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A Message from the President

Welcome back to another exciting IRA year! Well, the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year has begun with new beginnings! After 2 months of much needed vacation, destressing, reflection, and rejuvenation, it is time for you to make a fresh start with a new classroom, new routines, new books (maybe), and new students and teachers. However, we have those students who struggle with reading and they don't see another school year of starting over as a good thing. IRA is here to promote our commitment to literacy. We need to help our children. As teachers, we need to "walk the talk" to continue to build awareness of the challenges we face so that we will work together to provide solutions. IRA needs you! On behalf of my board members, I invite you to join IRA and to encourage your colleagues to join.

If your school signs up 10 teachers by the end of October 2018, your school will receive a printer for teachers' use. The first meeting takes place on September 22 at JQ San Miguel Elementary School from 8:00am to 11:00am. Membership Fee is \$25 for the year!



Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you on September 22!

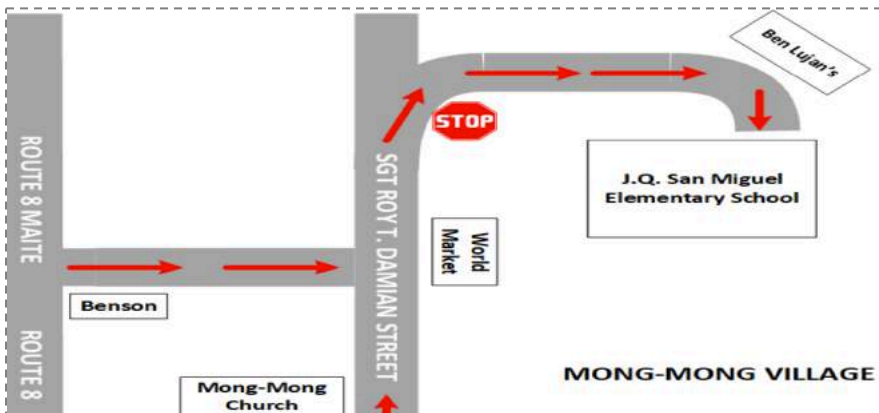
*Your 2018 IRA President,
Lois T. Gumataotao*

Once Upon a Time . . . It's Fairytale Time! Please come dressed as your favorite Fairytale story character during our first general membership meeting on Saturday, September 22.

IRA 2018-2019 MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETINGS
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

- September 22, 2018 (JQSMES)
- October 6, (RAT Kick-Off, ASC, 10am-1pm)
- November 10 (LAC: Pac. Star)
- Dec. 1 (Community Book Fair, 10am-1pm)
- January 19 (Spend it All)
- February 9 (JQSMES)
- March 9 (JQSMES)
- April 6 (JQSMES)
- May 11 (JQSMES)



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IRA GRANTS

Build Your Own Classroom Library

Don't you wish you had a classroom library or funds to add spectacular books to your current student collection? Wish no more and take action. Apply for an IRA Grant for up to \$500 to purchase these books, thanks to IRA and the UOG/SOE Alumni Association providing funds through a grant. All you need to do is be a current IRA member for this school year and submit a completed application.

The Guam Council of IRA has been instrumental in helping to make the students on Guam and Micronesia more literate for over 50 years. The theme for this year's Read-A-Thon is, "Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader".

Grant application forms will be available at the September 22, 2018, meeting at JQ San Miguel Elementary School in Toto, or go to the IRA website at www.iraguam.blogspot.com and download a copy.

Completed applications will be due **October 6 at the Kick-Off meeting for Read-A-Thon, at the Agana Shopping Center, no later than 11:00 a.m. at the Grants Table.** Just look for me, Vivian Wolff, or Martha Sudo, to submit your

Need a Grad Credit for Re-Certification?

Guam Council, International Reading Association (GC,IRA) is again offering 1 Graduate Credit, through the UOG/SOE Alumni Association. The course is PD894 - Literacy Empowerment Makes a Difference V under the University of Guam, PIP. The Instructor is Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera (mnrivera@triton.uog.edu, mnrivera@gdoe.net) and Co-Facilitator, Martha Sudo (mjsudo@gmail.com)

Description: By attending the monthly meetings of the GC,IRA, students will be provided with resourceful strategies to increase literacy in diverse classroom settings. The sessions will allow teachers, administrators, or media specialists, to gather ideas for effective literacy instruction, tools, and best practices. There will be formal sessions, informal venues, and networking areas to help students achieve their goals and expand their own understanding.

Requirements -

- Must be a current GC,IRA Member - \$25 membership
- Must be a current UOG/SOE Alumni Association member - \$30 membership
- UOG - \$20 Instructional Fee - UOG PIP (Professional International Programs)
- Attend GC,IRA monthly meetings and submit a reflective journal entry after each meeting using the form provided. It will be the student's responsibility to sign-in for attendance at the UOG/SOE Alumni Association Course Table.

Registration for the course will take place at GC,IRA's meetings on September 22, at JQ San Miguel Elementary School and October 6, 2018 (Agana Shopping Center).

BOOK EXCHANGE

Book exchange is available at the monthly IRA meetings! Bring any new or used books in good condition to exchange for another book free of charge. This is a great way to satiate your appetite for reading! Stop by the Book Exchange table at the next IRA meeting!

LANGUAGE ARTS CONFERENCE SIGN-UP

The Annual Regional Language Arts Conference Steering Committee will be accepting Language Arts Conference pre-registration/graduate credit payments at the Professional Development/SOE Alumni table at the upcoming IRA meeting. This year's Language Arts Conference is scheduled for November 10 at the Pacific Star Hotel.



Guam IRA President Lois T. Gumataotao receives the Honor Council 2017-2018 Award for Guam IRA for its 21 yrs. of service during the ILA 2018 Conference in Austin, Texas.



Congratulations to the Top School Representative RAT 2018 Winners! Left to right: April Ann Cordova, JFK High School; Annette Leon Guerrero, C. L. Taitano



GUAM IRA MEMBERS...take time for a photo shoot to "get into learning" at the IRA 2018 Convention in Austin, TX, July 20-23. Left to right are: April Cordova-Top School JFK, Lois Gumataotao-IRA President, Annette Leon Guerrero-Top School C.L. Taitano, Verna Mendiola-Random Winner-H.S. Truman and Diane Wager-IRA member at back.



Congratulations to RAT 2018 Poster 1st place Winner in the 2nd and 3rd gr. Division, Earvin Leones, D. L. Perez Elementary shown with his parents Mr. & Mrs. Leones.



Read-A-Thon 2018 Grand Prize Winner to Disneyland, CA,: Left to right: Jaychelle, sister, Eric Agar, Dad, Abcyde, baby sister, Lauren Agar, Mom, and Rhylaieh Taitano, WINNER, and her teacher Mary Taitano who is also the Top Island-Wide Elementary Teacher.



Congratulations to 2nd Prize Winner for the RAT 2018, Courtney Buendicho, Notre Dame High School. 60" Smart TV.



Congratulations to RAT 2018 Essay 1st place Winner in the secondary division, Joriah Leigh Calara, Oceanview Middle School shown with her mother and baby sister.



Congratulations to RAT 2018 Essay 1st place Winner in the 3rd – 5th grade division, Natalia Marcella Aguon. C. L. Taitano Elementary show with mother



Read-a-thon 2018-2019

"Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader"



Don't forget some important dates!

- Read-a-thon Kick-Off on October 6, 2018 at Agana Shopping Center
- Read-a-thon will be from October 8-26, 2018 at participating schools

Check your school representative for more information!

Interested in becoming a school representative, email

Nilfa Milan for more information: nmmilan@gdoe.net!

