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## FSM Government files criminal charges against Governor Ehsa



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**March 24, 2015**  
**Pohnpei, FSM**—On March 16, Pohnpei government officials cleared out all of Luen Thai Fishing Venture’s employees at the Pohnpei port and changed the

his capacity of Governor, the Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture (OFA), and Miju Mulsan Company, Ltd.

Luen Thai’s Vice President Derrick Wang flew to Pohnpei for a meeting requested by the Governor, ostensibly to settle things between the state and Luen Thai. Huang Te, Luen Thai’s Base Manager in Pohnpei and OFA Administrator Joseph Saimon also attended the meeting that took place on March 12. According to a March 13 letter to Mr. Huang from Saimon that was attached as an exhibit to one of Luen Thai’s court filings, during the meeting the government asked Luen Thai to surrender the keys to the facility by 5:00 pm on Monday, March 16th as an expression of “good faith”.

locks on all of the buildings that the company rents except for the locks on the dormitories. The use of the facilities has been a matter of an as yet undecided civil action at the FSM Supreme Court since early in 2013 (CA 2013-001). Injunctions have been in place since February of 2013.

Luen Thai told its attorney that it didn’t think that the “good faith” measure was a good idea for them and expressed concern that the keys would be turned over to Miju Mulsan. They filed

The defendants in 2013-001 are the State of Pohnpei, John Ehsa in

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## FSM Junior Baseball Team 2015 makes a great showing in Okinawa



By Bill Jaynes  
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**March 18, 2015**  
**Pohnpei, FSM**—This afternoon, as weary travelers arrived in Pohnpei, they were met by a throng of well wishers there to greet Team FSM after the team’s triumphant series of baseball games in Okinawa, Japan. As the first of the little leaguers walked into the arrival area after collecting their baggage, a cheer went up that only got louder as the boys walked out the door one by one.

“Team FSM gave them great impact,” said Coach Kosei Kenny Omura. “Because no one know how strong or how weak we are. We won two games. Amazing,” he exclaimed. “Especially, we beat Vietnam’s national team 6 to 0, and Vietnam was a registered Pony League team.”

“I was thinking, “I hope the FSM kids will learn something from losing games, instead they won two of the four games they played,” he said. “I hope our players learned why Fujita and myself screaming during practice in Pohnpei,” he laughed.

It was well deserved. Team FSM was invited by Nippon Travel Agency, the organizer of the East Asia International Baseball Festival to participate in the tournament in a series of exhibition games. The team wasn’t a registered team. Their games didn’t count in the tournament but without question, they counted in the lives of the 11 to 14 year olds who participated and who made new friends from around the East Asia region.

The games followed Pony League rules but were only five innings long so that they could all be fit into one day. During a Manager and Coach meeting before the opening ceremony, the teams had no problem admitting one 15 year old player from Vietnam and Trevor Cameron

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# “Traditional Knowledge and Wisdom” publication launched in Palikir

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

March 23, 2015

**Pohnpei, FSM**—After two years of meetings, exhaustive communications, and intense effort, this morning saw the release of a new book at the FSM Capital in Palikir. “Traditional Knowledge and Wisdom – Themes from the Pacific Islands” is a collection of 26 articles from FSM, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Fiji, and Tonga.

The book was sponsored and coordinated by the International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific region (ICHCAP) under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The beautifully produced 380 page book can also be downloaded at [www.ichcap.org/eng/contents/book\\_list.php](http://www.ichcap.org/eng/contents/book_list.php).

Keynote speakers at this morning’s formal book launching were Father Francis Hezel who served on the editorial board for the book and Dr. Rufino, Secretary of the FSM Department of Education.



Father Hezel said that at first glance it might seem odd that the goal of the book is to help to preserve the intangible cultural heritage, who we are, by talking about the tangible trappings of the various cultures, what we do. What we are isn’t necessarily defined by what we do though what we do can give us a glimpse of what we are. He said that it is important to preserve stories

of what we do and that the book will certainly go a long way toward doing that.

The FSM’s participation in the project was coordinated by Gus Kohler, Acting Director of the FSM Office of National Archives, Cultural and Historic Preservation which is also in the process of seeking formal recognition for cultural landmarks in the FSM.

The book contains four articles by authors in the FSM. “Stefan M. Krause, FSM’s Cultural Anthropologist stationed in Yap wrote two, one entitled, “The Art of Communication in Yap, FSM-Traditional Forms of Respectful Interaction”, and another entitled “Preserving the Enduring Knowledge of Traditional Navigation and Canoe Building in Yap, FSM”. Dr. Takuya Nagaoka, Director of Pasifika Renaissance wrote an article entitled “Sailing Canoe Building on Mwoakilloa Atoll”. Bill Jaynes, Managing Editor of The Kaselehlie Press wrote, “Sakau: Gift of Gods and Root of Pohnpei”.

The book is organized into five chapters: Worldviews, Relationships and Social Cohesion, Harvest and Landscapes, Voyaging and Seascapes, and Art and Technology.



“I hope this book will be recognized as an important resource book of the traditional knowledge and wisdom of the Pacific islanders and used not only by Pacific researchers and educators but also by all those who are interested to learn about the valuable wisdom and vivid life in the Pacific islands,” wrote Dr. Saymin Lee, Director-General of ICHCAP in his preface to the book.



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## U.S. Ambassador presents keynote speech at International Women's Day

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

Ambassador Doria Rosen presented the keynote remarks on Friday March 13 at Pohnpei's celebration of International Women's Day. Using the theme for the day "My life - My Responsibility" she called on women to take responsibility for themselves and those within their sphere of influence. Much of the talk stressed the importance of educating today's young women.



She also said, "Women played an important role in traditional Pohnpei and they remain just as important today. Women are half of the population, and if they are not fully participating in society, then half of the nation's natural resources are being wasted. When women fully participate in all aspects of society the country will see stronger economic growth."

After her remarks she enjoyed visiting with the local women and watched dances performed by representatives of each of the Women's Groups from around the island.

## Yap improves recycling program operations through Japan's Grant Aid Program

Embassy of Japan in the FSM

March 17, 2015

YAP, FSM — On March 4, 2015, Yap State Government through Yap State Environmental Protection Agency (YEPA) was granted the amount of \$116,218 for the Project for enhancing recycling system in Yap State. The goals of this project is to purchase a PET (plastic water containers) Shredder with accompanying set up work and purchase of a used Truck Crane to improve collection of bulky waste (scrap metal), both contributing to overall efficiency of materials and program sustainability.

Yap state has put much effort into improving its management of solid waste, recycling program through strategized priority areas and work plans within a 5-year plan (2010-2015). The famous Fukuoka method was used to rehabilitate the only public dump site in Yap and was

completed in March 2014. Another effort is through Yap Recycling Program which is a state government program regulated under YEPA. The current recycling Agent and Operator is Island Paradise Metal Company, a local and private entity.

The provisions of this grant will certainly further and support Yap's efforts to improve its management of solid waste and recycling program in the state, furthermore, it will have a positive impact on the lives of the people of Yap as it will result in a cleaner and healthier environment.

