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Dreaming Again - Year in Review

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As a final celebration of this year's theme "**Chill Out & Read!**" and our continued success in promoting literacy throughout the island, we invite you to our last general membership meeting "**Dreaming Again - Year in Review!**" to be held on Saturday, May 24th from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the San Jose Ballroom (Mezzanine) at the Guam Outrigger Resort in Tumon. We will be closing out the year with a focus on the 3rd series of presentations from the 58th Annual International Reading Association Convention in San Antonio, Texas. To **Celebrating Teachers - Making A Difference** in teaching literacy, Guam delegates, Lolita Torres and Becky Martinez will engage you in two different literacy techniques you can use in your classroom. You choose which presentation to attend during the break out session.

First, Becky Martinez will be presenting on "**Envelope Graphic Organizers/ Foldables.**" This workshop is a part two series on the Dinah Zike foldables session held at the 58th Convention in San Antonio, Texas, and is open to teachers in the primary grade levels. Students' work from her classroom will be on display as

she will give instructions for the make and take workshop. This session will definitely give you a heads up on how future projects can be transformed.

Second, Mrs. Lolita Torres will be presenting on "**Will You Marry Me? Interactive Literacy Bulletin Board.**" In this session, teachers will be exposed to the different types of bulletin boards. Likely, they will engage to informally self-assess themselves through hands-on activities. In the end, teachers will "walk to the aisle" or venture themselves to "journey to 40 books," "tweet me," and "be a word catcher."

Additionally, the new officers for Council Year 2014-2015 will be installed; namely, President, *Maria Livingston*; President-Elect, *Evangeline Chaco*; Recording Secretary, *Robelyn Bumagat*; Corresponding Secretary, *Jennifer Berry* and Treasurer, *Tina Buedicho*. Congratulations ladies!

Along with the installation of officers, we will be sharing a "Year in Review" presentation created by GC-IRA's Historian, Charleena Yanger, recognizing

several sponsors and council members for their outstanding contribution to the organization. If you join the local council for school year 2014-2015, your name will be entered for a chance to win a *Fruit & Vegetable Juice Extractor*, and your name will be entered to next year's IRA Annual Convention, which takes place in St. Louis, Missouri on July 17-20, 2015. A first in IRA history... "a summer convention that will avoid disruption from the regular school year" (*Marcie Craig Post, IRA's Executive Director*). There will also be a final prize, a *Kindle Fire* for being international members. Lastly, the council will be raffling out a *Microwave Oven* and other great prizes to local members at the end of the meeting. You don't want to miss this last memorable membership meeting as we celebrate the 45th year of our local council. Don't forget to attend this Saturday's General Membership meeting to reminisce, and enjoy with colleagues and friends another great year of literacy. Have a great summer as you "**CHILL OUT with a Good Read!**" God Bless You!~ **DEBBIE**

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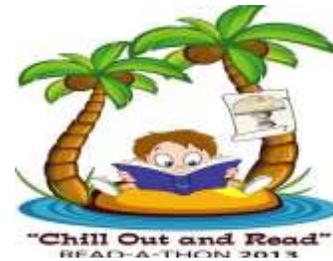
BOOK EXCHANGE TABLE

The Book Exchange Table will be at the last meeting of this school year. Come and get some books to read this summer. Bring a book and take one home or bring several and take several home. The books will go to the Women's Prison and Alee Shelter this year and we will start fresh for next school year.



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MENSÁHI GINEN I PRISIDENTEN GUAHAN KONSEHILON ~ IRA

Buenas yan Hafa Adai Council Members,

In the words of Mother Teresa, "God has not called me to be SUCCESSFUL. He called me to be FAITHFUL." That being said, Si Yu'us Ma'asi, Maraming Salamat Po, "Thank you so much" to all of you for giving me the opportunity to become your President this council year, especially as we celebrate this amazing council being in operation for 45 years.

Congratulations and best wishes go out to Maria Livingston, educator from San Vicente Catholic School, her committee for a successful Read-A-Thon 2014 and April meeting, and her incoming board. Their dynamism and passion for literacy will bring innovative ideas for the upcoming council year.

This month's theme is "Dreaming Again – Year in Review." We have great things planned for you. Starting with our Historian, Charleena Yanger who has compiled and will be highlighting this year's accomplishments to include the 18th year for *Honor Council*, sponsorship of the University of Guam's Language Arts Conference, PBS Guam's Go Writer's Contest, Philippines Outreach, and local members attending the Annual International Reading Association's Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Furthermore, you will witness the induction of our new officers. Our best wishes for the upcoming year. Additionally, we will be concluding our series of presentations from the 58th Annual International Reading Association Convention with Lolita Torres, and Becky Martinez. Anticipate great ideas to get members enthusiastic for the upcoming school year. We invite you to come early and browse through the variety of tables offering discounted pricing.

Since becoming a member of the Guam Council of the International Reading Association, life has been fast-tracked for the past four years. The GC-IRA has afforded me opportunities to strengthen my relationships by way of collaborating with our local community, while networking with other professional educators, as well. No matter where my professional career finds me, being a part of the only non-profit Literacy organization on island will forever be treasured. Thank you, GC-IRA for affording me the opportunity to serve as president. My appreciation also extends to my family (most especially my husband, Peter and daughter, Mallary) for supporting me as RAT 2013 Chairperson and President. To all my friends (Lelean Sigrah, Julie Aguon, Cheryl Maravilla, Paul and Deborah Pineda, Judith Arida, and Leizl Ochavillo), Thank you for your wisdom, guidance, support and numerous prayers you contributed throughout the two years of my service with GC-IRA.

Next, to the 2013-2014 board members, I extend my deepest appreciation for everything each of you have done in support of this organization. Your contribution made it a success! A genuine appreciation to immediate past president, Jonathan Pilarca and past presidents, Neldie Limtiaco for their guidance, assistance, wisdom as they replied to numerous emails throughout the past two years. Thank you to our active membership because all your efforts helped the local council accomplish so many literacy programs, and I challenge you to be more proactive by becoming a future board member, so you can continue to Share and promote reading throughout Guam.

In closing, by attending this month's meeting, renewing your membership for next council year 2014-2015, and encouraging a co-worker, friend, or loved one to join the Guam Council IRA, a special prize awaits you! This year's council will be raffling great prizes this Saturday for being a current general member, an IRA member, and a new member for next year. To extend appreciation of the hard work in promoting literacy throughout Guam, there will be a special breakfast lined up for you. We hope to see you on **Saturday, May 24th** in the **San Jose Ballroom (Mezzanine area)** at the **Outrigger Guam Resort** in Tumon.

Have a Blessed Summer, Grab a book, and...

"Chill Out with a Good Read!"

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