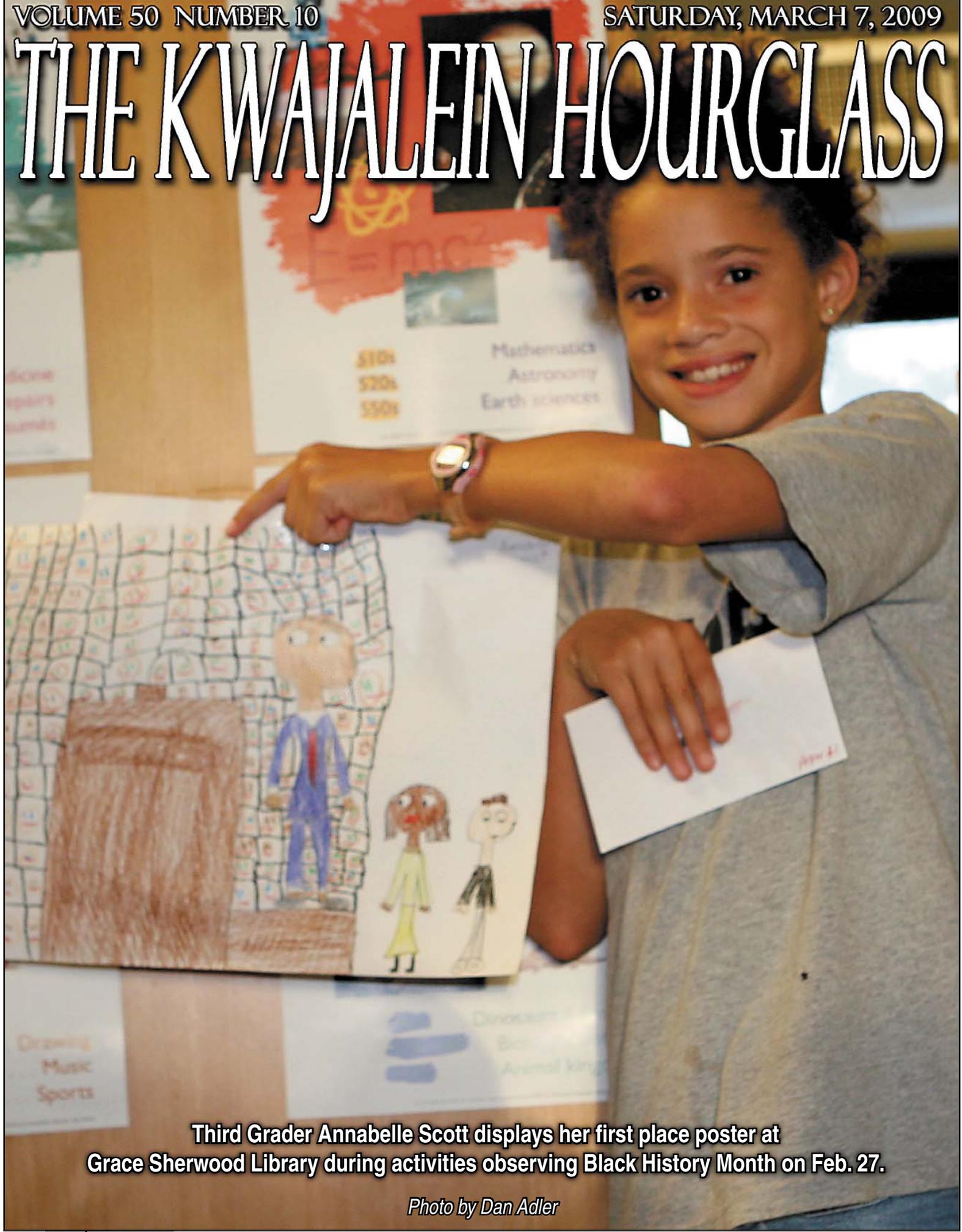


THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Third Grader Annabelle Scott displays her first place poster at Grace Sherwood Library during activities observing Black History Month on Feb. 27.

Photo by Dan Adler

Commander congratulates school staff

Every five years the Kwajalein School System goes through a quality assurance review for school accreditation. The accreditation team is dedicated to advancing excellence in education.

School accreditation ensures in part that all people, processes and departments in the school work in concert, strengthen efforts to meet accountability requirements

and encourage growth beyond compliance to achieve excellence. The accreditation review was completed last week for the Kwajalein Schools.

I would like to thank Al Robinson, school Superintendent, all the teachers and staff of our Kwajalein School System for a fantastic job. Your team efforts have implications way beyond

the great service you provide this community. Please allow me to publicly express my gratitude to the entire team for a job well done.

Our children are our greatest assets and I am pleased the Kwajalein Schools maintain a strong

stake hold in our children's education and future.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Parent thanks teachers for helping son

On behalf of Manini's family, especially Manini — we would like to say komol tata to his teachers. Coming up with the Education Assistance Team was a great idea. Manini is more confident and excited about learning. We have noticed a new improved Manini in the few weeks he has been working with you after school. He is excited about getting up and going to school, he is bringing home improved grades, but most of all he has a smile on his

face when he shows us how hard he and his teachers worked for him to get to where he is now.

