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## Chuuk road project is behind but not desperately so

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**Weno, Chuuk**—Ask anyone in Weno, Chuuk and they will tell you that the road construction project seems to be taking much longer than it should. Before we even boarded the plane in Pohnpei to see the on the ground progress for ourselves, people from Chuuk offered their opinions that they expected that the project for the first phase of the U.S. funded road project is five years behind. Their doom and gloom projections appear to have been based on emotion rather than fact.

No question, Weno's roads are currently a nightmare as they have been for quite some time. The construction project has impacted everyone's lives on Weno. At the suggestion of a local we made the same 3.6 mile trip some tourists might make from the airport to the Blue Lagoon Resort Hotel. It took right at 30 minutes to do so as we bumped and ground through the potholes which in recent years have become almost as synonymous with Chuuk as its world famous "Operation Hailstone" wreck dives in the Lagoon.

But for the most part the current condition of Weno's roads is actually better than before construction began at least where construction is in operation even with the open trenches and heavy construction equipment in operation. Previously the road was left to its own devices and potholes could swallow vehicles whole. Driving was a sport similar to cliff diving.



Photo by Bill Jaynes

To our layman's eyes the road sections that have been completed seem to be extremely well built if a little less wide than we had expected with no space to pull off the road if necessary due to standard height sidewalk curbs.

Pacific International, Incorporated (PII) spokesperson Edgar Tamargo, the Project Superintendent for the road project said that, while the project has been set back because of FSM Project Management Unit (PMU) directed change orders, their

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## Chuuk's Department of Public Safety under investigation

By **Bill Jaynes**  
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**Weno, Chuuk**—The cloud that has hung over Chuuk's Department of Public Safety (DPS) in recent months became darker after Wesley Simina found it necessary to suspend its DPS Director Jimmy Emilio with pay. The suspension was the result of alleged potential civil rights violations related to an arrest by DPS at the Blue Lagoon Resort Hotel in mid-March of this year.

A female citizen of the United States; a Major in the U.S. armed forces who was spending a few days of furlough in mid-March at the Blue Lagoon Resort hotel was involved in an altercation with a male citizen of Chuuk. That citizen who currently lives outside of Chuuk was staying at the resort while visiting relatives in Weno. During the altercation he allegedly punched the Major in the face. Before police arrived on the scene nearly 24 hours later the man had already left Weno for home.

Chuuk Police sources say that the Major became belligerent after officers finally did arrive and that as a result, they felt it necessary to take her into custody for transport to DPS.

The Major, who was in her last days of service in the U.S. armed forces, claimed that for several hours after she was carried by officers into the DPS headquarters officers beat her while she was in their custody. If her claim is true it would have been a violation of any prisoner's civil rights no matter what they may or may not have done regardless of their nationality.

She claimed that DPS officers beat her because she insisted on pressing charges against the Chuukese citizen who hit her during the altercation at the Blue Lagoon Resort.

According to a U.S. Embassy official, the investigation conducted by three law enforcement entities of the U.S. Armed Forces has been completed for quite some time but the Embassy has not yet received a copy

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# FSM Customs officials warn that customs tax evasion carries a high penalty

By **Bill Jaynes**  
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**Pohnpei, FSM**—Officers of the FSM Divisions of Customs, under a program of risk management have recently discovered two containers whose contents were very different from what was listed on the Bill of Lading. They took quick action. One of the importers was fined and the other had his entire shipment confiscated and destroyed. Apparently the latter importer is the subject of an ongoing investigation by the FSM Department of Justice.

"I think shippers are getting the message that we're serious," said Anderson Peter, Customs Specialist. "Most of the importers are 'being good' lately."

However, some are not "being good." Most recently a container that was said to have contained a shipment of water which would have incurred a customs fee of 4% was found to actually have contained cigarettes and hard alcohol. The customs tax on hard alcohol is \$25 per gallon. Cigarettes incur a 4 cent per stick tax which amounts to \$8 per carton.

Because the importer got caught he had to pay a penalty of double the actual taxable amount of his cargo before it could be released. Apparently either the importer paid the fine or made payment arrangements for the fine because Peter said that the container was released and unloaded. That importer may find that containers he imports in future will be checked by Customs as a regular course of action under their risk management program.

Some people think that tax evasion or attempted tax evasion at least regarding cigarettes is much more common than the one recent incident.

In November of last year an anonymous



tipster wrote to The Kaselehlie Press saying that his in-law had previously been in the business of importing and selling cigarettes. He said his in-law had to get out of the business because he couldn't compete profitably with other companies who sold their cigarettes for an amount with which he couldn't compete while also paying all of the lawful tax liabilities.

That tipster said that based on the combined math of purchase price, customs tax, and sales tax as compared to sales price, two specific FSM companies were likely evading tax unless they had been able to find a supplier for cigarettes that sold their product for next to nothing. He said that when his in-law stopped selling cigarettes he was paying \$200 per case but at that time there were only 30 cartons in a case (\$6.67 per carton.) Now there are 50 cartons in a case which at \$6.67 per carton one might reasonably expect that the case purchase price has gone up to at least \$333.50 for the additional 20 cartons in a case. That argument assumes that importers are not getting any kind of additional bulk discount for the extra 20 cartons in a case which may not be a reasonable assumption.

The tipster did not say whether the \$200 per 30 carton case was the cost including shipping or not.

Customs tax is four cents per stick. A case of cigarettes contains 10000 cigarettes (20 cigarettes per pack, 10 packs per carton and 50 cartons per case) for a total customs cost of \$400.

In Pohnpei, the sales tax on the initial sale of cigarettes is 25% of the sales price. One wholesale outlet in Pohnpei is selling cigarettes to retailers for \$850 per case which would add another \$212.50 sales tax to the cost of each case sold. The importation tax and sales tax burden alone for each case of cigarettes including customs and sales tax is \$612.50 (\$12.25 per carton) which leaves only \$237.50 (\$850 sales price minus \$612.50 tax) to pay the off island vendor for each case of cigarettes imported to the FSM. At \$237.50 the per carton cost if an importer made no profit at all would be \$4.75, just over 48 cents a pack.

The tipster speculated that either the importers have been able to find a source for cigarettes at a much lower price than his in-law was able to find or at least some portion of the legal tax is not being paid by some importers. He said that he sent the same information to FSM Government Officials specifically naming two FSM wholesalers several months before he wrote to The Kaselehlie Press. He said that by the time he wrote to us in November his source at the FSM Department of Justice said that the information had not been passed on to the branch for investigation.

Another would be tax evader was caught out by FSM Customs and Quarantine officers several weeks ago. Quarantine officers would not comment on why that case which involved a container of meat that came in under the auspices of "Ship Parts in Transit" was handled differently. They would say only that it is a matter of an on-

going investigation and that they could not comment. They were not even able to say whether the investigation was a civil or a criminal matter.

The shipment of meat was seized and destroyed by quarantine officials.

The purported importer did not respond to our email on the matter.

We wrote an email on Monday to Secretary of Justice Maketo Robert who responded to us late in the day and copied two Assistant Attorney's General instructing them to respond to my questions.

By Thursday no word at all on the matter had come from either of those staff attorneys

According to a source who spoke before government officials shut down information on the matter, FSM officials became suspicious because the 20 foot container that listed "Ship Parts in Transit" on its bill of lading was a refrigerated container which they felt would not be needed for ship parts. When they opened the container they found that it contained meat which, depending on what kind of meat it was could have incurred a tax anywhere from 3% to 25%.

Quarantine officials confiscated and destroyed the shipment by burying it at Pohnpei's landfill.

No FSM official has yet offered an explanation as to why the shipment was confiscated instead of fining the importer as was done in the case of the cigarette and alcohol importer.

Anderson Peter said that the Customs Divisions has stepped up its efforts to uncover customs tax evaders and cautions that fines are steep for importers who are caught evading those taxes.

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# U.S. Congress seeks to stem the tide of Micronesian immigrants

By **Bill Jaynes**  
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**Pohnpei, FSM**—One of FSM statesmen John Mangefel's most famous quotes regarding FSM-US relations was, "I can put my canoe on your carrier but you can't put your carrier on my canoe." After 25 years of a treaty agreement between the U.S. and three Micronesian countries; Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) some members of the U.S. Congress seem to be saying, "Enough canoes! Our carrier can't carry any more!"

A May 12 letter from an influential Congress committee addressed to Secretary of State Hillary R. Clinton and Secretary of the Interior Kenneth L. Salazar seeks to restrict the number of Micronesians flowing into the United States. The nine signers, including New Mexico Sen. Jeff Bingaman, who chairs the Energy and Natural Resources Committee that oversees legislation on U.S.-affiliated islands in the Pacific, want to dig into U.S. Compact Funds designated for Freely Associated States (FAS) in order accomplish that goal.

"The 'policy' of allowing FAS citizens to enter the U.S. for work, study, and resi-

dence is sound," the letter says. "However, recent trends indicate that the current implementation of that 'policy' is unsustainable."

