

# INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION NEWS

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## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

### SUPERINTENDENT OF GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### MR. JON FERNANDEZ

Mr. Fernandez's Experience Superintendent, Guam Department of Education. Serving the residents of the beautiful Pacific island of Guam, the Guam Department of Education is a single unified school district with over 31,000 K-12 students and 40 schools.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU PRESENTATION

Mrs. Norma Tabayoyong, Pacific Sales Representative for Pre-K to Adult Education from McGraw-Hill Education will be talking about her many excursions around the region to promote educational materials. She travels so much she can have her own educational series called "Where on Earth is Norma Tabayoyong" just like our favorite world traveler Carmen San Diego.

IRA will present her with tokens of generosity from the 59<sup>th</sup> IRA Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana in May 2014. Our group attended 2 dinner presentations from McGraw-Hill Education.

## 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REGIONAL LANGUAGE ARTS CONFERENCE

**PRE-REGISTER FOR UOG's LANGUAGE ARTS CONFERENCE TO BE HOSTED**

**AT HYATT REGENCY HOTEL**

The Guam-Council of the International Association will be co-sponsoring the University of Guam's 27<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 "Literacy, Assessment, and Core Curriculum Standards." The conference will be held Friday, **November 14, 2014** and Saturday, **November 15, 2014** at the **Hyatt Regency Guam**. For more information, go to <http://www.uog.edu/CLASS-LAC>.

The LAC will 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 literacy, assessment, and core curriculum standards.

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, Lois Taitano Gumataotao at [ltgumataotao@gmail.com](mailto:ltgumataotao@gmail.com).

The LAC registration fee includes the following:

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

\*On-site registration - \$60

If you are interested in attending the Language Arts Conference, LAC pre-registration will be accepted at IRA's October general membership meeting. If you register after the meeting, you must mention that you are an IRA member in order to receive the discounted rate. Thereafter, your name will be verified with the IRA membership database, so be sure that your membership is up to date. For additional information regarding the conference, participants/presenters may call Kathleen Duenas at 735-2725 or e-mail her at [kduenas@uguam.uog.edu](mailto:kduenas@uguam.uog.edu).

## UOG CREDIT – SPECIAL RATE FOR SOE ALUMNI

The Guam Council – IRA and the University of Guam will offer a new course for interested members. This year's course – *Literacy Empowerment Makes a Difference* is for 1 PD894 graduate credit. The course will be from Fall 2014 through Spring 2015. The Fall cycle will be due by 11:00 a.m. on October 11, 2014, following the IRA General Membership Meeting

The course fees include a \$20 recording fee and \$30 instructional fee. If you are an active UOG-SOE Alumni Association paid member, the instructional fee is waived. The prerequisite for this course is current Guam-IRA membership.

By attending the IRA meetings, 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.

Grading will be based on attendance at the local council's monthly meetings and reflective journal entries. The meetings will be held monthly for 2 hours, with the exception of the April meeting.

Please see Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, Erlinda Arriola, Martha Sudo, Grace Griffin, Margaret Beem, Rose Castro, or Lois Gumataotao at the IRA course/SOE Alumni Association table beginning at 8:00 a.m. to register for the course. Due to the nature of this course, there will be no refunds or withdrawals.

## . GUAM IRA'S GO GREEN MOVEMENT

As part of Guam IRA's movement to Go Green, we have been able to archive almost six years of our various literacy activities with the help of Webmasters Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera and Grace Griffin. Former IRA President Griffin first tasked Dr. Rivera to reactivate the Guam IRA website in 2009, as she realized that it was a necessary change for the organization to search for ways we can live in a more environmentally friendly manner. By using a blog format, we have archived newsletters, author visits, meetings, handouts, effective literacy websites, and other IRA updates. You can also find our IRA grant forms, By Laws, membership application, scholarship packet, Calendar of Events, IRA Guestbook, special Memoriam page, newsletter request form, official IRA pamphlet, and other important IRA news that are posted on the website at <http://iraguam.blogspot.com>.

By Going Green, we have been able to impact thousands globally, with a touch of a button all while reducing printing costs and our carbon footprint by consuming less paper. We are also able to save postage, energy, and natural resources. Our webmasters will share all about Guam IRA's Go Green historical process during our upcoming IRA meeting. Thank you for joining us in Going Green through the years, and we look forward to archiving more literacy activities for years to come!

## **READ-A-THON 2015: GET CONNECT... READ!**

Has been chosen as theme for RAT 2015: February 14-21, 2015.

## **MEMBERSHIP-IRA-GOAL: 2014-2015**

Sixty-three New member's join during the September General meeting. Welcome to you all.

## **OCTOBER SPECIAL**

Each new member you bring to the October meeting you will receive a \$5 Chit to spend at the IRA Tables. JUST add your name to his/her membership application.

## **INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS**

Please update your expiration date when you renew your International Membership on the attendance sheet. Membership expires on the last day of the month.

EXAMPLE: Expires on 10/30/14

## **BOOK EXCHANGE TABLE**

The Book Exchange Table started the year with a lot of books because people gave me books during the summer. Bring a book or books that you have read and take home something new to read. Please, no old college texts.

At the end of the school year the books will be given to the Prison and to the Alee Shelter so we will start with just a few next September.

Put a bag of books in your car today so you have them when you get to the meeting.

Mary Roth started this table while she was still at Sanchez High and it has been carried on by several people through the years.

Hope to see you at the October meeting with books in your hand to exchange at the Book Exchange Table.

Thank you

Mrs. Jane Rayphand

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## 2014-2015 BOARD MEMBERS

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## *President's Message*

Thank you for attending the first general membership meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>. I hope that you enjoyed the morning catching up with new and old friends. I would like to thank Guam delegates, Evangeline Chaco and Rachael Douglas for their informative presentations from the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual IRA Convention, in the first series of Celebrating READING...THE TEACHABLE MOMENT.

At IRA's October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, you will be meeting with two of our special guest speakers, Mr. Jon Fernandez, Superintendent of Guam Department of Education. He will share with you his view on promoting literacy throughout our island of Guam within our public schools. Mrs. Norma Tabayoyong, Pacific Sales Representative, McGraw-Hill Education. She will be talking about her many excursions around the region to promote educational materials and resources on literacy. Our mission is promoting literacy throughout the community through monthly general meetings, workshops, book exchange and resources.

I would like to encourage you to register for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Language Arts Conference which our council co-sponsors with the University of Guam at October's meeting. Representative from the University of Guam will be at this month's meeting to accept registrations

Finally, I would like to remind those of you who would like to apply for IRA's/UOG Credit grant Cycle to submit your completed applications to the grants table no later than 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 11, 2014.

IRA's **October 11<sup>th</sup>** General Membership Meeting will be from **8:00-11:00a.m.**, at the **Royal Orchid Guam Ballroom located in Tumon**. I hope to see you there.

Best to all  
Mary

DOOR PRIZES FOR OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2014,  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MICROWAVE OVEN \*1.3 MP WEBCAM\*  
AND MANY MORE!