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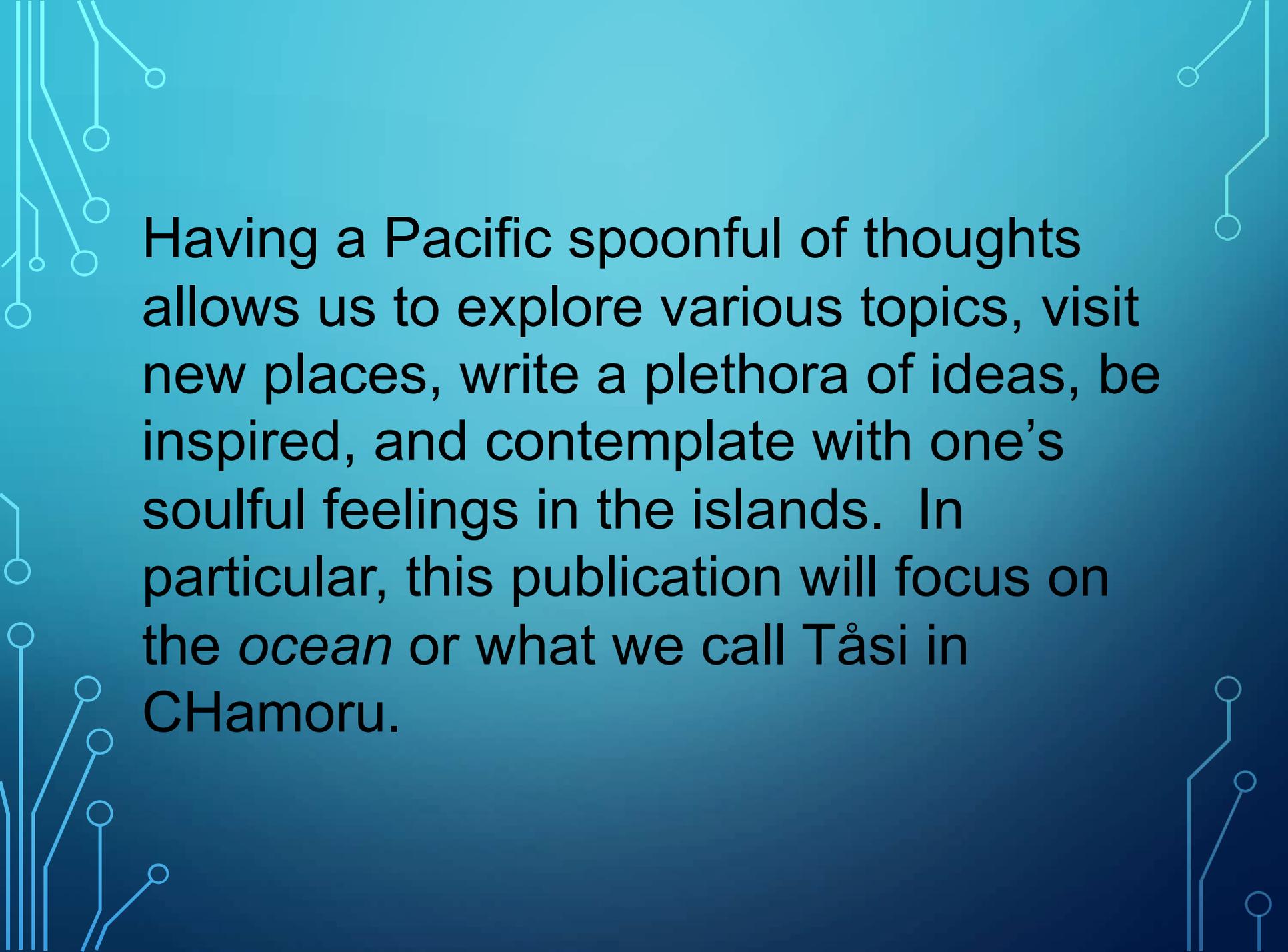
