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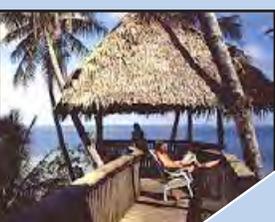


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Congress considers tax reform "sunset clause" in special session

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

April 18, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—On April 5, 2013, President Manny Mori called for a special session of the 17th FSM Congress. He called the special session so that Congress could specifically address a looming deadline in the Revenue Administration Act (RAA) of 2012.

Congress Speaker Isaac V. Figir had already called for a Special Session for April 29 in order to address matters pending before the 17th Congress. President Mori called for the additional session because the RAA had a sunset clause that was set to expire at midnight on April 19, ten days

before what was to have been the fifth special session of the current Congress.

A press release from Congress explains what Congress was in special session to consider. "Following the creation of the URA (the United Revenue Authority created in 2011), Public Law 17-50 established the RAA to categorize the administrative rules that will guide the URA mandate of tax collection. The URA's mandate is pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement between the five governments and the laws to be enacted by each government to endorse the agreement.

"According to Public Law No. 17-50," the Congress explanation
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Learning to swim in Pohnpei

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

The Pohnpei swimming pool has begun its learn to swim program. The program has five qualified instructors who each instruct four swim students during 45 minute afternoon sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 3:15.

The current class which began on April 9 is full but the pool is taking registrations for the next four week class that starts on May 7. Six students have already signed up for that class. The program can only accommodate a maximum of 20 students at a time for the four week program. Participants must be at least three years old and no older than 12. The class costs only \$25 per student for eight sessions. The fee is not due until the day of the first class.

"We like parents to be available to accompany their children to pool side," said Conrad Kohrs who runs the swimming pool programs. "We want the children to feel comfortable and safe."

Kohrs says that registration requires a parental signature on a release form and a registration form. Between now and May 7th, parents can call the pool at 320-8914 to see if room is still available for the next session. Registration forms can be obtained anytime during pool hours.

Kohrs says that he loves training FSM Olympic hopefuls. Shifting gears and working with children who don't yet know how to swim "lights a fire" inside of him.

"My kids were doing complete widths across the pool by the end of the session," one excited parent wrote after the first day's session. "I know in 4 weeks time, at this rate of progress they will be confident enough in their ability to enter the water without fear. It really was a great afternoon and one of the most positive events to happen in Pohnpei for years."

Kohrs already has his eye on a June learn to swim session.



Auditors say Pohnlangas and Kolonia Ice Plant revenue is missing

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

April 11, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—An audit of Pohnpei's Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture (OFA) covering fiscal years 2009 through 2012 has revealed discrepancies in cash accounting and record keeping. The audit was conducted by Pohnpei's Office of the Public Auditor.

Since many of the records were missing auditor's had to estimate. They estimated that as much as \$58,780.13 in cash has gone missing since the office was established in 2009.

OFA was created by Pohnpei State Law in 2009 as part of an Executive Branch reorganization. The amendments that established the office also included the transfer of assets of the Economic Development Authority (EDA) and the Pohnpei Fisheries Corporation (PFC) to OFA. OFA is responsible for all oversight and development of fisheries and aquaculture in Pohnpei.

OFA also operates two ice plants—the Pohnlangas Ice Plant in Madolenihmw, and the Kolonia Ice Plant.

Pohnpei OPA says that the audit of OFA is the first to have been conducted. They point out that the Office conducted an audit of EDA in 2008 and discovered at that time that \$18,700 of collections were never banked. The EDA audit is not considered to be a prior year's audit finding of the current OFA audit.

OFA told auditors during the preliminary audit survey conducted August 30, 2012 that the Pohnlangas Ice Plant Logbook was missing and could not be found.

The audit found that "The Administrative Office picks up the collection from Pohnlangas Ice Plant almost every day. The collections were picked up and were suppose(d) to be remitted to the State Treasury but most of the time collections were not deposited by the Administrative Officer."

On the Pohnlangas Ice plant auditors found:

- During FY 2009 there were no receipts on file and no record of collections for the entire fiscal year. The plant made remittances from the months of June to September 30, 2009 totaling \$8,839. However there were no records on file with OFA to verify actual collections versus amount of remittances.
- During FY 2010 there were no receipts on file and no record of collections for a period of 11 months. There was only one remittance made in October of 2009 (the first month of the 2010 fiscal year) in the amount of \$565. Some details of collections for September 6-10, 2010 were recorded which amounted to \$649.
- During FY 2011 there were no receipts on file. The sales logbook showed total sales of \$9,987 for the year. Of those cash sales only \$342 was remitted to the State Treasury.
- During FY 2012 receipts were available only for four months of the fiscal year. Cash sales were not fully receipted even during that period of time. The Sales Logbook showed total sales of \$17,034 for the year. Of that amount, only \$8,637 was remitted to the State Treasury.

For the Kolonia Ice Plant auditors found:

- During FY 2009 collections noted in the logbook for the first quarter and transactions for four days of the second quarter were categorized as EDA collections. Of the \$10,320 of those sales recorded in the logbook, only \$1,411 was remitted to the State Treasury. Of \$13,633 recorded as sales for the rest of the year, most but not all of that money was remitted to Treasury. Remittances were short by \$491, but the auditor also noted that during that period of time "there were a lot of missing receipts and there were two instances where receipt sequences used were different.
- During FY 2010 the sales logbook shows sales of \$15,000 but total remittances of \$14,514. Again auditors note that there were many missing receipts and nine instances where receipt sequences used were different.

- During FY 2011 recorded sales were \$16,453 while remittances to Treasury totaled \$15,583. Again the auditor noted many missing receipts and seven instances of different receipt sequences.
- During FY 2012 the logbook showed sales of \$26,270 and remittances to Treasury of \$22,398. Auditors noted three instances where receipt sequences used were different.

The Office of the Public Auditor made 11 strong recommendations based on its findings:

1. Require a daily review of collections by management and Pohnpei Treasurer;
2. Ensure that cash receipts are properly completed and filed;
3. Ensure that deposit/remittances are made immediately the following day;
4. Require the restitution of the cash shortages/deficiencies from the responsible officials;
5. Improve supervisory checks and oversight;
6. Establish collections and remittances monitoring system at the State Treasury;
7. Inform employees to diligently comply with the Financial Management Regulations on Cash Management and to adhere to ethical standards;
8. Management and employees should strictly observe the laws, policies, and regulations in OFA;
9. Establish a monitoring system for all the revenues collected from sales at the Ice Plants to the time deposited at the State Finance/Treasury
10. Improve oversight and require submission of reports for appropriate review and guidance; and
11. Require the observance of ethical professional behavior in OFA.