The 'policy' to which the members of Congress referred is not actually a 'policy' but a treaty that was incorporated into United States law after the U.S. signed the treaty known as the Compacts of Free Association (CFA) with the FSM and with the RMI. The same holds true in the Freely Associated States.

Palau's agreement with the United States came later.

Among the many provisions of the Compact is a provision that allows FAS citizens to enter the United States to study, to work, and to live as non-immigrants. But according to the May 12 letter there is a current U.S. effort to squeeze off the flow of FAS emigrants to the United States especially for those who "are likely to become a public charge."

It's the first time in the 25 year history of the Compact treaty that the U.S. has sought to keep FAS citizens from entering its borders freely.

The same cannot be said about the FSM. The initial Compact treaty was amended in 2003 (CFAAA). It was only then

that the FSM adopted immigration laws for U.S. citizens that no longer required them to have work permits or to enter on tourist visas that had to be renewed every 30 days for a maximum of one year. Before the amended Compact, if an American living in the FSM under a tourist visa was asked to work in the FSM, even if only on a casual basis they were required to leave the FSM and return with a valid work permit for the job they would occupy.

One can only speculate about how the U.S. and the FSM might arrange to determine what FAS emigrants might be likely to become a public charge. The mere mention of a screening process ruffles the feathers of citizens of the FSM.

The letter "cc'ed", RMI's Minister of Foreign Affairs John Silk and the FSM's Secretary of Foreign Affairs Lorin Robert, which means that those high ranking government officials were merely sent a copy of the letter that was not sent under diplomatic cover.

Palau was only mentioned once in the letter and that country's Minister of Foreign Affairs was not "cc'ed."

"I would have thought that we would have received a diplomatic copy of the letter but we were 'copied' in the clas-

sic sense of the word. They just sent us a copy," Secretary Robert said after his secretary dug the letter out of his file cabinet for him to reference; which is not to say that he did not remember the content of the letter. He most certainly did.

He quickly found the place in the letter where the signers asked the U.S. Government to express the concerns of the U.S. regarding compact impact costs and asked for formal adoption of specific "policies" during "the bilateral meetings to be held this summer."

"I don't know what bi-lateral meetings will be held this summer," Robert said. "If they're talking about the JEMCO (Joint Economic Management Committee) meeting that's another matter—that's 3 to 2."

JEMCO, which decides on Compact issues, consists of three representatives from the United States Government and two from the FSM government. JEMCO's next meeting is scheduled for August.

"I expect that we will hear from the U.S. Government requesting a bi-lateral meeting between our two governments," he said.

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Japan was hit by one of the largest earthquakes ever recorded on March 11. The earthquake triggered a deadly tsunami that slammed into the east coast of Japan, leaving a huge swath of devastation in its wake. Thousands of people are dead and many more are still missing or injured; almost half a million people are homeless.

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# Police to conduct a National Recruit Training Academy

*Pohnpei Department of Public Safety*

**20 May 2011**

Following the meeting of the FSM Heads of Law Enforcement, involving all the five (5) FSM Police Chiefs in Pohnpei this week, it has been agreed to conduct a National Recruit Training Academy here in Pohnpei commencing in July or August this year. It has been many years since a National Academy has been conducted and across the four States and there are many Police who have not had the opportunity to attend this critical training.

The initiative for this Academy follows the successful conduct of a local Academy here in Pohnpei last year by the Pohnpei State Police for their members. So successful was this initiative by Chief Joe Roby and his team at Pohnpei State that Chief TakasyReim of the National Police sought to extend this concept across the FSM for the benefit of all the jurisdictions.

Chief Reim made application to the Australian Federal Police (AFP), Pacific Police Development Program (PPDP) for funding support to allow an Academy to be held for all the FSM Police agencies. That funding application was successful and preparations are now underway to have the Academy commence here in Pohnpei in July or August of this year.

"I am thrilled, along with all of my State Police colleagues that we have managed to secure this funding and I am grateful for the commitment of the Pohnpei State Police in extending the offer to drive the conduct of this training in a national sense. This is an FSM developed training program for the FSM. We all benefit and it will provide a great opportunity to further bring our efforts together for the benefit of policing in the FSM in general. I thank the AFP for their support in this regard", Chief Reim said.

Chief Joe Roby echoed these same sentiments; "I am very proud of the work undertaken by my officers with the successful conduct of our local Academy last year and to see it extended to become a National Academy is a testament to their efforts. I know that officers from the AFP had the opportunity to view our training last year and as a result they have now put their support and financial backing behind this, making it a truly National concept."

The Academy is an in-

tensive 4 months of hard work, study and skills training designed to equip the Police with the necessary capacity to better undertake their valuable work. All the FSM Police Chiefs will now select their respective personnel to attend the Academy which will be a live-in arrangement here in Pohnpei.

An AFP spokesperson, Mr Barry Turner who works regularly in the FSM with the Police Chiefs said; "What is most pleasing to us in the AFP-PPDP is that the FSM have demonstrated the quality of the home-grown police

training capacity they possess. Our Australian government funded PPDP program neverseeks to impose or suggest imported ways of doing business that simply do not suit local requirements. In this case we are simply supporting the FSM Policing agencies to facilitate this essential training for their personnel".

The Academy will have approximately 25 recruits from across the FSM. They can expect to graduate around November 2011.



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# New CPUC management team making methodical progress in Chuuk

By Bill Jaynes  
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**Weno, Chuuk**—Chuuk's utility problems are far from over. Planned and unexpected power outages, and water rationing are still the order of the day but Chief Executive Officer Mark Waite says that advances have been made. Waite and three other team members were hired on a contract basis under a grant provided by the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) to resolve Chuuk Power and Utilities Company (CPUC) problems and to make the operation a viable business.

The management team began in October of 2010 and began an assessment process that lasted through March of 2011. Waite says that Kelly Keller who is on loan from the FSM national government to serve as CPUC's Chief Financial Officer has done great work identifying where the holes in revenue and expense have been and CPUC has begun to work toward plugging those holes.

Waite said that a team from Pohnpei has so far completed a survey of 700 utilities connections in homes and businesses, just under half of the 1600 total connections in Weno, Chuuk. Of the 700 sites surveyed the team found "problems" with over 30%; problems mostly involving the bypassing of the cash power system. Waite said that some of those CPUC customers had not bypassed the system in an effort to defraud the system or to avoid paying for electricity but out of frustration. Some of those customers, after having called CPUC on numerous occasions to resolve a problem with their electricity finally threw up their hands in disgust when they received no attention and took matters into their own hands and bypassed the cash meter box.

Waite said that in many cases, the survey team was able to resolve the problems that caused customers to bypass the system during their survey visit.

He said that he expects that the ongoing survey will be completed in the next four

to five weeks.

"So far it's meant a bit of increased revenue," Waite said "but fuel costs have increased by 10% in the last three months." The increased fuel price offset most of the increased revenues from collections.

CPUC has begun to disconnect services for customers who are seriously delinquent. Waite said that the State Government has been very supportive of those activities despite a high degree of dissatisfaction from customers who have been disconnected.

Then there is the fact that working capital was not planned as part of the OIA grant. To remedy that problem CPUC received OIA permission to borrow \$650,000 from the original grant to be used for working capital which they will have to repay as revenues increase.

Waite said that a \$2 million grant from the Japanese government along with the \$650,000 loan went a long way toward helping the utility to increase the amount of fuel it could afford from 18 hours a day to 26 hours a day which is divided amongst its four feeders.

He says that CPUC needs to conduct a line clearing program on a massive scale to eliminate line trips on the feeder lines but it simply has no resources to do that. Because of the planned and unplanned power outages, Waite said, some customers have chosen to use their own generators for their power needs rather than running back and forth to the generators to turn them on and off every time CPUC power goes down. It's a practice that has previously cut into CPUC revenues and one the utility is working to resolve by supplying more consistent power to Weno.

Waite said that in terms of revenue there is an additional problem involving what he calls "protected family groups." He defined those groups as those having previously having made deals with the government that they will never have to pay for utilities services. According to Waite the 100 sites protected by the government represent approximately 10% of all poten-

tial CPUC revenue. He said that the Chuuk government has advised the utility that many of those agreements are unenforceable and should be revoked.

He said that arrears are another problem. Customers currently owe approximately \$1 million in arrears.

CPUC has been running two 1 Mb trailered generators for far longer than the purpose for which they were intended. Waite says that the generators are high speed generators designed for temporary use. Generally the types of generators Chuuk has been relying on in order to power all of Weno are the type that a truck would trailer in for a special event. They are not designed to be run full speed for years or even months at a time but, lacking any other resources, that is the way they have been used.

He said that CPUC is expecting the delivery of new medium speed generators in October which are designed for the type of service to which they will be put to use in Chuuk.

