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# 8th Micro Games now in the history books

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

July 31, 2014

**Pohnpei, FSM**—The 8th Micronesia Games is now in the history books. All of the achievements have been recorded. Participants have begun to make their weary way home. Perhaps some of them already have their eye on the 9th Micronesia Games that will be held in Yap in 2018.

No jurisdiction is going home from the games empty handed. Every individual and team put forth valiant effort, fought nobly, and with honor. They are all to be congratulated for having given everything they had to give.

Game rankings were based on the number of gold medals earned. The tie breaker between Pohnpei and Palau, which each earned 36 gold medals, was total number of all medals earned. Pohnpei brought back a total of 114 medals earning them second place ahead of Palau which had a total of 105.

Guam was not represented in every sport. They sent no Athletics competitors, no soccer team, no Micronesia All-Around competitors, no wrestlers, and no weight lifters. Still Guam was the gold medal winner with 42 gold medals of the 81 total medals they won during the games. Guam's athletes fared extremely well in swimming competitions. Their Baseball team took gold. They swept Men's and Women's Basketball, as well as Men's and Women's Indoor Volleyball with gold medals in each competition.

Pohnpei, the jurisdiction with the largest number of registered athletes took second in the gold medal race. They had competitors in every sport in the games and medaled in all of them. Pohnpei swimmers performed admirably, and Athletics competitors took medal after medal. The men's canoe team took gold in the 500 meter event. The women's team took bronze. In the 1500 meter event both the men's and the women's team took silver. Both Pohnpei Women and Men took the gold in their long distance

events.

Pohnpei's soccer team has the distinction of having won the first ever gold medal in football. This was the first year that the event was included in the Micro Games. The Pohnpei team went undefeated in its games and bested Palau in a rough and tumble gold medal match with a score of 3 to 1.

The Men's Softball team scored a gold and the women's team scored a bronze medal.

With 58.1 pounds of fish speared, the Pohnpei spear fishing team took the bronze medal in the event.

Swimmer Debra Daniel of Pohnpei earned Pohnpei's only gold medal in swimming for her time of 1:13.77 min for the 100 meter backstroke. The swimmer's earned a total of 13 medals for swimming events.

The men's volleyball team earned a silver medal. Pohnpei athletes won two medals for tennis. In Table Tennis it won seven medals but no golds. Six of its weightlifters earned silver medals in their events. Pohnpei wrestlers in all categories earned a ton of golds, a couple of hundred pounds of silver, and some bronze medals. Pohnpei men took gold and silver in the Micronesia All-Around and its women won the top two spots in the event.

The big people of the tiny islands of Yap brought in a total of 55 medals. 17 of them were gold medals. They came in fifth behind the Marshall Islands in the gold medal race.

All of Yap's medals in Athletics were for field events. Lucinda Kamloy scored gold with her 10.61 meter shot put throw. Kius You scored the top title for his long jump of 5.86 meters.

The Yap Men's Canoe team won bronze in the long distance event. The Women's Volleyball team was just short of the gold.

Most of Yap's gold came from weightlifting. Their results in that sport were nothing short of impressive and filled more than a screen and a half of small print. They also performed well in wrestling but only brought home one gold medal in Greco Roman wrestling.

For its four gold medals out of a total of 18 medals won, Kosrae came in seventh in the gold medal race behind CNMI which won 14 gold medals. Carson Mongkeya won gold in the 800 meter race with his time of 2:11.65 seconds. Four other Kosrae athletes also scored medals in Athletics.



Kosrae's women took bronze in the 1500 meter canoe race. Its Table Tennis team took bronze. They scored three medals in Tennis and a bronze in weightlifting.

Kosrae's wrestlers scored three gold, one silver and three bronze medals.

With a total of 16 medals, Chuuk came in just behind Nauru who won 17. Both jurisdictions earned three gold medals.

According to reliable sources, the first game that the Chuuk soccer team played was the first the team had ever played on full size soccer field with full teams on each side. Still, they scored a bronze medal after defeating Yap in the championships.

Chuuk's athletes scored the largest number of their medals in Athletics though only one of them was gold. It earned a total of five medals in wrestling. Two of those were gold.

As an aggregate, the FSM States earned 60 gold medals, 71 silver medals, 72 bronze medals, for a total 203 medals.

