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"Spend it All, Spend it Now"

Grant Applications Due

Grant applications for the 2011 Spring Cycle will be due no later than 11:00 A.M. at the grants table during our next general membership meeting, Spend It All! Spend It Now! on April 9, 2011. If you have any questions, please see one of your grant committee members. Take advantage of this great opportunity to get more books into your classrooms and into the hands of your students!

Eligibility for Spring Cycle:

⇒ must have been a member as of February 2011 and attended at least one meeting;

- ⇒ did not receive a grant from the Spring/Fall 2010 grant cycles;
- ⇒ have always completed the required grant evaluation;
- ⇒ willing to share your ideas with other members and create a poster of your wonderful literacy project.

Committee members: Evelyn Topasna, Marjorie Raess, and Tina Buendicho.

56th IRA Convention Highlights

New for 2011! Phone App—Some of the features for this phone app will include self-updating schedule of events, complete exhibitor list & floor map, available search by speaker, title, and category, receive real-time announcements and schedule changes, and much more! Go here to explore our new Phone App for iPod, Blackberry, & Android Smartphones!

Council Awards—This ceremony honors state/provincial and local council leaders. Awards will be presented for Honor Council, Award of Excellence, Advocacy Award, Local Council Community Service Award, and Exemplary Reading Program.

IRA Annual Business Meeting—The IRA Annual Business Meeting is open to all IRA members. Members will have the opportunity to participate in round table discussions with IRA Board members prior to the start of the business meeting.

First Timers Session—Sponsored by the IRA Division of Council and Affiliates. Valuable information and helpful tips on sessions, exhib-

its, and social activities from IRA staff members. This session will help you get the most from your first IRA convention. Two sessions will be offered.

Autograph Schedule—Autographing sessions will take place in the exhibit hall at various times throughout the week. Please refer to the "Guide to the Stars" booklet for times, dates, and other specifics. The guide will be available in the registration area as well as near the entrance to the exhibit hall.

Special Events—Join us at one of the many IRA special events offered at the convention. While you explore these different events and the exhibit hall, be sure to say hello to the IRA leadership, the Board of Directors. They will be on hand to answer questions or simply sit and chat about the latest trends in teaching reading. It's a perfect opportunity to give your input and learn what's new at IRA and all the exciting things to come!

Source: <http://www.iraconvention.org/convention-highlights.php>

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Reminder!

Our April 9 meeting is at Ordot-Chalan Pago Elementary School Cafeteria.

See you there!



**READ-A-THON 2011
POSTER/ESSAY
CONTEST WINNERS**

**Elementary School
Primary Grades Division A
Poster (K - 1st Grade)**

1st Place – Gaven Chargualaf,
Astumbo Elementary School
2nd Place – Lester Macaranas
Astumbo Elementary School
3rd Place – Angel Muoz,
Astumbo Elementary School

**Elementary School
Primary Grades Division B
Poster (2nd - 3rd Grade)**

1st Place – Angela Alba,
Finegayan Elementary School
2nd Place – Gavin Bejerana, D.L.
Perez Elementary School
3rd Place – Lester Bantoy, D.L.
Perez Elementary School

**Elementary School
Intermediate Grades
Division
Essay (4th - 5th Grade)**

1st Place – Wesley Dodge, Chief
Brodie Elementary School
2nd Place – Jenna Rechellul,
Chief Brodie Elementary School
3rd Place – Emmanuel Soriano,
Tamuning Elementary School

**Middle School Division
Essay (6th - 8th Grade)**

1st Place – Domanique Smith,
L.P. Untalan Middle School
2nd Place – Kayla Sasaki, L.P.
Untalan Middle School
3rd Place – Alice Chu, L.P. Untalan
Middle School

**High School Division
Essay (9th - 12th Grade)**

1st Place – Moises Velasquez,
George Washington High
School
2nd Place – Alana Chargualaf,
George Washington High
School
3rd Place – Erica Respicio,
George Washington High
School

READ-A-THON 2011: A Big Success

The success of this year's Read-A-Thon 2011 "Read To Succeed" would not have been possible without the support of our island schools, teachers, students, and families. The support also came from the Read-A-Thon 2011 Committee, Agana Heights Elementary School's administrator and teachers, Ordot-Chalan Pago Elementary School's administrator and teachers, Guam High School National Honor Society advisors and members, John F. Kennedy High School National Honor Society advisors and members, Southern High School National Honor Society advisors and members, Grace Griffin's George Washington High School students, Tina Buendicho's Marcial Sablan Elementary School students, and all the volunteers. Everyone's hard work made it possible for the read-a-thon participants to enjoy their books and prizes in a timely manner.

Thank you for everything!

We would like to say... *Congratulations* to Top Secondary School Representative, Acie Jo Cruz from Simon Sanchez High School and Top Elementary School Representative, Maria Livingston from San Vicente Catholic School. These two teachers along with our Random Door Prize Winner, Rebecca North from Harry S. Truman Elementary School, will be attending this year's annual convention in Orlando, Florida.

We would also like to extend our *Congratulations* to Cheryl Santos from Mount Carmel Catholic School and Acie Jo Cruz from Simon Sanchez High School. They are our Top Teachers Island-Wide for the Elementary and Secondary Divisions.

Don't forget that on **Saturday, April 9, 2011 at the Ordot-Chalan Pago Elementary School's Cafete-**

ria, you will be able to exchange your percentage letters for a voucher. The voucher can be used to purchase items, on this day only, from any Guam Council-IRA tables. There will be elementary and secondary books, professional resources, novelties, and many more items. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can order from any Scholastic Book Club catalog(s) if the issue is after January 2011 and if you return your percentage letter with the back portion filled in completely on this day, too.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at readathon2011@gmail.com.