For several years now CPUC has been working toward the construction of a new 7 megawatt power plant. Waite said that the Utility did an exhaustive search for properties that could possibly be used for a new plant and ultimately decided on the dock. He said that while not perfectly ideal it is the best site of all of the sites that are available to it and just might even allow for the possibility of running a trans-lagoon power cable to Tonoas to power that island as well for the first time in its history.

The construction of a new power plant would be funded by a \$5 million infrastructure grant from the OIA and a \$7.5 million load from the Asian Development Bank but the utility needs to move quickly. Waite said that they have already identified a preferred builder from a Request for Proposal that went out last year. Since the ADB funding runs out in 2013 CPUC needs to sign a contract within the next three to four months. The funding by OIA needs to be approved by JEMCO (the Joint Economic Management Committee) which does not meet next until August of this year.

There is some concern that a recent letter from a high ranking U.S. State Department official serving in the FSM that expressed concern about the location of the plant in the event of a tsunami might affect the outcome of JEMCO's decision in August.

One private citizen in Chuuk said that he lived for some years in the vicinity of the current power plant of Chuuk and that one thing that people rarely talk about is that since the plant is "smack up against a mountain," emissions "hang" in the area affecting everyone in the vicinity. That citizen was in favor of putting the power plant on the dock even if for no other reason than getting rid of noxious fumes.

CPUC has long rationed water in Chuuk and even when they were able to provide water to residents the pipes used for deliv-

ery mean that the water arrives in a condition that is unfit for human consumption. Part of the road project currently underway in Chuuk is the installation of new pipes where ever the road goes, one set for delivery and one set for sewerage. Waite said that new capacity for water delivery will be limited for now to wherever the road goes but even that will be a vast improvement over what has been in place.

He said that a Japanese funded project to remediate 20 to 30 wells previously installed under another Japanese funded program will begin in July. That project will increase the amount of water that CPUC will have available for delivery.

As to sewerage, the Chuuk's road project is designed to channel sewage to the sewage treatment plant which has been non-functional for several years. If left alone the sewage treatment facility would be nothing more than a wide spot in the sewer system before it dumps out to the ocean as it currently does. Further, since pipes will be more efficient after the road is completed more waste water will be channeled to the non-functioning plant which would mean that a good deal more sewage would be dumped into the ocean.

Waite said that a \$4 million project to purchase the land where the sewage site is located and to rehabilitate it for operation is in the works and is expected to begin by 2012.

He said that some people in Chuuk have criticized some of CPUC's 54 employees for surly attitudes and non-performance. He reminded us that in the past CPUC employees were mistreated. Though health insurance, income tax, and social security charges were deducted from employee's paychecks they weren't paid forward to the proper entities resulting in lost Health Insurance and Social Security benefits, not to mention any tax refunds that employees might have had coming. CPUC employees were required to work overtime but were never paid for overtime hours that they worked. He said that CPUC owes approximately \$1 million dollars in benefits.

"CPUC has a duty to the staff to resolve those problems," Waite said.

In addition to turning CPUC into a viable functioning business, Waite and his staff are responsible for ensuring that training of current staff and identification of upper management are all in place before their contract is done in about 18 months.

They have made arrangements for on island training of technicians in the technologies of both lines men services and water and sewerage services. Waite said that he has every confidence that those training sessions will be successful and that capacity in those positions will certainly be built to a sufficient level in the coming months.

He listed as one of CPUC's principal challenges the filling of senior management positions.

## Pohnpei Public Library launches the SUMMER READING PROGRAM!



Readers of all ages will travel the globe this summer as the Pohnpei Public Library presents "One World, Many Stories" during their summer reading program. Children will explore places from Oceania to Russia through stories, crafts, music, dance, and other activities. The 2011 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, first grade through eighth grade, with programs, prize drawing, story hours, a reading club and more.

**Registration for "One World, Many Stories" begins on May 9 and ends May 31. Total price is only \$3.50. For more information, call the library at 320-2423.**

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revised completion date is now November 4, 2012 rather than March of the same year. He said that PII filed the revised completion date with the PMU on the morning of our interview on May 19.

Eight months behind is a far cry from five years.

The initial problem with the project was the listed depth on the design of "manhole number eight," located at the Chuuk International Airport. The actual depth was several feet shallower than the design showed. That error would have caused a problem with sewage flows. The designers had apparently relied on the listed depth for a proper slope that would allow gravity to keep sewage and waste water from sitting in the pipe without the initial and ongoing expense of pump stations.

Actually, "Manhole" is a misnomer. Before construction began in earnest in 2009, a PII team had to break the earth in order to find the position of the "manhole" because there was no actual "manhole." They found that not only was the listed position 20 feet off from the plans which would have been a simple problem to fix but its depth was at least three feet shallower than listed. Apparently the designers had relied on Chuuk records for their information which were incorrect unless they had found a way to physically measure the depth without breaking through the ground in order to do so.

Plans had to be modified to accommodate the decreased depth which took quite some time but a solution was found that will not require the ongoing expense of powering pump stations.

Tamargo said another change order was made after they had laid pipe according to plans. The change required them to dig up the pipe that was already laid and order new pipe of a new dimension in order to accommodate the change in plans.

Tamargo said that the change orders, while costly in terms of time were actually reductive in nature in terms of the overall contract price; something Robert Westerfield, a former em-



One section of completed road in Weno

ployee of the FSM's PMU predicted might be the case before the project even broke ground.

When asked how many Chuukese citizens were working for PII Tamargo had to ask the accountant to look up how many of them were paid during the last pay period because, he said, the number constantly changes. During the last pay period PII employed 229 Chuukese, 60 Filipinos, 20 Marshall Islanders, and one American for a total of 310 employees.

Tamargo said that the number of Chuukese employees varies widely due mainly to problems of attendance. He said other factors included some theft of materials, and safety violations which the company has to take very seriously. He stressed that those problems were not universal amongst local employees at all but they have played a role in why the number of Chuukese employees has not been consistent.

Tamargo said that he often has to balance a personal fear of reprisals against the company's need for strict adherence to safety rules before exercising the disciplinary tool of suspending an employee for violation of rules.

There have been some work related injuries on the project. Most recently a jobsite supervisor told a local employee to get into the trench and cap off a pipe at the end of the work day. While he was performing that task a load of dirt was dumped into the ditch that broke the employee's legs. Tamargo said that the insurance company, located in Majuro has covered the expenses for that injury including workmen's compensation.

In terms of day to day operations, Tamargo said that non-employees were the biggest factor in

hindering work progress. As an example, he said that after the week of April 9-13 the company considering closing down the construction site adjacent to the Saki store. Each day during that week at least one employee was injured in slingshot incidents. Three of those incidents involved rocks as ammunition and two involved sharpened rebar. Though the incidents were painful for the victims none of them were life threatening or debilitating. They could have been much worse.

Tamargo said that company representatives sat down with the clan leader in the area and discussed the seriousness of the incidents and that by the time of our Thursday afternoon interview there had been no further slingshot incidents in the area.

Alcohol abuse by non-employees is also a problem. Tamargo said that it is not uncommon for a drunk to stumble onto a site and shut it down by

harassing the employees working there.

Theft by non-employees is also a problem. The company has seen stacks of lumber disappear along with other materials. Every day they issued flash lights and "Stop-Go" paddle signs to employees assigned to direct traffic around the construction sites but by the end of the day those tools would come up missing and very few are left. He said that PII uses tarps to cover exposed pipe ends overnight and many of those tarps are stolen sometimes within moments after they are placed in broad daylight before the crew can even leave the jobsite area.

There have been several incidents of non-employees throwing rocks and harassing PII employees working to get the road done.

He said that in June the company intends to double its work force for the paving project closest to the airport.



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## Prosecutors rest their case in trial of accused SDA missionary attacker

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

May 26, 2011

**Pohnpei, FSM**—Pohnpei State prosecutors rapped up their arguments against Stephen Laurdine at the Pohnpei State Supreme Court. Laurdine is accused of attacking Krystle Haugen of Medford, Oregon and Kathleen Schaefer of Calimesa, California on the morning of November 17, 2010. Both of the women were missionary teachers the Seventh Day Adventist School in Pohnpei who were exercising by walking the hill toward the Australian Embassy complex early that morning. Both of the women were injured in the attack. Haugen required off island surgery for her injuries.

Assistant Attorney General Ira Shiflett said that the defense attorney filed a motion to quash Laurdine's confession of the crimes. He said that the court denied that motion and the confession is part of the State's evidence on the crime.

Shiflett said that it is a standard practice for a defense attorney to file a motion to acquit the defendant. Following that kind of motion the prosecution has one week to respond after which the judge makes a decision on the motion. At press time that motion had not yet been filed.

Laurdine is found to be innocent if the judge rules for acquittal. If the judge does not do so the defense will have an opportunity to present a defense for his client.

Ansber George who was arrested early on as a suspect for the crimes and then exonerated said that Laurdine's attorney contacted him to ask if he would be willing to testify on behalf of the defense.