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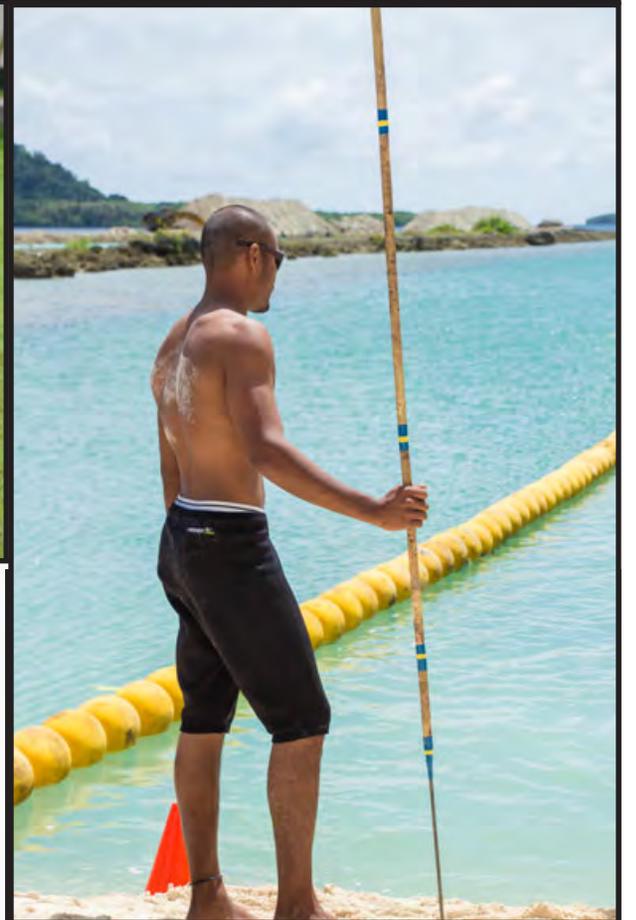
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## “Let’s Have a Ball” - Ayuda Foundation seeks donations for outer islands

By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

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**Pohnpei, FSM**—Several years ago, Jennie Leon Guerrero of Guam thought she would retire from her job at the U.S. State Department and just sit around. When her daughter, the regionally famous Carlotta went on a trip and asked her to stop into her office to check mail and other small tasks, her retirement plans changed. She said that she heard Jon Anderson on the radio saying that Yap was being “pounded into the sand by Typhoon Sudal.”

She went right to work. Within a week she had put together a 50 foot container of drinking water, dry clothes, medicines, and “other things”. By the time Carlotta got back to Guam her mother had also written all of the “thank you notes” to the donors who made the donations that she sent to Yap.

Since then she’s had a dream retirement job. She gets to dream up projects for the Ayuda Foundation, the charitable arm

of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, and carry them out.

She dreamed up the “Broken Crayon Program” which raised donations of craft supplies for what she called the “outer, outer islands”, and the “Fabric Program” which raised donations of fabrics for those islands. She is in Pohnpei now for what she is calling the “Let’s Have a Ball” program.



She’s meeting with anyone and everyone in Pohnpei who could possibly make donations of sporting equipment from Hula Hoops to soccer balls.

She said that Ayuda wants sporting equipment of any kind that would be useful in the outer islands. “We don’t want tennis rackets because there are not tennis courts [in the outer islands], but tennis balls would be nice. They’re nice bouncy balls,” she said.

She’s been meeting with the leaders of sporting associations present on the island for the Micro Games, and has been asking for donations.

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Furthermore, the general public should take note on §301 of 37 FSMC stipulating that no ‘insurance business’ shall be carried on in the Federated States of Micronesia unless the person or company engaging in insurance business is registered or licensed by the Board. Hence the publication required under §215 of 37 FSMC for the benefit of the general public. Any person or company engaging in ‘insurance business’ in the FSM not in compliance with the provisions of 37 FSMC may be subject to the applicable violation and penalty provisions of 37 FSMC. Please contact your FSM Insurance Board at the address provided below if you have any questions.

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1. Oceania Insurance Company, Inc.
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## Japanese Senior Vice-Minister of Agriculture and Fishery visits Pohnpei

Japanese Senior Vice-Minister (SVM) of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries Mr. Taku Eto visited Pohnpei from July 25-27. Upon arrival in Pohnpei on the 25th, he paid a courtesy call on H.E. FSM President Mr. Mori and Hon. Vice President Mr. Alik at the President's Office in Palikir. He was also able to meet with Hon. FSM Congress Speaker Mr. Halbert and his congress colleagues based in Pohnpei the following day.

During the courtesy visit on H.E. President Mr. Mori and Hon. Vice President Mr. Alik, SVM Eto was accompanied by Japanese Ambassador Sakai and Fisheries Association members. He reiterated on the special historical ties between the two countries, and underscored the importance of partnership in agriculture and fisheries taking into account FSM being the largest fishing country for Japan.