I want to let you know how much you have impacted my son's life in the few weeks you have worked with him. You have instilled confidence in him by caring about him and his ability to learn. It takes a special teacher and staff to truly care about a student and not just think of it as a job, but as people who are making a difference

each and every day by molding a child and his future.

I stand and applaud each and every one of you for finding a solution that really works. Now the ball is in his and his family's court to keep his interest going and his confidence strong.

Have a nice day today, all of you deserve it.

Kommol tata,

— Pamela Duffy

Ten servicemembers die in War on Terror

Four Soldiers died Feb. 24 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle. Killed were: **Capt. Brian M. Bunting**, 29, of Potomac, Md. He was a member of the Individual Ready Reserve, assigned to the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Syracuse, N.Y.; **Sgt. Schuyler B. Patch**, 25, of Owasso, Okla. He was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 106th Cavalry Regiment, 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kewanee, Ill; **Sgt. Scott B. Stream**, 39, of Mattoon, Ill. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment, 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Effingham, Ill and **Sgt. Daniel J. Thompson**, 24, of Madison, Wis. He was a member of the Individual Ready Reserve, assigned to the 715th Military Police Company, Melbourne, Fla.

1st Lt. William E. Emmert, 36, of Lincoln, Tenn., died Feb. 24 in Mosul, Iraq, of wounds suffered when he was shot while participating in a local Iraqi Police function.

Three Soldiers died Feb. 23 in Balad, Iraq of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked their unit using small arms fire. They were assigned to the 5th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Wainwright, Alaska. Killed were: **Cpl. Michael L. Mayne**, 21, of Burlington Flats, N.Y.; **Cpl. Micheal B. Alleman**, 31, of Logan, Utah, and **Cpl. Zachary R. Nordmeyer**, 21, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Cpl. Brian M. Connelly, 26, of Union Beach, N.J., died Feb. 26 in Adhamiya, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his vehicle was struck by an explosive device. He was assigned to the 40th Engineer Battalion, Task Force 1-6, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

Sgt. Simone A. Robinson, 21, of Dixmoor, Ill., died March 1 at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated on Jan. 17 in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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Kwajalein schools have recently received accreditation for an additional five years.

Success of Kwajalein schools driven by continuous improvement concept

Kwaj schools receive accreditation after visit by review team

Article and photo by Dan Adler
Media Manager

A five-person team from Advance-Ed, a private, non-profit organization out of Atlanta, Ga. that accredits some 30,000 schools, visited Kwajalein last week to observe the Kwajalein School System. They were impressed by what they found.

Cassie Rubly, High School Special Education teacher said, "There were two executives who came out and they rarely do visits. We were apprehensive, but actually very lucky in the long run to have such high ranking officials from the organization visit us."

According to Rubly, Kwajalein schools are required to meet seven standards. They are vision and purpose; leadership and governance; teaching and learning; use of data and assessment; resource and support systems, such as a library and technology; communication with all stakeholders and commitment to continuous improvement.

"Continuous improvement is the model we use to work on improving the schools in all areas and that basically is what accreditation is — continuous improvement," she said. "There are three to 12 points for each standard that has to be met. For example, take governance and leadership — they look at whether the leadership is ruling with an iron fist or is there an open door policy? Is leadership supportive of teachers and students showing initiative? Is the administration supportive and allow leadership from staff and students? Those are just three examples of what they were looking for when they looked at our leadership and governance."

Al Robinson, Kwajalein Schools Superintendent, said, "Accreditation is an outside group looking at our schools and assessing whether we're meeting acceptance standards for the kind of school that we are. We are required to be accredited by the Performance Work Statement as part of the contract, but also, our

community expects us to be accredited because they want to send their children to the best colleges they can afford to send them to."

He continued, "So accreditation is a big deal and what makes the visits so big is that we only see these people once every five years if everything is going well. This visit was a little shorter than five years because the schools were on a warning status back in 2004. The warning status came about because even though the schools did very well then, the people doing the accreditation at that time didn't feel the school leadership was committed to continuous improvement. It was a new concept five years ago."

Robinson added, "Previously, it might not have been an intentional process. Back then, I think a lot of it was done by the administration with not much input from other stakeholders [those who have an interest in the schools]," said Robinson.

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The cover of the Jan. 24, 2009 *Hourglass*, a magazine of historical perspectives and a photo of African-American astronaut Joan E. Higginbotham rest on a table in Grace Sherwood Library for the Black History Month observance Feb. 27.

Black History Month

Kwajalein residents hold events recognizing contributions of African-American citizens



Victoria Flournoy reads a book on diversity to children at Grace Sherwood Library Feb. 27.

Article and photos by Dan Adler
Media Manager

The greatness of diversity and the contributions made by African-Americans to the United States were the themes at Grace Sherwood Library Feb. 27 as Black History Month was observed by Kwajalein residents.