Shiflett said that the court expedited the hearing because the two victims who needed to be present as witnesses in the trial finished their term as student missionaries at the end of May. He said that after their court testimony was concluded they returned to the United States.

Laurdine is currently serving a one year term at the Pohnpei State Jail after he pled guilty to a charge related to his escape from custody while he was being questioned on another matter. Laurdine escaped from a Department of Public Safety bathroom window during the police interrogation.

Laurdine is presumed to be innocent unless he is proven to be otherwise.

## ...US Congress

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Secretary Robert said that Allen Stayman who works for Senator Bingaman and was a U.S. negotiator on the Compact and who wrote much of the text of the treaty will be passing through Pohnpei on his way to Chuuk. While Stayman is transiting in Pohnpei there will be a meeting in the VIP room of the airport between FSM leaders and Stayman.

That meeting is as close as the US and FSM has come to "scheduling" a bilateral meeting. In Secretary Robert's opinion, no other is currently scheduled between the FSM and the United States Governments this summer or at any other time.

Secretary Robert said that a U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report on the financial impact of the Compact on the U.S. is not due out until July. He suggested that the committee should perhaps have waited for the data they requested from the GAO that will be contained in that report before writing the letter.

Robert said that the FSM is appreciative of constructive dialogue between the two countries and that it is committed to the Compact and the unique relationship between the FSM and the United States.

The letter requests "that a portion of Compact Education Sector grant funding be used to fund a program to educate FAS citizens on the intent of the open migration policy and the expectations of those who enter the U.S. under the Compact."

It says that since the single greatest Compact impact cost to the U.S. is for health services such as dialysis for conditions such as diabetes dialysis treatment centers should be established in the FSM and the RMI and that a portion of Infrastructure Sector and Health Sector grant funding be committed to that purpose.

Pohnpei has some dialysis machines and technicians who have been trained to use them.

"We expect that these policies will be agreed to during the upcoming 'bilateral' meetings and that all parties will remain committed to the spirit of cooperation that has ensured the success of the Compacts for twenty-five years."

If the signers of the letter are referring to the JEMCO meetings that will be held in August when they talk about "bilateral meetings" then that likely will be the case since the FSM is outvoted in that committee.

The letter was signed by Sen. Bingaman, Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski, the entire Hawaii delegation, both senators from Arkansas, and Guam Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo.

## NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on May 20, 2011, public notice is hereby given that the leasehold interests in the parcel described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

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- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "August 4, 2011 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Ms Katherine Gisog at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Colonia, Yap on Thursday, August 4, 2011 between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2011.

Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on May 13, 2011, public notice is hereby given that the parcel described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Parcel no. 045-E-30, situated in Lohd-powe section, Madolenihmw Municipality, Pohnpei State, with an approximate area of 7,608 square meters, as described in the Certificate of Title issued on June 2, 2005 and registered as Document No. 20533 at the Office of the Registrar, Pohnpei Court of Land Tenure.

- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "August 4, 2011 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Mr Ricky Jano at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Palikir, Pohnpei on Thursday, August 4, 2011 between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.
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- The winning bidder must be eligible to hold title to land in the Federated States of Micronesia.
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## ... DPS

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of any reports that stemmed from their investigation.

Chuuk also conducted its own investigation into the matter but that investigation was stalled for several weeks due to an apparent communication gap between the Governor and the Attorney General.

Attorney General Joses Gallen said in an interview on the afternoon of May 17 that he submitted to the Governor's office on April 2, the results of an administrative investigation in which he recommended that his department begin criminal prosecutions of Emilio and four other State Police officers for the court to decide. He said that he was still waiting for the Governor to authorize him to proceed with prosecution.

Gallen said that he never pursues prosecution unless he is at least 50% confident that he has enough evidence to obtain a conviction. He said that the physical evidence of ten unexplained injuries along with the Major's own statement convinced him that a prosecution was warranted for a court determination on the matter.

On April 11, nine days after Gallen said that he submitted his report, the Governor reinstated Emilio to his previous position. The letter that he wrote to Emilio and copied to pertinent government officials said, "Confirmed reports indicate that the morale and performance of the Department of Public Safety has deteriorated rather quickly during your suspension, due to lack of leadership and proper management."

"In the event there may be ongoing investigative activities or inquiries by any official entity (external or local) for any purpose with respect to the incident that caused your suspension, you are strictly instructed not to interfere or attempt to interfere with or undermine such investigative activity, if any, but should instead cooperate with and assist any such investigation or inquiry. Your failure to comply with this condition of your reinstatement shall be dealt with forthwith as appropriate," the Governor's letter reinstating Emilio concluded.

Governor Simina said that he sent one report back to the Attorney General requesting further details but that he had not seen a report since then that met his requirements for detail including the names of the four State Police officers who Gallen said should be criminally prosecuted. The Governor said that he also wanted the results of the military investigations to be included as part of that report. As far as he was concerned the AG's report was not yet complete.

Gallen apparently misunderstood the Governor's directive and was wait-

ing for authorization from the Governor to proceed with a criminal prosecution. Meanwhile the Governor was waiting for a revised report on the investigation.

Apparently little to nothing had been done on the investigation of the incident since April 2 of this year.

On May 24, Gallen wrote an email to The Kaselehlie Press saying that the communication gap between his office and that of the Governor had been closed.

The report that the Governor said that he sent back to Gallen was the AG's report of April 2 in which he recommended prosecutorial action. Gallen said in his email that the Governor wants the final report including results of the military investigation on the matter on his desk by the end of this month.

It is not certain that Gallen will be able to meet that deadline but that is the Governor's demand.

Before the mid-March allegations, Emilio's leadership of the department was called into question by members of the Chuuk House of Representatives who passed a resolution requesting that Governor Simina terminate Emilio's employment.

Governor Simina has made no formal written response to that resolution and in fact reinstated Emilio to the position of DPS Director on April 11 of this year.

"I don't respond to a lot of things that the House and the Senate send over," he said in an afternoon interview in his office on May 18. "I don't think I have to put everything in writing," he said. "Sometimes I handle things differently and just talk with them about it. The Executive branch has a good relationship with the Legislature."

Governor Simina said that the request to terminate Emilio's directorship of the department was politically motivated. He said that at the same time, the House of Representatives passed a resolution requesting the termination of the Director of Public Health that he also felt was politically motivated.

We asked Governor Simina if he reinstated Emilio, who is a relative of the Governor, to further the Governor's own political needs as a candidate for the four year Congress seat vacated by President Manny Mori.

"I don't need Jimmy to win an election," he said. He also said that he couldn't think of anyone else as qualified for the job as Jimmy.

One DPS officer said that while Emilio was suspended the Attorney General solicited the aid of some police officers to help him with an investigation into other matters of alleged wrong doing by the DPS or its current chief.

Several high ranking State Police officers told us that they are in possession of several written statements made during the course of that investigation but only one

officer provided a copy of those statements to the Kaselehlie Press with our guarantee that the officer would remain anonymous because of his fear of further reprisals than those he has already faced.

Amongst the documents that officer provided, which are also in the possession of Attorney General Joses Gallen, are statements from females whose employment at the Department of Public Safety was terminated. The women, one of whom was a trainee gave graphic, specific, and detailed statements. They alleged individually and separately, incidents of an inappropriate sexual nature by the current Director of DPS. The statements are signed and dated.

The incidents are alleged to have occurred both at the DPS headquarters office and outside of it, specifically in Moch.

Another signed statement by a male officer opened with the words, "On the 27th of December 2010 was another reshuffle day at the Department of Public Safety as known as 'Department of Sex.'" He said that he was assigned to be the Evidence Custodian and that upon his assumption of that position he discovered that five handguns collected as evidence were missing from the locked Evidence room. On the day after

he made and signed his statement he was reassigned by the Director to the Operation Division.

When asked why no charges have been filed by the Attorney General's office relating to the signed and sworn statements of complainants, Gallen said that the statements are part of an ongoing investigation.

No charges have yet been filed in any of the matters involving the Department of Public Safety and unless a court decides otherwise all potentially involved officers including the Director of the Department of Public Safety are presumed to be innocent.

Chuuk State is, by its own Constitution required to have an Auditor appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and a Special Prosecutor who is supposed to be nominated by Chuuk Mayors. The Constitution says that in the event that the Mayors make no nomination the Governor is to appoint one with the advice and consent of the Senate.

No Chuuk Governor has ever filled either position.

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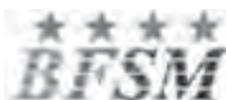


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## **MAHI International to bring volunteers to Pohnpei in June**

*MAHI International press release*

MAHI International, a non-profit organization serving the FSM, will be bringing in a team of 14 volunteers during the week of June 13 that will consist of nurse educators, American Heart Association Basic Life Support and Advance Cardiac Life Support instructors, respiratory therapists, and firefighters/paramedics.