The first seven recommendations had to do with the Auditors' finding that money had not been properly remitted to the Treasury. The last four recommendations had to do with the Auditors' finding that OFA did not have sufficient controls in place to safeguard revenues.

OFA's response to the Audit Findings and

Recommendations, dated March 14, 2013 was signed by OFA Acting Administrator Henter Paul but he could not answer any questions about the response. He said that he did not write it. OFA's consultant wrote it and Paul signed it.

The consultant wrote in his response that the first sets of recommendations "can be considered closed. Items number one to seven have been discussed briefly with the staffs and corrective actions are in place to prevent from reoccurring."

He continued, "On your report, it is very sad to learn that the estimated unremitted cash collections from FY 2009 to FY 2012 is \$58,780 from both ice plants. Having seen and learn this issue on cash collections, the Management had went through item one to four on page 11 [regarding the lack of fiscal controls] of your report to ensure that all staff are fully aware and to strictly comply to the recommendations. So, therefore, these four items are also considered closed."

The consultant says that the Office of OFA will "recommend further legal action to be taken against the people responsible for the cash collections during 2009 to FY2012."

He concludes by putting the onus of enforcement on the Pohnpei's Treasury office. "We will request full cooperation from the Office of Treasury to keep us on track all the times, by communicating with us for any late deposit or missing documents."

Though OFA indicated in its response that it considers the audit recommendations to be closed, the executive summary of the audit reminds the management of OFA that the matters are far from closed.

"We also would inform management that as required by Pohnpei State Law No. 5L-08-00, the auditees are required to submit monthly report(s) to OPA indicating corrective measures already taken or will be shortly implemented to clear the deficiencies cited in the audit report until all findings are satisfactorily resolved, which period shall not exceed six months," it concludes.

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Kiribati drifters lost at sea for 20 days rescued in PNG waters

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

April 18, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—Three men rescued from PNG waters after drifting from Tarawa for 20 days are scheduled to begin their journey back to Kiribas from Pohnpei tomorrow.



Kairo Boitabu, 33, Teireiti Tekeari, 20, and Kaitio Kaotitake, 20 were fishing out of Tarawa, Kiribati when their motor stalled and would not restart. According to the report, the trio also encountered rough seas which took them far away.



Crew members aboard a Taiwanese flagged vessel, the Bae Fu 103 spotted the men drifting in their small vessel on March 31. The ship's captain immediately sent word of the rescue and said that the drifters were okay after they were fed.

An email sent by Jerhyn Y L Chu of the Taiwan Tuna Purse Seiners Association on April 8 said that the three fishermen were healthy and that the ship would head to Pohnpei for transshipment when the vessel had a full catch. It also said that he had contacted their Ambassadors in PNG, FSM, and the Republic of Kiribati and asked for assistance in arranging their repatriation.

The vessel arrived in Pohnpei on April 11, 2013.

Representatives of FSM's Foreign Affairs office said that they were able to make the necessary arrangements for the men to travel back to their home. They coordinated with the Marshall Islands and with United Airlines to ensure that their lack of travel documents would not be a problem for them.

Tomorrow they will fly to RMI and then will travel on "Our Airlines" for the rest of their long journey home. The Government of the Republic of Kiribati is taking care of the travel expenses.

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Empowering communities in Sokehs

Australian Embassy

The Sokehs Municipal Government was recently awarded an Australian Direct Aid Program grant for a public project entitled "Empowering Communities in Sokehs for road maintenance and beautification". This project aims to empower the village communities in Sokehs to be responsible for cleaning and maintaining the roads that serve their communities. Although Pohnpei State and the municipal governments are ultimately responsible for the roads in Pohnpei, ongoing maintenance is difficult to achieve. Through the assistance from the communities themselves, Sokehs Municipal Government will be able maintain the roads they use.

The funding provided by the Australian Embassy was used to purchase the equipment and tools that will be used to do roadside clean-ups. Equipment such as grass cutters, rakes, machetes, sickles, shovels, tree pruners and chainsaws (to cut overhanging branches or trees that fall on the road) will be available at the municipal office. This funding was also used to purchase trash bags and cement to help with clean-up efforts and fixing potholes. The Sokehs Municipal Government



will be responsible for providing sand and gravel for pothole repair.

Clean and repaired roads are important for tourism, village pride and ensuring the roads remain in good condition. Another benefit is the sense of civic responsibility in our Sokehs community. The Sokehs Municipal Government wants to empower our communities to take action, to solve problems, and to rely less on the government. As compact funds wind down and municipal governments have less funding for public projects, communities will need to be more accountable for their roads. The Sokehs Municipal Government hopes that by providing this service to the people of Sokehs, we can set an example for how we can work together to sustain and maintain our vital infrastructure.

The Sokehs Municipal Government would like to thank Australian Ambassador Martin Quinn and the Australian Embassy for its generosity in providing the funding for this empowerment grant and we look forward to working with all of our development partners in making our communities a better place to live.



Australian Embassy's First Secretary and Consul, Michael Kulesza, hands over the DAP grant to Sokehs' Chief Magistrate Michael Lieman.

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Vital confirms second 100kw solar array in region

FSM Telecom to receive energy efficiency upgrades and a diesel-solar hybrid system that will save thousands

POHNPEI, FSM - Vital continues to make inroads into the power sector across the region with an MOU signed today with the FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSM Telecom) for the development of a comprehensive Energy Management Plan. The plan will include installation of a 100kW solar array for the corporate office of the Federations' sole telecom provider.

Work is expected to commence on the project next week as technical and engineering resources arrive on Pohnpei to conduct preliminary site assessments and discuss other opportunities.

Vital's approach to pricing solutions for Telecom will be open and transparent and reflect a long-term partnering relationship. The parties will work closely together to ensure that project risks and costs are minimized, including contingency costs.

Vital launched an 'Energy for Life' (E4L) partnership in October 2012 to catalyze rapid change across the energy value chain in preparation for 2023, when US Compact funding to FSM is expected to end. Through strategic alliances and partnerships the E4L aims to implement projects that promote the aggressive energy efficiency and renewable energy targets established by the 2012 FSM National Energy Policy (NEP) and State Action Plans (SAP).

This is the first strategic partnership, and second major milestone for Vital to help the economies of the region achieve long-term goals of sustainability. In October 2012, Vital and the Guam Power Authority (GPA) agreed to the installation of a 100kWp solar array for the Cabras Fuel Terminal to improve operational efficiencies.

Both the GPA and the Telecom solutions are commercially-driven, with Vital mobilizing the capital, technical and engineering resources to implement the projects. Savings in energy costs will be used toward quick repayment for the initial financing.