The ceremony was held in Yap state and was signed over by Ambassador of Japan to the FSM, H. E. Masaki Sakai and received by Executive Director Christina Fillmed, Yap EPA with Hon. Lt. Governor James Yangetmai, Speaker of the Yap State Legislature Hon. Ted Rutun and staff of the government as witnesses.

## Chuuk Chamber of Commerce elects new Officers & Board Members



The Chuuk State Chamber of Commerce held its first annual general membership meeting on Friday, March 20, 2015, and among other items of business, elected a new slate of officers, members on the Chuuk Chamber Board, and its two representatives on the FSM Association of Chambers of Commerce.

Cindy Mori was re-elected as President of the State Chamber of Commerce and this position automatically makes her one of three members who represent Chuuk State of the FSM National Chamber of Commerce. Bill Stinnett was elected to serve as Vice President, Yvonne Pangelinan was elected to serve as Secretary, and Larry Bruton was elected as the chambers Treasurer.

In addition, Mark Waite, CEO of Chuuk States Public Utilities Corporation, and Gideon Bisalen, Manager of Transco, were elected as Board members to the State Chamber of Commerce and Redley Killion and Bill Stinnett where elected to serve on the Board of the FSM National Chamber of Commerce with Cindy Mori.

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# ...Criminal charges

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several motions and supplements asking the court to order the defendants in 2013-001 to show cause for why they should not be held in contempt for violating court ordered injunctions barring them from interfering with Luen Thai's occupancy at the former Pohnpei Fisheries Corporation facilities.

While the hearing on the matter of civil contempt has not yet been scheduled, on Tuesday the court upheld the injunction barring Pohnpei from interfering in Luen Thai's peaceful occupation of the facility.

On Monday, March 16, the attorney for Luen Thai asked for National Police assistance. A hand written note purportedly written and signed by Governor Ehsa instructed the Director of the Department of Public Safety and the General Manager of the Pohnpei Port Authority not to allow the National Police into the port.

As KPress first reported in the January 28, 2013 issue, on January 9, 2013 the State signed a lease with Miju Mulsan to take over the former PFC (Pohnpei Fisheries Corporation) facilities. Pohnpei State had intended for Luen Thai to be off the premises by February 6, 2013 so that Miju Mulsan could move in and begin operations. But Luen Thai claimed that it had a first right of renewal of a lease on the facility and filed suit at the FSM Supreme Court and former FSM Chief Justice Martin Yinug issued an injunction barring Pohnpei State from interfering in Luen Thai's peaceful occupation of the facilities. Luen Thai has continued making its lease payments.

Over the course of the next two years the injunction was renewed and reiterated each time the state challenged it. Monday's hearing on last week's government action was no exception.

Yap Chief Justice Cyprian Manmaw who was called into service by the FSM Supreme Court telephonically ruled that the injunction was still in effect and ordered the locks to be removed from the PFC facilities that Luen Thai rents. He ordered the FSM National Police which had previously been barred from entry to the facility to go to the port and cut the locks. Additionally, he ordered the National Police to maintain the injunction's intended status quo at the facility until the lawsuit is resolved.

April Skilling, Secretary of the FSM's Department of Justice asked the judge for permission to undertake law enforcement measures based on his verbal order. She said that there were then 10 refrigerated containers of fish

waiting for processing by Luen Thai that could spoil if the power went out as it did last weekend. She said that she would meet with representatives of the Pohnpei Department of Public Safety before taking any action in order to diminish the possibility of any "armed conflict". The judge granted permission and that afternoon's unlocking of the Luen Thai facility was carried out peacefully.

During Monday's hearing, Assistant Pohnpei State Attorney General Clayton Lawrence told the judge that the AG's office would be filing a request to withdraw as Governor's counsel in the civil matter while maintaining their representation of Pohnpei State and OFA. The following day they did file that motion which, as is the normal practice for such motions, was not specific in its reasons.

Attached as an exhibit to one of Luen Thai's contempt motions was a letter from Attorney General Judah Johnny reminding the Governor that the injunction barring interference with Luen Thai was still in force and asking the Governor to act in the best interest of the state. Allegedly the Governor did not heed that advice. The hand written note barring National Police entrance to the port was written on the top margin of the AG's letter.

Just before Monday's hearing, the FSM National Government filed a request for a Penal Summons of Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa (CC 2015-001). The FSM Supreme Court granted that request and issued a summons for Governor Ehsa's initial appearance on criminal charges filed against him by the FSM. The initial appearance was held at noon on Tuesday, and was telephonically presided over by Justice Ready Johnny.

Governor Ehsa told the judge that he hadn't had time to find legal counsel for the criminal matter and hoped that the court could give him time to do so before proceeding. The hearing proceeded but before it was over, the court ruled, and Governor Ehsa agreed, that an FSM Public Defender be assigned to represent him.

On the preliminary matters, the Court ruled that Governor Ehsa would be released on his own recognizance provided that he not travel outside of the court's jurisdiction, that he follows all laws, and that he refrains from interfering with Luen Thai's operations at the port.

The criminal charges the National Government has filed against Governor Ehsa are Criminal Deprivation of Civil Rights, Obstruction of Justice, and Criminal Contempt. A date for a trial on that matter has not yet been set.

The Pohnpei State Legislature's Standing Committee on Resources and Development is scheduled to begin closed door hearings on the matter on March 26.

# ...Okinawa baseball

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(TC) Gallen who is only 11. Pony League players are usually between the ages of 12 and 14.

The stats that the players put up were impressive at Uruma City Gushikawa Ball Park.

Team FSM won their first game against Team Ginowan. The score was 8 to 3 and the win was credited to pitcher Christopher Adalpert. Johnwen Loyola pitched the second game against Vietnam, which Team FSM won 6 to 0. The third game was a one run squeaker pitched by Lorenzo Reim. Okinawa scored its only run in the fourth inning but FSM remained scoreless.

In the fourth game the teams were allowed free substitutions of players and all of the team members played. Okinawa came out strong with three runs in the first inning and Team FSM was left scrambling. Final score in that game was 4 to 1 in favor of Okinawa. No stats were kept for that game.

Photos on Facebook showed that the team represented FSM well and had opportunity for cultural engagement as well.

The players on the FSM Junior Baseball Team 2015 were:

Christopher Adalpert of Nett, Nathan Adrian Anson of Kitt, Esmond Burdette Moses of U, Mateo Phillip of Kolonia, Detrickson Anson Jr. of Kitt, Gibbs Jack of Mwoakilloa, Kekoa Pernet of Kolonia, Tyrone Attao of Nett, Jeremy Phillip of Kolonia, Keanu Edgar of Kolonia, Trevor Cameron Gallen of Madolenihmw, Hiromichi Adolph of Kitt,

Lorenzo Reim of Kitt, Wensper Martin of Kitt, Johnwen Loyola of Nett, Donevann Esiel of Kitt, Patrickson Anson Jr. of Kitt, and Ernest Ligo Jr. of U. The Team President was Alex Tretnoff of Yap. The Team Manager was Koji Akinaga of Kolonia. The Coaches were Kazuhiro Fujita and Kosei Kenny Omura.