Upon the President's commenting that FSM has been expecting support and assistance from Government of Japan in FSM's effort to put additional values on local products and create employment opportunities for the younger generation, SVM Eto responded by mentioning that Ambassador Sakai has much experience in the areas of agriculture and fisheries which will further two countries' talks over how we can expand cooperation and assistance between our countries.

Having had a pleasant breakfast with Hon. Congress Speaker Mr. Halbert and his colleagues, SVM Eto exchanged views on cooperation in agriculture and fisheries, and commented that this visit helped him realize the importance of our countries' bond particularly in the agricultural and fisheries areas and would like to continue to further strengthen our relations.

The FSM side commented that its country needs to develop distinct steps to formulate creative methods, especially in the agricultural industry in addition to fisheries, to diversify its ways of building a nation for a better future for the upcoming generation. SVM Eto replied that his Government has a long-standing record of providing development assistance in a stable and continuous way and sharing rich experiences in agriculture. In addition, he stated his country's strong stance to keep in touch for further consultation.

SVM Eto also took the opportunity to visit sites that

were funded through the Government of Japan's aid assistance such as Pohnpei International Airport, Pohnpei Seaport, and the fishing facilities onboard one of the patrol boats donated to FSM by Nippon Foundation, an incorporated foundation from Japan. Later on, he detoured from official visits and paid a floral tribute to the Japanese memorial statue located next to Spanish Wall.



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## Reaching the Nation - IOM Appoints a Representative in Kosrae

**Kolonia, Pohnpei FSM** - With the opening of its new Kosrae office, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Micronesia is the only international organization to establish an ongoing presence in all four states of the FSM. The IOM presence in Kosrae will ensure closer collaboration with the Governor's office, including the State Disaster Coordination Office, the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) Project, Micronesian Red

Cross Chapter of Kosrae and civil society partners. IOM Micronesia was invited to establish an office in Kosrae in a letter dated February 18th from Governor Lyndon Jackson, in which he stated:

"I have had the pleasure of meeting your staff...and have heard of the many good deeds of your Organization's presence in the RMI and in each of the other FSM States...in the hope of strengthening partnership between IOM and Kosrae State,

I invite you to consider the possibility of establishing... here in Kosrae."

The Kosrae office will be led by Ms. Yolanda Joab, a Pohnpei native with strong links to Kosrae who has served the Organization with distinction across all four states and in the Marshall Islands, who relishes the opportunity for this next big challenge. In her new position, she will be responsible for assisting in implementing all IOM Micronesia activities, including rendering assistance to migrants in need, as well as the USAID-funded disaster preparedness and mitigation program known as PREPARE and the Australian-funded disaster education and mitigation program known as CADRE. She will also work with the management team on strengthening IOM's long-term presence in Kosrae. IOM Micronesia Chief of Mission Mr Ashley Carl commented,

"The appointment of Ms Joab as IOM's dedicated

focal point in Kosrae will not only cement IOM's physical presence in all four states of the FSM, but it also highlights our commitment to developing meaningful and distinctive relationships with each State in the Federation and importantly, the communities that we serve."

IOM Kosrae can be contacted at the State Disaster Coordination Office at (691) 370 8159



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## Pohnpei Migrant Resource Center hosts Micronesian First Ladies; will open Chuuk office in September

On Thursday, July 17, 2014, the Migrant Resource Center (MRC) hosted the Micronesian First Ladies, including FSM First Lady Mrs. Emma Mori, RMI First Lady Mrs. Lieom Anono Loeak, FSM Second Lady Mrs. Sra Alik, Pohnpei First Lady Mrs. Julinida Weital-Ehsa and Kosrae First Lady Mrs. Sepe Jackson. Accompanying the First Ladies and Second Lady were FSM Department of Foreign Affairs staff Stacey Yleizah and Joyce Perman. As trafficking in persons is an issue of special concern in the Pacific, the Micronesian First and Second Ladies were interested in learning about the Migrant Resource Center's services, particularly the pre-departure orientation and anti-human trafficking awareness trainings.

Mrs. Weital-Ehsa joined the MRC in welcoming the First Ladies to Pohnpei. MRC Coordinator Emeliana J. Musrasrik, thanked the First Ladies for including the MRC on their agenda of visits. "The MRC would like to congratulate you for your interest in advocating to raise awareness on human trafficking, and for championing migration issues in your respective countries," stated Musrasrik. FSM First Lady Emma Mori thanked the MRC on behalf of the Micronesian First Ladies and commented on its continued collaboration with the FSM in its campaign against human trafficking, resulting in FSM's upgrade from Tier 2 Watch List to Tier 2, under the US State Department TIP Report of June 2014.

