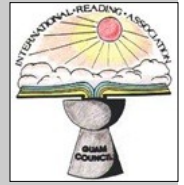




# Guam Council International Reading Association



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## Improve Reading: A Culture's Challenge

Improve Reading: A Culture's Challenge is this month's theme. As our schools try to keep up with technology, we are also trying to stay informed of new and best practices, identify useful and educational websites, and just to keep up with technology in general. We hope that these last two dynamic presentations for the year by Dr. Matilda Rivera & Grace Griffin and Mary Livingston (Read-A-Thon 2011 School Representative Winner) will be the next step for you to be more comfortable in using technology in your classroom. Although we really enjoy turning the pages of a paperback book, we must realize that eBooks are slowly replacing them. But, thank goodness we have our annual Read-A-Thon in which we bring both paperback and eBooks together.

This month our hard-working and energetic Read-A-Thon 2012 Chairperson and President Elect, Jonathan Pilarca will be announcing this year's School Representative Winners. These two individuals will have the opportunity to attend the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual International Reading Associations Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

However, ONE lucky local council member will also be joining the Guam Delegation in Chicago. Yes, it is true. If this person attends the March meeting at the Aurora Resort Villa and Spa and meets the raffle drawing eligibility requirements, then he or she will have the next seat on that plane. So, make arrangements to be at our general

membership meeting this month.

CONGRATULATIONS, Mr. Pilarca on an outstanding job in promoting literacy this year through Read-A-Thon 2012: I ♥ Reading: Read One Love One.

Lastly, we will be taking nominations for the next council year. If you are interested in becoming a more active member, have new and innovative ideas that will benefit the local council, and perhaps need a new challenge in your life. Please see Mr. Pilarca or any board member at the meeting.

We hope to see everyone this month...adios!

## Win a Door Prize

We invite everyone to join the Guam International Reading Association and attend this month's general meeting. As you sign in, you are eligible to win a door prize at the end of the meeting. We are raffling prizes, such as seat cushions, cloth bags, storage bin sets, collapsible book display, rolling carts, a shelf, and many more with books to promote reading.

We congratulate Liz Reed for winning the Ipad 2, Jonah Mendiola for winning the television set, and Leah Leon Guerrero for winning the Kindle during the February meeting. This month, the Guam I.R.A. members are eligible to win one of the top three prizes, which are a Kindle, a television set, or a netbook. The International members have a chance to win a special prize. We look forward to seeing you.

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**VOTE VOTE**

**The UOG  
SOE Alumni  
Association**

is holding its annual election of officers on March 10, 2012 during the Guam IRA General Membership meeting at the Aurora Resort Villa and Spa. Exercise your right to vote!

# RAT 2012—I ♥ Reading: Read One · Love One

## Hardcover Table

National Book Awards, Newberry Awards, Caldecott Medal Winners, New York Times Best Sellers, Oscar Winners.....Where can you find them? Stop by the Hardcover table at IRA to peruse the offerings. We have such titles as **Inside Out & Back Again** by Thanhha Lai - a national book award winner; **Moon Over Manifest** by Clare Vanderpool – a Newberry Award Winner ; **Dead End in Norvelt** by Jack Gantos – another Newberry Award Winner; **Heart of a Samurai** by Margi Preus – a Newberry Honor Book; and **The Invention of Hugo Cabret** by Brian Selznick- a Caldecott Medal Winner (which of course was made into a movie version ....winner of 5 Oscars). So come by the Hardcover table this week and check out these titles and many more.

## Book Exchange

Remember to bring your books to the IRA meeting in exchange for others. We have a great selection to choose from. The books go to the Alee Shelter at the end of the school year.



We would like to thank everyone for a successful Read-A-Thon 2012 “I ♥ Reading: Read One · Love One” Kick Off Meeting. Most especially to Mr. Jeff Arkell and Ms. Karen Robison from Creative Materials Publishing Company, Read-A-Thon 2012 Committee, Guam Council Board Members, Mr. Kenneth Chargualaf, Principal of JFKHS, JFK Boys & Girls Tennis Team, Mrs. Aileen Sablan, Vivace 9, Liguán Spirit Squad/Advisors, Ms. Kressia Aquino, W.A.Y. JFKHS Student Government/JFK National Honor Society, Mrs. Gretchen Andres, Ms. Sahlee Felisan, Ms. Geraldine Biliran, Ms. Hazel Basilio, Mrs. Christine Mallari, and the board member’s families.

In addition, we would like to thank the Read-A-Thon 2012 School Representatives, teachers, students, and families for a successful week! The students around the island were able to raise pledges of \$125,095.85. Great Job everyone! The Top Schools will be announced during our **March 10, 2012** General Membership Meeting at **Guam Aurora Villa & Spa Hotel** from 9:00A.M. -11:00 A.M.

We will also be announcing the School Representatives who are eligible for a trip to the International Reading Association’s Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois. We hope to see you there!

Love,

*Jonathan*



JFK Student poses behind one of the RAT2012 Banners displayed at the JFK Courtyard.