Congratulations to Team FSM!



## Lih Pingelap (Pingelapese women) are expanding their horizon this year

PPOI 2015 Media Darla T. Capelle

On March 14, 2015, the 1st Mother-to-Daughter Conference for Lih Pingelap was held at the Pingelap Municipal Government office building in Nanpeper, Kolonia. The conference was a first step towards fulfilling their motto "Make It Happen" (from the International Women's Day Theme) and the PPOI's (Pingelap People's Organization Inc.) 2015 theme, "Prioritizing the Importance of Culture" in the lives of Pingelapese Women. More specifically, the purpose of the workshop was to revisit the important and changing roles of Pingelapese Women in society today and to also provide a forum in which the women could dialogue on strategies to uphold a positive image of Pingelapese Women and ways to educate, put into practice and perpetuate good Pingelapese cultural practices from mothers to daughters. This conference gathered together excited mothers and daughters who had much to share and learn from each other.

Over 85 plus Pingelapese Women gathered to listen and contribute to topics discussed that day. The conference consisted of three main 3 sessions that focused on Health, Career and Culture. Panel presentations, Q & A sessions, and group interaction/discussions were held.

In the first session, Rupihner Defang and Delpihn Abraham from the Pohnpei Public Health department, discussed and shared information about communicable and non-communicable diseases such as TB, Hansen's disease and diabetes. Explanations, causes, effects and available treatments were shared to create greater awareness among the women. Flu shots from Public health were also available to all conference participants.

In the second session, career women and mothers, Dr. Elizabeth Iehsi-Keller, Pohnpei State Public Health NCD/CD Coordinator; Delihna Manuel-Ehmes

and Resida Samson-Keller, COM-FSM National Campus Faculty and FSMTC Senior Accountant, Josephine James-Saimon shared personal experiences about their careers. They also gave great words of advice on how to maintain your identity as a Pingelapese woman while overcoming challenges that arise while pursuing a career. Dr. Keller emphasized that "knowledge is power" and that it was important to set goals, and work hard to accomplish those goals. Manuel-Ehmes related Maslow's Hierarchy of needs to her personal development, Samson-Keller shared how knowing her identity kept her rooted and motivated, and James-Saimon explained the importance of heeding the advice of parents, and being humble in the face of challenges.

The third session focused on the cultural aspects that pertained to Pingelapese women. The young women who attended were able to learn so much from Nahkulahi Pingelap, Mrs. Lihna Yakana-Paddock; Luhkpein en Iroirleng, Pingelap, Mrs. Mary Lemuel-Iehsi, and Pweipei, Pingelap, Mrs. Meriam Welley- Robert. These three ladies gave inspiring explanations on the characteristics of a true Pingelapese women, acceptable cultural behaviors and the rationale for these customs, and they emphasized the need for shared, and increased understanding of Pingelapese traditional values like respect, good work ethics and helping each other out as one family.

This conference taught lessons that all Pingelapese women should know and understand. At the end of the day, everyone who attended the conference wanted and proposed that there should be another conference like this before the year-ends.

Special thanks to Pohnpei Public Health of Pohnpei Health Services for sponsoring the event with registration packages along with complimentary tote bags as memorabilia for that day.



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## Kapingamarangi celebrates Taro Patch Day



By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

March 16, 2015

**Pohnrakiet, Pohnpei**—The people of Kapingamarangi recognize Taro Patch Day each year on March 15. This year the celebration was held at the Kapingamarangi Village in Pohnrakiet on March 16.

“This is a special day for the Kapingamarangi people to pause and thank our Creator for the breath of life that sustains us and the bountiful resources the He provides for us,” wrote Senator Edgar Lickaneth. He explained that Taro Patch Day was first celebrated in 1947 after World War II. The tuber had sustained the lives of the Kapingamarangi people during

the hardships of the war. “Our ancestors must pause to recognize and remember the love of our Creator which we today value so much,” he wrote.

He said that traditionally the day is celebrated with the killing and roasting of ocean eels. He said that more than 200 eels were scheduled to be killed for the occasion. “All men of the village will be dedicated to the work of the killing and roasting while women

are preparing the taro for the combination meal,” he wrote.

He said that he knows of no other island in the Pacific that kills eels for a special occasion. “Eels are considered by the people of Kapingamarangi as sacred and they are only used for the March 15 special occasion,” he wrote.

The community was invited to the celebration. Lickaneth said that since this year the celebration was happening on “Pohnpei proper” it would be a good opportunity for those who want to learn about the occasion and special way in which eels are prepared. “No other fish is treated as such,” he wrote.

Many people attended the event including the Mayor of Kapingamarangi.

Darlene Apis photographed the event for us.



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## PNA to New Zealand and U.S. tuna industry: 'If you don't want to play by the rules, fish elsewhere'

*Auckland, New Zealand 21 March 2015* -- The CEO of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) today rejected criticism from New Zealand and United States fishing industry interests of the organization's tuna management system, saying these are attempts to bully small island countries that are successfully conserving fisheries resources while increasing economic benefits for themselves.

Speaking today in Auckland where Pacific island countries have been meeting with the United States on access for U.S. tuna fishing vessels, PNA CEO Dr. Transform Aqorau rejected criticism of PNA's Vessel Days Scheme (VDS) by New Zealand and US industry interests. The VDS governs purse seine fishing in the eight PNA members' waters, limiting the number of fishing days that can be sold each year and setting a minimum price that is currently US\$8,000 per fishing day.

PNA also enforces a range of conservation measures.

"Under the VDS, purse seine fishing in our waters has been tightly controlled, with satellite tracking and observers on board every vessel," Dr. Aqorau said. "As a result, there has been no significant increase in catches in our waters in recent years, our stocks are abundant, and access to our waters is valuable."

Aqorau, "catches in the region outside our waters have nearly doubled in the same time, over-supplying the global market. This is a result of reckless expansion of fishing outside our waters by the tuna industry trying to evade the tight controls in our waters and our fees."

PNA waters supply over 50 percent of the world's skipjack tuna.

Dr. Aqorau also objected to the pressure being put on PNA member countries to extend the current concessionary arrangements for U.S. vessels fishing in their waters.

He asked how New Zealand farmers would react if they were pressured to reject Chinese investment in the dairy industry, and pressured to sell dairy products to the U.S. instead of China for political reasons.

"PNA members seeking to secure economic returns for their people for their fish are being pressured in that way just because they are small," said Dr. Aqorau.

"If the U.S. can't afford to fish in our waters, won't invest with us, and doesn't like the tight controls in our waters, they should go back to fishing in the Eastern Pacific where they originally came from," said Dr Aqorau.

