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## President's Message



*Hafa Adai,*

Thank you for attending the first general membership meeting on September 3, 2016. We extend our gratitude to Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood for her meaningful presentation. I hope that you were enlightened with her powerful message of literacy and perseverance. We wanted to start off our council year on a positive note and it was evident that we were able to do this based on the responses shared during our vocabulary building activity for her presentation.

At IRA's October 1 meeting, we will have a special FESTPAC Literary Arts Publication presentation on *Local Voices*, an anthology produced for the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts (FESTPAC) hosted on Guam this year. The poetry and stories featured provide information reminiscent of the language, culture, customs, beliefs, values, and way of life in our Pacific region. You will discover poetry and

stories that are captivating, nostalgic, tragic, humorous, entertaining, historical, and meaningful. Be a part of the cultural inspiration and gain an appreciation of Pacific Island literature and literacy in our region. We hope this will further enlighten you to genuinely share your valuable voice in interwoven lines of poetry/stories.

I'm pleased that the following authors will be sharing the process and excitement on the publication of *Local Voices*: Dr. Monique Storie, Teresita "Terry" Perez, Simone Bollinger, Johanna Salinas, Paulette Coulter, and Verna Zafra.

As part of the presentation, we will also have a special writing workshop with an opportunity to have your poetry/stories published in our inaugural Guam IRA online anthology. However, you must be a current IRA member and have attended at least two general membership meetings to have your

work considered for inclusion in our online anthology. Other details will be shared during the meeting.

I would also like to encourage you to register for the 29th Annual Regional Language Arts Conference (LAC), which our council co-sponsors with the University of Guam. The LAC will be held November 19 & 20 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. It will also offer one graduate credit/CEU. Kathleen Duenas from UOG's Division of English and Applied Linguistics Division will be at the meeting to accept pre-registration payments.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase', and I look forward to seeing you soon at our October 1 general membership meeting!

*Your Literacy Partner,  
Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera*

## UOG's LANGUAGE ARTS CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON READING WRITING TOGETHER: COLLABORATE TO CALIBRATE

The **University of Guam's 29th Annual Regional Language Arts Conference (LAC)** is an annual event in which Western Pacific educators are provided with opportunities for professional growth and enrichment in literacy. The conference theme is "**Reading Writing Together: Collaborate to Calibrate.**" The conference will be held **Friday, November 18, 2016 and Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.** For more information, go to <http://www.uog.edu/CLASS-LAC>.

The LAC will offer one graduate credit/CEU. As part of the course requirements, students must complete the following: full attendance at the conference; classroom application of two or more of the strategies/techniques learned at the

conference; write a brief reflection for each session attended; and write a five-page, typed, double-spaced paper explaining how the Language Arts Conference has increased their knowledge and understanding of effectively reading writing together, content-area activities, and other engaging literacy strategies to enhance reading, writing, and assessment in the classroom.

Students must register for the conference before they register for the graduate credit/CEU at the Professional International Programs, 2nd floor, MARC, Computer Center, PIP Building, Room #217. For more information, students may call 735-2601 or fax 734-1233. They may also e-mail the instructor, Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera at [mnrivera@ugum.uog.edu](mailto:mnrivera@ugum.uog.edu) or [mnriviera@gdoe.net](mailto:mnriviera@gdoe.net).

The LAC registration fee includes the following:

- \*IRA members, presenters – \$45
- \*Non-IRA members before November 18 – \$55
- After November 18 -- \$70

If you are interested in attending the Language Arts Conference, you must mention that you are an IRA member in order to receive the discounted rate. Thereafter, your name will be verified with the IRA membership database, so be sure that your membership is up to date.

For additional information regarding the conference, participants/presenters may call Kathleen Duenas at 735-2725 or e-mail her at [kduenas@triton.uog.edu](mailto:kduenas@triton.uog.edu).



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# 2016-2017 IRA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Place: GW Cafeteria, Time: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

- September 3 **C**reate a print-rich environment.
- October 1 **O**pen your mind to the wonderful world of reading!
- November 18 **N**ow's the time...for the 29th Annual Regional Language Arts Conference.
- December 3 **N**ecessitate reading as a ritual at home. IRA Annual Book Fair.
- January 14 **E**xpand and focus on a positive literacy experience. Read and write with enjoyment!
- February 4 **C**onnect and read! Quality reading time is essential. Make time for it.
- March 4 **T**ake steps to integrate educational technology standards.
- April 8 **E**XTRA! EXTRA! SPEND IT NOW!
- May 6 **D**elve into literacy strategies to enhance reading.



**September Meeting Highlights**

The collage features four photographs: a man and woman presenting at a table, a group of people smiling, a woman speaking at a podium, and a classroom scene. A book cover for 'The Bear Ate Your Sandwich' is also visible.



## IRA Graduate Credit

Earn one (1) PD894 IRA graduate credit for recertification by signing up for the IRA course sponsored by the SOE Alumni Association by October 1. The cost is \$50 (\$20 recording fee + \$30 instructional fee). Current SOE Alumni Association members pay only the recording fee. For more information, visit the IRA course/SOE Alumni Association table or e-mail Erlinda Arriola at [esnariola@gdoe.net](mailto:esnariola@gdoe.net), Martha Sudo at [mjsudo@gmail.com](mailto:mjsudo@gmail.com), or Dr. Rivera at [mnriviera@gdoe.net](mailto:mnriviera@gdoe.net).

Need  for  ?

Want to build your own classroom library but need financial assistance? The Guam IRA is offering up to \$500 mini grant for books. Applications for fall is due at the October 1, 2016 IRA meeting no later than 11:00 a.m. Applications are available on the Guam IRA website, [iraguam.blogspot.com](http://iraguam.blogspot.com). Any questions, please see Lois Gumataotao or email her at [ltgumataotao@gmail.com](mailto:ltgumataotao@gmail.com).



## Jumpstart's Read for the Record® 2016

On Thursday, October 27, 2016, millions of children and adults around the world will gather to read and enjoy a common book. This year's campaign book is, *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich* by Julia Sarcone-Roach. The book is a classic tale of a bear's epic journey and the mystery surrounding one delicious sandwich! The IRA Hardcover book table will have the title for sale for \$14 at this month's meeting.

Jumpstart's Read for the Record® is a national campaign that was launched over a decade ago to help address the educational inequities that leave too many children unprepared for kindergarten. Read for the Record® mobilizes millions of children and adults to celebrate literacy by participating in the world's largest shared-reading experience.

Join IRA, Guam, and the world on October 27, 2016 and read *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich*. You may register to read for the event and download free resources for the classroom at <http://www.jstart.org/campaigns/read-for-the-record>

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## Book Exchange Table

**New Teachers** --I was given some used student library books at the last meeting. This is a way to add to your classroom library. Stop by the Book Exchange table and see what they are.

**Retired teachers and those who have changed grade levels** -- Help out the new teachers by donating your library to the students. The table will be open to get reading material for your enjoyment. Bring a book or several and take home some home for your reading pleasure. Put them in your car today so you don't forget Saturday morning.



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