Dr. Kelly Sukola poses next to the RAT2012 Banner displayed at the JFK Counseling Department.



READ-A-THON 2012 KICK OFF WAVE in front of JFKHS on February 10, 2012 .



## Top Island-Wide Schools:

- Agueda**
- Carbullido**
- GWHS**
- JFK**
- JM Guerrero**
- Price**
- San Vicente**
- Simon Sanchez**
- Upi**



READ-A-THON 2012 Counting at Bank of Guam in Hagatna



## Japan Panel Theater and Early Literacy

Young audiences will be thrilled with both new and familiar stories as the Japan Panel Theater storytellers visit schools on Guam this first week of March. The storytellers manipulate pictures and reveal hidden figures on the Panel Board as their stories and songs unfold. Special black light effects increase that “wow” factor as they tell stories and sing songs in a darkened room.

Professor Kouda developed and taught this method of storytelling to aspiring teachers of young children in Japan. On Monday, March 5, he and his group will share this method with Early Childhood Education, Japanese Language, and the American Sign Language classes at Guam Community College. They will also be performing at the Japanese language classes at George Washington High School and at two Japanese Day Care Centers.

On Wednesday, March 7, the Japan Panel Theater will visit schools in northern Guam. Montessori Harmon, P.C. Lujan Elementry, and Machananao Elementary have been selected to host the JPT members, Professor Kouda, Professor Fujita, Ms. Sakurai Kyoko, Ms. Nakajima Megumi and Mr. Fujita Yasumasa.



It is a treat to host the group and see how young Japanese children are introduced to literacy. We thank them for their continued interest in performing for the children of Guam. Special thanks go to Fumiko Harada-Zeimer for coordinating this visit with the Guam IRA.

Cyndy Pruski

## International Members Listing

Roberta Abaday, Jovonne Aguon, Alyssa Aguon, Gretchen Andres, Erlinda Arriola, Eleanor Artero, Margaret Asuncion, Leonora Balajadia, Marilyn Balajadia, Jodie Barnhouse, Phyllis Blas, Jennifer Blas, Maria-Elena A. Blas, Tina Buendicho, Lethia Calvo, Clare Camacho, Rick Catotocan, Florence Cornwell, Vicky Cruz, Kim Thai Cruz, Lillian Cruz, Acie Jo Cruz, Lory Jane Danao, Irmingarda Diola, Anne Doi, Chona Domingo, Rachel Douglas, Debbie Duenas, Tracelyn Edwards, Patricia Fejeran, Rosemary Fergu-

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## Membership

We are proud to announce that we have 88 International Members on Guam. We would also like to thank the 30 people that joined and/or renewed their membership during this council year thus far. In appreciation for your international membership support, we will be having a special drawing this month.

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## Mensåhi ginen i Prisidenten IRA Nel Pendon-Limtiaco



Hafa Adai!

This month our General Membership Meeting will be at the **Aurora Resort Villa and Spa** (the former Okura Hotel). Dr. Matilda Rivera and Grace Griffin will be presenting "Using Class Blogs to Enhance Literacy" and Mary Livingston will be presenting "Tech-Key-Reader." Their innovative teaching strategies will be able to help you in the classroom, library, or any educational setting.

I would like to thank Jonathan Pilarca, this year's Read-A-Thon Chairperson, for an outstanding job last month. I would also like to thank you for the tremendous show of support during Read-A-Thon week. This annual event allows us to promote reading on the island and in the Pacific Region.

Don't forget, this month a local council member has an opportunity to win a trip to the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois. The theme for the convention is "Celebrating Teaching." The winner will be joining the Read-A-Thon 2012 School Representatives winners. They will be able to attend various workshops, institutes, symposiums, and listen to authors and illustrators from around the world. The following council year, they will share their experiences with our local members. So, please make time in your busy schedule because you might be the eligible winner. By the way, our International Members have a special door prize drawing this month. It's not too late to become an International Member and begin enjoying new information and research on reading.

Finally, we will be having our executive board election in April. We will be accepting nominations at the membership table. However, if you are looking for another challenge in your life, if you love to promote reading, and network with colleagues and educators, please let me know and we will make sure you're on the ballot.

We hope you'll be able to join us. Adios,

*Nel*

**September 10, 2011:**

*Sharing the Power of Literacy*

**October 15, 2011:**

*Intriguing Author - Marc Tyler Nobleman*

**November 5, 2011 –**

Guam Marriott Resort & Spa:

*Never too Late to Rejuvenate at the UOG's Language Arts Conference*

**December 10, 2011**

Agana Shopping Center:

*Communities Gather Together to Promote Reading*

**January 14, 2012:**

*Exciting New Things with Linda Warfel and Scholastic*

**February 11, 2012:**

*RAT 2012—I ♥ Reading: Read One · Love One*

**March 10, 2012:**

*Improve Reading : A Culture's Challenge*

**April 14, 2012:**

*Take Time Out to Shop*

**May 19, 2012:**

*Year End with Y-O-U*