A treaty giving U.S. flagged purse seiners fisheries access to the Pacific region has been in place since the late 1980s. Since PNA's VDS went into full effect in 2010, fishing access fees paid to the PNA by all fleets to fish in PNA waters have increased significantly. At the same time, U.S. vessels have paid at or below the minimum access fee while having the benefit of multilateral access to the 200-mile exclusive economic zones of all eight PNA members by virtue of the treaty. All other distant water fishing nations buy access rights on a bilateral, country-to-country basis. "This is why PNA members have increasingly reduced the number of fishing days they will provide for U.S. vessels under the treaty," said Dr. Aqorau. "They can generate higher revenues by selling fishing days to other nations."

## Project for improving pig production in Nel Village, Yap

*Embassy of Japan in the FSM*

*March 17, 2015*

*YAP, FSM*— On March 28, 2011, under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects, Nel Village of Yap, through collaboration between the Cooperative Research and Extension of College of Micronesia (CRE/COM-FSM) and the Embassy of Japan, was granted a project in the amount of 53,000USD for the "Project for Improving Pig Production in Nel Village". On March 5, 2015, the project was finally completed and handed over to CRE/COM-FSM.

Efforts for this project had been on-going for a while and both parties were very glad to finally reach the final stage. The idea of this project is to increase pig production to enable villagers to gain stable sources of income, reduce their vulnerability to poverty, moreover, it will stimulate economic development in Nel Village. CRE/COM-FSM will provide training for the farmers and also yield the funds as they deem necessary.

Present at the handing over ceremony were Mr. Steven Young-Uhk, State Coordinator of CRE/COM-FSM, Mr. Steven Kugufas on behalf of Nel Village, Japanese Ambassador Masaki Sakai and citizens of Nel village.

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# Yap celebrates World Water Day

## Civic Affairs

**COLONIA, Yap** — On March 20, 2015, Yap State came together to celebrate this year's World Water Day. Starting at 9:30AM at the Colonia Community Center, over 400 participants joined in the observance of World Water Day in Yap State. The event was supported by funding from the European Union through the Secretariat of the Pacific Community FSM Global Climate Change Alliance Pacific Small Islands States Project.

Participating in the event were government officials, private businesses, community members, and students and their teachers and principals from the elementary schools of Bael, Dalipebinaw, Fanif, Gagil, Gilman, Maap and from Colonia Middle School and Yap High School. Special off-island guests who were in Yap were also present for the event: Belinda Hadley of FSM OEEM, Pasha Carruthers and Clinton M. Chapman of SPC.

The event began with an opening prayer by Jesse Raglmar-SUBOLMAR, followed by remarks by Senator John Mooteb, a performance of the local World Water Day theme song, guest remarks by OEEM's (FSM Office of Environment & Emergency Management) Belinda Hadley, and finally the presentations and activities. Presentations were provided by Yap EPA (Yap State Environmental Protection Agency), Berna Gorong and OPB (Office of Planning & Budget) and the three water authorities (YSPSC, SYWA, GTWA) covering such topics as EPA water regulations, Climate Change, and the Yap water system.

Interspersed between the presentations were raffle drawings, with lucky winners walking away with gift bags of school supplies. After the presentations was a break where the participants gathered around information/demonstration booths set up by some of the event's key organizations, such as IOM and YSPSC.

After the demonstration break, the participants, especially the students, were quizzed on what they'd learned during the presentations and demonstrations—with students correctly answering one of the ten questions awarded a \$5 FSMTelCard. Afterwards, the winners of the school essay and drawing competitions were announced and awarded.

The event concluded shortly afterwards in the afternoon during lunch break—but before the participants dispersed for the day, they rallied for a parade around Colonia and Chamorro Bay, proclaiming Yap's observance of this year's World Water Day.

On March 17, 2015, Governor Tony Ganngiyan transmitted his administration's first proclamation, acknowledging Yap State's observance of World Water Day. Following is the proclamation:

"PROCLAMATION  
THE STATE OF YAP  
World Water Day, March 22, 2015

"Proclamation No. 2015-01  
PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
WORLD WATER DAY, MARCH 22,  
2015 IN THE STATE OF YAP

"WHEREAS, the United Nations  
General Assembly in 1992, designated  
March 22, 1993 as the first World  
Water Day;

"WHEREAS, World Water Day is  
held annually on March 22 as a means  
of focusing attention on the importance  
of freshwater and advocating for the  
sustainable management of freshwater  
resources;

"WHEREAS, the Federated States of  
Micronesia acknowledging World Water  
Day in 2011, launched the National  
Water Summit aimed at benchmarking  
the state of water resources and their  
management in the FSM;

"WHEREAS, safe and clean water  
is a scarce resource and a key factor  
limiting economic development and  
improvements to public health in the  
Nation's four States of Yap, Chuuk,  
Pohnpei, and Kosrae;

"WHEREAS, the availability of  
freshwater in most communities of  
the FSM is dependent upon favorable  
environmental conditions and highly  
susceptible to impacts of climate change;

"WHEREAS, climate change can affect  
water security in a number of ways,  
including: (i) higher air temperature  
can affect evaporation rates and the  
availability of quality water, (ii) changes  
in precipitation (rainfall) and extreme  
weather events aggravate water scarcity,  
and (iii) the sea level will continue to  
rise, which can affect the availability  
and quality of water supply in small,  
low-lying islands;

"WHEREAS, celebrating the 22nd of  
March annually as World Water Day  
will build community awareness of  
the initiative to improve freshwater  
conservation and quality in the State of  
Yap

"NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the  
power vested in me as Governor of the  
State of Yap, I hereby proclaim that Yap  
State shall observe World Water Day on  
March 22, 2015 and the years to come;

"FURTHER, I RESOLVE that planned  
events to commemorate World Water  
Day as a result of National and State  
departments and agencies such as  
OEEM, GCCA;PSIS, SYWA, and private  
businesses including YCA, Drops of  
Life, and A's Pure Water, including  
presentations, demonstrations, and  
sharing of practical information on how  
Yap and its citizens can contribute toward



properly managing and conserving water  
shall be held on March 20, 2015 at the  
Community Center, due to March 22nd  
being on a weekend.

"FURTHERMORE, I RESOLVE that  
the State theme for 2015 World Water  
Day shall be "Caring for Our Water  
Resources in Yap".

"SO PROCLAIMED and RESOLVED  
this 17th day of March, 2015."

The World Water Day event in Yap  
would not have been possible without  
the assistance and guidance of the  
following:

- FSM National Government
- Yap State Government
- European Union

- Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States (GCCA:PSIS)
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)
- Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL)
- Water for Life
- IOM – Micronesia
- Southern Yap Water Authority (SYWA)
- Yap State Public Service Corporation (YSPSC)
- Gagil-Tomil Water Authority
- YCA
- Drops of Life
- Adalbai's Enterprises

Special thanks were also granted to the special guests, as well as to event organizer Eva Buthung.

## AUSTRALIAN AWARDS PACIFIC SCHOLARSHIP (AAPS) INTAKE YEAR 2016

**OPENING DATE:** 23 March 2015  
**CLOSING DATE:** 29 May 2015

Eligible citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau and Republic of the Marshall Islands are invited to apply for awards commencing in January 2016 for full time undergraduate and post-graduate study in Fiji and Vanuatu. Awards cover tuition, accommodation, living expenses and airfares.