The GPA and Telecom energy solutions are intended to pay for themselves within approximately ten years - even less if tariff rates rise over the short term. However the advanced systems to be installed have a design life well in excess of 20 years.

Savings over time can be reinvested in better infrastructure and technology, creation of technical-level jobs and reduced rates for the end consumer.

Vital-FSM Petrocorp CEO Jared Morris said, "Our solution sets are intended to have a payback period of less than 10 years. This is by design as we plan for maximum impact of these investments to hit in 2023 when the FSM economy will need it most."

May 8, 2013

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

General Court Order

Schedule of Fees for the Supreme Court of the FSM

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in Article XI, Section 9 of the Constitution and Section 117 of Title 4 of the Judiciary Act of the FSM Code, and in recognition of

Action Item 4.3(d)(3) of the Court's Strategic Plan which designates the Court's Chief Justice, Chief Clerk, and General Counsel to promulgate Court rules regarding a schedule of fees, and

In further recognition of the increased administrative, supply and maintenance costs of the Court and a survey of other judiciary fee schedules of similarly situated island-states and countries,

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that absent amendment by this court, following a 60 day period of public comment and a subsequent 30 day period for the court to meaningfully consider those comments, the Schedule of Court Fees for the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia included in this order shall take effect 14 days after the expiration of the period for consideration for comments.

The Supreme Court shall publish this order for two weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, and send a copy of it to the last known address of every attorney licensed to practice before this Court. The 60 day period for public comment shall commence on the date of this order. At the end of this period the comments shall be gathered and considered. Public comments may be directed through written communication to the FSM Supreme Court in Palikir Pohnpei or to the following address:

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Palikir Station
Pohnpei FM 96941

Anyone who is unable to pay the fees set forth in this rule may petition the court to proceed in forma pauperis.

All monies received by the court pursuant to this rule shall be collected and handled in a manner consistent with Title 4, Section 125 of the Judiciary Act and Title 55, Section 209 of the Financial Management Act.

Signed this April 15, 2013

Martin G. Yipou
Chief Justice
FSM Supreme Court

Schedule of Court Fees for the Supreme Court of the FSM:

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A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact Randy Calvert at (691) 320-2187.

...Sunset Clause

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continued. 'If any of the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia have not passed into law, value added tax legislation as of midnight April 19, 2013, this act is null and void.'"

Tax Reform in the FSM has been a political hot potato since the process of considering tax reform began in 2005. The so called "sunset clause" in the RAA of 2012 is no exception.

During yesterday afternoon's session of Congress, the first reading of an amendment to the bill that would extend the "sunset clause" failed by two votes. The amendment needed 10 votes in order to pass but the vote was nine in favor of extension and two against.

The vote led the FSM Public Information Officer to write the headline "Congress said no to 'sunset clause' pushback" in his blog at www.myfsm.blogspot.com.

But the session wasn't yet over and this morning Congress reconsidered their first vote on the first reading of the bill and voted unanimously to push back the sunset clause until July. The second reading and final vote on the amendment will take place tomorrow in a vote of the States. Three of the four States will need to vote in favor of the amendment in order for it to pass.

If it does, the bill would then be passed to the Executive Branch for signature by the President if he chooses to sign it.

Yap and Pohnpei have not passed State legislation necessary in order to effectuate the law.

According to the FSM Tax Reform office all of the Governors including Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa have asked for more time for the effectuation of the RAA.

Two months ago the Pohnpei State Legislature's Special Committee to Wait on the Governor reported that Governor Ehsa had pulled his support from FSM's Tax Reform plan and that he had instead recommended a new Pohnpei Service Tax. Governor Ehsa says that the Legislature's report was far from the truth of his position. He said that he is still supportive of the nation's Tax Reform plan. That

commitment has never wavered. He maintains that the service tax plan is a measure that would bring in more revenue to the Pohnpei government so that it can provide services to its people while the National plan is developing. He said that his statements to the Pohnpei Legislative Special Committee were misrepresented in the report.

On the second session day of the fifth special session, Senator Joseph Urusemal was quick to correct the verbal report of the Congress Special Committee to Wait on the President that misquoted him regarding Yap's tax reform legislation progress and it's political will regarding the reform. He said that what he said was that the Yap government is still working on the matter of whether the RAA is in accordance with Yap's Constitution.

Discussion on the floor of the Congress chamber has revolved around the matter of who would be blamed if the tax reform package is instituted and who would be blamed if it was not.

Senator Dohsis Halbert who chairs the Congress Ways and Means Standing Committee said this afternoon that he does not want the FSM States to think that Congress is pushing the Tax Reform on them if they don't want it. He doesn't think that the sunset clause needed to be pushed back and that the States had made their decision.

On the floor of the chamber Halbert said that during a committee hearing on the sunset clause, the "experts" disagreed on what would happen if Congress did not act to extend the sunset clause on the RAA act. One said that the tax reform would continue forward and another said that it would be the end of the Tax Reform.

From mid-afternoon today until late this evening we tried to contact the staff member in charge of Tax Reform but he had left for the day and his cell phone went unanswered.

According to discussion on the floor in the Congress chamber, Senators did not want to be the scapegoats for the failure of a tax reform process that has been ongoing for nine years. They said that pushing back the sunset clause until July would "take the monkey off of their backs" and put it on someone else's back.

"Tax is a dirty word for everybody," Senator Halbert said.

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Letter to the Editor

April 7, 2013

My husband Lam and my son Charles and I are mourning the closing of The Village.

It has been an important part of our lives for over fifteen years, starting when Lam and I were taken to dinner there by his colleagues when I visited before moving here. Patti has watched Charles grow up from mother's arms to baby carrier to high chair to a regular seat at the table. Many were the roads and cities of blocks he built on the floor near the front desk, and loud were the crashes of those wooden blocks tumbling down! Trips up and down the stairs to the beach strengthened young legs. We paddled and splashed and looked for shells and absorbed the beauty of this garden isle. We celebrated Christmas and Easter, other holidays, and birthdays with a festive dinner at The Village, cheered by the beautiful Christmas trees and decorations and serenaded by the staff (including the inimitable Sassie and Fido) to the tune of "Happy Birthday." We have greeted newcomers there and said farewell to those who moved on. The Village tours took us to Nan Madol and gave us opportunities to kayak and snorkel. Even relatives at home have shared in the bounty of The Village through gifts of T-shirts, tote bags, and jewelry.

The Village has been a haven, a solace, an inspiration, a source of encouragement, an embodiment of Pohnpei's great natural and traditional man-made beauty, but most of all it has been a seat of friendship. Our lives here on Pohnpei have been enriched immeasurably by the entire Village family.