Human trafficking and migration issues remain priority issues for the governments of many Pacific Island Nations. Accordingly, with funding from the FSM National Government, a second Migrant Resource Center will be opening in Chuuk in early September 2014. The Republic of the Marshall Islands became a member state of the International Organization for Migration in November 2013, thus enabling the RMI to be eligible for the IOM Development Fund; work is underway to open another MRC in the RMI.



## Guest Perspective

### United Youth Media (UYM) launches its first International base in Pohnpei during the 8th Micronesian Games

With support from Rotary, the 8th Micronesian Games organizing committee and the International Olympic committee's solidarity program, UYM has launched its first international base in Pohnpei. The Micronesian Games provided the opportunity for some of the young people of Pohnpei to engage with a media and communications program originating from Melbourne that aims to empower young people to "be the change they want in the world."

As co-founder and Director of UYM International and the creator of the OceaniaSport Event Management Platform, I was invited by FSM National Olympic Committee (NOC) Secretary General and Micro Games Sports Director Jim Tobin to attend the games to run the results, media, and communications with the support of 25 of Pohnpei's brightest students from SDA and Upward Bound. Having used this solution in the Pacific since 2003 for all Pacific and Micronesian Games, the challenge was to this time train young people to create and publish content—a world first for a games management system.

To put it into perspective, the Commonwealth and Olympic Games invest in excess of 50 million dollars on their systems at each of their games to achieve the same result. OceaniaSport has been the same system used multiple times but never to the capacity that was reached at these 8th Micronesian Games.

The team began their journey with 5 full days of education at FSM's NOC office. Students learned the art of writing articles, taking photos, interviewing, web editing, and most importantly how to do it all to make a positive change in their lives.

On the first day each student was asked to take an online survey at [www.viacharacter.org](http://www.viacharacter.org). Here they discovered their top 5 character strengths, which affectionately became known as their "Superpowers". From 'gratitude' to 'kindness', to 'bravery' and the 'love of learning', each student discovered a set of foundational tools that they would build on for the duration of the Games experience.

Our young people learned to use their superpowers in new ways, especially when they were reporting in the field. When they were engaged with things they were passionate about, they felt happier and prouder of their accomplishments.

Built on sound scientific research by American psychologist Martin Seligman, students were taught the 5 pillars of PERMA - (Positive Emotion, Engagement, Positive Relationships, Meaning and Purpose and Accomplishments). When investment is made in these pillars, happiness levels are raised, allowing them to operate at plus 10 -

a state of flourishing.

It would be fair to say that on a continuum of -10 to +10 our students arrived as languishing at zero. They were nervous about joining the group. They lacked confidence in their ability to complete the task, did not feel worthy of being part of the experience and were strangers to one another and the team from Australia.

The task before them was enormous but fortunately they did not know exactly "how big" and that theirs would be a 'world first' attempt at using young people for such an important task.

The young people were the official media team.

From day 1 it was a baptism by fire. With athletics and swimming scheduled at the same time along with 7 other sports our job was to cover all the action. They were to produce articles, photo galleries and report on results. It was sheer chaos as we moved from venue to venue, kept track of cameras, computers, smart phones and tablets, which were all donated by the Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC).

UYM would like to thank ONOC's President Dr Robin Mitchell and Secretary General Guam's Ricardo Blas for their generous donations.

Another critical element to our success was the telecommunications infrastructure. Having worked on 6 previous games, never has a broadband network worked so efficiently as the one implemented for these games. Thanks to FSM Telecommunications' Ty Hubbard and Steincia Olter for their willingness to be flexible and to listen and respond to our needs and challenges. Without this support none of our work would have been published. The connections at each venue created for each of our young people meant we could report scores in real time. The phone cards and credit ensured the safety and smooth operation of our team. Our network of websites received over 500,000 page impressions in two weeks. An impressive result for any sporting website.

The feedback from the young people says it all.

'Before the games I was afraid and nervous. Being part of UYM has made me proud.' - Aiesha Santos.

'I never thought I would get the chance to wear an ID. To be considered VIP taught me that you can be anyone from anywhere in life status. It taught me to dream big'. - Fritz Mihkel

'Before the games I doubted myself and my  
See "UYM" on next page

## Guest Perspective

### Pohnpei's future stars shine



The idea of coming to Pohnpei to train 20 students to report on the 8th Micronesian Games was something I thought I understood, until we actually arrived. Looking back, I never thought my own and the rest of the United Youth Media's time in Pohnpei would be so fulfilling. It never crossed my mind that I would return to Melbourne with a second home and a new family.

