



# GUAM COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION

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## *A Message from the President*



Hafa Adai and Happy Holidays! Thank you to our members that were able to attend the annual Language Arts Conference. The Guam Chapter of the International Reading Association annually sponsors the Language Arts Conference. Our partnership with the University of Guam's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences continues to be a fruitful one because the Language Arts Conference provides our members with professional development and a chance to meet future and current educators. The knowledge shared during conferences was amazing, and I am glad to continue the tradition of the Language Arts Conference.

Speaking of tradition, our Community Book Fair will replace our December meeting. The Book Fair is a chance for our chapter to go out into the community and share the joy of reading and, of course, the joy of Christmas. Literacy is the way that we get to explore the world and continue to learn about different perspectives and different people, sharing the understanding for a more peaceful world.

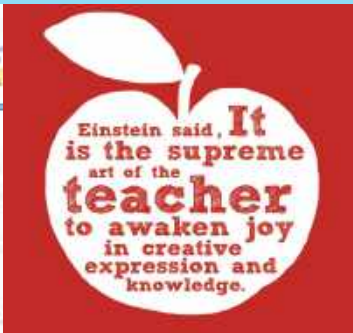
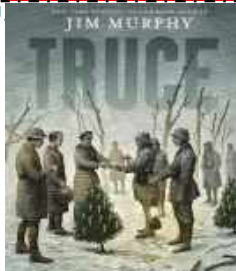
*Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!*

*Your Council Year 2019-2020 IRA President,  
Nilfa Milan*

### **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

#### DESCRIPTION:

On July 29th 1914, the world's peace was shattered as the artillery of the Austria-Hungary Empire began shelling the troops of the country to its south. What followed was like a row of falling dominoes as one European country after another rushed into war. Soon most of Europe was fighting in this calamitous war that could have been avoided. This was, of course, the First World War. But who could have guessed that on December 25 the troops would openly defy their commanding officers by stopping the fighting and having a spontaneous celebration of Christmas with their 'enemies'? In what can only be described as a Christmas Miracle, this beautiful and heartrending narrative will remind everyone how brotherhood and love for one another reaches far beyond war and politics. (Scholastic, 2019)



### **IRA 2019-2020 General Meetings**

**8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

- ~~September 7, 2019 (Liguan Elem.)~~
- ~~October 5, 2019 (Liguan Elem.)~~
- ~~November 15-16, 2019 (L.A.C. @ Pacific Star Hotel)~~
- December 14, 2019 (Book Fair; Agaña Shopping Center)
- January 11, 2020 (Liguan Elem.)
- February 8, 2020 (Read-a-thon [RAT] Kick-off; Agaña Shopping Center)
- March 21, 2020 (RAT prize distribution, Liguan Elem.)
- April 18, 2020 (Spend It All, Spend It Now, Liguan Elem.)
- May 2, 2020 (Liguan Elem.)

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## Community Book Fair

The Guam Council of the International Reading Association will be hosting its annual Community Book Fair on December 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Agana Shopping Center. Be prepared for an extensive array of books to satisfy your hunger for the written word! This is an event for teachers and parents looking to foster a love for reading in their child(ren) or for the avid reader looking for their next adventure! Christmas goodies for stocking stuffers will also be available for purchase at the Novelties table, so mark your calendars!



### CHRISTMAS BREAK LUXURIES OF A TEACHER:

*Bored Teachers*

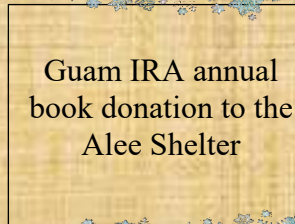
1. Peeing whenever you want.
2. Going out to lunch like normal people.
3. Drinking coffee before it gets cold.
4. Reading a book not written for children.
5. Wearing comfortable clothes.
6. No bells, no fire drills, no alarm clocks.
7. Silence...sweet silence.



Fall 2019 Grant  
Winner, Ciann San  
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\$500 check



Guam IRA annual  
book donation to the  
Department of  
Corrections library



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The SOE Alumni  
Association  
presented a \$1000  
check to sponsor  
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November IRA Meeting  
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IRA members shop around for  
good books for their classroom



Conference  
keynote  
speaker  
explains  
Philosophy  
for Children  
(P4C)

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The best part about this website is that everyone is invited to join in on the fun! No matter where you live or how old you are, all you need is a copy of the campaign book or access to a computer with internet. When you pledge to read, you'll receive campaign news and updates on all things RFTR.

Additionally, you need to include the number of children and adults you plan to read with Jumpstart's Read for the Record, RFTR

(<https://www.jstart.org/read-for-the-record/>) record breaking total.

Finally, this website highlights the importance of building early language and literacy skills they need to be ready for kindergarten, setting them on a path for lifelong success and celebrates the amazing power of reading!

Stories holds endless potential to develop child's imagination, help build a greater understanding of the world, and cultivate a lifelong love of reading.



## READ-A-THON 2020

Look out and save the date for the annual IRA Read-a-thon in February 2020! The kick-off meeting is February 8, 2020 at Agana Shopping Center. See you there!

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