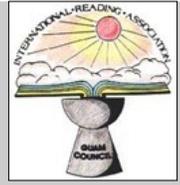




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## Intriguing Author - Marc Tyler Nobleman

Marc Tyler Nobleman is a professional freelance writer of narrative nonfiction, “the quirkiest the better”, who has written over 70 titles for children. He is also a cartoonist who contributes to over 100 magazines, including *Nickelodeon*, newsletters, and illustrates his own books.

Marc discovered his love of writing and drawing at an early age and followed this path through high school and college. He studied literature and history with a concentration in film theory. He began writing screen plays right after graduation, but had little success in selling them. He then accepted his first job in the marketing department at publishing company. When he was laid off four years later,

his girlfriend and now, wife, encouraged him to write and not look for another job. He has been “self-employed” ever since.

In an interview on the website, [www.kids-bookreview.com](http://www.kids-bookreview.com) he gives this advice to those who want to become writers; “Start young, read a lot, including books on the art of writing. Take notes on ‘turns of phrase’ you like, not to reuse, but rather to lend inspiration. Don’t let rejection stop you – let it challenge you to keep going.”

His presentations in the schools promise to be as diverse (and quirky) as his writing and will give students a glimpse of the events in his childhood that led him to his career as a writer. He will

share inspiring stories of overcoming rejection and how persistence pays. There will also be a special focus on his new book, *Boys of Steel: the Creators of Superman*, which was named an American Library Association Notable Book.

And, of course, he will draw cartoons. The students will play a cartoon game with him and vote on the cartoons they want him to draw. He also has a few surprises that he’s not telling. Come and get a preview at the IRA Meeting at the **Top of the Mar on October 15, 2011 from 8:00 to 11:00 AM.** Meet the author, let him autograph your books, sit back and ENJOY!

Cyndy Pruski

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



Hi All,

It was great to see everyone at the last month’s general membership meeting.

As the new President-Elect of GUAM IRA, I am focusing on the foundation of our organization. With aligning the goal of Guam IRA: One Book Can Make a Difference,

**“I ♥ Reading: Read One · Love One”**

has been chosen as the theme for Read-A-Thon 2012.

Mark your calendars!

**Read-A-Thon 2012 will begin on Saturday February 11 and go until Saturday, February 18, 2012.**

Valentine’s Day also lands on this week, which is great!

For RAT 2012 to be successful, I am in search of interested members who are willing to be in the Read-A-Thon committees to help on this event.

Please contact me at 642-2100 ext. 4355 or by email at [guamreadathon2012@gmail.com](mailto:guamreadathon2012@gmail.com).

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Keep reading every month for latest news!

Love,  
Jonathan



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## Come and Join Us

Marc Tyler Nobleman will be arriving this Thursday evening at 6:00 P.M. on Continental Flight 1. Come join us in welcoming him to Guam. Bring a sign or a lei or just yourself. We give special thanks to Continental/United Airlines, Inc and Katie Black for arranging Mr. Nobleman’s ticket to Guam.





## Nobleman's Books

### Books available:

*Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman*

*Vanished*

*Detective Notebook*

*Vocabulary Cartoon of the Day for Grades 2-3*

*Vocabulary Cartoon of the Day for Grades 4-6*

*Quick Nonfiction Writing Activities*

## Novelties

The Novelties Table has many Halloween items for sale. From pencils to bat and spider rings, jack-o-lantern, glow sticks. Halloween containers (witch's cauldron, etc...) as well as regular everyday teacher items (stamps, pull cart, markers). Many incentives for students (jump rope, putty/slime, erasers, pencils, balls etc...)

## Book Exchange

Bring a book, or books, to the meeting so you can take a book home to read.

We do have a small selection to choose from already.

Books go to the Alee Shelter at the end of the school year.