Again, SI YU'US MA'ASE!

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BOOK EXCHANGE

The book exchange will not be open for the "Spend It All" meeting.

Books for the Classroom

This will not be open for the "Spend It All" meeting but there are still books for teachers who need classroom libraries. These have been offered to teachers who have been teaching for three or less years, but at our last meeting, they will be given to any teacher who will be in the classroom next year regardless of years in the system.

NEW BOARD NOMINEES

The nominees are:

- **Jonathan Pilarca**, President-Elect
- **Martha Sudo**, Recording Secretary
- **Erlinda Arriola**, Corresponding Secretary
- **Stephanie Flores**, Treasurer.

BOTA! VOTE! BOTA!
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USD Table Update

Please contact Erlinda Arriola by email at lynnarriola@yahoo.com or reach her at Tamuning Elementary Library (Ph. 646-8058) for make up classes, namely [reading grants](#) and [PBS judge](#).

Resourceful Websites for ESL Teachers

www.everythingsl.net (articles)
www.enchantedlearning.com (activities; membership fee required)
www.dltk-cards.com/bingo/ (bingo games)
www.abcteach.com (flash cards; membership fee required)
www.colorincolorado.org (great information)
www.readinga-z.com (leveled books and reading ideas; membership fee required)
www.learnenglish.org.uk (songs, poems, resources)
www.wes-english.com (printables)
www.brainpopesl.com (animated videos, free trial membership)

Medical Websites for Asian and Pacific Islanders

Minority Health Resource
http://www.sis.nlm.nih.gov/minority_health_2010.pdf

Asian American Health
http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/pdf/AsianAmericanHealthBrochure_2010.pdf

Get Connected! For Asian American Health
http://nnlm.gov/training/resources/asian_american_resource_sNNLM.pdf

MedlinePlus Basics
<http://nnlm.gov/training/resources/mptri.pdf>

PubMed Basics
<http://nnlm.gov/training/resources/pmtri.pdf>



On the beach at Tender Shepherd, Asuka, Mr. Kouda, Ms. Fujita, Ayumi, and Mishiko

PANEL THEATER is back on Guam!



Yoshiko sings and acts out "Making Takoyaki," octopus cakes.



Asuka tells the story of the "Mouse Postman"



Mishiko teaches farm animal sounds.



Ayumi acting out "Big Pappa Banana"



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One book can make a difference.

THIS YEAR'S MONTHLY THEMES

Readings in Many Languages:
Convention Highlights—
September 11.

Enriching Poetry with Kenn
Nesbitt—**October 16.**

Cultivating Professional Learn-
ing with the Language
Arts Conference—
November 6.

You, Me, and the Community
Book Fair—**December 11.**

Crafting a Story with SASS--
January 15.

Launching Read-A-Thon 2011
"Read to Succeed"—
February 5.

Instilling Literacy Through our
Cultures—**March 12 (OCPEs).**

Nurturing our
Students with
Resources. "Spend
it All, Spend it
Now"—**April 9
(OCPEs).**

Gathering Together for the
Year in Review—**May 21.**

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

BE SURE TO SPEND YOUR CHITS AT THE APRIL AND MAY MEETINGS. 2010-2011 CHITS WILL NOT BE HONORED NEXT YEAR BECAUSE WE MUST CLOSE THE BOOKS AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

Please update your International Membership information. Add/change your number and/or expiration date on the attendance sheet.

HELP WANTED!

How can we increase IRA membership for the 2011-2012 school year? Please e-mail your suggestions to: Sandy Liberty at sliberty@guam.net, Melissa Lujan at mlujan2@gmail.com **OR** drop off your suggestions at the Membership Table at the April or May meeting.

If your suggestion is implemented, you will earn a chit to be redeemed at the IRA Book Tables.

MAY MEETING PREVIEW

1. The Raffle for Meeting our Membership Goal will be held in May. Be at the May meeting for a chance to win \$200 worth of reference materials to a school library of your choice.
2. Get a head start on the 2011-2012 Membership Drive. Remember, members who sign up in May will have a chance to win a surprise door prize.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Yoshi

Buenas yan Hafa Adai,

Remember to bring your percentage letters to Ordot Chalan Pago Elementary on Saturday, April 9, 2011, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. as we continue Nurturing Our Students with Resources, "Spend it All, Spend it Now!" Your percentage letter will be exchanged for a voucher. This voucher may be used at any Guam Council IRA table or you may order through Scholastic Book Clubs, January through April 2011 catalogs. THESE VOUCHERS ARE VALID FOR APRIL 9, 2011 ONLY.

Counting up.... 296, 297, 298, 299, 300 members and one of you will score \$200 worth of reference materials during our May meeting for a library of your choice because together we have met our goal of 300 members. Congratulations!

Remember to vote for your 2011 – 2012 Executive Council. The nominees are Jonathan Pilarca, President-Elect, Martha Sudo, Recording Secretary, Erlinda Ariola, Corresponding Secretary, and Stephanie Flores, Treasurer.

I would like to send a YOU ARE AWESOME Shout Out to Christine Quinata, Wordsmith/Author, 2011 Read-A-Thon Committee, Read-A-Thon 2011 Read to Succeed participants, parents, teachers, principals and representatives, Rebecca Perez, Neldie Limtiaco and the Guam Council Board. ;)