When Edwina Ricci, Molly D'Arcy, Rebekah Wynne and I arrived in Pohnpei, it was unlike anything we'd ever seen before. Something about the smallness of the airport, the swarm of people there to welcome loved ones and the environment just made us feel welcomed. Everything about the island was new, exotic and beautiful, it was a total contrast to the grey and tense Melbourne we had just left.

It wasn't just the scenery and the atmosphere we all fell in love with, but the people. Walking into the National Olympic Committee office on the first day where we were to meet our new students, we were unsure about the reception we would get from them. Coming from a country where just getting students to listen becomes an everyday battle, we were struggling to comprehend how we could get these 20 people, who had just graduated high school, as excited about our mission as we were. Looking back, it was ridiculous to even worry about how we would get these kids interested. As soon as the

work began, they were hooked!

We spent our first few days introducing them to our mission – to run media for the 8th Micronesian Games. This was a huge task to introduce these students to on the first day, and I'm sure many wanted to run the other way as we told them they would be solely responsible for the articles, photos and content for the Games. It was a big job, but they never let on that they were phased in the slightest.

Whilst the first days of our trip were spent teaching the kids anything and everything about photography, articles and website editing, the real fun didn't begin until the Opening Ceremony on Sunday July 20. Seeing these kids that had come to us shy and quiet come to life was such an experience. As they raced around the track, capturing video and photo, interviewing athletes and absorbing the atmosphere, they were transformed people. Just two days earlier we had visited the athletes village to interview the chef de missions from the various countries, where the kids were too shy to even ask a question.

Now, two days on, they were approaching athletes with no hesitation or prompting, handling interviews on their own, and conducting themselves with a newfound confidence. With each inspirational story they listened to and reported on,

their excitement, confidence and pride in their work grew. Each day saw them strive further and push themselves into something new and out of their comfort zone. Each day saw them grow.

In the last few days we really came to consider everyone not just as friends, but family. We worked together, we ate together, we even had sleepovers. Our days were consumed by each other's presence and any time separated made it feel as though an important part of us was missing.

Although we'd complained for days about leaving and begged and wished to stay longer, the day had finally arrived when we had to leave. Our airport farewell was the textbook definition of a bittersweet moment—a moment where we could feel our hearts break with each goodbye. As we arrived at the airport we were accompanied by our own UYM entourage as everyone came out for our final goodbye. Although we managed to hold the tears in as we received a plethora of hugs, high fives and photos, it wasn't long until we were drowning in our tears.

As important as our work at the Micronesian Games was, it wasn't just about results, articles or photos. Looking back, I won't remember who won the volleyball or football games, but rather the impact our Pohnpei family had on us and the way they flourished when finally given the confidence to show just a fraction of their amazing talent.

The students we left in Pohnpei were loud, happy, vivacious and confident, nothing like the shy, timid and quiet kids we had met on our first day. This is what not only United Youth Media but the Micronesian Games are about—achieving one's full potential, pushing the barriers of what they think is possible and, most importantly, making friendships that last lifetimes.

*Alana Christensen  
United Youth Media*

broadcast team, Nathan Fry from Pohnpei's Baptist radio station, and Bill Jaynes from The Kaselehlie Press. We joined as one, shared content and ensured that all needs were met. We had our challenges, but nothing was ever too big to overcome. This was made possible by the generosity of the team to not only care about their own roles but the success of the team as a whole. Our young people were given the opportunity to create media in all formats. They got to stand in the best places in venues and use the best equipment. Despite their lack of confidence, they trusted their mentors and ventured out of their comfort zones. The impact was life changing in all of them.

Now to the future. I met with Pohnpei's

Governor, John Ehsa who was impressed with the outcome of the games media program and committed to providing a sustainable program post games. He recognized that young people are the future of the state and keeping the momentum from this program is important to Pohnpei's success. We will continue discussions with the games media partners, the Pohnpei government and other funding sources to ensure these young people get the opportunity to utilize and improve their skills. UYM Melbourne is committed to supporting and will provide resources and expertise to formalize a partnership with Pohnpei (UYM Pohnpei).

Lastly I would like to thank Stephanie Edward and Joann Iohp who recruited these

amazing young people. Their passion for youth is second to none and I leave knowing they are in capable hands.

