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# International Reading Association News



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## READ-A-THON 2010 IS HERE—"GO GREEN, GO READ"

This month's IRA kick-off for Read-A-Thon 2010 will be held at Ordot-Chalan Pago Elementary School on February 6, 2010 from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M. As we countdown for the kick-off, Liguan Elementary School's cheerleaders will showcase their talent as you browse, buzz, and buy. Our theme, "Go Green, Go Read," has really caught on and we encourage members to bring their beverage container and/or shopping bags to emphasize our theme. Those who do will receive a recyclable bag compliments of First Lady Joann Camacho, while supplies last. You're also welcome to wear hand-me-downs or anything else that promotes environmental consciousness (like your IRA t-shirt).

Presentations conducted by Rosemary Ferguson, Stephanie Flores, Jennifer Blas, Jovonne Aguon and Evangeline Chaco will focus on everyday items that can be transformed into something new. As a result of this hands-on activity, you'll learn a few tricks to explore "Crafty Ideas with Recyclables." Roberta Abaday will focus on recycling newspapers to create "found poems." Participants will use headlines and material from newspaper articles to compose poems. The activity, entitled "Going Green with Poetry," is good for all ages.

Dr. Sam Mabini, Leigh Pereda and Sonia Suobiron will introduce and provide IRA members with PBS Teachers resources that cover several subject areas (pre-K to 12) and discuss PBS TeacherLine which is a national service offering online professional development courses for educators and administrators.

## BOOK EXCHANGE

What better way to recycle than to bring your gently used books and teaching materials to expand teacher resources. If you have retired or have changed grade levels and are not using bulletin board items, thematic unit books and story books, please pass on these supplements to new teachers who can utilize them for their classes. In fact, bring any book (or two) that you have read and exchange it for one you would like to read. This table is open to all adults who come to the meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

There are only two more sessions left to attend to fulfill your three-meeting requirement to win an all-expense paid trip to the IRA convention in Chicago, April 25-28, 2010. Current and new international members will be eligible to win an iSymphony clock radio music system with IPod dock during the February meeting. If you know someone who's been thinking of joining IRA, remind them when they sign up in February they will qualify for a 25% award for money turned in on time instead of 20%.

## GIVING THE GIFT OF GREEN

In celebration of Read-A-Thon 2010: "Go Green, Go Read," the **Hardcover Table** will be selling *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein. This touching story is great for classroom read alouds, family time on the couch, or quiet time in the room. The table will also be featuring a Caldecott winner, *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* by Simms Taback. In this story, Joseph will show us how to be creative...with scissors.

It doesn't stop here. We didn't forget about "Hugs and Kisses!" Yes, we will be selling *Who Will Be My Valentine This Year?* by Jerry Pallotta, *Ladybug Girl* by David Soman, and *Sugar Cookies* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal. If you can smell these cookies, you'll know there are **sweet savings** at this table. —Submitted by Ha'ani Limtiaco

## February Door Prizes

- Video Camera
- Electric Stapler
- Long-Arm Stapler
- Yacker-Tracker
- PackNRoll Cart
- Personal Chalk/White Boards
- Desk Bell
- Apple Clock
- 12-in-1 Board Eraser
- ...and MUCH MORE!!!



Eric Ode will be here  
March 13-20.



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# President's Corner

Read-A-Thon is here. As you know, our theme, "Go Green, Go Read!" follows a number of chapter-wide efforts to be more environmentally conscious such as: creating an electronic newsletter and website to reduce our paper and mailing costs; continuing to recycle teaching and reading materials; as well as sponsoring a beach clean up on January 30th as one of our Read-A-Thon awareness activities.

The board has been working hard to make the author visit by Eric Ode in March a success! I would like to recognize Cyndy Pruski and Martha Sudo for their continual efforts and commitment to this yearly project. Ode will be on island from March 11-20. More information is upcoming.

Also, our website ([www.iraguam.blogspot.com](http://www.iraguam.blogspot.com)) has grown much in large part to the efforts of Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera and the various electronic contributions by our board members. We encourage you to take advantage of this site that not only provides information about IRA activities, but also valuable links to educational tools and research.

Finally, I would like to thank Frances McDonald and Suzette Nelson for their wonderful presentations on assessment and evaluation at our January meeting .

I look forward to seeing you on February 6, 2010 at Ordot-Chalan Pago Elementary School.  
Best,  
**Grace**

## PANEL THEATER RETURNS TO GUAM

Panel Theater is a method of telling stories and teaching lessons and songs to young children. The storytellers manipulate pictures, figures, and letters drawn on special paper on a felt board to tell unique and educational stories and lessons.

Professor Ryojun Kouda, a scholar of child culture and former instructor at Shukutoku University in Tokyo, developed this teaching method in 1973 and has trained many Japanese early childhood educators. This will be the sixth visit Professor Kouda and the Panel Theater have made to Guam to share this truly unique style of storytelling.

## THE GRANT WRITING CORNER

Hafa Adai prospective recipients of an IRA grant! This is a friendly reminder that grant applications will be available during the February 6, and March 13, 2010 meetings at the grants table. Application forms are also available online at [www.iraguam.blogspot.com](http://www.iraguam.blogspot.com).

Please take advantage of the opportunity to get books into your classrooms and into the hands of your students. Due date is no later than 11:00 A.M. at the grants table during the "Spend it All! Spend it Now! Bonanza!" on April 10, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Buendicho 482-7788/565-3083 or Evelyn Topasna 689-9455/565-6710. For grant writing tips and more information, visit the grants table at the next meeting.—Submitted by Evelyn Topasna

Eligibility for Spring Cycle:

- ◆ Must have been a member as of February 2010 and attended at least one meeting
- ◆ Did not receive a grant from the Spring or Fall 2009 grant cycles
- ◆ Have always completed the required grant evaluation
- ◆ Willing to share your ideas with other members

## 2010 Calendar of Events—General Membership 8:00-11:00 A.M.

- ◆ **February 6—RAT 2010 "Go Green, Go Read!" KICK OFF (OCPES\*)**
- ◆ **March 13—Sing Along with Author Eric Ode (Guam Reef Hotel)**
- ◆ **April 10—Spend It All! Spend It Now! Bonanza (OCPES\*)**
- ◆ **May 15—Year in Review and Installation of New Officers (Guam Reef Hotel)**

\* Ordot-Chalan Pago Elementary School