This team is under the leadership of Krystal Ball (ICU nurse & nurse educator) from Bakersfield, California who assisted MAHI International in November 2009 with the first American Heart Association Basic Life Support training in Pohnpei. She is returning with a team of 14 individuals this time to serve the island in the following ways:

1) American Heart Association BLS for Healthcare providers  
A team will be training and re-certifying 250 healthcare providers & airport fire rescue and security personnel.

2) fire disaster training; mock mass casualty exercise  
On Thursday, June 16 at 2PM, the team's firefighters will be educating and assisting in a mock mass casualty exercise (airplane crash) to help Pohnpei to prepare for the FAA exercise later this year.

Pohnpei Port Authority is needing 150 volunteer victims to simulate the crash. If you are interested, please contact airport operations assistant Jason Ringlen at Pohnpei Port Authority (320-2793).

3) diesel engineer visiting for the week  
All week, a diesel engineer will be working on the Department of Public Safety's firetrucks and the Pohnpei State Hospital's generator.

4) nurses and physicians training at the hospital every day  
Every day, the volunteer team will be training nurses and physicians at the Pohnpei State Hospital, focusing on diabetes, respiratory therapy, heart disease and stroke. This team will be doing an initial ICU assessment for the hospital.

5) small scale remodeling project at the Pohnpei State Hospital

6) Health Fair - Wednesday, June 15 from 12PM to 5PM at the State Government building  
MAHI International will be conducting a health fair for the community. We are inviting other health related government and non-government organizations. The College of Micronesia will be having booths for health careers. Bring your children to the Kids Korner and a team of volunteers will teach them basic CPR and the; your children will be involved in games, fun activities, and prizes! All who join can participate in our raffle; we will be raffling out a brand-new flat-screen television and other raffle items!

For additional information or to participate in the health fair, please contact John Schroer at 921-1800.

## **Police Chiefs work together to make FSM safer**

Unity and common purpose was the main theme behind the recent Chiefs of Police Conference held in Pohnpei on May 18 and 19, 2011.

Chief Joe Roby, Chief of Pohnpei State Police was the Chair of the meeting. He told the visiting Chiefs of Police from all the FSM States and FSM National Police, that by working together, greater effort can be achieved in preventing and dealing with crime in the communities. 'Unity is the strength law enforcement needs to fight social disorder and crime,' Chief Roby emphasized to the assembled group.

The Conference was officially opened by FSM Department of Justice representative, Mr Daniel RESCUE. In his opening remarks he acknowledged the attendance of those at the meeting.

Chief Roby told the KP that FSM Chiefs of Police have a long history of working together to solve safety and security concerns throughout the FSM and there is a desire to have that spirit of co-operation maintained. In the past, numerous training courses have been conducted where each state and national police agency has sent participants.

"We are also very lucky to have the support of international organizations to assist policing efforts. The Pacific Policing Development Program has for some time been working close with FSM Police to offer assistance in a number of critical areas" Chief Roby said.

The PPDP is a pacific wide program of support to police managed by the Australian Federal Police. A representative of the PPDP, Mr Barry Turner attended the Chiefs meeting and provided a presentation of proposed assistance. He was pleased to announce that funding is being made available for FSM to hold a Micronesian Recruit Police Training Academy, expected to commence in the next couple of months.

Chief Takasy Reim of the FSM National Police also provided a presentation on the planning arrangements currently being undertaken with regards to FSM hosting the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police Conference between 23 and 25 August this year. PICP is the premier policing forum for heads of policing agencies throughout the Pacific region.

"Co-operation, co-ordination and accessing support from international sources such as the PPDP means policing efforts throughout the FSM will benefit", Chief Roby said with pride and with a sense of excitement for the future.

## “One World, Many Stories” Fully funded by Australian Embassy!



By *Lester Ezekias*  
Pohnpei Public Library

Pohnpei Public Library recently received another grant from the Direct Aid Program (DAP) totaling \$3,500.00, an Australian Embassy initiative to address humanitarian hardships in developing countries. The grant titled “Summer Reading Program” will provide materials, supplies, incentives/rewards, and transportation to and from the venue for the Public Library’s first Summer Reading Program.

Summer enrichment opportunities such as the Summer Reading Program and Peace Corps’ annual Summer Library Camp have a much more profound impact than previously believed. Research has found that children experience learning loss over the summer months, and these losses are much greater for children from low-income families than they are for other children. Summer reading programs can be a valuable tool to use when reaching out to underserved communities, and they provide a haven and a community for readers. Furthermore, summer reading programs help children retain and enhance their reading skills while on summer vacation. More importantly, they instill in the children an excitement and desire to read and learn more about the world around them.

This year’s Summer Reading Program theme, One World, Many Stories will put children on the map and allow them to travel the globe. From Russia to China to Antarctica, children will learn new games, folktales, and crafts while reading and keeping track of their summer goals. Participants will be rewarded for reaching their personal and library goals and completing other activities. In addition to contributing to children’s welfare, this project meets several imperative goals for the Pohnpei Public Library. First, to help school age children maintain their reading skills while on vacation; thereby, preparing them for the next level. In addition, the grant seeks to encourage and motivate children and families to read for pleasure and for families to become more involved and active in their children’s education. Moreover, it will promote community involvement in the mission of the library and create positive publicity for the library. More importantly, the Summer Reading Program will attract additional patrons to the library.

The Library is now open and registering youth for the program (\$3.50 including a library card). The program will begin June 1, 2011 from 2-4pm at the Public Library.

The Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library Board of Directors and Pohnpei Public Library staff and volunteers are very grateful to the Australian Embassy for their generous donation and continued support for the improvement of island youth’s education.

## Rotary Club of Pohnpei supports international projects

*Rotary Club of Pohnpei*

Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds a monthly fundraiser “Chook Raffle” the first Friday of each month at Coco Marina which benefits our scholarship program and other community projects. On April 1st, 2011 RC of Pohnpei dedicated the “Chook Raffle” proceeds to go to the Tsunami and Earthquake fund that our Rotary district established to respond to the disaster. We were honored to have Ambassador Suzuki attend from the Japan Embassy and provided an update on the disaster situation in Japan. We had a very successful evening and raised the most from any “Chook Raffle” ever, a total of \$2000.00. The RC of Pohnpei is part of the District 2750 from Tokyo and there for has very close relations with Japan. We wanted to respond to our friends in Japan during their time of crisis especially after all the support they have shown our community over the past 20 years.

This June’s “Chook Raffle” will also have a special designation, Polio eradication. What is Polio? Polio is a viral disease which may affect the spinal cord causing muscle weakness and paralysis. The polio virus enters the body through the mouth, usually from hands contaminated with the stool of an infected person. Polio is more common in infants and young children and occurs under conditions of poor hygiene. Complications include paralysis, most commonly of the legs. Paralysis of the muscles of breathing and swallowing can be fatal.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, is the largest public health initiative the world has ever known. At the time of its conception, polio was endemic in 125 countries on five continents, paralyzing 350,000 children every year. Currently the

wild poliovirus remains endemic in only Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched in 1988, 99 percent of Polio cases have been slashed.

Rotary International’s role in the global effort to eradicate polio cannot be overstated. Since Rotary’s first funding pledge for polio eradication in 1985 (\$247 million), it has consistently fuelled the effort with resources, advocacy and genuine hard work on the ground by volunteers. Rotary’s advocacy efforts have maintained the dream of a polio-free world over the past 20 years, and brought polio to the brink of eradication. At the same time, Rotary has been the largest private sector donor to polio eradication, committing over \$600 million to the effort.

After 25 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease. Rotary International has accepted a challenge grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The Challenge to the Rotary Foundation is to raise \$200 million and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match it with \$355 million. Rotary Clubs throughout the world are working together to meet this challenge. Our district 2750 has challenged all clubs in the district to support the Polio Plus campaign so we can reach our goal. Please come out to join us on June 3rd, 2011 to @ 6:30pm at Coco Marina to raise funds for Polio.

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## Police to review operations

*Pohnpei Department of Public Safety*

17 May 2011

The Director of the Department of Public Safety, Mr. Lucas Carlos in conjunction with Chief of Police Mr. Joe Roby has announced an organizational review into the Policing and Security Division of the DPS.

Mr. Lucas said it was timely to review the organization as it prepares to develop its strategic plan for the future.

“This review will set a stable course for the future of the police. As crime trends change around the globe, it is important that policing methods are examined from time to time to ensure the best deployment of resources and to ensure the community is getting the best possible policing service” Director Lucas said.

“This is not simply a client satisfaction survey. Effectively, we want to know what the community require from their policing organization? What are their crime and public safety concerns? What are we doing well and what could we do better.” Chief Roby said.

The review was commissioned by the Director who has also invited highly experienced senior members of the Australian Federal Police, Pacific Police Development Program (PPDP) to assist them with the review.