Thank you to Bob and Patti, Jamie and Sabeth, the Arthur family, and all the employees of The Village for everything. Thank you for being there. Thank you for years of happy moments. THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

With love, friendship, and gratitude,

Christine Tamalavage

Caroline Islands Air returns to Onoun, Chuuk after runway clearing project

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

April 11, 2013

Onoun, Chuuk—Several years ago, Pohnpei's airline, Caroline Islands Air determined that the runway at Onoun, Chuuk was too dangerous to land a plane. It had to discontinue flights to the island which is approximately 150 miles away from Weno. Since that time residents have been forced to make the crossing in 26 foot long open boats whenever there has been a medical emergency that can't be treated on the small island.

But early on the morning of April 11, 2013 Caroline Islands Air landed successfully on the island. Pilot Alex Tretnoff says that the timing could not have been better. Onoun's Chief is quite ill and Tretnoff was able to fly him to Weno for medical attention at the Chuuk State Hospital.

The landing this morning was the first in years and was made possible by the efforts of the residents of Onoun with the support of The Cuthbert Project. Residents provided labor to clear, clean and patch the runway, and The Cuthbert Project provided tools, equipment and fuel to get the job done.

Tretnoff says that currently the runway is at about 75%. There is still more work to do but he said that as long as he lands on the right side of the runway he has about 1200 feet within which to maneuver—a far cry from the last time he landed on the island when the potholes and vegetation on the runway nearly ripped his landing gear off.

Tretnoff is soliciting donations of cement. He said that about 50 bags would probably do the trick. He said that he has made his own donation



of 10 bags for the project and needs at least 40 more. How to get them to Onoun will be the next problem. The Caroline Voyager, the FSM's field trip ship doesn't stop in Onoun.

Bill Hagen, of The Cuthbert Project wrote in an email that the clearing and cleaning of the Onoun runway started about 10 weeks ago. "With the reopening of the Onoun runway, teachers, health administrators and others can once again visit the Northwest High School to supply much needed support," he wrote.



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Major Pohnpei hospital renovation completed early and under budget

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

April 10, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—22 soldiers of the U.S. Army's 6th Engineering Battalion from Fort Richardson, Alaska and 30 Pohnpeian construction workers have completed a planned \$1.9 million renovation project of the Pohnpei State Hospital. The building was re-dedicated this morning in a ceremony at the hospital that was aired live on V6AH, the State radio station.

Funding for the project came from U.S. Department of the Interior Compact funds. Governor John Ehsa said that he chose to utilize the military team because he thought that they could complete the job with the least disruption for Hospital patients and staff.

The soldiers arrived in Pohnpei on November 1. On January 30 Pohnpeian construction workers joined the crew and worked alongside the soldiers. The 6th Engineering Battalion worked seven day sa week, and many of the local workers also came to work on the weekends even though they knew they were not eligible for overtime.

Colonel McClellan of US Army Pacific Command said that both groups benefitted by working together. The soldiers learned construction techniques that work in Pohnpei, and the local workers learned from the soldiers as well.

The project which was under the command of Lt. Nicole Thompson was completed three weeks early, and cost \$200,000 less than planned. The construction supervisor was Staff Sergeant Justin Duff.

According to a story written by Lt. Thompson for an internal U.S. Army engineering magazine, the crew tore

off the roof of the 92,000 square foot hospital facility and replaced it with an elastomeric roofing system. The system consists of four different coatings and a mesh fabric embedment that not only created a watertight seal on the hospital roof, but also lowered the surface temperature of the roof itself by over 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The reduced surface temperature significantly increases the hospital's energy efficiency which will not only keep the hospital much cooler but will also reduce their electrical bill and annual operating costs.

Governor Ehsa praised the team for lowering the temperature of the hospital which previously could be stiflingly hot.

The team also installed 40,800 square feet of new ceiling tile, 18,420 linear feet of ceiling trace, 51,000 square feet of new floor tile, 13,200 linear feet of cove base, 10,000 square feet of fresh drywall, and applied over 120,000 square feet of paint. Electricians traced down all of the wiring and brought it up to code. They installed 320 receptacles, fifty-five switches, 215 light fixtures, 800 covers, twenty five exit signs, eighteen ceiling fans and ran over 1,500 feet of electrical cable.

The Lieutenant's report says that prior to the renovation 75 percent of the patient restrooms, and 30 percent of the staff restrooms were closed due to faulty plumbing, lack of waste drainage, and leaking water lines. "The plumbing throughout the hospital was in such poor condition that ten years ago, rather than trying to repair the existing fixtures, the hospital built three new bathroom additions that are connected to the patient wards," she wrote. Plumbers installed 35 toilets, four urinals, 30 sinks, 65 faucet kits, five scrub sinks, 105 angle valves and 160 flex lines.

Before the renovation the hospital had no hot water at all. The roof mounted solar

water heaters that were installed 15 years ago were working and creating hot water but the delivery system was failing for reasons that could not be determined even after plumbers completed a trace of the lines. To remedy the problem, nine on demand tankless water heaters were installed in critical areas of the hospital, such as the Operating Room and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

This was the first complete renovation the hospital has undergone since it was built by a Korean firm in the 1970's. Since its construction there has been very little maintenance. Lt. Thompson wrote that the catalyst that initiated this project was the problem with the roof. She said that the pre-cast concrete panels were in good shape but water had been leaking through the concrete joints for more than 15 years. The concrete structure was in good shape but there were multiple spalls which are areas of delaminated concrete that needed to be repaired.

SPC Bo Nedlic, a 2011 graduate of PICS High School and a citizen of Pohnpei was part of the team. Lt. Thompson wrote that it was "pure luck" that Nedlic arrived in Alaska and was assigned to the platoon chosen to deploy to Micronesia. She said that he didn't tell his family that he was being deployed back home but instead surprised them after arriving on the island. While on deployment Nedlic was promoted from Private First Class to Specialist. Thompson wrote that Nedlic didn't know that he was being promoted until one end-of-the-day formation. The leadership had invited his father to be present. "For the first and only time in his career, SPC Nedlic was pinned by his father," she wrote.

The Lieutenant said that the project had especially significant meaning for Nedlic not only because he was working

to renovate the hospital that serves his people but because his father receives dialysis treatment at the hospital three times a week.

Speakers at today's ceremony included Lt. Governor Marcello Peterson who served as the liaison between the U.S. military and the Pohnpei State Government. Secretary Loren Robert represented President Mori who was, at the time of the ceremony, being treated at the hospital. U.S. Ambassador to the FSM Dorothea Rosen also congratulated the team for the completion of the project. Colonel McClellan spoke as well. All speakers said that the project was a success for many reasons beyond the simple renovation of the building. They said that the give and take between the military personnel and local residents was also invaluable.