To my very talented UYM Pohnpei. Don't ever doubt your abilities and always make the right choices. You are world class and were deserving winners of a gold medal at these games. I am very proud of what you have achieved and am proud to have been given the opportunity to work with you all. I look forward to expanding our vision for UYM and helping you to dream big and achieve your goals.

*Edwina Ricci  
United Youth Media –  
International Director*

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Counselor to the President John Podesta will lead a high-level U.S. government delegation to the Pacific Islands Forum Post Forum Dialogue (PIF PFD) on August 1 in Koror, Palau, to highlight and build upon our historic relations with the peoples and nations of the Pacific. The U.S. delegation will include senior officials from the National Security Council, United States Pacific Command, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of State, Department of the Interior, U.S. Peace Corps, U.S. Agency for International Development, and the State of Hawaii.

Following former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's attendance at the PIF PFD in 2012 and Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell's attendance as Head of Delegation in 2013, this high-level delegation demonstrates continued U.S. commitment to the rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region and to issues that are of utmost importance to the Pacific Islands, including oceans, climate change, renewable energy, economic growth, sustainable development and environmental conservation.

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skills. I felt I was not smart enough or good enough to be part of the group. UYM has made me a better person. I am now confident in myself and believing that I have future somewhere out there. I hope that I can serve my country, make it better and show the world that we exist, that we are here in the world.' – Lexus Jano

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## K-Press Perspective

### Micro Games—the whole is greater than the sum of its parts

The hundreds of volunteers in Pohnpei who have been serving the myriad of needs at the 8th Micronesia Games are now breathing a sigh of relief. Some are still hard at it. The hundreds of people who flocked to the islands for the games didn't magically disappear after the closing ceremony. Still, the games themselves are "over and dusted" as the final press release on Athletics by the United Youth Media said when those competitions ended on July 23rd.

Hundreds and hundreds of volunteers—there were so many that some members of the accreditation committee slept on the floor of the FSM National Olympic Committee office trying to process and print the identifications badges—made the games possible.

Volunteers worked at night after the competitions were finished in order to clean up the facilities and the streets where spectators had been. They worked in the early morning hours getting the facilities up and ready to go for the days' competitions. They worked during the day directing the huge volume of traffic and the parking which is in scarce supply at the venues. They greeted arriving dignitaries at the airport. They managed or directly handled the minutiae of each sporting event. They attended to medical needs. They refereed. They fed and entertained the competing athletes where they lived and drove them to where they needed to be. They handled so many details that even mentioning the above details will surely insult some who dealt with other details that I didn't mention.

Each one of the volunteers was important—vital even. My hat is off to you! I may not have noticed exactly what you were doing but I know for a certainty that if you hadn't been there, I would have noticed your absence.

Were there things that could have been better? Yes, of course there were. Could I have done them better? Not a single chance!

I personally worried about my role in the Micro Games as a reporter and the editor of The Kaselehlie Press. I have always been the first to admit that I know very little about sports. That topped with the fact that I'm the only reporter here and my sporting contacts are extremely limited made for many sleepless nights as the games approached and I still didn't know what would happen or how we would cover it.

At the very last minute before the Opening Ceremony started, I decided to open a Facebook page for the Kaselehlie Press ([www.facebook.com/KPressFSM](http://www.facebook.com/KPressFSM)) figuring that at the very least I could share photos as I went along. I still worried about how I could possibly be at eight events simultaneously.

Enter the United Youth Media team under the leadership of Edwina Ricci of Melbourne. These Upward Bound students had never done reporting before. They had a crash training course in reporting and the technology to support it including a course on how to post to a website. They hit the ground running and they

never stopped.

They posted their stories directly to the Oceania Sport website in unedited form. We shared content with each other and it was good. It wasn't perfect but it was good.

They also worked with a group of volunteer photographers, some from the Photography Club of Pohnpei who freely shared their photos from the events of the days. Many of them also posted their photos on The Kaselehlie Press Facebook page. I felt so confident about their content and their willingness to share that if I was photographing an event and one or more of the volunteers walked in I could feel free to move to another event that perhaps didn't have any photographers. On the day of the newspaper's deadline I asked for help from one of them to photograph the closing ceremonies because I simply didn't have the time. She gladly did it and freely shared her photos. Thank you, Fanny Rabino and all of the rest of the photographic team.

As media representatives, we did more together by sharing than any one of us could have done alone. By the time the games were over, the brand new Kaselehlie Press Facebook page had over 4000 followers and hundreds of mostly positive comments from people all over the world.