The review is intended to provide greater accountability in the management structure of the police and will identify the future development needs of the organization. This will allow for an improved focus of resources to better address the areas of crime impacting on the community and allow the DPS to report effectively to the Government of the State of Pohnpei on issues affecting our community.

Without prejudging what the review findings will be, there may be some organizational changes, or changes in how we focus our resources. The review is simply designed to establish how best we can service the needs of our community and how best we can address crime impacting on our community.

The review will be conducted and every effort will; be made to allow for outcomes within existing resources. It will examine current methods of operation and set about improving service delivery, staff development, training and financial management.

Chief of Police Mr. Joe Roby said he welcomed the review as the outcomes will allow for better planning of resources which will in turn ensure the citizens of Pohnpei have a police service best equipped to ensure a safe and stable community. “The outcomes will allow the Director and I to plan for the future and ensure our methods are up to date and our resources are focused in the right direction.” Chief Roby said.

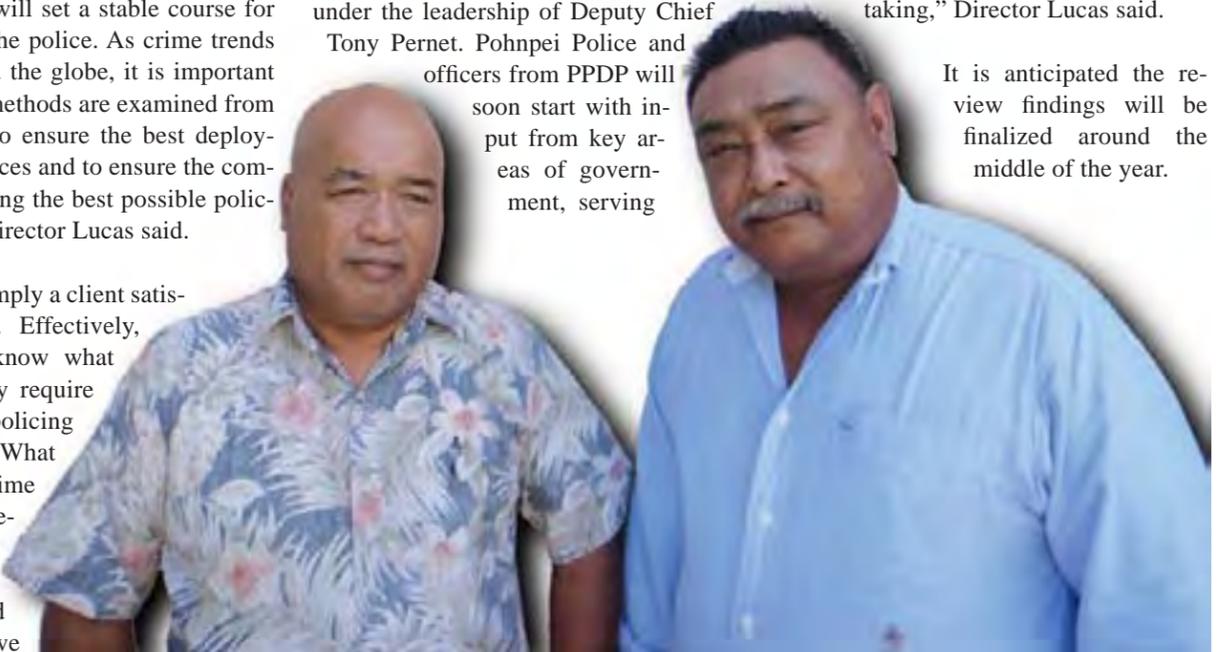
The review will be carried out by senior officers from the Pohnpei State Police under the leadership of Deputy Chief Tony Pernet. Pohnpei Police and officers from PPDP will soon start with input from key areas of government, serving

police officers, community and business groups, NGO’s, the public and eminent persons within the community.

Mr. Lucas said that he urged people in the community to assist the Review Team with input about any concerns they have about the organization as a whole, or any crime issues that may be of concern.

“The review will start in the second week of June. The teams will soon start contacting key persons in the community and arranging appointments for interviews. I urge you to assist the teams with input with the future direction the police are taking,” Director Lucas said.

It is anticipated the review findings will be finalized around the middle of the year.



*Chief Joe Roby and Deputy Chief Tony Pernet*

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Participants received 5 full days of education in tree biology, tree selection and planting, tree care practices, proper pruning, risk assessment and mitigation, tree diseases and disorders, tree protection and preservation, tree climbing and safe working practices. Following the training program, 12 of the participants qualified for and sat for the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist examination. This examination is a very challenging international test of knowledge and understanding of tree biology and technical arboriculture theory, standards, and practices. Pohnpei Chief Forester Saimon Lihpai attended a comparable program in Hawaii and passed the exam in 2007. COM-FSM's Jim Currie, who has been trained and approved by the ISA as the only qualified exam proctor in the FSM, was assisted by Ms. Hadley-Race to conduct the examination.

A tree climbing training program was also conducted that took 8 of the professionals who attended the arborist education program up into the trees. The US Forest Service purchased and donated tree climbing equipment to the FSM to ensure that student's could use the best equipment and conduct their work safely. Training included all of the key skills and practices required to install ropes high into trees, most easily climb far above the ground, and safely maneuver and work throughout the tree crown. This work is physically demanding and requires much skill and ability. All of the students reported that they truly enjoyed this experience and found that this work is not only critical to ensure safe, healthy trees, but can be great fun too!

The COM-FSM is currently considering the addition of an arboriculture program within the Agriculture and Natural Resources AS option or the Certificate of Agriculture and Food Technology for students interested in trees and their proper care, and perhaps pursue a career in arboriculture. This program would be based on the ISA curriculum and capable of providing successful students with the knowledge, understanding and skills to start a rewarding career that can help the trees and people who live, work and play in and near trees throughout the FSM.



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June 20	9 - 5
<b>Tuesday</b>	
June 21	9 - 5
<b>Wed</b>	
June 22	9 - 11 departing for other islands

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- ACROSS**
1. Particle
  5. Tennis stroke
  8. Travel by horse
  9. Large flightless bird
  10. Part of a hull
  11. Atmosphere
  12. Vacant
  14. Concur
  17. Romanian currency
  18. Molten rock
  22. Lamentable
  23. Overt
  24. Metal-bearing mineral
  25. Adjacent

- DOWN**
1. Biblical boat
  2. Neckwear
  3. Lyric poem
  4. Noisy fight
  5. Bound

6. Exclude
7. Entomb
13. Fruit
14. In addition
15. Cogwheel
16. Ill-mannered
19. Simian
20. Irritate
21. Insect



**Crossword - Go Green**

**Across**

- 1 Pop ingredient, once
- 5 Press down
- 9 Idyllic places
- 14 Newspaper page
- 15 Hodgepodge
- 16 Corporate symbols
- 17 Stack
- 18 Clappers
- 19 Mosque officials
- 20 Acid rain cause
- 23 Gush
- 24 Romulus or Remus
- 25 Ingenious
- 29 Puts up
- 33 That girl
- 36 They're temporary
- 38 Buffalo's lake
- 39 One's impact on global warming
- 43 Jason's ship
- 44 Church officer
- 45 "Wanna \_\_\_?"
- 46 Vacation spot
- 49 Puts on cargo
- 51 Empty a boat
- 53 Bohemian dance
- 57 Global warming cause
- 62 Bicker
- 63 Go quickly
- 64 Streets in Strasbourg
- 65 Bergamot and perilla, e.g.
- 66 Like a pocket protector, perhaps
- 67 Fencer's item
- 68 Nice!
- 69 Close race decider
- 70 Slippery ones

**Down**

- 1 Small woods
- 2 Kind of den
- 3 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
- 4 Experts
- 5 Bean curd
- 6 Winglike
- 7 Obey
- 8 Put forward
- 9 Magical drink
- 10 Tyrannize
- 11 "Yikes!"
- 12 Seward Peninsula city
- 13 Leaky tire sound
- 21 Conversation starter
- 22 Be behind
- 26 Charged particle
- 27 Bistro
- 28 Small hill
- 30 Nursery item
- 31 Fork feature
- 32 Cobblestone
- 33 Mark for life
- 34 Fabled racer
- 35 Units of work
- 37 \_\_\_ cracker
- 40 Idiot box
- 41 A Kennedy
- 42 Warms up
- 47 Least refined
- 48 Hermano de mi mama
- 50 Evening do
- 52 Ushered
- 54 Jeweler's glass
- 55 Show respect, in a way
- 56 Beasts of burden

Can you fit the words correctly into the grid? The letters in the gray boxes will spell out another word.