The concept for the observance was driven by Kwajalein resident Cheryl Robinson-Stewart.

“At the end of January, Cheryl came to me and asked, ‘You know, it’s time for African-American History Month. Are you doing anything?’” said Kim Scruton-Yarnes, Community Services Entertainment Manager.

Scruton-Yarnes said that with the activities already scheduled for February such as Valentine’s Day at

The History of Black History Month

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as 'Negro History Week' and later as 'Black History Month.' What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied — or even documented — when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books.

We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents

who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. The scholar was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population — and when blacks did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time.

Woodson, always one to act on his ambitions, decided to take on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation's history. He established the

Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915, and a year later founded the widely respected *Journal of Negro History*. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history.

Woodson chose the second week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

the Gardens and the AFE comedy tour, she didn't know how she would have time to put something together.

But Scruton-Yarnes said everyone thought it was important, so plans were started. It was decided to have activities for all age groups. Kindergarten through grade six activities were held at the library and included posters and coloring book pages done by children, a slideshow of a trip to Kenya by resident Lisa Armstrong, the reading of books on diversity, a 'living history' performed by Langston Stewart and displays of various African-Americans and their contributions.

Volunteers at the library event included Tammie Cotton, Lisa Armstrong, AnnElise Petersen, Daniel Barge, Anne Robinson, Dana Simmons, Victoria Flournoy, Belinda Aije, Amy Waddell and Katrina Walker. Volunteers also helped put up contest posters and essays throughout the library. Librarian Jeri Petzel sorted through books to display ones by or about African-Americans.

Scruton-Yarnes said. "It's nice when you have an

idea and you can go to people and they say 'Oh yeah' and they make it 10 times better than you would have been able to do on your own."

Armstrong explained that the slideshow was of her trip to Kenya with people from four different churches that had been instrumental in furnishing a clean water supply to the village and school they visited. While there, they dedicated the water tank and worked at the school.

"Some painted at the school," said Armstrong, "some played with the children, we prepared lunches and we witnessed to people in the community as well. Of course, we went on safaris while we were there too. The animals are so acclimated to humans being in their space, they'll walk right to your van and just look in."

When asked what her reaction was to Barack Obama being elected president, she said, "I personally believe that it shows America's progress with race relations. I also think it shows it was time for change. Not only is he our first African-American president, he's young. I think people are energized and enthused because of his youth and his multi-cultural background. He has engaged individuals of all different age levels and different cultures. He has energized other nations as well, not only Americans. I think another thing that intrigues people is his name. I think it gave a lot of people hope. We'll see. He has a very hard job to do."

When asked if she thought she would ever see an African-American elected president in her lifetime, she answered, "No, I didn't think so, but it does show how people can come together for a common cause and that's to benefit all Americans. It transcends color, race, gender and culture when our pocketbooks are being hit and jobs are disappearing and we can't send our kids to college. We can all relate to that. Everybody wants what's best for America, and that's it in a nutshell I think."

Resident David Stewart said his reaction to Obama's



The audience watches the slideshow of Lisa Armstrong's trip to Kenya.

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election is, "I think he is a person who will work overtime to solve some of our problems. I grew up in a time when we never thought we would see a member of a minority elected to be president. So as a member of a minority, it gave me great pleasure to see it happen. I feel pretty good about it."

Certificates and gift cards ranging from \$1 to \$50 were given to poster and coloring contest participants. San Juan Construction donated \$250 towards the event and Jesse and Darlene Duarte donated \$50. More than \$500 was awarded.

In addition to the library event, a poetry/rap contest, an online scavenger hunt and a pizza party was held Feb. 28 at the Youth Center. A total of 16 teens attended.

First place in the poetry contest went to Chi Chi Kemem with sec-

ond place to Angela Kendrick and third place to Keith Brady.

