Color: Gray
Minimum Bid: \$10,000



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New arrivals get all their vegetables from their own garden

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

February 28, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—Green onions, spinach, kale, a variety of spices, tomatoes, beans, red and green okra, peppers, eggplant, cucumber, and much more grows in the bountiful garden of Miguel and Wanpen Ordonez. They're understandably proud of their garden.

Miguel took on the position as Deputy Chief of Mission for the United States Embassy in Nett just over six months ago. Since that time the couple have cultivated and planted their now thriving garden. During a gourmet noon meal at their home, prepared by Wanpen, who not only has

a green thumb but is a world class chef, the Ordonez's said that they no longer have to rely on the grocery store for their vegetables.

Wanpen says that by supplementing locally available food with vegetables that can easily be grown it's possible to prepare food from anywhere in the world right here in Pohnpei. Because of Pohnpei's tropical climate vegetables can grow all year round.

"We invited you here to see our garden so that you could let people know what can be done with gardening in Pohnpei," Miguel said.

The garden is completely organic. They use no pesticides or man-made fertilizers.

Even the thorn branches they have laid on the edges of their gardens in order to keep the neighborhood dogs out are an organic solution.

Miguel is in charge of composting and soil development. He explained the process of creating the compost pile from leaves and other organic material and the systematic turning of the compost pile. He has several compost piles of varying ages that he uses to enrich the soil of the garden. For nitrogen supplement, the Ordonez's use the droppings of the two chickens they also are raising.

The Ordonez's also care for the large garden that Amy Prahar, the wife of the former U.S. Ambassador established and cultivated for the years that they were in Pohnpei.

All of the dishes Wanpen prepared, the

salad, including the homemade dressing, the Fish Curry, the homemade ice creams from soursop, and from papaya, and everything that came between was made from ingredients that were grown in their garden or caught in Pohnpei. A few weeks after the Ordonez's arrived in Pohnpei, Wanpen won first prize at the World Food Day contest for her Pohnpei Fish Curry.

Situated on the Nanpohnmal ridge, their garden is ideally located. Miguel said that the sun tracks on the garden from the time it rises until the time it sets. Where that much sun is too much sun, they have planted some vegetables in pots, in the shade of the eaves of their home. The eaves also protect plants that don't like as much water as Pohnpei provides. "Still," he said, "anyone can do this."

The Ordonez's garden is one of many in Pohnpei.

POHNPEI FISH CURRY (serves 4-5)



Ingredients

- 3 lbs. whole fish (or filet), scaled, cleaned. Slash cut 3-4 times each side.
- 1 cup fresh squeezed coconut cream (from first grated coconut)
- 1 cup second squeeze coconut milk
- 7 string beans, cut into 1½ inch long
- 3 eggplants, halved, then cut ½ inch long
- 2 young turmeric leaves, finely sliced
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice (1 local lemon)

Curry Paste

- 1 hot chili (finger sized green), chopped

– OPTIONAL

- 2 lemongrass stalks, thinly sliced (2 tablespoons)
- 1 tablespoon chopped ginger
- 2 local tomatoes, chopped
- 2 tablespoons young coconut meat,

chopped (spoonmeat coconut)

2 tablespoons chopped spring onion

1 tablespoon fresh turmeric, chopped

2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon Pohnpei pepper corn

2 tablespoons water (when using blender to make paste)

Method

1. Blend curry paste ingredients to fine paste in blender; (or grind by hand if no blender).
2. Put coconut cream in big pot, medium-high heat; let boil until thick and the oil starts to come out.
3. Add curry paste, stir and let boil and smell fragrant (5-7 minutes).
4. Add cup of coconut milk, bring to boiling point.
5. Add lemon juice, mix well into curry sauce. Add fish in one side - spoon curry sauce on top of fish; then add eggplant and string beans on other side, mix well into the sauce and let it cook 10 minutes or until the fish and vegetables are cooked.
6. Add turmeric leaves, stir into vegetables and curry sauce. Turn off stove.
7. Serve fish curry with cooked banana, taro, and/or breadfruit.

Notes

*All ingredients are fresh, local grown, from local market or home grown in our vegetable garden.

*For hot food lovers, more chilis can be added; or no chilis is an option.