To be eligible to apply students must:

- Have completed an Associate Degree or equivalent, or due to complete by June 2015 with minimum GPA of 2.8, OR
- Be over 25 years old with High School GPA 2.8 or above and have a minimum of 5 years work experience related to the field of study.

Students just finishing High School are NOT eligible.

Applications are available at:  
the Australian Embassy website [www.fsm.embassy.gov.au](http://www.fsm.embassy.gov.au)

All completed applications MUST be typed unless there are extenuating circumstances that prevent the applicant from doing so.

Applications are due by the 29th of May, 2015.

If you have any questions please contact Joyce Gehr at [joyce.gehr@dfat.gov.au](mailto:joyce.gehr@dfat.gov.au) or +691 320.5448 ext. 110

## PNA promotes fisheries development aspirations of its members

PNA

March 22, 2015

**YAP, FSM**—A range of decisions to support the fisheries development aspirations of the eight members of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) were endorsed during the PNA annual meeting held in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia during the second week of March.

“The PNA annual meeting focused on consolidating gains made over the past year by improving management systems, while making decisions on initiatives to be implemented from 2016,” said PNA CEO Dr. Transform Aqorau. “Sustainability of the fishery in our waters and continued economic advancement for our members are the guiding principles for PNA decisions reached in Yap.”

The meetings discussed detailed reports and evaluations on the Vessel Days Scheme (VDS) that underpins PNA’s management of the purse seine fishery, and is soon to govern longline fishing boats in a majority of PNA members’ fishing zones. “The VDS has transformed the purse seine fishery, giving PNA members increasing control of the fishery and more than quadrupling revenues to the islands, which are now over US\$350 million annually,” said Dr. Aqorau.

The PNA annual meeting also discussed an evaluation of its Pacific tuna label that is marketing tuna products in the European market, set the total allowable effort (TAE) for 2016 and a provisional TAE for 2017, discussed strategy for engaging with the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) on conservation management and the U.S. government and tuna industry in negotiations for a fisheries access treaty, and reviewed ways to increase the number of PNA citizens crewing on fishing vessels.

Among key actions that will continue to bring greater benefits to the eight PNA members and ensure the sustainability of the western and central Pacific fishery in 2016 and beyond, the PNA annual meeting took decisions on:

- Registration and tracking of fish aggregating devices (FADs) that is to begin in 2016. The meeting also endorsed a recommendation to be put to PNA Ministers when they meet later this year to begin from 1 January 2016 charging a per day fee for FADs used by distant water fishing nation vessels.
- Rolling out the first Vessel Days Scheme for longline fishing vessels in five of the eight PNA members’ fishing zones. The longline VDS went into effect from 1 January 2015 in Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau and Solomon Islands.
- Continuing to tighten the definition of non-fishing days and implementation of additional compliance mechanisms on the application of non-fishing days.

A critical point of discussion led to agreement to address threats to PNA members’ purse seine development from Japan and [China], and from the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF). “Of substantial concern to PNA members is the systematic abuse of the WCPFC process to block the construction of new purse seine vessels for PNA members,” said Dr. Aqorau. “Action by Japan and [China] is undermining fisheries development aspirations of PNA members.”

PNA members agreed that the Chairman of the PNA, Mr. Patrick Mackenzie from the Federated States of Micronesia, would write to both [China] and Japan expressing this concern and requesting a consultation at the earliest opportunity to resolve the problem and avoid the need for further steps to be taken by PNA.

PNA members also expressed grave concern about ISSF decisions to block landings of fish from any vessel that is not on their Register, which “have the potential to obstruct the legitimate development of the domestic tuna fisheries of PNA members,” said Dr. Aqorau. PNA has called on ISSF for consultation to remove this obstacle to the legitimate right of PNA members to develop sustainable domestic fisheries for tuna in their waters.

During the PNA annual meetings, members also received tuna stock status reports from officials with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, and economic overviews from the fisheries industry and PNA Office.

The PNA agreed to recruit a Deputy CEO for the PNA Office in Majuro, with preference given to recruitment from PNA members. The PNA also agreed that the CEO post should be appointed from among existing PNA members. Hiring for both posts is to be advertised during 2015.

The Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) are eight Pacific Island countries that control the world’s largest sustainable tuna purse seine fishery supplying over 50 percent of the world’s skipjack tuna (a popular tuna for canned products). They are Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu.

PNA has been a champion for marine conservation and management, taking unilateral action to conserve overfished bigeye tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean, including closures of high seas pockets, seasonal bans on use of Fish Aggregating Devices (FAD), satellite tracking of boats, in port transshipment, 100 percent observer coverage of purse seiners, closed areas for conservation, mesh size regulations, tuna catch retention requirements, hard limits on fishing effort, prohibitions against targeting whale sharks, shark action plans, and other conservation measures to protect the marine ecosystem.



# CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

## ABOUT THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SECRETARIAT

The Pacific Islands Forum was founded in August 1971 and currently comprises 16 independent and self-governing states in the Pacific. Forum Leaders meet annually to develop collective responses to regional issues.

The Forum's administrative arm is the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, based in Suva, Fiji. It acts as the Secretariat for Forum-related events, implements decisions by the Leaders, facilitates the delivery of development assistance to member states, and undertakes the political and legal mandates of Forum meetings. The Forum Secretariat is also mandated to coordinate the implementation of the Framework for Pacific Regionalism.

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- Coordinate and organize meetings and workshops including preparation of meeting and workshop papers and materials;
- Respond quickly and effectively to requests from Forum Secretariat Senior Management and Forum Member Countries for the provision of advice, correspondence, briefings, media statements and reporting; and
- Support the engagement of civil society actors with the Framework on Pacific Regionalism and other relevant frameworks including the Forum Compact.

We're looking for candidates with an University degree in public policy, politics, development or a related discipline with at least 5 years relevant work experience dealing with policy advice and stakeholder coordination in the Pacific Island Countries or in a similar environment

Applicants should have the ability to work well with a small team of professional staff and strong interpersonal skills and sensitivity to the diverse needs of those in a multi-cultural environment

## ABOUT THE BENEFITS

The appointment will carry a competitive remuneration and benefits package including medical and life insurance. The starting salary will be in the range of SDR25,408 to SDR 28,584 per annum. At the 1 January 2015 exchange rate this salary range was equivalent to FJD73,455 to FJD82,637. For non-Fijian nationals, this salary may be tax-free. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply through our website: [www.forumsec.org](http://www.forumsec.org) where an information package containing the job description and remuneration details is also available.

To be eligible for this position, the applicant must be a national of a Forum member country.\* Deadline for applications is at 5pm (Fiji time), 10 April 2015.