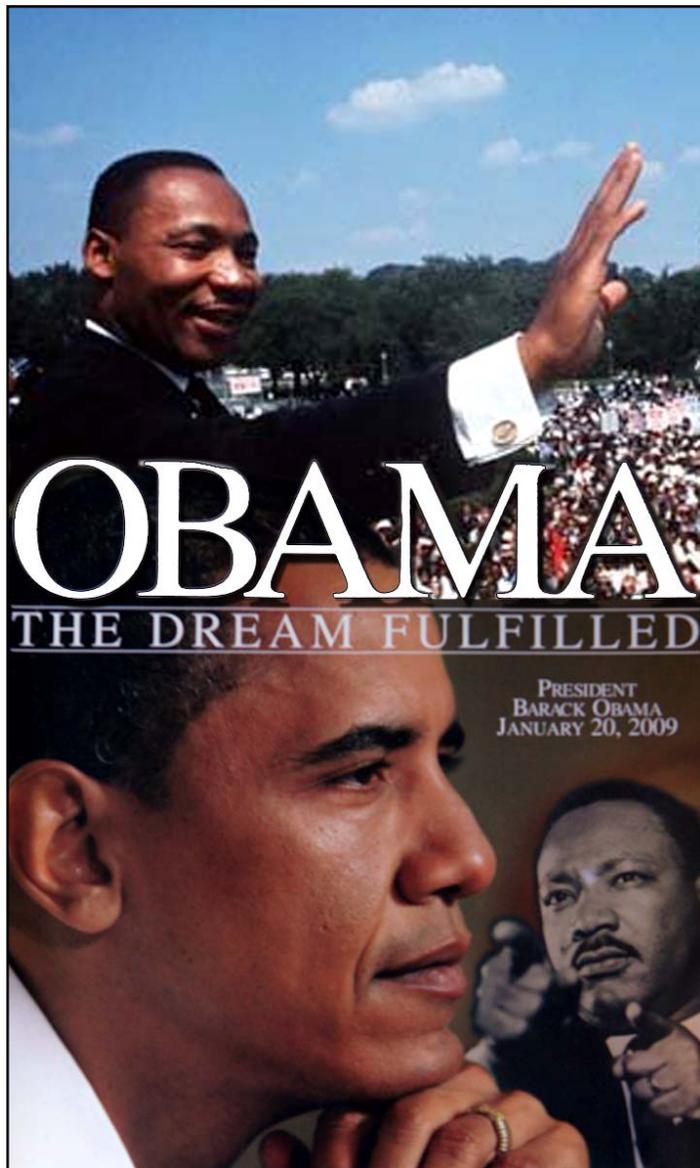
The teens and Youth Center staff extend a 'thank you' to Cheryl Robinson-Stewart for her hard work.

Rikata children at George Seitz Elementary received a African-American History lesson during their lunch time on Feb. 28.

The students heard the story of Jan Matezligier and the impossible dream he had. They talked about what they wanted to be when they grew up. They talked of being doctors, lawyers, a soldier, a marine, teachers, dancers, policemen, and fire-fighters, to name a few occupations. The focus of the talk was to "Dream big dreams." So they listened to two poems about dreams and then a CD with hip-hop music. They were all challenged to never let anyone rob them of their dreams.



Langston Stewart, 11, performs a 'living history' Feb. 27 by portraying Scott Joplin, an African-American musician born between 1867 and 1868 in Texas. Joplin composed ragtime music.



A poem for Black History Month by Chi Chi Kemem

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and President Barack Obama;
A combination like no other
By Chi Chi Kemem

Dr. King preached of peace in the world
He said, "Through violence you can murder a hater, but you do not kill hate."

He marched with thousands preaching these words
From town to town, city to city, State to State
He promised us all that we'd get to the promise land
Side-by-side, hand in hand

He was that change American needed; change for the better
Black and white working as one, defining the odds, together
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.:

- A man whose soul you cannot break
- Whose friendly demeanor you cannot fake
- A man whose life you cannot replicate
- A man, we celebrate

Dr. King made history
And following his footsteps is the First African-American President of the United States of America: Barack Obama
Half-Black, Half-White

The best man to lead America out of the dark and into the light
Change we Believe In
Is his message we're receivin'

Obama stated: "We Will Rebuild, We Will Recover, and the United States of America will emerge stronger than before"

And that's when I knew; This man will open doors
He will save this country and step-in to aid others
By the time he's done, Nations will have become brothers
A Black man in the White House was thought to be unprecedented
But that will now change, for there is one: Barack Obama, Mr. President

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. & Barack Obama
One we dream of marching beside
And one we watch make history as we follow behind

Scouting news

Scouts celebrate success at Blue and Gold Banquet

Hourglass Reports

More than 15 families came together last month to participate in the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet in the multi-purpose room. The Blue and Gold Banquet is one of the highlights of the Scouting program's year.

It brings together the Pack's families for an evening of fun and food, recognizes accomplishments of scouts and their leaders and inspires scouts, leaders and parents. This event started in 1933 as the 'Cub Leaders' Round Table' and changed in 1943 to the name 'Blue and Gold Banquet.' That was also the first year it appeared in the Boy Scout Association literature and has become synonymous with celebrating the birthday of Scouting.

The theme for this year's Blue and Gold Banquet was 'Abracadabra.' The room was decorated with blue and gold and a disco light helped set

the mood for an evening of magic.

The Scouts lined up on stage for performances by each den. The Wolves were first to display their talents, followed by the Bears and the Webelos.

There were magic tricks with cards, tricks with money, with water and a disappearing dinner trick, just to name a few. There was even a trick that required the assistance of an audience member.

Dinner was served after the magic show and then presentations were made to some very hard-working young men that donned badges and pins on their belt loops, vests and uniforms like a four star general.

Four very special young men, David Sholar, Wyatt Jones, Sam Jahnke and Cody Ottman, received their Arrow of Light award. The Arrow of Light is the highest honor that a Cub Scout can achieve and the only Cub Scout award he can take with him as he crosses over into Boy

Scouts.

The parts of the award symbolize scouting values. The arrow reminds the scouts to continue straight on the pathway of scouting; the arch is the rising sun that symbolizes new challenges; and the seven rays on the Arrow of Light stand for the seven virtues of life that are promoted through scouting.