*Young coconut meat gives sweetness to curry. More vegetables can be added or more varieties to taste.

*Handle fish gently; no turning; it is cooked by steam on the top. Pour sauce over fish when serving.



Wanpen Ordonez shows off a pepper

Island Style Salad Dressing

Created by
Wanpen Ordonez



Ingredients

- 1 hard boiled egg
- 2 tablespoons (spoon meat) coconut
- 2 tablespoons grated roasted coconut
- 1 cup coconut juice
- ½ cup coconut cream
- 1-2 tablespoon lemon or lime juice
- 1 teaspoon turmeric powder or 1 tablespoon fresh turmeric
- 1 tablespoon chopped green onion
- 1-2 fresh small island bird eye chilis (optional)
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon Pohnpei black pepper

Method

Blend egg, spoon meat coconut, roasted coconut and fresh turmeric, chopped green onion, pepper, hot chilis to a fine paste. In a medium pot, over medium heat, add coconut cream to a boil until the oil starts to separate. Add the paste and cinnamon. Stir and let the sauce become fragrant. Add coconut juice, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Let it boil and remove from stove.

Serve

Serve on top of green salad with cucumber and roasted coconut flakes.

USAID supports the training of emergency responders

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Colonia, Yap FSM – After an intensive workshop held from the 20th to 22nd of February at the Yap Cooperative Association facility in the State of Yap, 24 participants drawn from civil society partners, and state government agencies have completed the Essentials of Humanitarian Assistance (EHA) Training conducted by the Office of Environment and Emergency Management (OEEM), International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Micronesia Red Cross Society (MRCS), with the funding support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The training prepared participants to directly assist their communities in the event of a disaster and within existing government response frameworks. The training introduced key humanitarian assistance concepts; outlined the essential aspects of rapid needs and damage assessments; humanitarian relief distributions; and deployment of temporary shelters, water harvesting systems, and other USAID pre-positioned humanitarian relief items. The overall aim of the training was to increase the capacity of the civil society partners that will work alongside, the local Governments, IOM and US Government in preserving lives and dignity of disaster victims.

The training also covered internationally

recognized concepts and standards in humanitarian response, including standards relating to Shelter, Water-Sanitation-Hygiene (WASH), and essential Non-Food-Items (NFI). During the training, the participants were afforded the opportunity to gain familiarity with the pre-positioned supplies, and enthusiastically erected a large tent and performed exercises involving the distribution of humanitarian relief items. This training course is also being conducted in Pohnpei State and the Republic of the Marshall Islands in the coming months.

The FSM Postal Service wishes to announce to the Public that on May 8, 2013 there will be a STAMP FAIR and First day of issue for the "Dr. Lois Englberger" stamp outside the office in Kolonia.

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- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome.
- 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.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the High Tides Restaurant. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at: rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com
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“Go Local” with Ramen!?

By April Turner (AVI)

Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Not the usual ramen that comes in a packet from a land far away, we are talking about locally made fresh ramen noodles with locally grown vegetables such as kangkong, cabbage, eggplant, and local leaves! Nett Ramen restaurant is coming up to its one year anniversary on 15th March and has grown from a one dish menu (Chicken ramen with a nutritious chicken stock simmered over many hours) to an array of Japanese inspired ramen soups and side dishes, as well as, freshly made spaghetti and pizza, a testimony to the young Pohnpeian/Japanese and French owners.

What has impressed Island Food Community of Pohnpei is the Green Policy proudly pasted on the walls of the restaurant overlooking the Dausokele River at Nett Point. Not only does the policy encourage patrons to ‘help us protect the environment by reducing waste and pollution’ and to bring your own containers for takeout, but it also promotes the Go Local! campaign to ‘choose to eat local fruits and vegetables other than imported ones’. Nett Ramen is a great example of a restaurant trying to use local and fresh vegetables as a much as possible for the CHEEF benefits of Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food Security.

So instead of a pack of ramen for lunch, make a healthy choice and opt for fresh homemade Ramen with local vegetables at Nett Ramen!



Go Local! with Homemade Healthy Miso Ramen

If your restaurant or business is interested in developing a Green Policy or a Local Food Policy, please contact Island Food Community of Pohnpei for any assistance Ph: 320-3259.