\*Member States of the Pacific Islands Forum: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

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# BANKGUAM HOLDING COMPANY

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## BANKGUAM HOLDING COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CONDITION ( at December 31, 2014 / \$ in thousands )

Assets		Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	
Cash and due from banks	\$ 21,862	<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Federal funds sold	5,000	Deposits:	
Interest bearing deposits in banks	79,046	Non-interest bearing	\$ 391,108
Total cash and cash equivalents	105,908	Interest bearing	964,406
Restricted cash	400	Total deposits	1,355,514
Investment securities available for sale	230,557	Accrued interest payable	134
Investment securities held to maturity	105,280	Federal funds purchased	-
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	2,067	Borrowings	-
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	967,393	Other liabilities	7,908
Accrued interest receivable	3,764	Total Liabilities	1,363,556
Premises and equipment, net	18,586	Commitments and contingencies	-
Goodwill	783	<b>Stockholders' Equity:</b>	
Other assets	31,001	Common stock	1,867
Total Assets	1,465,739	Additional paid-in capital	16,656
		Retained earnings	87,154
		Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,204)
		Common stock in treasury, at cost	(290)
		Total Stockholders' Equity	102,183
		Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,465,739

## BANK OF GUAM FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA BRANCH STATEMENT OF CONDITION At December 31, 2014 / (\$ in thousands)

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 868	Deposits:	
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	18,096	Non-interest bearing	\$ 28,490
Accrued interest receivable	68	Interest bearing	111,036
Premises and equipment, net	546	Total deposits	139,526
Other assets	3	Accrued interest payable	24
Due from Headquarters	120,068	Other liabilities	99
Total assets	\$ 139,649	Commitments	-
		Total liabilities	\$ 139,649

## STATEMENT OF INCOME Year ended December 31, 2014 / (\$ in thousands)

<b>Interest income:</b>		
Loans		\$ 1,534
From related parties		271
Total interest income		1,805
<b>Interest expense:</b>		
Savings deposits		360
Time deposits		16
Total interest expense		376
Net interest income		1,429
Provision for loan losses		184
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		1,245
<b>Non-interest income</b>		
Service charges and fees		407
Other income		277
Total non-interest income		684
<b>Non-interest expense:</b>		
Salaries and employee benefits		767
Occupancy		340
Furniture and equipment		135
General, administrative and other		706
Total non-interest expenses		1,948
Net loss		\$ (19)

## USAID grants help FSM communities cope with climate change and enhance livelihoods

*Embassy of the United States of America in Kolonia*

The U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Pacific American Climate Fund (PACAM) has awarded grants to two organizations in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to enhance the resilience of the island communities against the impact of climate change and improve their livelihoods. Marine and Environmental Research Institute of Pohnpei (MERIP) will receive \$343,590 for its initiative, Climate Change Adaptation and Income Diversification in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, to boost the income-earning opportunities for Pohnpei Island's 35,000 inhabitants, and the College of Micronesia - FSM, will receive \$556,264 for its Climate Resilient Adoption and Mainstreaming (CREAM) project to educate community members of climate-resilient agricultural methods on the Island of Yap.

Communities in the FSM are among the most environmentally vulnerable groups in the Pacific Islands, suffering from flooding, loss of biodiversity and soil degradation. The new projects aim to help the residents better manage risks related to changing weather patterns and adopt strategies to preserve their environment and improve income opportunities.

At the launch event held in Pohnpei on March 25, 2015, the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the U.S. Embassy, Hugues Ogier said, "We work hand in hand to respond to the threat of climate change and find solutions to best cope with it. It is a pleasure to celebrate with you today this assistance provided by the American people to the people of Micronesia."

With the USAID support, the first

grantee, MERIP, a humanitarian, non-profit organization, will work to confront the decreasing fish habitat and coral cover on the coast of the Island of Pohnpei by supporting small-scale aquaculture ventures, including farming of giant clams, sponges and coral. In addition, it will train farmers on growing and marketing aquaculture products to reduce their dependency on the diminishing fish stocks and implement four pilot projects to protect shorelines, water quality and coral health.

The second grantee, the College of Micronesia - FSM, will mitigate climate change impacts, including soil degradation and lack of freshwater, through training communities in small-plot intensive farming, livestock integration, community gardening and agroforestry, based on a model successfully developed in Gargey Village in Yap. It will also work with government partners to develop a Coastal Management Policy for the FSM to better manage risks related to the changing climate.

The Pacific-American Climate Fund (PACAM) is a grant-making facility funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) that assists twelve Pacific island countries to reduce long-term vulnerabilities associated with climate change. PACAM awards grants to civil society organizations in support of climate change adaptation measures and related "co-benefits", such as livelihoods enhancement, improved health, food security, improved health, disaster risk reduction, or sustainable natural resources management. USAID funding is separate from Compact funds.



*Maurice Knight – Regional Office Director, USAID/Pacific Islands, Simon Ellis from MERIP, Dr. Murukesan Krishnapillai from COM-FSM, Hugues Ogier, Deputy Chief of Mission U.S. Embassy Kolonia. Simon Ellis and Dr. Murukesan Krishnapillai display their certificates of awards for their respective organizational grants from the USAID PACAM Awards.*

## World TB Day in Pohnpei focuses on education through music competition



*The Care Micronesia Foundation*

On Tuesday March 24th, the Pohnpei State Public Health Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination control program held its World TB event at the Sokehs Municipal Government's nahs just outside the council chambers and greeted more than 200 members of the Sokehs Community for an afternoon of TB education and a music competition.

Public Health TB coordinator Ms. Rupihner Defang welcomed the crowd and participants on behalf of Pohnpei State Public Health and explained the purpose of the event, which is to provide greater understanding of TB and how it can be eliminated. The theme for the day was "Find TB. Treat TB. Working Together to Eliminate TB." The Chief Magistrate of Sokehs, Hon. Michael Lieman also welcomed the crowd on behalf of the Sokehs Municipal Government.

Dr. Elizabeth Keller from the Pohnpei State Hospital was present to go into details on the TB bacteria and how it is transmitted and what people can do to avoid getting TB. She also discussed what to do if people think they have TB and that would be going to Public Health for a TB screening.

Dr. Eliaser Johnson, Chief of Public Health, was there to thank everyone for attending the World TB Day event and he helped introduce the Monthly Music Competitions that Public Health is sponsoring in collaboration with the Care Micronesia Foundation. Seven

musicians/groups were present to sing songs specific to TB and two women's dance groups, Lih Pingelap and Lien Nanwel, presented their dances from International Women's Day.

The songs this month were a big success. Out of the seven artists, only one was a returning artist from previous competitions, Mr. Betwin Johnny. New artists such as Black Ruru (Michaelson Lieman), Leilani Lorrin, Olivier Barnabas, Diopulos Diopulus, and the Last Minute Crew (LMC) joined the competition for the first time. The songs were great and the music was diverse. Some used keyboards while Leilani used a ukulele and the LMC had acoustic guitars. The crowd responded positively to the messages that the songs contained which spoke of preventing TB, and the dances were appreciated with lots of applause.