After the boys received their Arrow of Light awards, they crossed over to Boy Scouting. During the crossover ceremony, the four young men were asked to tie a square knot. Upon successful completion of this symbolic task, they are then allowed to walk over a bridge which symbolically represents crossing over from Webelos to Boy Scouts.

Another magic moment occurred when a gracious donation from the Bechtel Corporation was presented to the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Kwajalein from KRS President Dave Norwood.

Cub Scouts hold annual Pinewood Derby race

Hourglass Reports

The Cub Scouts Pack 135 held its annual Pinewood Derby race on Monday January 26th in the High School MP Room. Excitement was in the air as the more than 30 entrants waited for the race to start. The room was decorated like a speed track with racing flags and balloons. Fresh popped popcorn and drinks were donated compliments of Heidi Rowell, Bob Sholar, and Corey Wiley. It felt like a real race was about to start.

The Pinewood Derby is one of the most anticipated scouting events of the year for both kids and adults alike. The event started with the audience participating in the national anthem. Special guests were introduced and they included Col. and Mrs. F. Clarke and Savannah and Fire Chief Steve Scruton.

After the Scouts races were completed, their siblings had a chance to show off their cars on the track. First place went to Ella Wiley with her car "Mach 7"; Julia Sholar "The Puppy" (2nd place); and Jenna Lundberg "Rainbow" (3rd place). Abby Warren, Kendall Warren, and Lanston Rowell were the other three participants in this part of the race.

Lastly the community celebrity races were about to begin. There were five cars in this category and the

requirements were that the car had to fit on the track without interfering with the other race cars and weigh less than 5 ounces. These participants were charged \$25.00 to have a car in the race and the proceeds paid for the track and an updated modern timer that calculates the race lineup and de-

termines the winners based on average speed for the track. The tracks were assembled by Mike Lundberg, Corey Wiley, Bill Evans, and Jay McMaster. Bill Evans won the community racing event with his sleek creation "The Green Glob" and has bragging rights now for the next year. The 2nd place award went to Cory Wiley and 3rd place to William Jackson.

This event was also green and clean with no loud noises or fumes from exhaust pipes.

The awards given were as follows:

First place: Logan Stafford with his car "El Dorado"

Second place: Thomas Evans

Third place: Alex Burnley

Best Design ribbon: David Sholar

Best Paint Job ribbon: Langston Stewart

Most Creative ribbon: Wyatt Jones

Coolest Name ribbon: Cody Ottman with his car "Lead Sled"

Judge's Choice ribbon: Brian Scofield

Girl Scouts hold World Thinking Day, discuss importance of water

By Cassia Griswold
Media Specialist



Photos by Barbara Junker

The Daisy troop, made up of Hannah Finley, Kathleen O'Rourke, Julia Sholar, and Emma Elkin, along with troop leaders Stacey O'Rourke and Lynn Elkin, sing a song about rainwater.



Savannah Clarke, Celia Burnley, and Rachael Washburn perform a skit about why Christopher Columbus could not have reached America without water.



World Thinking Day was Feb. 22 at 4 p.m. It is a worldwide event that is held every year on Feb. 22. This event is designed to encourage Girl Scouts and Girl Guides to think about the world around them and their global community.

Every year, a different topic of focus is determined by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The focus of this year's event was 'We can stop the spread of AIDS, malaria, and other diseases.'

In order to make the topic more applicable to the Marshall Islands, the Kwajalein Scout Troops focused more on the importance of water and water-related diseases.

"We felt that water was the foundation of good health and that clean water sources were an issue on Ebeye," said Lora Kendrick, Overseas Committee Chairperson, "so we tasked the girls with understanding why clean water is necessary to good health and to come up with a way to fix the water problem on Ebeye."

Several guests were invited to sit on a panel for the event, including KRS Environmental Manager Terri Hibberts, Water Systems Manager Stan Jazwinski, Special Assistant for RMI Affairs Harden Lelet, and KRS President Dave Norwood. The entire community was invited to attend as well.

The event opened with a flag ceremony, courtesy of the Cadet troop, and welcoming remarks made by Kendrick. Every troop then gave a performance or presentation about the importance of clean water.

The Daisy troop sang a song about rainwater and drew pictures of good and improper ways to use water. The first grade Brownie troop had drawn pictures depicting what they liked to do in water, the second grade Brownie troop created a model of a water catchment system and the third grade Brownie troop performed a skit about why water was crucial in Christopher Columbus' discovery of America. The Junior troop also performed a skit about how to build a well, while the Cadet troop made a informational poster about different ways for Ebeye residents to get drinking water.

The panel of guests then gave their feedback and thanked the Girl Scouts for putting so much time and thought into solving this problem. Additionally, Norwood presented the Girl Scouts with a donation for their use on any future projects. As attendees departed, they were invited to take with them a bottle of water provided by the first grade Brownie troop. After the event concluded, Kendrick commented, "I think the girls now understand what [water] challenges the command is facing. And I was really pleased with how everything turned out."

