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## Never too Late to Rejuvenate at the UOG's Language Arts Conference

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

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 [mnriviera1@yahoo.com](mailto:mnriviera1@yahoo.com).

The LAC registration fee includes the following:

\*IRA members, UOG students, presenters – \$45

\*On-site registration - \$55

For additional information regarding the conference, participants/presenters may call Debbie Respcio at 735-2725 or e-mail her at [drespcio@ugam.uog.edu](mailto:drespcio@ugam.uog.edu).

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**September 10, 2011:**

*Sharing the Power of Literacy*

**October 15, 2011:**

*Intriguing Author - Marc Tyler Nobleman*

**November 5, 2011** – Guam Marriott Resort & Spa:

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**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*

## Mensâhi ginen i Prisidenten IRA Nel Pendon-Limtiaco

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Hafa Adai! It is a great pleasure to be a part of the University of Guam's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Language Arts Conference. As President of the Guam Council of the International Reading Association, one highlight of the council's yearly events is this conference. It will engage you in so many ways through interactive discussions, networking in the hallways, talking with vendors, and simply having an exciting time.

Once you receive the program, you will get an overview of what to expect at the conference. I encourage you to read it from cover to cover to learn of all the exciting things the presenters have to share. It is nearly impossible to describe the experience of attending this event and spending quality time with educators – all of whom are focused on "Promoting and Sustaining Literacy through Technology and the Content Areas." It is like going to a fiesta with your closest friends and colleagues and sharing the dream of literacy over a wonderful lunch.

If you are ready to implement a wide range of programs and activities that contribute to education, then join us in celebrating and honoring all who teach the world to read because "one book can make a difference." On behalf of the council, I want to thank you for all you do every day to engage learners in literacy... what you do matters!

Sincerely,

*Nel*

## University of Guam's School of Education

### Celebrating

### Nifty 60 and Beyond

### New Year's Eve Bash!

Saturday, 31 December 2011

6:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Guam Nikko Hotel, Tumon

#### Advance Sale

Couple: \$60

Individual : \$35

Child: \$15

#### At the door

Individual \$40

Child: \$20

Dinner, entertainment, door/raffle prizes, champagne toast at midnight.

Tickets are available at the following locations:

#### School Essentials

Farenholt—Across from  
Tove's Flower Shop,  
Tamuning

Phone: 648-7245

University of Guam—  
School Of Education

Dean's Office

Phone: 734-2440



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