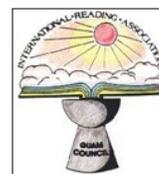


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Gathering Together for a Year in Review

Local Author Enchants Guam Readers



Tina C. Pablo will read a selection from her book, Enchanting Tales of Guam, at the May meeting

of the Guam Council of the International Reading Association at the Onward Agana Hotel, Saturday, May 21, 2011. She will share with us her love for writing and how she became a published author.

Tina was born and raised on Guam. Her father was a fisherman and traveled to Tinian, Rota and Saipan, carrying people and goods. She spent a lot of time with her Nana who told her many stories that are the basis of the tales and the inspiration of the poetry she included in her book, Enchanting Tales of Guam.

Nana would sit Tina down and tell her to listen carefully. There was always a lesson for Tina in each story she told. The morals of each story are included in her "Reflections" that accompany them in her book.

In the introduction to her book, Tina writes, "I would listen in awe as my Nana told me her *hemplon manantigo* (stories from the past), recounting them as if she had personally met Sirena and Perlen, the sea turtle; butterflies and duendes; taotao-mo'na and Bubuk, the wild boar. She was

a convincing storyteller."

Tina also lived off-island for many years. After graduation from George Washington High School on Guam, Tina stayed in San Diego and also in Wisconsin, where she completed a BA in Political Science and Social Services. In Wisconsin she worked with programs for the handicapped and for the Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. She worked with drug and alcohol abuse programs for the Department of Defense in San Diego and studied interior design. In Japan she taught English and Cooking Classes. And she spent eight years in Germany while husband Ben was in the military and her daughters were teenagers.

Tina and Ben now live in Sinajana. She now has the time to share these stories with you. Her next book will have more tales of the region, more tales about the people and the ocean that surrounds the islands of the Mariana Islands.

Cyndy Pruski

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Reminder!

Our May 21 meeting is going to be at the Onward Beach Resort, Aqua Ballroom!

Book Exchange

Remember to bring a book or books to exchange from our selection so you have reading material this summer. We have a good selection that will be going to the Alee Shelter this summer.

Classroom Library Books

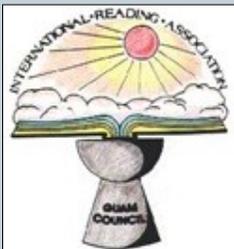
All the books that are for students are available to all teachers for their classrooms. This is a way to add to your classroom library for free!

Come check them out!



Read-A-Thon 2011 Committee Members

Pictured from Left to Right: Leonora Balajadia from Okkodo High, Tina Buendicho from Marcial Sablan Elementary, Lou Hiura from Wettengel Elementary, Erlinda Arriola from Tamuning Elementary, Nel Pendon-Limtiaco, Read-A-Thon 2011 Chairperson, and Margaret Asuncion, Guam Council-IRA President. Not Shown: Jennifer Woodard from J.M.Guerrero Elementary, Aimee Lizama, Maria-Elena Blas, and Anne Doi from Price Elementary, Stephanie Flores from Agana Heights Elementary.



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THIS YEAR'S MONTHLY THEMES

Readings in Many Languages:
Convention Highlights—
September 11.

Enriching Poetry with Kenn
Nesbitt—**October 16.**

Cultivating Professional Learn-
ing with the Language
Arts Conference—
November 6.

You, Me, and the Community
Book Fair—**December 11.**

Crafting a Story with SASS--
January 15.

Launching Read-A-Thon 2011
"Read to Succeed"—
February 5.

Instilling Literacy Through our
Cultures—**March 12 (OCPE).**

Nurturing our Students with
Resources. "Spend
it All, Spend it
Now"—April 9
(OCPE).

Gathering Together
for the Year in
Review—**May 21.**

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

BE SURE TO SPEND YOUR CHITS AT THE MAY MEETING. 2010-2011 CHITS WILL NOT BE HONORED NEXT YEAR BECAUSE WE MUST CLOSE THE BOOKS AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

MAY MEETING INCENTIVES

1. Join in May for the 2011-2012 school year and you may be the lucky winner of an iPad.
2. You could be the recipient of \$200 worth of reference materials for a school library.
3. Get a head start on your chance to win a trip to the International IRA Convention in Chicago, IL.

SPRING 2011 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the Spring 2011 Grant Recipients:

Patricia Quichocho - *For the Health of It* (Agueda Johnston Middle School)

Graziella Griffin - *Read 671* (George Washington High School)

Lourdes Hiura - *Reach for a Book* (Wettengel Elementary School)

Evaluations from the Spring 2010 Recipients are due no later than 11:00 a.m. to the grants table on May 21, 2011.

For further information please contact Tina Buendicho 482-7788 or Evelyn Topasna 689-9455.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Buenas yan Hafa Adai,

We welcome and feature one of our island's local talents, Tina C. Pablo, author of *Enchanting Tales of Guam*. Tina will share her love of writing and her journey on how she became a published author. As we wrap up our Go Green, Go Read theme, Peggy Denney, program administrator, will give an informational presentation on i*recycle.

Our council is one that provides growth and network connections. We are currently 304 members strong and my hope is that it will continue to grow as we pump up the volume and TURN IT ON: The Power of Literacy. As we have reached our goal of 300 members a special raffle will be held and one library will be the lucky recipient as we draw for the reference materials, worth \$200.

Would you like to win an i? Which i? I know it's a techno gadget. It's an iPad! Well, if you're interested all you have to do is sign up or renew your membership at the May meeting and you will be entered for the chance to win your very own iPad!

Through your votes your voices were heard and I would like to announce and congratulate your Read to Succeed Executive Board for Council Year 2011- 2012: Neldie Pendon-Limtiaco, President, Jonathan Pilarca, President-Elect, Martha Sudo, Recording Secretary, Erlinda Arriola, Corresponding Secretary, and Stephanie Flores, Treasurer.

It is with great pleasure to announce that our council has received the International Reading Association's Honor Council Award for the 15th year in the running. The International Reading Association recognizes our council as one that organizes and conducts well-rounded programs serving both the council and the community.

My personal THANK YOU's go to:

My husband and children, for your endless support, understanding, and the openness you have extended to my IRA family;

The board and members of the Guam Council, for your dedication, time, patience, and generosity to our council as you were my backbone. It is because of YOU, that our council continues to succeed. As we continue another great year, let us echo the theme of the 56th annual convention... TURN IT ON and BE HEARD: The Power of Literacy;

Our Partners in Literacy, Continental Airlines, Pacific Daily News, Bank of Guam, and Santa Fe on the Bay for your gracious contributions to our organization.

I am humbled by the opportunity to have served you and our organization as President and President-Elect. Thank you for this great journey. The insights, experiences, and growth are like no other. Have a great summer!