Left: Hannah Finley and Kathleen O'Rourke, with the help of troop leaders Stacey O'Rourke and Lynn Elkin, explain their drawings of good and bad ways to use water.

“We’ve tried real hard to blow the door and windows off to show what we’re trying to accomplish — warts and all, but still, there was a lot of anticipation, both angst and excitement when the team came to visit. We’re very good at what we do, but we always know we can improve. We’ve paid more attention to attendance, what time students were coming to school, their work habits and who was cutting class. We’ve taken those things out of kid’s lives and told them they have to be responsible. We want students to not only pass classes but be more successful at them.”

According to Robinson, it’s all part of the continuous improvement concept and that has to involve everybody, from patrons with kids to patrons without kids, the command, the teachers and the students. It has to be a transparent and intentional process.

“We invite and want everyone in the community to be involved in the schools because the schools touch everybody, whether they have children in school or not. School quality affects recruitment, it affects quality of life, it affects a lot of things. I think having great schools is important for the long-term health of Kwajalein,” he said.

Rubly stated, “We’re working on implementation of learning support services as part of that continuous improvement process. We’re trying to help low achieving students and that’s why we started the after school sessions called iPOD at the high school. *[For more on the iPOD, see the Feb. 6 issue of the Hourglass].*”

Robinson explained, “You can’t improve until you know where you are and what it is you’re trying to do. We’ve spent the last 18 months developing and honing our vision and mission. To do that, we’ve gotten input from students, staff and parents via surveys and meetings to help students achieve academic excellence and build a desire for lifelong learning in order to be successful.”

In order to gauge where the schools are and what they’re doing, the accreditation team interviewed nine different groups of stakeholders in just two days.

Robinson said, “They interviewed myself along with the school improvement team. They also interviewed the high school and elementary school

staffs, elementary students, high school students, the USAKA command, Kwajalein Range Services Corporate, parents and the School Advisory Council. The purpose of interviewing all the different stakeholder groups was to give the team a feel as to whether all the groups have a good sense of what the school is about and make sure there’s not a disconnect.”

He continued, “If what we’re doing is not in agreement with what the Army decides we should do, then that’s a disconnect that should be fixed because they are the primary customer. If KRS leadership has a different idea as to the purpose of the schools than we do, obviously, that’s also a disconnect.”

Robinson explained the visit is basically quality assurance. “We’ve sent them our methods and procedures and what we’re doing. They come out to say, “Okay, show us.”

Robinson said he doesn’t consider such visits as ‘gotcha’ visits.

“I view it as technical assistance because we’re out here 5,000 miles away from anybody and generally speaking, we don’t get a lot of education experts that wander onto the island just for fun. With this visit, we had five very expert educators on island looking at our system and giving us ideas on how we can improve. That’s nothing but a win for us,” he said.

Surprisingly, the team doesn’t really look at grades.

“They do look at test scores which is good for Kwaj schools because the test scores tend to be very high,” said Robinson. “But they are much more interested in looking at us as a system and saying. “Here’s where you are today, here’s where you were 12 months ago and where are you going to be 12 months from now?” We’ve always had kids scoring high on tests and going on to very good schools, but they want to see what we’ve done to innovate and get better at what we do on a continual basis. They spent most of their time looking at our process to see how we got from point A to point B and showing us how we will know if we’re being successful or not.”

Rubly explained, “They wanted to know how we’re using our school test data from the Iowa test, report cards and enrollment data. All of that gets combined and they wanted to be

sure we’re using it appropriately. Academic data is important to them, but it’s more important how we share that data with our stakeholders. They look at how and whether we use that data to communicate with children and parents. They also want to know that we use that data to evaluate our schools and individual student success. It’s not that so many kids have A’s and so many have B’s, it’s more that we’re using that information to improve our schools and to provide support for students as needed.”

Rubly explained the team was also very interested in how the schools communicated with stakeholders.

“Do the students feel like they have a voice? Do parents feel like they have a voice? That’s very important.” she said.

The team also looked at the school ‘climate.’ They asked students if they felt safe and happy and if they enjoyed coming to school. They also asked students if they felt they could approach their teachers for help if needed. Rubly said school climate is very important for accreditation teams to experience and see.

Referring to the standards the schools have to meet, Robinson said, “The seven standards are research-proven standards that say if you want a successful school system, you have to be up to speed in working with all seven of those standards. You can’t be just really good at teaching and learning if you let the administrative side deteriorate. You can’t be good at teaching, learning and administrative and have no communication with the community. All seven of the standards are critical for highly functional school systems. That is the basis of what they are looking for in continuous improvement. The academic criteria that most of us think about is one of the standards, but it’s only one. All the standards work in concert together if you really have a system that is moving forward.”

He added, “Academic achievement is ultimately what we do. Student achievement is what we’re about. But there are a lot of things that contribute to achievement and it’s not just report cards and book reports. When students are 18 years old, we want them to go out and rule the world. That’s what they want. We want them to be ready.”