That spirit of cooperation seemed to permeate the games. Volunteers helped each other out even if it "wasn't their job". Athletes helped each other out even though they were competitive rivals. I even saw two highly competitive rival news agencies cooperating together. It really was most impressive and it'd be great if we could take that spirit of cooperation into the rest of the year.

There were of course some negatives. I've heard comments from several people offering their separate opinions that the four FSM States should not be competing against each other but in unity together as one nation. I'm way outside of the politics of the games and don't know exactly why the states represent themselves instead of the nation. It seems counterproductive to the goal of national unity and seem further to foster feelings of jealousy amongst the states.

I don't want to leave this perspective on a negative note so let's leave it by optimistically hoping that the spirit of cooperation that we saw exercised all over the place during the Micro Games will just keep going and going, "faster, higher, stronger". It's called synergy when the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. It's what we saw during the games, we can do far more together than we ever could separately.

Nice lesson, Micro Games volunteers!

*Bill Jaynes*  
Managing Editor  
The Kaselehlie Press

## First Ladies visit IFCP

By April Turner  
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

On the 17th July, Island Food Community of Pohnpei, graciously welcomed:

- First Lady Emma Nelson Mori - FSM
- First Lady Lieom Anono Loeak - RMI
- Mrs. Shra Alik - Spouse of Vice President Alik Alik
- Mrs. Julinida Weital Ehsa - First Lady of Pohnpei State
- Mrs. Sepe Jackson - Spouse of Governor Lyndon Jackson of Kosrae State

In our usual Island Food style, the IFCP Training Center was decorated with palm leaves, hanging bananas, local handicraft

and a beautiful bounty of local foods, such as banana bread made with mwang and breadfruit flour. The delegation was very impressed with the work of IFCP and our array of local foods.

The delegation commented on the beautifully handcrafted wooden serving platters that were made by Gibson Santos with thanks to the Australian Embassy Direct Aid Programme funding. IFCP believes it is important to showcase our cultural pride through the use of locally grown and made products, such as local baskets and catering sets. There are many ways to Go Local, and food is just one part of the campaign.



FSM First Lady with Board Members Yvonne Hawkins and Alissa Takesy



RMI First Lady receives a Go Local bag with her Local Fruit basket



Local food served in locally handcraft wooden serving platters

## Food Security & Livelihood Project kicks off

By Rainer Jimmy  
Executive Director of Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Due to the collective effort and dedication of Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) Board of Directors and staff members, IFCP was able to receive funding from the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme FSM (GEF/SGP) to fund a project with the Pohnpei Women Advisory Council (PWAC) and the Pohnpei Farmers Association (PFA). The name of the project is LETS GO LOCAL! Food Security and Livelihood Project. The project is for 18 months beginning on May 01, 2014 and ending on November 30, 2015. The total amount this project is \$45,000 USD.

The first workshop with IFCP staff, representatives from PWAC, PFA and networking partners was held on June 27, 2014. The project goal is: Increased utilization of biodiverse local crops in environmentally efficient food processing through Pohnpei Women's Council by 2016.

### PROJECT INDICATORS:

1. Equipment used 50 times during 2015
2. 2 new products (i.e currently unavailable on market) produced with the main ingredient from biodiverse local crops during 2015.

In attendance were:

NAME	ENTITY
1.	Mr. Adelino Lorens Chairman, IFCP Board of Directors
2.	Ms. Susana Sohs President, PWAC
3.	Mr. Saimon Mix President, PFA
4.	Mr. Kadalino Lorens Administrator, Office of Economic Affairs
5.	Arlene Rosenkrans Representing USDA/NRCS
6.	Poasa Nauluvula Representing SPC
7.	Leilani Lorrin PWAC
8.	Rose Mulholland PWAC
9.	Swihner Sultan PWAC
10.	Neilynn L. Walter PWAC
11.	Epiliana Walter PWAC
12.	Veronica P. Ehpel PWAC
13.	Maureen Villagomes PWAC
14.	Roselina Barnabas PWAC
15.	Ioana Saimon PWAC
16.	Yumiko Lebehn PWAC
17.	AnneLee L. Santos PWAC
18.	Leslai Lorrin PWAC
19.	Yerilko Lebehn PWAC
20.	Rainer Jimmy Executive Director, IFCP
21.	Mona J. Tara Office Manager, IFCP

The meeting was very successful. Comments and feedback that were generated during the workshop will help IFCP, PWAC, PFA and the networking partners to facilitate the development of a Work Plan. PWAC President Ms. Susana Sohs provided sound messages of encouragement and commitment to the PWAC members. The PWAC members who attended the meeting were eager to get the project going so they met after the workshop and elected their Secretary and Treasurer. Secretary is Mrs. Neilynn Walter and Treasurer is Mrs. Veronica Ehpel. These ladies will work with IFCP staff to develop the work plan.