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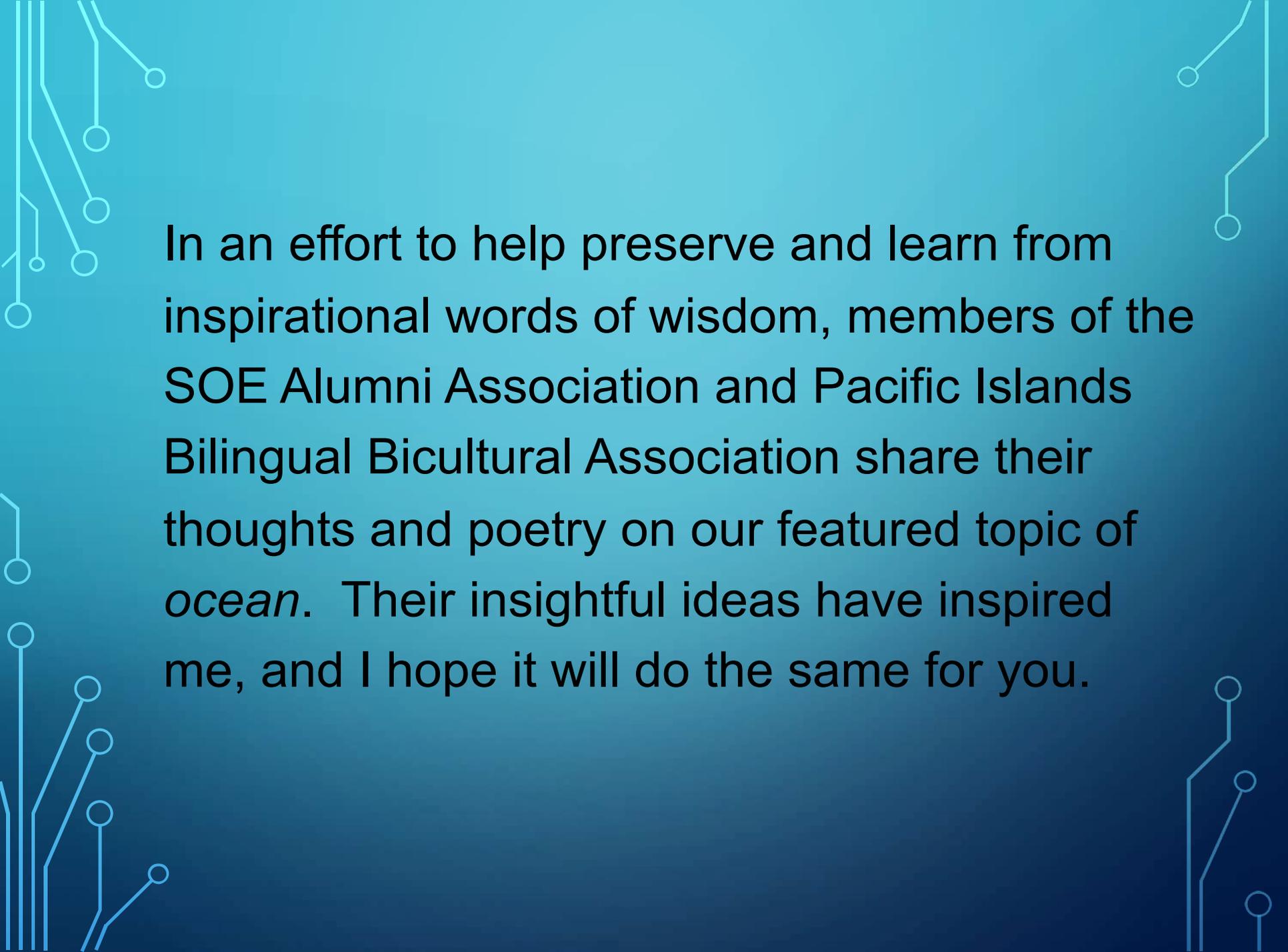