The winners for the day's event were Oliver Barnabas in 3rd place (\$50), Black Ruru in 2nd place (\$100), and Diopulos Diopulus in 1st place (\$250). This event was videotaped by Micronesian Productions and can be seen playing at the dispensaries in Pohnpei soon. You can also visit the Pohnpei Tuberculosis Elimination control program's Facebook page for video clips of the winners. The next music competition will be held on April 30th at the Nett Elementary School with the theme of Immunization. Please contact the Care Micronesia Foundation at 320-6505 for more information and to register as an artist for the next competition.

## Female farmers in Pohnpei are sustaining our resources

**HONOLULU, March 17, 2015**—As the world celebrates Women's History Month in March, we cannot forget the ladies in Pohnpei who are also providing farming contributions in the Federated States of Micronesia. This year, all the women's groups on Pohnpei came out to hear U.S. Ambassador Doria Rosen with encouraging and motivating remarks.

A great example of farming contributions from women include how the Pohnpei Field Office of the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) is a partner with the Island Food Community of Pohnpei supporting sustainable agriculture and healthy local food. NRCS is supporting their current project with the United Nation's Global Environmental Fund-Small Grants Program addressing the conservation of food crop cultivars through traditional agroforestry systems. NRCS assisted with farm field trips and most recently, a workshop on Food Safety and Security. Maintaining soil health and biodiversity are important messages to the

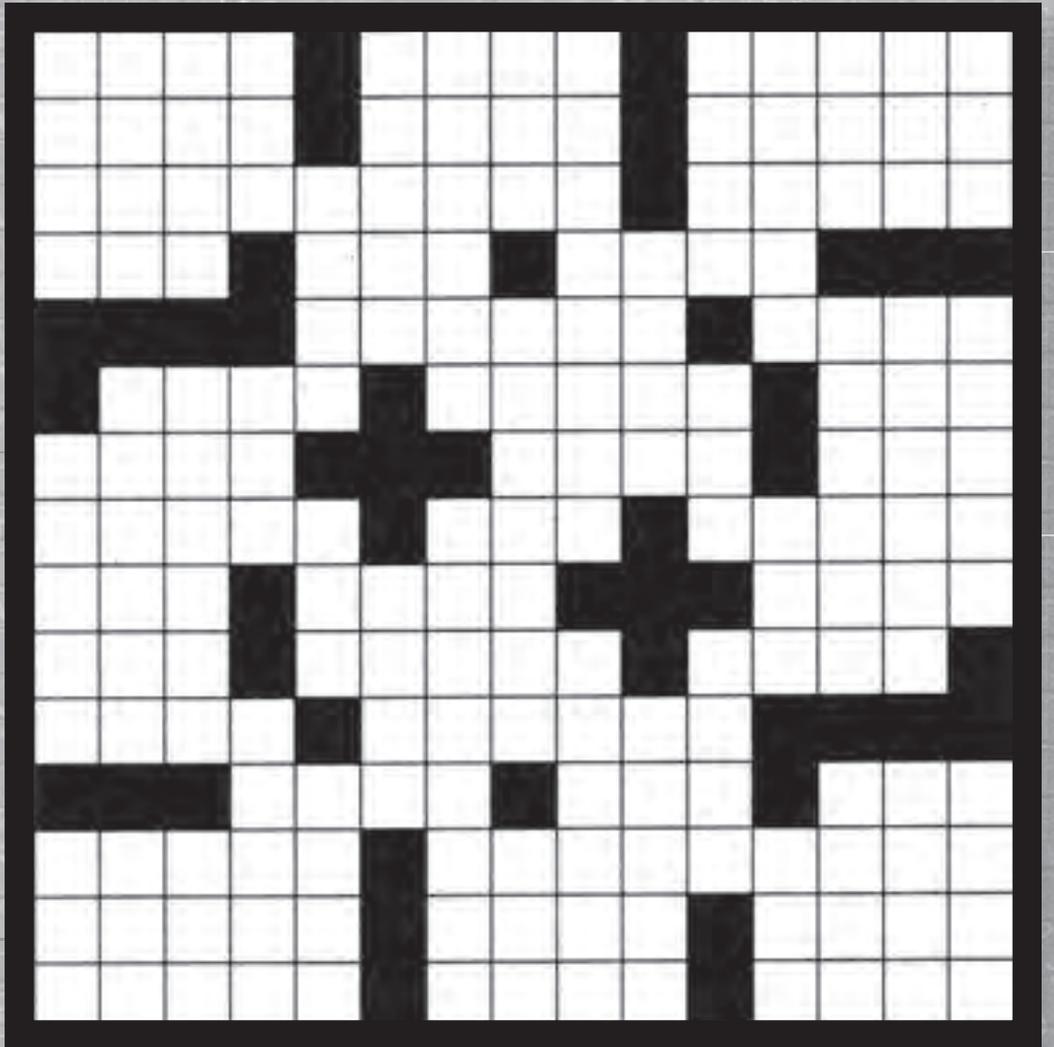
Pohnpei Women's Council members who are the target audience for this project. Each of the women received a comprehensive guide to growing vegetables assembled by NRCS and translated to Pohnpei by the local staff.

"In Hawaii alone, the Ag Census reports that 1,574 farms have women as the principal operators," said Bruce Petersen, NRCS Director of the Pacific Islands Area. "We are proud to partner with female farmers and ranchers across the islands to protect our natural resources."

NRCS is the federal agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture who partners with Conservation Districts and others to provide technical and some cost-share assistance to private landowners. Our main goal is to protect, enhance, and preserve our soil, water, air, plants, and animals using sound science and expertise. Participation in our programs is voluntary. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

# Crossword - Filled Up (CLUELESS CROSSWORD)

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| <b>3 LETTERS</b><br>ACT<br>AGO<br>AHA<br>AND<br>AXE<br>BIT<br>BRA<br>EAR<br>INN<br>MAP<br>MAT<br>OAR<br>OIL<br>ONE<br>PIE<br>PRO<br>PUT<br>RIM<br>RIP<br>ROW<br>SEE<br>TAN | <b>4 LETTERS</b><br>ALOE<br>AMEN<br>ATOP<br>CHAI<br>EGOS<br>ARGO<br>EYED<br>FARE<br>FETA<br>GALA<br>GLEE<br>IDEA<br>MADE<br>MESA<br>NINE<br>NIPS<br>ODOR<br>PERT<br>RAVE<br>RISE<br>SAME<br>SEMI<br>SINS<br>STAB<br>STEW<br>SWAM<br>TAXI<br>THEM<br>UNTO<br>WEPT | <b>5 LETTERS</b><br>AGAPE<br>AGILE<br>AMBLE<br>ELDER<br>GALES<br>MANIA<br>NOTED<br>PEARL<br>PLEMP<br>PRIME<br>SPOOF<br>STOLE<br>STUNT<br>TABBY<br>TIGER<br>TITLE |
|  | <b>6 LETTERS</b><br>AMULET<br>EMBLEM<br>FELINE<br>IMPALE<br>NARROW<br>PROMPT<br>STUPID<br>WALNUT   | <b>7 LETTERS</b><br>PICCOLO<br><br><b>8 LETTERS</b><br>ATTRACTS<br>MIDNIGHT<br><br><b>9 LETTERS</b><br>CALIBRATE<br>OVERRULED                                    |



## K P r e s s P u z z l e P l e a s u r e

### Normal Words

After you've circled the 51 words in the puzzle below, the unused letters, when read from left to right, will spell out the name of the actress who won the 1996-97 Emmy for lead actress in a drama series and the name of her show.

