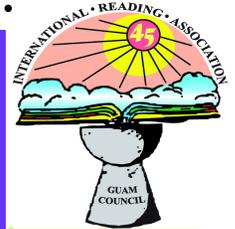


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LAST GRANT CYCLE!

LAST CHANCE OF THE YEAR!

The last grant cycle of the year is coming up very quickly. Now is a GOOD time to start putting your application together. The Guam Council-IRA Grants committee offers up to \$500 dollars to purchase books for your classroom. Just complete the grants application forms by the April Spend it All meeting.

You must be willing to share your ideas with our members, be a current member (by February 2014), must have attended at least one meeting, submit an evaluation form on time, and did not receive a grant from the Spring/Fall grant cycles.

Applications for the Spring 2014 grant cycle are due on Saturday, at the April 2014 Spend it All Meeting (no later than 11 A.M.) to the GRANTS TABLE please see Evelyn Topasna or Geraldine Pablo.

As a reminder to the recipients of the Spring and Fall 2013 grant cycles, your evaluations will be due at the last IRA general membership meeting in May. Please ensure that your evaluation and corresponding documents are submitted to avoid jeopardizing your chances of receiving grants in the future.

For further inquiries, please visit the grants table or email us at edptguam@yahoo.com or 689-9455 (Evelyn) or 727-5567 (Geri). You may also visit our website at www.iraguam.blogspot.com for all grant forms.

**Guam IRA Executive Board
Nominations for Council
Year 2014-2015**

Are you up for a new challenge in promoting literacy? Do you have fabulous ideas you would like to share with the organization and community? Do you enjoy working collaboratively with volunteers? If yes, then you would be a valuable asset to the Guam Council as our next President-Elect/Read-A-Thon 2015 Chairperson, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, or Corresponding Secretary. Please email your name and position you are interested in to Margaret Asuncion at mrsmasuncion@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE!!

Have you met ALL the criteria for the random drawing? If so....you are eligible to go to New Orleans. The random drawing will be held during the March meeting and ONE random winner will join the Guam Delegates to experience the world of Universal Literacy.

Random Drawing Winner Criteria...

- *Current member of Guam International Reading Association
- *Must have attended 3 general meetings
- *18 years old
- *Remain on Guam and actively serve on GIRA Board CY 2014-2015
- *Must be present

Nancy Bo Flood

Nancy Bo Flood, author of *Warriors in the Crossfire*, has a new book, *Cowboy Up! Ride the Navajo Road*. She will be speaking at the IRA Conference in New Orleans in early May. Boyds Mills Press, publisher of her book, will host a book signing at the conference on May 10 at 1:00pm and will be giving away complimentary copies of her new book. Nancy is a former resident of Saipan and author of three volumes of Pacific Islands legends.

Visit the Effective Literacy Website Articles

Educational Technology
Family Literacy in the Pacific

at

<http://edtechno1.blogspot.com/>

Book Exchange Table

The Book Exchange Table will take your already read books and let you choose something you have not read. One for one is a really good deal. Remember at the end of the year the books will go to the Alee Shelter and Women's Prison.



UOG SOE Alumni to Hold Silent Auction

The University of Guam School of Education Alumni Association is holding a silent auction during the Guam IRA March 8 meeting. Proceeds will go toward the organization's mission of effectively preparing educators and other education personnel for professional performance in diverse cultural contexts. It also serves as a connection for which SOE alumni can give back to their alma mater by sharing their talents, resources, etc. in different SOE events. It further serves as a source for developing alumni pride, spirit, and life-long commitments to the School of Education. SOE Alumni members are welcome to join and attend the general membership meeting at Saint Paul's, which will be held following the Guam IRA meeting.



SOE Alumni Officers:

Pictured L-R front row: Graziella "Grace" Griffin, President; Margaret Beem, Vice President; and Martha Sudo, Secretary.

Back row L-R: Matilda Naputi Rivera, Webmaster; Lois Taitano Gumataotao, Public Information Officer; Rose Marie Cruz Castro, Treasurer; and Dr. Lourdes Klitzkie, Advisor.



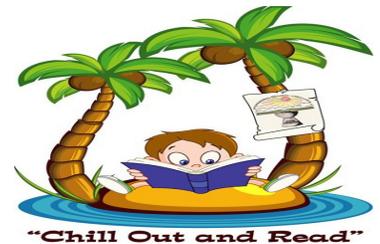
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Buenas yan Hafa Adai GC-IRA Members!

The Council would like to thank Read-A-Thon Chairperson, Mary Livingston for an job well done coordinating performances for the Ligan Elementary School Spirit Squad to kick-off **Read-A-Thon 2014: "Reading for Excellence"** at last month's meeting. We would also like to thank you for the tremendous support with the varied school activities throughout that endorsed Read-A-Thon Week. This annual event aligns with our mission statement to promote literacy on the island and in the Pacific region. Additionally, local members were given a special presentation by the Japan Panel Theatre group under the direction of Professors Ryojun Kouda and Yoshiko Fujita.

Next, this month's 7th general membership meeting "*Enthusiasm for Reading.*" will be held on **Saturday, March 8th** in **Saint Paul Christian School's Gymnasium** from **8:00-11:00 am**, where the 2nd series of presentations from the 58th Annual International Reading Association's Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas will feature Board members, Geraldine Biliran and Lolita (Bheng) Torres, and Council President, Debbie Castanieto-Duenas.

Miss Biliran will presenting on "*E-Portfolios and Edmodo – Personalized Learning for a Technologically Literate Generation.*" This workshop pertains to the use of technology with an emphasis on E-portfolios and Edmodo. Participants will walk away from the workshop having newfound knowledge on ways to promote the use of technology within the classroom. The overall effort is in promoting literacy through valuable feedback, while incorporating student ownership.

Mrs. Castanieto-Duenas will be sharing on "*Interactive Notebooks: How to Scaffold Content for Academic Success and Maximize Student Output.*" This workshop is open to teachers and media specialists in primary and secondary learners age range. Participants will be able to use practical knowledge to maximize students' output in core subjects, actively improve students' note-taking and retention abilities, assess students' learning and progress, whilst engaging parents in support of classroom goals.

One of the memorable moments of being an IRA member is the raffle that takes place after the meeting. Congratulations to Ms. Maridel Perez for winning the grand prize, a 5-piece dining set at last month's meeting. This month a local council member has the opportunity to win varied prizes as well as a trip to the 59th Annual IRA Convention to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on May 9th-12th. This year's theme is *Reading...The Teachable Moment*. The winner will be joining the Read-A-Thon 2014 school representative winners. They will be attending various workshops, institutes, symposiums, and listen to authors and illustrators from around the world. The following council year, they will in turn impart their experiences with local members. So, please make time in your busy schedule, and who knows, you might be that blessed winner to join us and enjoy walking through the French Quarter in New Orleans.

Finally, we will be having our executive board election in April. That being said, we are currently accepting nominations for Council Year 2014-2015 at the membership table. If you are looking for another challenge in your life and love to promote reading while networking with colleagues and educators, feel free to call 637-8544 or email guamreadathon2013@gmail.com, and we will ensure your name is placed on the ballot.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting! "Chill Out "with a Good Read!" ~ *Debbie*