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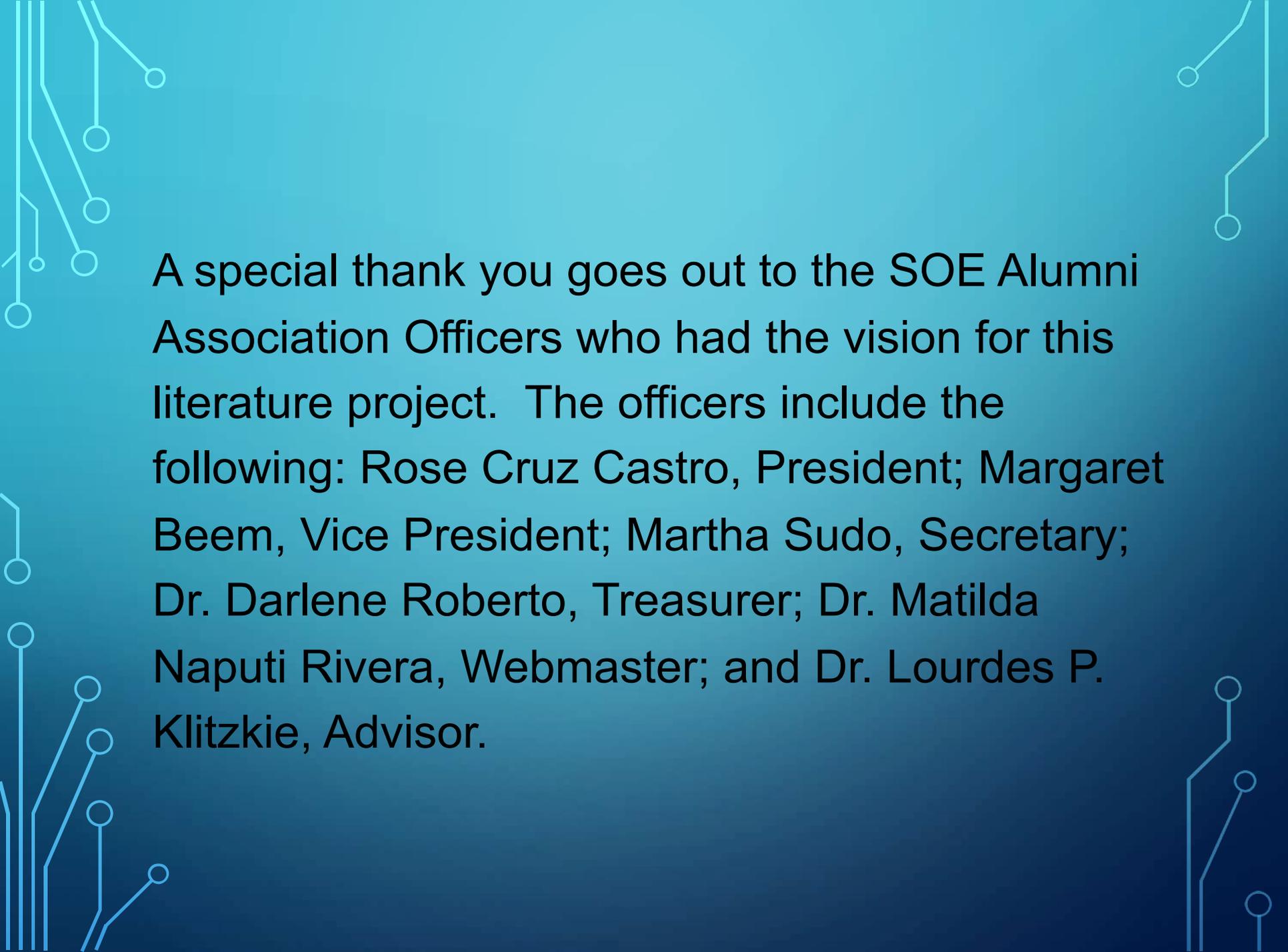


