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**Hafa Adaj,**

I hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready to start the new school year! I wish you a fruitful year as you mold the minds of Guam's children to become lifelong and contributing citizens in society. We are here to help you in this goal and empower your students to discover the wonder and the worlds to be found in books. We are genuinely committed to improving literacy and reading instruction in Guam and Micronesia. Please join us for our first general membership meeting on September 3, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at George Washington High School.

## President's Message

The Honorable Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood will be kicking off our CY 2016-2017 with a positive and empowering note to promote literacy. The first 100 members who attend the meeting will be given a token bag filled with treats from this year's ILA Conference in Boston, Massachusetts. The theme of the conference was Transforming Lives Through Literacy 2.0. In addition, Guam IRA members who attended the conference were instrumental in getting additional raffle prizes for this council year. The members include Evangeline Chaco, CY 2015-2016 Guam IRA President; Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, CY 2016-

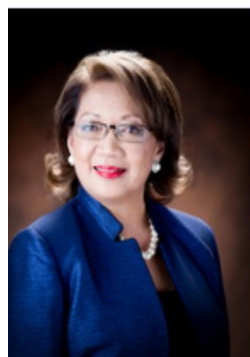
2017 Guam IRA President; Dylan Orot and April Cordova, John F. Kennedy High School representatives; Annette Raguindin, M.U. Lujan Elementary School representative; and Lois T. Gumataotao, LBJ/Tamuning Elementary representative. They will be presenting literacy workshops in the near future.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase', and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Your Literacy Partner,  
**Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera**



## Promoting Education



Dr. Nerissa Bretania Underwood

Dr. Nerissa Bretania Underwood is a Democratic Senator in the 33rd Guam Legislature. She is a former Superintendent for the Guam Department of Education (GDOE). She served as GDOE's research, planning, and evaluation administrator. She holds a doctorate of philosophy from the University of Oregon, a master's degree in education, and a bachelor of arts degree in education. She has also served as the chair of the committee to develop Guam

Department of Education's master plan relative to the increase in military presence. Dr. Underwood has been a leader in the local Filipino community organizations and an advocate of Guam's quest for self-determination and has served the community as a member of the Guam Memorial Hospital's board of trustees, the Guam Humanities Council, and St. Paul Christian School's board of directors. She is also the vice chair of the Democratic Party of Guam.



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## 2016-2017 IRA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

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

## REFER A NEW MEMBER AND GET A \$5 CHIT

Already an International Reading Association member? REFER A FRIEND. You will be given a \$5.00 chit for each new member that you refer. The chit can be used at any of the IRA tables, including paperback, hardcover, software, novelties, professional resources, etc. Good luck!

## 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. 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 [esnarrowia@gdoe.net](mailto:esnarrowia@gdoe.net), Martha Sudo at [mjsudo@gmail.com](mailto:mjsudo@gmail.com), or Dr. Rivera at [mnriviera@gdoe.net](mailto:mnriviera@gdoe.net).



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## Book Exchange Table

The Book Exchange Table will be open again this year. Bring a book or several and go home with some new reading for yourself. I have a few to start with so bring a bunch so we have a good selection.

## For September & October

Teachers who have changed grade levels and want to get rid of their student reading library may bring their books so new teachers and others who have changed grade levels may get them for their classes. This is a great way to share the books you have gotten from Read-A-Thons over the years.



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