## UOG's LANGUAGE ARTS CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON PROMOTING AND SUSTAINING LITERACY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY AND THE CONTENT AREAS

The University of Guam's 24<sup>th</sup> 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 "Promoting and Sustaining Literacy through Technology and the Content Areas." The conference will be held Saturday, **November 5, 2011** at the **Guam Marriott Resort and Spa**. For more information, go to <http://www.uog.edu/languageartsconference>.

This year's keynote speaker, Dr. Margaruite Smith, is the Director of Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), Hawaii and Pacific Sales and Service for McGraw-Hill Education. In that capacity, she is responsible for textbook and online learning sales and all aspects of teacher training and Professional Development

services for McGraw-Hill School of Education materials, including SRA, Macmillan, Glencoe and Wright Group products to the Department of Defense Schools and to Guam, Marshall Islands, Palau, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Federated States of Micronesia, American Samoa, and Hawaii.

She has degrees from Texas Tech University, Texas Southern University, and the University of Denver in education and in educational administration. She has taught in every grade level 1-12, and has been an elementary administrator. She has teacher certification in reading, English as a Second Language, as well as in general studies K-12.

The LAC will also offer two graduate credits for those who possess at least a bachelor's degree or 2.5 CEUs for those who do not hold a degree. As part of the course requirements,

students must complete the following: full attendance at the conference; classroom application of one or more of the strategies/techniques learned at the conference; write a brief reflection for each session attended; attend two additional brief meetings, and write a five-page, typed, double-spaced paper explaining how the Language Arts Conference has increased their knowledge and understanding of promoting and sustaining literacy through technology and the content areas.

Students must register for the conference before they register for the graduate credits/CEUs 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 [mnrivera1@yahoo.com](mailto:mnrivera1@yahoo.com).

## MONEY...MONEY....MONEY!



This is your chance to get money for your classroom to buy new books, software, etc. Take advantage of this great opportunity.

Visit our website at [www.iraguam.blogspot.com](http://www.iraguam.blogspot.com) for more details on criteria and qualifications.

Fall 2011 grant applications are due at this coming general meeting, **October 15, 2011 on or**

**before 11:00 a.m. at the grant table.**

If you have any questions please contact Evelyn Topasna at 565-6710, 689-9455, or [evelyntopasna@gmail.com](mailto:evelyntopasna@gmail.com).

## iPad 2 iPad 2 iPad 2 iPad 2 iPad 2

Did you hear that if you are a current International Member you are eligible to win an iPad 2 at this meeting? Yes, it is true...\*but you must bring your international membership card for verification. Is there an opportunity to become a member at this meeting, so that I can be entered for the chance to win the iPad 2? Yes, just sign up, the membership fees are as follows:

**On-line Membership: \$24.00**

✓All membership benefits delivered online only, including Reading Today and any selected journal subscriptions.

**Basic Membership: \$39.00**

**Student Basic Membership: \$24.00**

✓Discounted rates are available for up to five years to students enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program.

What are the benefits of IRA Membership?

**✓Access to excellent research and evidence-based practice**

IRA journals are the first choice of literacy educators at all levels. Are you looking for research or tips for your classroom? Do you need the latest on hot topics or a deeper understanding of the essentials? IRA journals have something for you. IRA's award-winning, peer-reviewed publications include *The Reading Teacher*, *the Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*, and *Reading Research Quarterly*.

**✓Significant savings, members-only opportunities**

Nowhere else will you find such an array of books and videos, all focused exclusively on literacy practice and research and all available to members at a 20% discount. With the exclusive, members-

only IRA Book Club, books will come right to your door throughout your membership year.

**✓Outstanding professional development opportunities**

At our conferences and conventions you'll be welcomed into the global community of professionals who share your commitment to literacy. As a member, you receive substantial discounts on rates and can access early members-only registration periods for the annual convention.

**✓A place to make a difference**

IRA provides a number of ways to get involved. Join our advocacy efforts and help influence education policy. Volunteer for or sponsor a literacy project. IRA membership places you in an international network of professionals in the field of reading and education.