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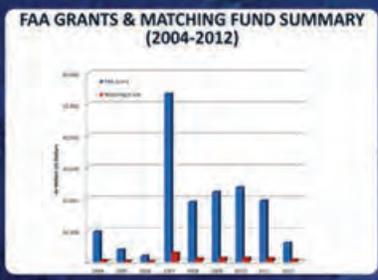
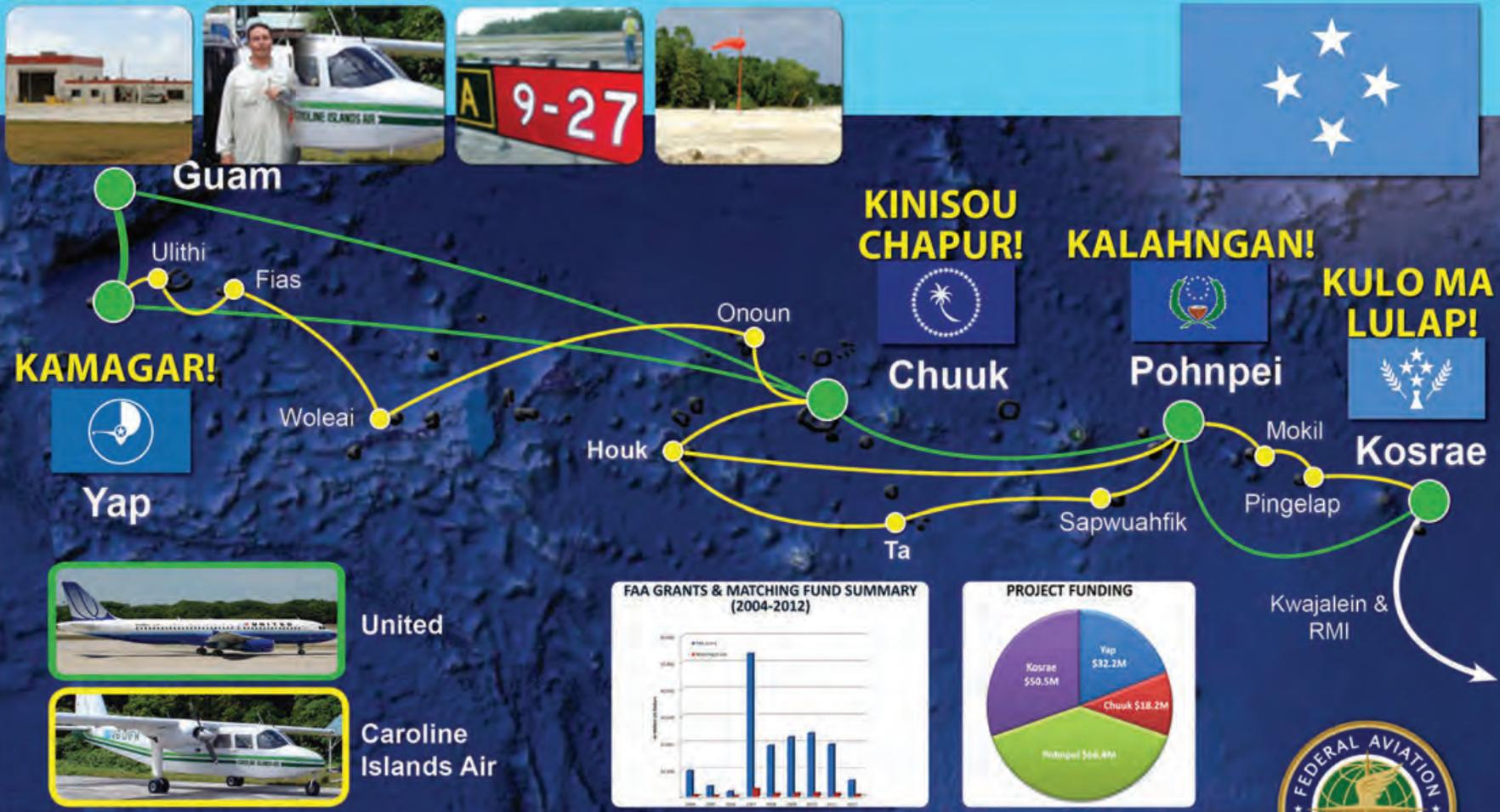
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