3 letter word  
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4 letter words  
MARS  
MOON  
STAR

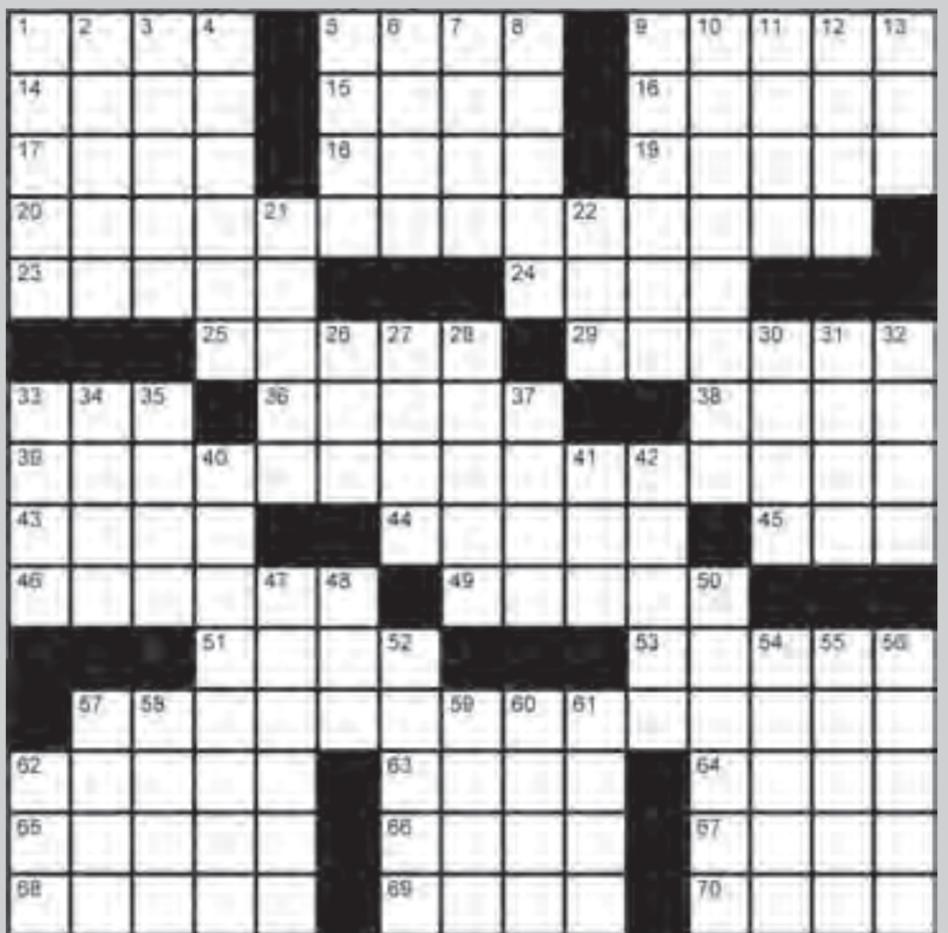
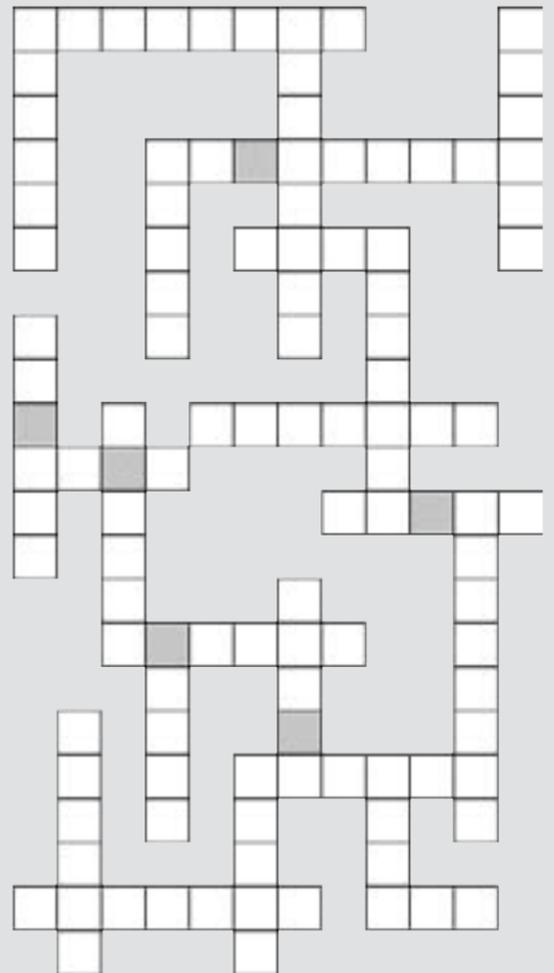
5 letter words  
COMET  
EARTH  
PLUTO  
SPACE  
VENUS

6 letter words  
COSMOS  
GALAXY  
METEOR  
NEBULA  
PULSAR  
SATURN  
URANUS

7 letter words  
JUPITER  
MERCURY  
NEPTUNE

8 letter words  
ASTEROID  
MILKY WAY  
UNIVERSE

9 letter word  
SUPERNOVA



- 57 Ship's company
- 58 Shrek, for one
- 59 Hand in Honduras

- 60 Bothers
- 61 Eye affliction
- 62 Checkup sounds

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- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.
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- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
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- 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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	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Monday	05/30		06/06		05/30		06/06	
	01:40AM	3.9	05:35AM	4.1	01:05AM	1.9	04:07AM	2.3
	08:26AM	1.3	12:39PM	0.9	09:14AM	0.3	01:16PM	0.1
	01:53PM	2.6	06:32PM	2.5	01:39PM	0.5		
	07:23PM	1.2	11:36PM	1.5	05:05PM	0.4		
Tuesday	05/31		06/07		05/31		06/07	
	02:09AM	4.1	06:18AM	3.8	01:21AM	2.1	04:32AM	2.1
	08:58AM	1.0	01:25PM	1.0	09:31AM	0.1	02:05PM	0.2
	02:31PM	2.6	07:30PM	2.6	02:12PM	0.5		
	07:55PM	1.1			05:37PM	0.3		
Wednesday	06/01		06/08		06/01		06/08	
	02:39AM	4.3	12:34AM	1.7	01:44AM	2.2	04:46AM	1.8
	09:31AM	0.8	07:08AM	3.5	09:56AM	0.0	02:47PM	0.3
	03:08PM	2.6	02:16PM	1.2	02:45PM	0.4		
	08:27PM	1.0	08:44PM	2.7	06:07PM	0.3		
Thursday	06/02		06/09		06/02		06/09	
	03:11AM	4.4	02:00AM	1.9	02:11AM	2.4	04:31AM	1.5
	10:06AM	0.6	08:13AM	3.1	10:26AM	-0.1	03:11PM	0.4
	03:45PM	2.6	03:15PM	1.3	03:19PM	0.4		
	09:00PM	1.0	10:08PM	2.9	06:34PM	0.2		
Friday	06/03		06/10		06/03		06/10	
	03:44AM	4.5	04:05AM	1.9	02:40AM	2.4	02:12AM	1.3
	10:41AM	0.6	09:42AM	2.7	11:02AM	-0.1	03:10PM	0.5
	04:22PM	2.6	04:19PM	1.4	03:57PM	0.3		
	09:35PM	1.0	11:22PM	3.2	06:56PM	0.2		
Saturday	06/04		06/11		06/04		06/11	
	04:19AM	4.5	05:58AM	1.7	03:10AM	2.4	12:31AM	1.5
	11:19AM	0.6	11:22AM	2.5	11:42AM	-0.1	10:56AM	0.5
	05:01PM	2.6	05:20PM	1.3	04:40PM	0.3		
	10:11PM	1.1			07:11PM	0.2		
Sunday	06/05		06/12		06/05		06/12	
	04:56AM	4.4	12:20AM	3.6	03:39AM	2.4	12:28AM	1.8
	11:58AM	0.7	07:13AM	1.3	12:27PM	0.0	09:56AM	0.2
	05:44PM	2.5	12:42PM	2.5				
	10:50PM	1.3	06:14PM	1.2				

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## Calvary Christian Academy presents on LET'S GO LOCAL at the 10th Youth to Youth Environmental Fair

By Chizuru Seki  
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

The Calvary Christian Academy presented the CHEEF benefits of local foods at the 10th Annual Youth-to-Youth Environmental Fair, on Thursday May 19, 2011, hosted by the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP). Over 500 participants took part in this event held at the College of Micronesia-FSM National Campus Gym, including the CSP and its partner agencies.

This Environmental Fair concluded the Youth-to-Youth (Pwoulopwulong me Pwulop-wul) Environmental and Educational awareness program in the schools for the school year 2010-2011. Sixth graders of seven selected schools (Nett Elementary, Ohmine Elementary, Peh-leng Elementary, Saladak Elementary, ESDM Elementary, CCA and Sekere Elementary) presented in their own ways what they learned from their partner agencies throughout the year.