G F I R O V A F L C G L I T  
 E N I F O O L R C U O N R A  
 N J P V N E K I E H F A M E  
 A G O I E A O S L D U R T L  
 B A R K L P T K I Q N R N L  
 D I P D E C U M H H E A C I  
 Z N D R H E E D W V W T P H  
 E T A R E B I L N R O E S O  
 A G I L I T Y I B T L U A F  
 L H O N S V S R L B L O A T  
 O H C U T T E A L R O V E S  
 T H E N R X U X P A F G T I  
 F I M R O D R A E G O L E R  
 G N A B E C H O R D S G M W

spell out the name of the actress who won the 1996-97 Emmy for lead actress in a drama series and the name of her show.

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| DORM   | HILL     |
| DRIVE  | HOLE     |
| DUPE   | INVERT   |
| FAME   | JOKE     |
| FAULT  | LAND     |
| FAVOR  | LAUD     |
| FINE   | LIBERATE |
| FIVE   | METE     |
| FLEE   | NARRATE  |
| FOLLOW | OPERA    |
| FOOL   | PANDER   |
| GAIN   | PASTE    |
| GARB   | PROP     |
| GEAR   | QUART    |
| GOAL   | ROVE     |
| GOBBLE | WHILE    |
| GOURD  | WHISK    |
| GUEST  | WRIST    |
| HEIST  | ZEALOT   |

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|---------|-------|--------|-------|
| AGILITY | BANG  | CHORD  | COAT  |
| ARDOR   | BLOAT | CHURCH | CONCH |
| BANE    | BOXER | CLIP   | DIME  |

### ... and more

FLAUNT your solving skills by seeing how fast you can ZOOM through the puzzle and circle all 53 words listed below. The unused letter, read left to right, will reveal the name of the actor who won the 1996-97 Emmy for lead actor in a comedy series and the name of his show.

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| ACHE   | FILE   |
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## Caroline Fisheries Corporation sponsors Big Fish Tournament

*Pohnpei Fishing Club*

*March 21, 2015*

**Pohnpei, FSM**—The Pohnpei Fishing Club had 15 boats participating in the Caroline Fisheries Corporation tournament during a blistering sunny day with calm seas.

It may have been a little too clear and calm, but some anglers were able to catch some nice fish. The format was simple—“big fish”, with prizes for big fish 1 to 5. Alois Malfitani had the only billfish of the day, and won the grand prize of \$400.00.

The breakdown for the prizes was as follows.

Angler	Boat	Weight	Species	Prize
Alois Malfitani	Pohnpei Surf Club	169.5	Marlin	\$400.00
Arleen David	Blue Fin	41	Yellowfin	\$300.00
Arleen David	Blue Fin	37.5	Yellowfin	\$150.00
Mary Tretnoff	Miss Yirwor	36.5	Yellowfin	\$100.00
Billy Dakano	John Marrington	27.0	Wahoo	\$50.00

Everyone came back to Mangrove Bay for the weigh in and other festivities. A barbecue was held to support the Pohnpei Public Library. Thanks Uta, Maggie and Amy.

A big thanks to all the persons that helped, including Tina, Paul and all of Kumer’s guys. Can’t run a tournament without help.

Everyone had a good time, and it was an extremely fun day out.

Next tournament is April 18, 2015, Best Buy/Ocean View. The winner gets a ticket and entry to the Guam annual tourney.

Big thanks to Caroline Fisheries Corporation for sponsoring.



## Island Food Community of Pohnpei news bits

On March 24, 2015, the Pacific Development Conservation Trust (PDCT) Partnership project for IFCP and Kousapw Sapwohn held a mini fair on at the Nahs in Kousapw Sapwohn. The event brought together more than 50 community people. Joining the people of Kousapw Sapwohn were: IFCP Board Vice Chairman Mr. Moses Pretrick, 3 IFCP staff, 5 CES representatives and 2 representatives from the Department of Education.

The purpose of the event was to showcase agriculture produce, handicraft and a recipe contest. Representatives from CRE/CES were the judges for the agriculture produce and representatives from Department of Education and CRE/CES were the judges for the recipe contest. Friends of IFCP, especially young and able ladies from Mwoakilla judged the handicraft items. Prizes were given to first, second and third place in each of the categories.

On March 25, 2015 Officers from the 8 women groups that are participating in the Partnership project with IFCP and GEF met this morning to continue reviewing the approved work plan and set plans for the next 3 to six months. Officers from the 8 women groups who attended the meeting were: Mrs. Susana Sohs, PWAC President, Mrs. Maria Donre PWAC Vice President and also representing UCWA, Mrs. Dodihs Peter representing Lien Mwoakilloa, Mrs. Marmy Spencer representing Lien Kitti Pwupwuda, Rose Mulholland representing Lien Palikir, Ms. Siwihner Sultan representing Lien Nanwel, Mrs. Epelina Luhk representing EMPWA, Mrs. Epeliana Walter representing Lien Madolenihmw, Mrs. Roselina Barnabas and Ms. Adelina Oliver representing Lien Tikpeieng. The following items were accomplished:

1. Work plan was reviewed and updated
2. A food processing training will be held on April 08 at the IFCP Office. The training will be for representatives from the 8 women groups. They will be trained and help IFCP staff do similar training in the municipalities for community people
3. Schedule for the workshops in the municipalities will be made during the April 8 food processing training. The food processing training will focus on how to make flour from giant taro and breadfruit.



*First prize recipe contest Apior*



*Displayed hadicrafts*



*Community people enjoying local food*



*Displayed local food*

## Ribbon cutting ceremony for COM soccer field



March 20, 2015

**Pohnpei, FSM**—On Friday, March 20, a small group of people gathered at the College of Micronesia FSM to celebrate the near completion of the new soccer field at the college. The land has been graded and readied for proper drainage. The grass seed has been planted and is being carefully monitored. All that remains is time for the grass to grow.

COM President Joseph Daisy reminded the small crowd of the devastating problem of non-communicable diseases to the lives of Micronesians. He said that the field would eventually go a long way toward providing a place for much needed exercise in order

to prevent those preventable diseases. Governor John Ehsa reminded the audience that he had declared a state of emergency regarding the prevalence of NCD's and thanked the Government of Japan for providing the

funds to build the soccer field. Japan's Ambassador Sakai reiterated the message and said that the government of Japan was happy to have provided the funding for the field for the health of the people of Pohnpei.

After the short ceremony, participants went to the soccer field for a short ribbon cutting ceremony where President Daisy and Ambassador Sakai cut the ribbon to the still developing soccer field.