During his speech, Governor John Ehsa instructed hospital personnel to ensure that the facility is properly maintained and committed to personally performing periodic inspections. He also reminded the listeners that it is against the law to chew and spit betel nut on the premises of government buildings and instructed hospital personnel to strictly enforce that law.

Unfortunately some inconsiderate visitors to the hospital have already cut holes in some of the screens in order to spit betel nut juice. Betel nut chewing has also already damaged some of the newly installed sinks.

At the end of the ceremony Governor Ehsa presented a Pohnpei plaque to the Battalion. Lt. Thompson in turn presented a plaque shaped like Alaska with the following words inscribed "To the Pohnpei Hospital from the Soldiers of the 6th Engineer Battalion. With the deepest appreciation for your support during the 2013 renovation. Thank you for your outstanding dedication! Clear the Line!"



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After nearly four decades Pohnpei tourist magnet calls it quits



By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—After 38 years of hospitality and service in Pohnpei, The Village Hotel and Restaurant served its last meal. The Tattooed Irishman Bar issued its very last call for alcohol. On the evening of April 7, 2013 The Village closed forever.

Built by Bob and Patti Arthur in the early 70's, The Village has been a tourist magnet in Pohnpei for nearly four decades, drawing visitors from all over the world.

It's hard to imagine a camera toting tourist to Pohnpei returning home without at least one picture of Sokehs Rock or Kepirohi Falls. Even more impossible to imagine is a Pohnpei tourist's photo collection without at least one picture of the Village Hotel and Restaurant's thatched roofed gazebo. Built on stilts, the gazebo seems to hang in space over a magnificent panoramic view of Pohnpei's lagoon. Since it was built it has likely been the single most photographed man-made landmark in Pohnpei besides the Nan Madol ruins

Severable "notable" people have stayed at The Village.

Former U.S. Presidential candidate Senator John McCain and his wife stayed there.

P.F. Kluge, a former U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Pohnpei and a friend of the Arthurs' has stayed at The Village when he has returned. Kluge is the author of "Dog Day Afternoon", "Eddie and



the Cruisers", "The Edge of Paradise: America in Micronesia", the preamble to the FSM Constitution, and other acclaimed works. We interviewed him at The Village in 2008.

When KPress interviewed world famous anthropologist, award winning filmmaker, and former Miss Hawaii Dr. Elizabeth Kapu'uwaitani Lindsey the interview happened at The Village Restaurant in 2007.

A King of Tonga stayed at The Village for a short while.

Just a few months ago the world's purportedly wealthiest man stayed at The Village with his family.

Many "notable" people stayed at The Village, ate at its restaurant, and booked tours during the nearly four decades during which the hotel operated. But at The Village every person was a "notable" person. People from all over the world and from all stations of life came to The Village in droves. Pohnpei's residents also celebrated some of their most important life events at The Village. Many tourists have opted to have their weddings conducted at The Village.

The attraction of The Village wasn't just because it was operated in a sustainable environmentally friendly manner for which they received a first ever eco-tourism award from a US Government agency in 1991. It wasn't just the idea of the usually breezy open bungalows set amongst the trees on the mountainside over the lagoon. It wasn't the fast and free WIFI they provided in recent years to all of their customers. The Village has had several imitators, even within the FSM, but it was probably the first eco-tourist lodge in Micronesia and is internationally recognized.

One customer wrote on a hotel review website, "Some people are born with a gift for art or music. The Arthurs are born with a gift for hospitality that cannot be taught."

"You don't just stay in a hotel, you stay with the Arthurs," The Village website says.

With no in room televisions, no air conditioners, and no telephones, The Village was not for every visitor to Pohnpei. Certainly negative reviews exist on the Internet. One customer said that the cuisine at the restaurant was not "local" enough. Some visitors warned about bugs in the cabanas despite the mosquito nets provided over each bed. Some worried about sleeping on the water beds.

The Arthurs have always been gracious, accommodating and hospitable to everyone, even the most demanding of guests. They have bent over backward to meet the needs of their customers. When something was wrong they did their very best to fix it.

In 1969, Bob Arthur came to Pohnpei to pursue a foreign investment permit. "He'd tell me he'd be back in two weeks. Five weeks later he'd walk in the door and tell me there were still a few steps left," Patti said.

But the Arthurs obtained the foreign investment permit for the unique venture they had in mind. They negotiated leases with the four property owners that held the land in Awak, U on which the hotel would be built. The leases were later held up in the Pacific region as examples of equitable land leases.

In the early 1970's Bob and Patti Arthur and their four children moved to Pohnpei and construction of The Village began.

They became fixtures in the community and unwaveringly



supported local charitable organizations. Charitable donations carry no tax deductions in the FSM as they do in the United States. All of their many donations over the years were examples of true philanthropy.



When they closed 38 years later 52 people worked at The Village and they had employed hundreds of people before that time. On the last day of their operation, some employees who had not worked at The Village for many years came to help with the crowds of people who came to show their support. They invited my wife and me for lunch on that day. I was never so honored.

"You won't believe who's in my kitchen," Patti confided to me on that afternoon. I confessed that I didn't have the slightest clue. "People who haven't worked for us for years showed up today and told us to get out of the way. They said they know what to do," she chuckled as she said it as she often does when she's trying to do the "I'm strong" thing. I knew that what she really wanted to do was to break down and cry tears of gratitude, relief, and also no small amount of frustration.

While in 1969 the Arthurs negotiated leases with four property owners, in 2013 they had to negotiate leases with 26 land owners. They simply couldn't come to mutually acceptable terms and the Arthurs decided that it was time to call it quits.

They are not at all interested in criticizing the property owners. They want to be remembered positively in Pohnpei's history.

The FSM Congress passed a resolution earlier this week "expressing sincere gratitude and appreciation to Robert and Patricia Arthur for their decades of contribution to the business and civic community of the Federated States of Micronesia, and to express its well wishes for the future to them."

It's all over now. The buildings are still there but the Arthurs, Bob and Patti, Jamie and Sabeth and their progeny will soon have left the island. Meanwhile they are busily disassembling nearly 40 years of their lives in Pohnpei.

Farewell, The Village Hotel and Restaurant and fare well, Arthur family. For the last 40 years you have helped us to fare well and we thank you.



Bob and Patti Arthur in the early 70's



Correction:

In the "Vital" advertisement in the last issue, The Kaselehlie Press left out several important lines in POHNPEI TANK FARM EXPANSION expression of interest.