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Having a Pacific spoonful of thoughts allows us to explore various topics, visit new places, write a plethora of ideas, be inspired, and contemplate with one's soulful feelings in the islands. In particular, this publication will focus on the *ocean* or what we call Tåsi in CHamoru.

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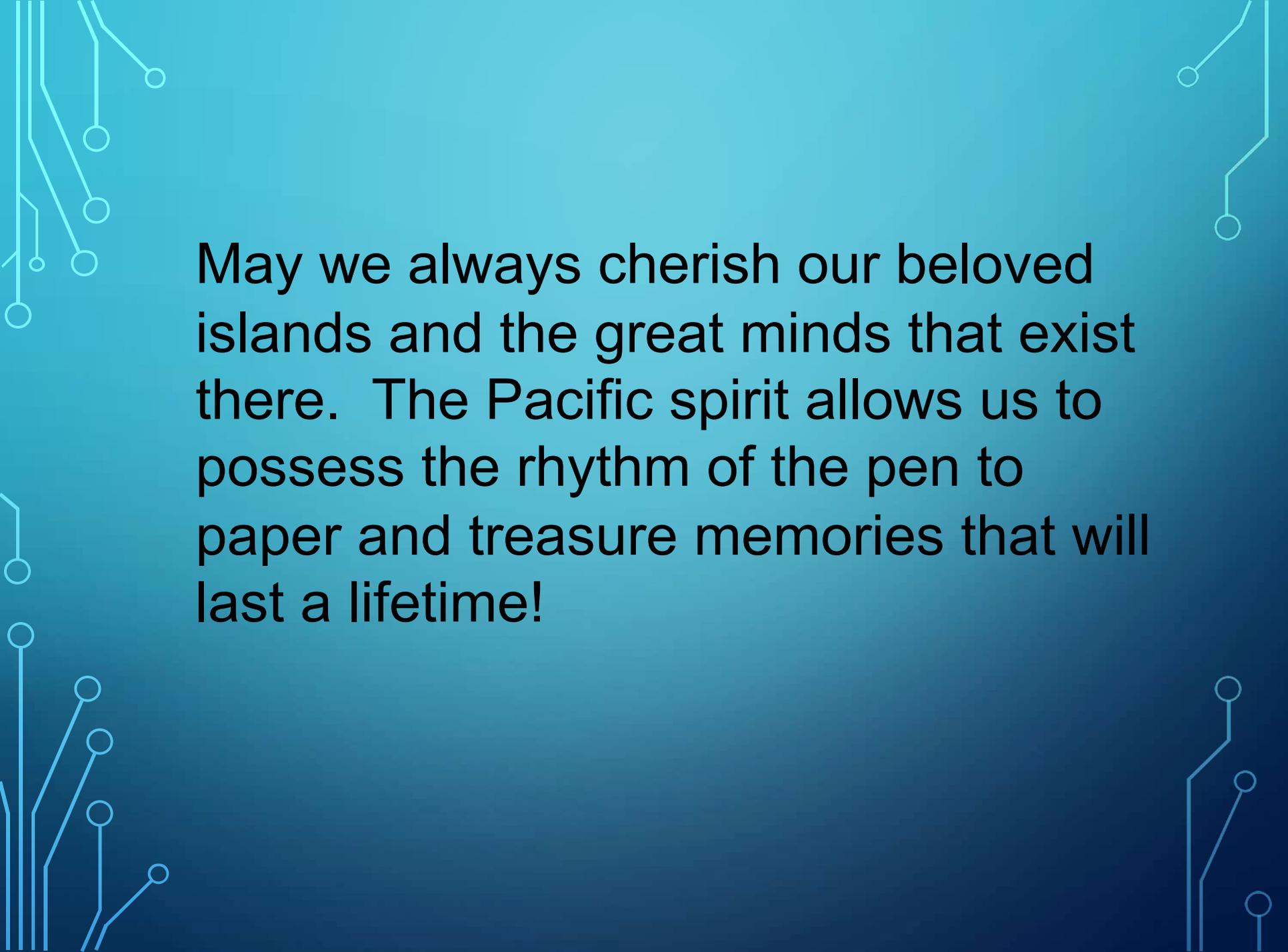
In an effort to help preserve and learn from inspirational words of wisdom, members of the SOE Alumni Association and Pacific Islands Bilingual Bicultural Association share their thoughts and poetry on our featured topic of *ocean*. Their insightful ideas have inspired me, and I hope it will do the same for you.