*Nett Ramen is the yellow building on the right after Nett Bridge. Call 320-4967 for more details on Nett Ramen services such as lunch delivery, catering etc.

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A healthy local substitute to white flour

By April Turner (AVI)

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP)

Did you know that giant swamp taro could be grated, sun-dried and processed into a flour for baking? This is an excellent nutritious substitute to white flour which is nutrient-poor, highly processed and imported long distances thus contributing to “food miles” or greenhouse gas emissions and climate change*.

Whilst white flour offers very little to our bodies need for vitamins and minerals, giant swamp taro is extremely rich in carotenoids, or Vitamin A, which helps prevent diabetes, cancer, heart disease, anemia and Vitamin A deficiency disorders. It is also high in fiber and calcium, iron and zinc. Remember, always choose yellow and orange fleshed varieties of local foods to prevent against disease!

(More information on Giant Swamp Taro can be found at IFCP)

Recipe for Banana Bread (by Mona Tara, IFCP)

Makes 2 loaves

- 2 cups Giant Swamp Taro flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1-1½ cups coconut milk
- ½ cup oil
- 2 large eggs
- 1 ¼ cups sugar
- 1 cup very ripe banana (yellow-fleshed varieties such as Karat, Akadahn or Taiwang highly recommended)

Optional additions:

- ½ tsp nutmeg (freshly grated is best - nutmeg trees can be found in the Pohnpei Botanical Garden)
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Coconut oil instead of vegetable oil for a healthy, local alternative

Directions:

1. In a bowl, whisk coconut milk, oil, eggs and sugar well
2. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and baking soda
3. Combine the wet and dry ingredients and mix thoroughly
4. Stir in mashed banana until just combined
5. Pour into 2 greased loaf pans and bake at 350°F for 45mins-1 hour or until the cake comes away from the pan

* IFCP Charcoal Ovens also assist with reducing greenhouse gases by efficiently burning coconut shell charcoal instead of electricity. These are for sale from IFCP. If you have any nutritious recipes using local foods, please email them to Island Food Community of Pohnpei to share with your community! communitydevelopment@islandfood.org



Go Local! with Giant Swamp Taro Flour

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Yap day celebrated in Pohnpei



4 students from Xavier High School join Pacific participants at Junior State of American Winter Congress in Washington, DC

Xavier High School

WASHINGTON, DC – Four students from Xavier High School in the Federated States of Micronesia joined students from Guam, American Samoa, Palau, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands in Washington, DC to participate in the Junior State of America's 22nd Annual Winter Congress Convention in late February. The two-day simulation of the U.S. Congress gave students, who were selected in a competitive process, an opportunity to meet as members of a simulated U.S. House of Representatives, as well as a simulated U.S. Senate.



Photo courtesy Xavier High School.

Isabel Ambuyoc and K-Andrea Limol, and (second row) Johnny Thoew and Brenden Yamase.

The four Xavier High School students were Brenden Yamase (Pohnpei), Johnny Thoew (Yap), Isabel Ambuyoc (Pohnpei), and K-Andrea Limol (Chuuk). They are members of the Class of 2014.

"We are exceedingly proud of the four Xavier High School participants in this year's JSA Winter Congress Convention. They worked hard to be selected for this prestigious honor, and

I'm sure their experiences in Washington will enrich our entire student body," said Fr. Rich McAuliff, SJ, the director of Xavier High School.

The full Junior State of America program ran from Feb. 19-25. While they were in Washington, DC, the Xavier students met with FSM Ambassador Asterio Takesy (a Xavier High School graduate, Class of 1963) and the embassy staff, and toured some of the major sites including the White House and U.S. Capitol. They also met with officials of the U.S. Dept. of Education and U.S. Dept of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs.

The students participated in the program as part of a special scholarship offered by the Junior Statesmen Foundation and funded by the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs. Students were selected after an essay competition that required them to submit a 500 to 750-word essay on the topic "What Are the Major Issues Facing the 113th U.S. Congress." Students selected were also given the opportunity to submit legislation to be considered by the simulated House and Senate during the JSA Winter Congress weekend.

In addition to the 18 Pacific participants, six students participated in the JSA program from the U.S. Virgin Islands. They joined more than 900 other students from throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Texas who attended the program.

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