HELP WANTED

KRS and CMSI Job Listings for On-Island Positions will be available at the Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Ebeye Dock Security Check Point bulletin boards, the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office, the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board and at Human Resources in Building 700. Job Listings for Contract Positions will be available at www.krsjv.com, on the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office and on the Roi-Namur/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract openings are located online at www.krsjv.com.

NEED EXTRA MONEY? KRS employment applications are continually accepted for Casual Positions in the Community Services Departments, Medical Department and the HR Temp Pool. Some of the Casual positions are: Recreation Aides, Medical Office, Media Services Specialist, Substitute Teacher, and HR Temp Pool Office Support. Questions? Call 54916.

Community Bank

BANK TELLER, Part-time, 20 hours per week. Submit resumé to <http://careers.dodcommunitybank.com>.

BANKING CENTER Service Manager, Full-time,

40 hours per week. Would manage services and operations in the banking center. Submit resumé to <http://careers.dodcommunitybank.com>.

CUSTOMER SERVICE Representative, Part-time, 25 hours per week, would handle customer requests and promote bank services and products. Submit resumé to <http://careers.dodcommunitybank.com>.

Kwajalein Police Department

COMMON ACCESS Card/Administrative Assistant position. The contract is an on-island position, full time and comes with competitive benefits. Contact KPD administration for an application, 54427.

WANTED

HOUSE SITTING situation wanted for a mature adult visiting from March 5-March 31, who is willing to house-sit for any part of the time and is happy to care for pets or plants. Call Judy, 54494.

LOST

BLACK, HOODED sweatshirt on lagoon, somewhere between fifth street and the high school. Call 59846.

PAIR OF GREY Columbia rain pants, between new housing and the hospital; Sketchers black plastic sandals, toddler size 5. Call 52332.

FOUND

MEN'S SILVER WATCH, near bike racks in front of Bldg 901. Call 53360 to identify and claim.

WATCH, while diving. To claim, call 50921 and leave a message with a description of the watch.

BEADED NECKLACE with butterfly, on Lagoon Road near Dental Clinic on Feb. 15. Call 55253 (work) to identify.

PATIO SALES

MONDAY, 8-11 a.m., Quarters 429-A (in back). Clothes, toys, children's videos, kitchen items and books.

FOR SALE

TWO DELONGHI dehumidifiers, one self-drains with gravity (50 pint) and the other (40 pint) self-pumps, so you don't have to empty it, both are one and a half years old, bought for \$200 each, selling for \$80 each. Call 59154 after 5 p.m.

21-FOOT all fiberglass boat, 225-horsepower Johnson outboard, internal fuel tank, VHF radio, safety equipment, trailer and boathouse on Lot #800, passenger carrying potential, includes 8-horsepower outboard backup motor, \$7,500 for all. Call 59662.

ENTERTAINMENT UNIT, \$400; book case, \$100; Rubbermaid shelving unit, \$50; large crock pot with removable insert, \$30; wicker magazine rack, \$10; set of four shelves with brackets, \$50; 3 panel photo screen, \$75; five-pound box of screws, \$25; five-pound box of nails, \$25; bike trailer bed; leather jewelry box,

\$50; photo bracelet \$30 and flower pots, small, \$5 each, large, \$10 each. Call 53627.

BABY GATES, \$5; jogger stroller (three wheels), like new, \$40; Pooh travel stroller, excellent for airport, \$5; Quad Dora electric scooter, \$10; toddler bed and mattress, great condition, \$30. Call 55382 or 59045.

WATER BED, complete, super-single size, \$100. Call 53698 after 7 p.m.

SCUBA GEAR including Titan regulator set, choice of one of three BCDs, weights, fins and bag, \$475. Call John, 53290.

19-FOOT TYPHOON Cape Dory sail boat, in good condition and in the water with new mooring ball and chain, needs starboard shroud repaired, all new lines and sails in great condition, \$1000. Call Ryan Vahle, 2222 or 52590.

37-INCH RCA HDTV, LCD, flat screen, two years old, \$700 or best offer; Sennheiser wireless headphone system for TV or stereo, \$90; roller blades with full set of pads and helmet, size 7 unisex, \$20; four 84-inch blue sheer panels, \$20 for all; electric drink mixer, \$5; small decorator table, \$15 and a 15 pound soft weight belt, \$15. Call 55606.

TWO ROUND TRIP TICKETS to Majuro on AMI, must be used July 31, 2009, \$650. Call Anthony, 52864.

WATERPROOF HOUSING (MPK-WA) and marine filter for Sony Cybershot camera, fits models DSC-W1, W5, W7, and possibly W12, W15, W17, \$85. Call 52853.

SONY TRINITRON 36-inch WEGA TV, \$200. Call 52614, after 5 p.m.

MAROON AND BLACK Allez Vita 24-speed bike, aluminum frame, 26-inch wheels with aluminum rims, stainless steel spokes and cables, \$400 or best offer. Call Sherry, 53718 or 53364.

KAYAKS, in good condition, \$350 each. Contact Monte, 52834.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THERE IS a special movie presentation of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail/The Life of Brian* at 7:45 p.m., March 7, at Richardson Theatre. Bring your coconuts.