There was one more bulleted item in Vital's summary of required services which is as follows:

- The Company shall not pay any commissions or broker fees associated with this transaction.

We also left out the submission requirements and the deadline for submissions which are as follows:

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US Embassy Job Announcement

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 13-01

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates/All Sources
POSITION: Security guard, LES-2
OPENING DATE: April 22, 2013
CLOSING DATE: May 3, 2013
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A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact Randy Calvert at (691) 320-2187.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE



The 25th of April, ANZAC Day, is one of Australia's and New Zealand's most important national commemorative events marking the anniversary of the first major military action involving Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. Around the world and in every city and town in Australia and New Zealand, commemoration services are held at dawn, the time of the original landing by the ANZAC's on the beaches of Gallipoli, Turkey in 1915. It is a day when all Australians and New Zealanders reflect on the sacrifices of so many.

This year's ANZAC day dawn service will commence precisely at 5:30 AM on Thursday 25 April 2013 at the Royal Australian Navy's residential compound (Kangaroo Court) located on the western bank of the Nett River, in Nantelik, and will be followed by breakfast.

This event is open to the public and in particular veterans and serving military members of any nationality and Australian and New Zealand expatriates and travellers.

For more information please contact Chief Petty Officer Jock Hamilton on 320 2976.

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An application letter together with a duly completed P11 form and updated curriculum vitae, under closed envelop clearly marked 'Confidential' and quoting concerned vacancy reference number, should be sent by registered mail to Human Resources, UNFPA Pacific Sub-Regional Office, Private Mail Bag, Suva, Fiji or emailed to vacanciespsro@unfpa.org, the latest by 05 May 2013.

The United Nations Personal History (P11) form and the full version of the Job Description can be downloaded from the office web site <http://pacific.unfpa.org> or obtained from the UN Joint Presence Office, 2nd Floor K.Pelep Building, Kaselehlie Street, Kolonia, Pohnpei. Phone 320-4192.

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BANK OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA Statements of Condition December 31, 2012 and 2011

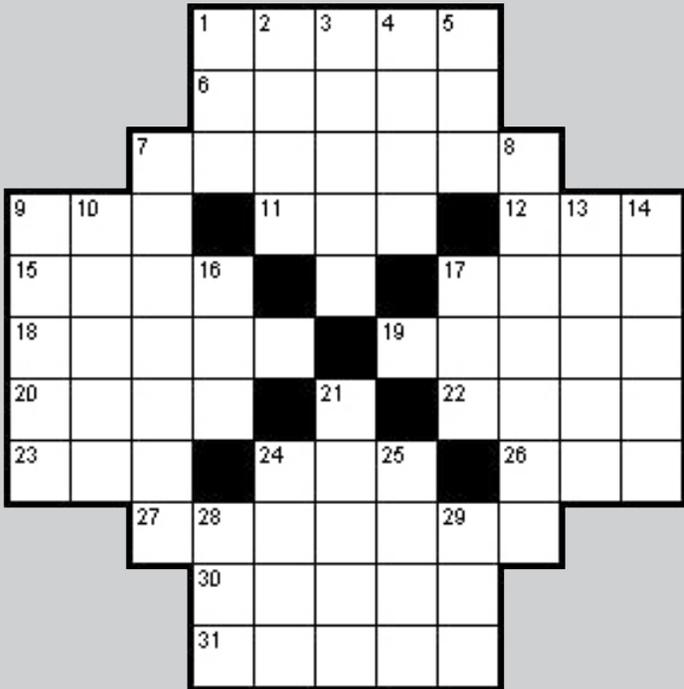
ASSETS	2012	2011
Cash and due from banks	\$ 5,631,960	\$ 2,933,668
Federal funds sold	1,955,000	2,520,000
Interest bearing deposits in banks	23,333,361	17,904,729
Cash and cash equivalents	30,920,321	23,358,397
Interest bearing deposits in banks	7,910,000	7,009,000
Short-term investment in money market funds	737,374	19,878
Securities available for sale	19,761,625	16,798,653
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	41,210,085	38,094,494
Accrued interest receivable	405,939	336,087
Premises and equipment, net	2,826,678	2,834,787
Prepaid expenses and other assets	408,489	580,442
	<u>\$ 104,180,511</u>	<u>\$ 89,031,738</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 27,897,153	\$ 21,661,463
Interest-bearing	56,973,498	48,704,127
Total deposits	84,870,651	70,365,590
Accrued interest payable	31,343	35,381
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	670,767	490,715
Total liabilities	85,572,761	70,891,686
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$5 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized; 934,348 shares issued and outstanding	4,671,740	4,671,740
Additional paid-in capital	4,663,576	4,663,576
Retained earnings	9,003,520	8,195,528
Accumulated other comprehensive income	268,914	609,208
Total stockholders' equity	18,607,750	18,140,052
	<u>\$ 104,180,511</u>	<u>\$ 89,031,738</u>

BANK OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA Statements of Comprehensive Income Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

	2012	2011
Interest income:		
Loans	\$ 4,777,530	\$ 4,391,839
Investment securities and due from banks	568,918	730,964
Federal funds sold	5,688	4,090
Total interest income	5,352,136	5,126,893
Interest expense:		
Savings	129,457	118,833
Time deposits, \$100,000 and over	92,428	136,990
Other time deposits	36,889	46,926
Total interest expense	258,774	302,749
Net interest income	5,093,362	4,824,144
Provision for loan losses	20,000	60,000
Net interest income, after loan losses	5,073,362	4,764,144
Non-interest income:		
Loan fee income	243,394	229,993
Service charges on deposit accounts	205,163	221,825
Other	316,388	299,340
Total non-interest income	764,945	751,158
Non-interest expenses:		
Salaries and wages	1,673,011	1,536,930
Occupancy	379,225	353,163
Employee benefits	314,283	282,634
Furniture and equipment	303,141	248,449
Data processing	230,258	224,057
Professional fees	198,112	239,677
Telephone	186,018	192,736
Correspondent bank fees	165,667	149,827
Stationery and supplies	146,000	107,612
Gross receipts and use taxes	144,502	137,857
Travel	129,340	102,528
FDIC deposit insurance	82,518	87,004
Director and shareholder	74,129	74,224
Insurance	66,504	68,752
Electronic banking	39,524	-
Business development	29,030	23,850
Credit and collection	20,585	29,253
Postage	13,681	17,984
Teller and operating losses	12,404	5,779
Miscellaneous	28,187	35,759
Total non-interest expenses	4,236,119	3,918,075
Net income	1,602,188	1,597,227
Other comprehensive loss:		
Net unrealized loss on investment securities	(340,294)	(91,383)
Other comprehensive loss	(340,294)	(91,383)
Comprehensive income	\$ 1,261,894	\$ 1,505,844



X WORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1. Oversight (5)
- 6. Stadium (5)
- 7. Teach (7)
- 9. Soaked (3)
- 11. Chart (3)
- 12. Taxi (3)
- 15. Pay close attention to (4)
- 17. Large and scholarly book (4)
- 18. Mistake (5)
- 19. Frozen region (5)
- 20. Railroad track (4)
- 22. Exude (4)
- 23. Small vegetable (3)
- 24. Was seated (3)
- 26. Obtain (3)
- 27. Sweepstake (7)
- 30. Type of farm (5)
- 31. Stingless male bee (5)

DOWN

- 1. Man or boy (3)
- 2. Type of starch (4)
- 3. Nut (5)
- 4. Break suddenly (4)
- 5. Consume (3)
- 7. Endless (7)
- 8. Branch of biology (7)
- 9. Pup (5)
- 10. Spooky (5)
- 13. Astound (5)
- 14. Cloth cap (5)
- 16. Female deer (3)
- 17. Also (3)
- 21. Paved area (5)
- 24. Celestial body (4)
- 25. Small gull (4)
- 28. Peculiar (3)
- 29. Cereal grass seed (3)

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| RUBBLE | ELMER FUDD | PORKY PIG | WINNIE THE-POOH |
| BETTY BOOP | FELIX THE CAT | ROAD RUNNER | |
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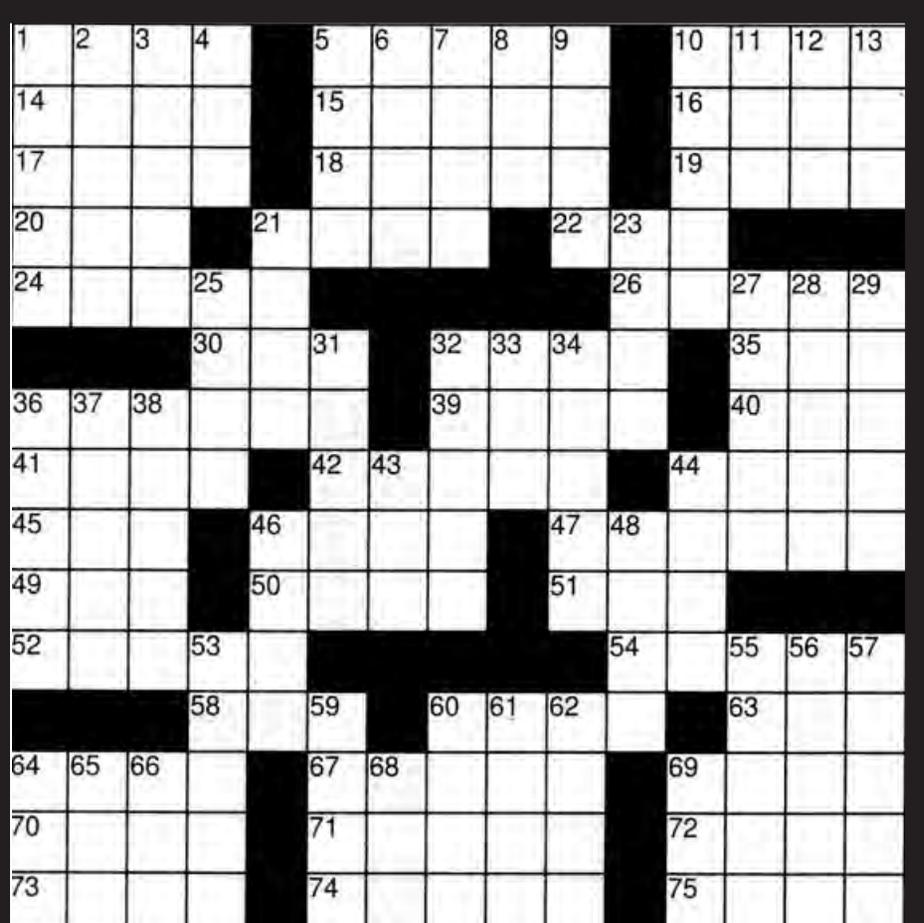
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ACROSS

- 1. Baja rahs
- 5. Stamps
- 10. Pts. and qts.
- 14. Cap-___
- 15. Trash
- 16. Sand
- 17. Jazz fans
- 18. "Halt, salt!"
- 19. Blvds. and rds.
- 20. Map abbr.
- 21. Plan part
- 22. Tarzan's pal
- 24. "Walk away ___"
- 26. Warmths
- 30. Small flap
- 32. Las Palmas cash
- 35. RSVP part
- 36. Cash back
- 39. Latch ___
- 40. Jazz gp.
- 41. Track path
- 42. Bad lad's grab
- 44. Bawl
- 45. Ran
- 46. Charlatan
- 47. Warns
- 49. Change and ___
- 50. Aardvark snacks
- 51. Garland

DOWN

- 52. Harsh
- 54. Warmth
- 58. Flap
- 60. Nana
- 63. ___Baba
- 64. Smart
- 67. Hallway
- 69. Dash
- 70. 24-Karat
- 71. Gap
- 72. Staffs
- 73. Marsh grass
- 74. ADAs and TAs
- 75. Flank
- 23. "Rats!"
- 25. Catchall abbr.
- 27. MTMs
- 28. Lama's land
- 29. Smacks
- 31. Start
- 32. Standard and ___
- 33. Naval grad
- 34. Snach
- 36. Play parts
- 37. Match
- 38. Pass
- 43. ___ bran
- 44. Small dam
- 46. Catch
- 48. Slant
- 53. Ran a 10K
- 55. ___Lama
- 56. Chan man
- 57. Wash
- 59. Man___
- Mancha
- 60. Scams
- 61. Nap
- 62. Mars
- 64. Y class
- 65. Cast
- 66. Wrath
- 68. 1948 pact
- 69. 911 abbr.





National Infant Immunization Week IMMUNIZATION. POWER TO PROTECT



This year Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) will be celebrating National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) as part of the third World/National Immunization Week, a WHO and CDC initiative. This initiative aims to join all six WHO regions, member states, territories and areas around the world to observe this very important event in a call to action to ensure that our infants are fully immunized.

During National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) and World Immunization Week (WIW), set for April 22-27, revitalization efforts will be made in the four FSM states to increase and promote awareness on the importance of immunization.

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) and National Immunization Week is an annual event that highlights the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases, celebrates the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities and islands. Parents and caregivers, especially mothers need to know how their children can be protected against many childhood diseases. It is important to vaccinate children on time, every time to provide the best protection early in life when babies are vulnerable and before they are likely to expose to diseases.