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A special thank you goes out to the SOE Alumni Association Officers who had the vision for this literature project. The officers include the following: Rose Cruz Castro, President; Margaret Beem, Vice President; Martha Sudo, Secretary; Dr. Darlene Roberto, Treasurer; Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, Webmaster; and Dr. Lourdes P. Klitzkie, Advisor.

To keep up the momentum of engaging Pacific thoughts, additional topics will be explored in future publications, such as Latte Stones, aga', CHamoru, karabao, empanada, neni, kanta, and more! This will enable us to experience marvels of the world, connect with life's blessings, grasp the strength from within, build up courage, learn from great minds, and experience the essence in the little things in life that surround us in the Pacific.



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May we always cherish our beloved islands and the great minds that exist there. The Pacific spirit allows us to possess the rhythm of the pen to paper and treasure memories that will last a lifetime!



SOE Alumni Association Officers

Pictured left row (front): Dr. Darlene Roberto, Martha Sudo, and Dr. Lourdes P. Klitzkie. Pictured right row (front): Rose Cruz Castro, Maragaret Beem, and Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, Webmaster.

Marilyn T. Balajadia

Ocean
Serene, quiet
Laxing, musing, seeing
Beautifully pensive all alone
Abyss.

Tina Marie T. Buendicho

The most beautiful place in the Pacific
Surrounds the island of Guahan
Abundance of water –
Our ocean.



Beverly C. Cabreza

The ocean is an important part of our island. It is our island resource. The ocean is an important ecosystem for the world. We need to keep our ocean and reef clean for our next generations to come. More lessons about oceans and resources should be taught in the classroom. More hands-on field trips should be given to students. However, the liability and the financial cost of bussing can deter teachers.

Joseph Franquez

Ginen i tasi na manmátto i taotao tãsi. Ma rikohi kosas ya mapega gi sakman para u makrusa i tasi yan familiãn-ñiha. Abondãnsia i ga'ga' tãsi siha ya nisisita u ma prutehi. Misen i tasi.

Dr. Lourdes Palomo Klitzkie

Wonders of the oceans
Its maddening force
Engulf the souls

Wonders of the ocean
Sweep like the wind
Like music in the sky.

Frances McDonald

Open, majestic and mysterious,
Calm Pacific Ocean,
Endless possibilities,
Amazing and wonderful,
Nature at its best!

Mae Mendiola

Pounding roaring waves
Crashing against the cliffline
Turbulent waters

Mesmerizing calm
Breathtaking beautiful
Tranquil peaceful sea.

Elizabeth R. Pablo

The ocean is like a soothing medicine
For the aching soul.
It refreshes the spirit and
Brings indescribable calmness.

Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera

Tâsi

The bay and the tâsi* - Another meaning for fun.
The refreshing cool waters –
For the enjoyment of all.
This all sounds good on a day so hot and humid
For it is a valuable source that's sure to be sought.
To float in the water and feel the rippling waves
Will tempt you to splash and swim there all day.
Underneath the sparkling blue water you will see
The amazing sea creatures living in harmony.
The guihan*, dolphins, haggan*, and whales
Make fascinating underwater trails.
Beautiful waters include the Hagatña River
And the Talofofu Falls which is just as grandeur.
You'll also find fishing boats and ships
That sail the horizon,
Traveling gradually with ease.
Yet one particular beautiful water creature
I'm reminded of
Is the legendary Sirena who loved to swim
In the water all day.
Sirena found the water to be heavenly
And it's no surprise because of its
Wondrous beauty.
So take the time to visit Guam's waters where
You can happily swim and enjoy nature at its best.

**tâsi: ocean*

**guihan: fish*

**haggan: turtle*

Johanna Salinas

Thoughts on the ocean:

A spoonful of ocean a day
Keeps the self-loathing and anxiety away.

My aniti glows brightly anew
As I inhale the possibilities of the salty blue.

From the whale songs to the slithering creatures
To the sharp coral to the sunken treasures,

From the glassy waves to the stormy days –
Puntan and Fu'una have wandered this same
sacred place.

Our ocean is more than a state of being
Our ocean is a Holy Grace, a new beginning!

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