As a participating agency, the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) had been working with its partner school, the Calvary Christian Academy (CCA) and teacher Ms. Charleen Abraham, focusing on "Let's Go Local." With support by the IFCP, the Calvary Christian Academy opened their performance with the CHEEF song followed by a presentation on the benefits of growing and eating local food emphasizing the CHEEF (Culture, Health, Environment, Economy, Food Security) benefits. A special part of their presentation included



an exhibition of dried grinded giant swamp taro (mwahng), which was turned into flour for food security. The students made this by grinding the taro and drying in the sun on a black plastic. This is an excellent way to preserve giant swamp taro. The students also presented about the nutritional values of our Pohnpei foods.

Under this program, the sixth graders of CCA also learned about the nutritional values of our very own local foods rich in beta-carotene. This helps protect

against non-communicable diseases like cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, as well as vitamin A deficiency disorders and anemia. They learned through the classroom awareness and field learning at the gene bank at the FSM Pilot Farm, taught by the Local Food Educator from IFCP, Mrs. Emihner Johnson.

Learning further about the significance of the local food helped students start to engage the idea into their daily life. The sixth graders of CCA along with their teacher, Mrs. Charleen Abraham, established a local food policy: every Wednesday and Friday is designated for the class to eat local food, either at snack time or/and at lunch time. And they started acknowledging the CCA staff birthdays with presentation of gifts of local fruits and food in a kiam (local basket), and planting materials like lemon, mangosteen, and karertik seedlings.

We are very fortunate to see those students not only realizing the value of their traditional food but also starting to change the attitude toward the local food and sharing what they learned. As stated by Mrs. Abraham, the CCA teacher who was very active in the program, stated at their end of year school party that their involvement in the Youth to Youth program was a highlight of the year.

The sixth graders at CCA expressed that they were sad to see the end of this program with the Island Food Community of Pohnpei, especially with Mrs. Emihner Johnson. However, even though the program for this year has finished, the students' knowledge on local foods will keep growing, and we hope for a continued relationship between CCA, CSP and IFCP.

Thanks are expressed to US Forestry, Japan International Corporation Agency/JOCV Volunteer Program, Secretariat of the Pacific Community Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees, Pacific CEED and Australian AusAID Small Grants Scheme for funding support. Lastly IFCP would like to thank CSP for this unique partnership to increase awareness on healthy livelihood early in Pohnpei's youth through the Y2Y program, promoting the consumption of the rich diversity of local foods available on Pohnpei.

## How can we avoid a heart attack?

Island Food Community of Pohnpei

At present in Pohnpei there is an epidemic of diseases, caused by change in diets and lifestyles and is causing unneeded suffering and sometimes death. Let's look at these questions and see how to protect our health.

### What is a heart attack?

A heart attack is when part of the heart muscle is damaged or dies because it is not receiving oxygen, which is the important substance of air that we breathe in everyday and is needed for our body to function. Oxygen is carried to the heart by the blood in those blood vessels called arteries. Most heart attacks are caused when there is a blockage in these vessels.

### Why do we have a heart attack?

The blockage in blood vessels is usually caused by the buildup of fatty deposits, called plaque. It is described to be like the sticky messy gunk that builds up in a drainpipe and slows down the flow of water.

### How do we know we are having a heart attack?

The pain is a crushing pain in your chest, or tightness, sometimes with the pain extending to the arm, shoulder, neck or jaw; sometimes shortness of breath for some seconds, and sometimes accompanied by sweating, nausea, or vomiting.

### What should you do if you think you are having a heart attack?

Call an ambulance or get to the hospital as fast as possible. Don't wait!

### How do we avoid a heart attack?

Heart attacks are sudden but the build-up is over many years, due to smoking, poor diet, high blood pressure, lack of exercise, stress, alcohol abuse, family history.

### Remember these points:

- Avoid smoking and alcohol.
- Take regular medical check-ups.
- Use healthy cooking methods.
- Smile and be happy.
- Get plenty of exercise.
- Eat a good diet- low in fat, sugar, and salt.
- Avoid frying!!!!
- Take time with your families and friends.

Pohnpeian foods such as banana, breadfruit, taro and yam can protect against heart disease. Boil these, use a moderate amount of coconut cream or other fat, and eat with boiled, steamed or baked fish. Avoid fatty meats and skin. If you have land, GROW YOUR OWN FOOD!! This will provide you with needed physical activity and food, and the enjoyment of growing your own.

Thanks are provided to Dr. Johnny Hedson for comments on this article. Further questions can be directed to the staff at the hospital or clinics.



CCA students present about the CHEEF benefits of local food at the 11th Youth-to-Youth Environmental Fair, May 19, 2011.

# Pohnpei Fishing Club creates history

Tuesday 10th and Saturday 14th of May saw history created for the Pohnpei Fishing Club. Over these dates the club hosted the annual tournament, with a record 32 boats competing for many generous prizes over these two days. The weather on both days was good enough even for the smaller boats to get off shore and get into the many schools that were close to the barrier reef system.

The off shore fishing proved to be a little hit and miss with most boats finding the fishing tough. Some quality fish were caught though, with the standouts being two great marlin caught by Alex and Mary Tretnoff on the 14th. Kumer Panuelo and his crew also did very well on the 10th with five yellowfin tuna around the 30lb mark. A special mention must also go to Maurine Perman for her efforts in winding in a 43lb yellowfin.

At this time of year the wahoo and mahi have started to move on but a couple of these fish were still caught. The rainbow runner proved to be elusive with not a single boat managing to find one. The fishermen that enjoy their casting managed to land some solid trevally. So all tournament spe-

cies were targeted; however with varying levels of success due to some fish just not playing the game on the day.

The Pohnpei Fishing Club would like to extend a thank you to the members of the Pohnpei Business Community that contributed prizes, money, time and effort that very much assisted with the success of this year's annual tournament. The 2011 sponsors were Continental Airlines, Budwiser, Bank of FSM, Village Hotel, FSM Telecom Cliff Rainbow Hotel, ACE Hardware, ACE Office, Napa Autoparts, Etscheit's, Blue Nile, Ray & Doors, Amcres, INS, LP Gas, 7 Star, Pohnpei Service Station and Palm Terrace. In addition to this the Pohnpei Fishing Club would also like to thank Willy Hawley for supplying the tent and ice at the weigh-in and Kumer Panuelo for letting us use his dock and equipment.

This years winners were:  
Tournament Champion – Mary Tretnoff with 302 points won two Continental Micronesia tickets.  
2nd Place – Peter Luzama with 154 points won \$1000 cash donated by the Pohnpei Fishing Club  
3rd Place – Alex Tretnoff with 147 points won \$500 cash donated by the Pohnpei Fishing Club and the Bank of FSM.

Biggest Marlin – Mary Tretnoff 302lbs  
Biggest Yellowfin – Maurine Perman 43lbs  
Biggest Skipjack – Kumer Panuelo 19lbs

Biggest Wahoo – Chris Kind 21lbs  
Biggest Mahi Mahi – Andy Musrasrik 15.5lbs  
Biggest Trevally – Kazuhiro Fujita 25lbs  
Biggest Barracuda – Mary Tretnoff 19lbs

Boat Weight – Pohnlik Special 562lbs skippered by Larry Spegal  
Lady Angler – Maurine Perman  
Champion Junior Angler – Troy Mix  
Junior Female Angler – Maggie Finnen  
Junior Male Angler – Dan Mix  
Happiest Boat – Two Dragons skippered by Mr Glen Hurry from the Tuna Commission won a set of binoculars donated by Mr John Sohl.

Winner of the Facebook Page Photo Competition was Maggie Finnen with another generous Village package the reward for effort. Go to Facebook and search for Pohnpei Fishing Club to check out all the entries. Check out the Pohnpei Fishing Club page to see Maggie's winning photo.

The club is going from strength to strength with boats competing in record numbers. The Pohnpei Fishing Club board would like to thank everyone again for attending the annual tournament and making it the most successful tournament in the clubs history. In addition to this the board would like to once again pass on a big thank you to the volunteers that assisted over the two days. Jeff and Rebecca Fowler for cooking the bbq, Bill Pendergrast for assisting with the weigh in, Uta Krause for managing the EPIRBS and selling the club shirts and last but not least Noel Boylan and Bob Spegal for being the tournament weigh masters. Without these people the tournament certainly wouldn't have run as smoothly as it did.

The next tournament is 18 June, sponsored by Petrocorp. Don't forget to register at PCR between 6-7pm on Friday 17 June.

**Deadline**

For submissions of articles, advertisements, community service items and other items for the next issue of The Kaselehlie Press is:

**June 8, 2011**



Maggie Finnen - Photo Competition Winner



Continental Airline representative Bryan Mori presents Mary Tretnoff the winners prize

**K.P. Crazy Corner**

**Island Inspiration:** Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity

**English 101:** What's the synonym for synonym?

**THINK ABOUT IT:** Nothing is foolproof to a talented fool

**Me Time:** I'll try being nicer if you'll try being smarter

**Mama Says:** if at first you don't succeed, change your definition of success

**Daffy Definition:** Indecision - The key to flexibility

**Papa Says:** We have enough youth, how about a fountain of smart?