National Immunization Week set activities in Pohnpei State:

National Immunization Week Fun Walk on Saturday, April 20, 2013. Free Registration at 7:00am and kick off Fun Walk begins at 7:30am. Event starts at Palm Terrace and ends at the Spanish Wall Park. Free promotional give away will be offered to all participants. Come and join the fun.

National Immunization Week Official Ceremony on Monday, April 22, 2013: Venue: Pohnpei State Administration Building conference room. Ceremony will launch at 9:00am. All interested residences are welcome to join.

Community Awareness/Workshop in all 5 municipalities including Kolonia town begins on Monday to Saturday, April 22 to 27, 2013 in the late afternoon (from 3pm to 6pm) targeting assign sites in each respective municipality and town.

1. Kolonia sites: Kolonia School & Ohmine School - on Monday, April 22
2. Nett site: Nett School nahs - on Tuesday, April 23
3. U sites: Awak (Nahs en Mission) & Saladak (Erlinso Alex nahs) - on Wednesday, April 24
4. Madolenihmw sites: Pohnlangas Dispensary & Sapwalap School - on Thursday, April 25
5. Kitti sites: NMHS School & Pehleng (Imwen Keiru) - on Friday, April 26
6. Sokehs sites: Sekere School & Opis en Wein Sokehs - on Saturday, April 27

For more information, pls. call Pohnpei Immunization Program: 320-3144 or 2217

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- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-4015.
- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
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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:
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- Pacific Mission Fellowship - A Bible-based English Worship Service Invites you to join us on Sundays for worship at 9am - 11am, Children's Church for the kids too!. Call: 320-2496

CHEEF benefits of Going Local presentation

By Emihner L. Johnson, IFCP

The Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) had been invited to present its "Going Local" to promote local healthy food to three programs, two schools and one workshop. The IFCP staff had visited these interested programs to present its "Going Local" message which means plant, grow, maintain, harvest, cook, and eat local food for its CHEEF (Culture, Health, Environment, Economy, Food Security) benefits:

One of the Cultural Benefit will be passing on the knowledge of weaving a kiam, harvesting yam or breadfruit and cooking them, catching a fish, husking a coconut and present this healthy food to a traditional leader.

One Health Benefit is that our local foods had been analyzed by our beloved late Dr. Lois Englberger that they are rich in Beta-carotene, riboflavin, provitamin A and fiber which helps protect against diabetes and certain cancers. By "Going local", we would gain the physical exercise that our body needs in order to be healthy.

The Environmental benefit is that all local foods are natural and biodegradable which turns all unused portions into compost that feeds the food crops to produce more local healthy foods. An example: After drinking a coconut



and eating the soft meat, throw the shell at any designated area, it will rot and become fertilizer, whereas after drinking a soft drink, throw the soda can to any designated area, it will take over twenty years to turn to soil. And remember some of these local food crops help protect erosion and serve as windbreakers.

The Economic Benefit is that if you have more than your family can eat, you can sell and earn money, or buy your coconut from the local market and the money stays right here in Pohnpei. But for the soft drink, since it is not

manufactured here in Pohnpei, the money goes out of the country where the soda is imported from.

The security feeling of having food stored or growing on your land or back yard, it is a comfortable feeling. A worse scenario of a natural disaster that hits the cargo boats that's on its way to FSM, bringing in imported food. We could not harvest any local food within 2 or three weeks if we plant local. Do we have enough to feed us and our loved ones?

To those that had gone local, please keep on going local and those that have not started, please start "Going Local".

On April 10, 2013, over 20 students of the Introduction to Human Nutrition (SC112) class at the College of Micronesia (COM) were present to hear this Go Local presentation by IFCP staff Ms. Emihner L. Johnson and Ms. Anja Brunken.

On April 15- 17, 2013, the CHEEF benefit presentation was given to the Pohnpei Saint Paul Christian School for all the grades at this school. The CHEEF PowerPoint presentation was held in the Chapel where they learned the CHEEF benefits and also learned the CHEEF song. Learning and Planting two Yellow-Flesh Bananas in the School Garden is also one of the environmental Education hands-on activities when Emihner L. Johnson, Acting Executive Director gave the presentation and did the planting demonstration. A treat of fresh Karat bananas were served during the presentations.

Also on April 17, 2013, this Go Local presentation was given to the participants of the Micronesian Anesthesiologist Society during the Anesthetist Refresher one week Course now being held in Pohnpei. The participants were a combination of all Anesthetists, technicians, nurses, etc. from Palau, RMI, Chuuk, Yap, Kosrae, Australia, and Japan. The exposure and sampling of giant swamp taro (supplement to the wheat flour) banana bread and selection of yellow-flesh bananas were presented at this workshop.

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Mini pandanus and karat banana fair on Cultural Day, April 01, 2013

By Monalisa J. Tara, IFCP

Mokilese women residing in Pohnpei had a chance to exhibit their pandanus handicraft and pandanus dish on the Cultural Day, held on April 01, 2013.

The Pandanus Fair was divided into two parts, one is the handicrafts and the other one is the Food.

The all pandanus(local) handicrafts were judged according to 6 categories: local(all kipar), creativity, steadiness/firmness, neatness/smoothness, pattern uniqueness, and durability. Handicrafts displayed were uhpuph (sleeping mat), piskoaroang(all-purpose mat), Inek in pis(prepared ready to use roll of pandanus leaves), pwuko(bags), dashboard, bouquet, wall décor, zorry, hairpin, flowers, ball, bra, mwarmwar and dancing accessories. The prizes were given to one with most points and prizes were given to 1st to 3rd prizes. The handicrafts displayed created a lot of interest by people who were at the fair.

With the recipe, 7 categories were judged; healthy, local, preparation method, appetizing, food sanitation/safety, recipe(accompany dish) and standard recipe. Some of the dishes that were brought in for the contest are: mahda elik, bandanus roll, bandanus juice, karat smoothies.

Women who participated in these mini pandanus fair made comments like: "I learned more by seeing the other handicrafts and now I have new ideas of making the handicrafts

and doing the recipe". Some People who attended the cultural day fair visited the IFCP booth and had the chance to taste the pandanus "madaelik" (pandanus cream with grated taro). Even some claimed that they like the mada elik and it was their first time to even know that there is such recipe. A healthy supplement to the chocolate or cream replaced by healthy local pandanus filling. What healthy, sustainable, and local discoveries!!!

Another healthy recipe at the IFCP booth was the Karat Banana Smoothies and people just stopped by the booth to have a taste of the healthy smoothie.

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