## Marc Tyler Nobleman's School Visits October 17-27, 2011

Agana Heights Elementary  
Capt. H.B. Price Elementary  
Carbullido Elementary  
Chief Brodie Elementary  
D.L. Perez Elementary  
H.S.Truman Elementary  
J.M. Guerrero Elementary  
Marcial Sablan Elementary  
Mt. Carmel Catholic  
San Vicente Catholic  
St. Francis Catholic

St. Paul's Christian  
Talofofo Elementary  
Tamuning Elementary  
Agueda Johnston Middle  
F.B.Leon Guerrero Middle



Jose Rios Middle  
Oceanview Middle  
Untalan Middle  
V.S.A Benavente Middle  
George Washington High  
J.F.Kennedy High  
Notre Dame High  
Okkodo High  
Simon Sanchez High  
Southern High

## 2011-12 Board

**President**—Nel Pendon-Limtiaco

**President Elect**—Jonathan Pilarca

**Treasurer**—Stephanie Flores

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**Book Exchange**—Jane Rayphand

**Door Prizes**—Kimberly Flores, Leah Leon Guerrero, F. Glenn Lujan

**Grants**—Evelyn Topasna, Geraldine Pablo, Connie Mallada

**Hard Cover**—Rebecca North, James O'Donnell, Verna Mendiola

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**Newsletter Editor**—Grace Griffin

**Novelties**—Danielle Bansil, Rosemary Ferguson, Roschelle Cruz

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**Professional Resources**—Krystle DeVera, Sheila Perez

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**Publicity**—Ignacia Gumataotao, Jennifer Tainatongo

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## Habitat For Humanity's Quiz Nite Returns

Habitat for Humanity is an international, non-profit housing ministry dedicated to providing decent housing worldwide and on our island for low income families in need. Habitat's popular fundraiser, Quiz Nite, returns:

- ✓ November 4th 6:00 PM at the Guam Marriott Resort and Spa
- ✓ Dinner Served 6:30 PM
- ✓ Game Starts 7:30 PM
- ✓ Tickets \$270 for a team of six

For tickets or to volunteer contact Habitat at 647-4667 or [habitat@guam.net](mailto:habitat@guam.net) or Becky North at 565-6480 or [bnorth@guam.net](mailto:bnorth@guam.net)

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*

## Mensåhi ginen i Prisidenten IRA Nel Pendon-Limtiaco



*Hafa Adai!*

I would like to begin by thanking Acie Jo Cruz, Rebecca North, and Margaret Asuncion for sharing their knowledge and promoting literacy throughout the island during last month's general membership meeting. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Katie Black and Continental/United Airlines for providing our grand prize, a round trip ticket to anywhere in the Asia/Pacific region. Congratulations Vickie Loughran! I hope you have a wonderful trip! To the amazing and dedicated board members, thank you for everything you've done in making our first meeting a success!

Wait...look, up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It should be Superman, but it's really Nobleman. Marc Tyler Nobleman that is...the creative mind behind the book *Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman*. Clark...oops, I mean Marc will be our visiting author and he will be sharing his experiences as a non-fiction writer and cartoonist this month. So, make arrangements and join us for a wonderful time on top of the hill for this will be a great opportunity to meet with a real super star!

Promoting literacy and having the opportunity to win a prize is always exciting. How can you join in the fun? Well, just dress up as your favorite book character. Yup, you read it right! A few of our board members will be judges and they will be selecting four winners at this month's meeting. The rules are simple dress up, show up, sign up, and don't forget to have your favorite book at your side. You must be present to win the gift certificates from School Essentials. Winners will also be announced after the author's presentation. *Orange* you thrilled?!

Besides the array of books for you to share with your students and family, being inspired by our visiting author, and dressing up as your favorite book character, we hope you'll consider becoming an International Member. Just stop by our membership table and they will gladly assist you.

I hope to see you this month at Top O' the Mar!

*Adios,  
Nel*