MARCH OPEN RECREATION events for all CYS registered youth in grades K-6: Crafting Around the World, 5:30-7 p.m., March 11. Registration ends March 7; Green Eggs and Ham, a St. Patty's Day Celebration, 5:30-7 p.m., March 17. Registration dates for this event are March 10-14. To find out how to register for CYS and sign your children up for an event, call Micah at the Central Registration office, 52158.

ALL ISLAND RESIDENTS are invited to attend the Kwajalein Scuba Club's monthly meeting at 7 p.m., March 11, at the Pacific Club.

A TWIC REPRESENTATIVE will be arriving on island March 10 for one day to enroll applicants for their TWIC (Transportation Worker Identification

Religious Services

Catholic

Saturday Mass, 5:30 p.m., in the small chapel.
Sunday Mass, 9:15 a.m., in the main chapel.
Mass on Roi is only on the first Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m., in Roi Chapel.

Protestant

Sunday
8 and 10:45 a.m., on Kwaj and Roi-Namur service at 4 p.m.

Baptist

9:40 a.m., Sunday, in elementary school music room.

Latter-day Saints

10 a.m., Sunday, in Corlett Recreation Center, Room 3.

Jewish services

Last Friday of the month in the Religious Education Building. Times will vary. Contact the Chaplain's office, 53505, for more information.

Café Pacific

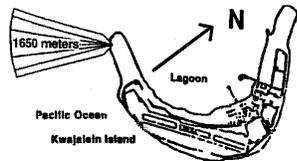
Lunch

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>March 14</i>
Kwaj fried chicken	Breaded pork cutlet	Herb baked chicken	Chicken corn sauté	Meatloaf with gravy	Three meat pizza	Louisiana cajun gumbo
Salisbury steak	Chicken peapod stir-fry	Sesame tofu	Fish and chips	Breaded chicken strips	Chef's choice entrée	Beef/cheese turnovers
Quiche Lorraine	Strawberry crepes	Beef tips in Burgundy	Garlic toast	Vegetarian stir-fry	Oven roasted potatoes	Steamed cod
Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Grilled reuben	Grill: Spaghetti	Grill: Grilled cheese sandwich	Grill: Kwaj fried chicken	Grill: Teriyaki burger

Dinner

<i>Tonight</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Korean beef ribs	Swedish meatballs	Mini taco bar	Braised Swiss steak	Carved top sirloin	Breaded pork chops	Stir-fry to order
Thai shrimp pasta	Garlic seared ono	Oxtail stew	Baked Tuscan chicken	Noodles romanoff	Chicken stew	Korean beef steak
Fried rice	Parslied noodles	Creole beans	Lyonnaisse potatoes	Broccoli Normandy	Beans in broth	Chicken sukiyaki

The Small Arms Range will be in operation, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday. Observe the hazard area between the posted red flags.



Card) cards. All persons who hold a US Coast Guard license are required to have a TWIC card by April 15. Also, applicants should pre-enroll on line at <https://twicprogram.tsa.dhs.gov/TWICWebApp/> before March 10. The cost for the cards is the responsibility of the applicant. The representative will return to Kwajalein on about April 14 to issue the TWIC cards. Any other person desiring a TWIC should pre-enroll. All individuals who need/desire a TWIC should also call Harbor Control, 52318 between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday and add your name to the list so a schedule for applying can be created. Questions? Call Amy, 52182 or Harbor Control.

THE MOBILE KITCHEN EVENT at Emon Beach on March 14 will feature a St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Menu will include shrimp cocktail with dill-mint sauce appetizer; garden salad, corned beef with cabbage, parsleyed carrots and red potatoes, Irish soda bread, Guinness beer, wine, and Bailey's Irish Cream cake for desert. Seating is limited. Cost is \$30 for meal-card holders and \$35 for non meal-card holders. For payment see Marie Pimenta at the Retail Service Office, Building 805 next to the Bowling Center or call 53933.

THE CYSS SPORTS program presents the Dribble, Kick, Score soccer event at 4:30 p.m., March 14, at Richardson Field. CYSS registered 7 - 18 year olds are eligible to participate in co-ed soccer skills contests based on speed and accuracy. Call 53796 for more information.

REGISTRATION FOR CYSS Youth Baseball, Softball, and Tee Ball season is open through March 14. The season starts March 26. The league open to boys and girls in grades Kindergarten - 6. Volunteer coaching opportunities are also available. Contact 52158 for Registration Information or contact Jason, 53796 for sports program questions.

COUNTRY NIGHT will start at 7 p.m., March 15, in CRC Room 1. Come out for some two-stepping fun. Questions? Call Sandy, 54152.

IN CELEBRATION OF St. Patrick's Day, Café Pacific will be serving traditional corned beef and cabbage during lunch on Tuesday, March 17. Also being offered is lucky leprechan salad, Irish lamb stew, soda bread, shamrock shakes and grasshopper pie.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND is pleased to announce that the course SOCY100 Introduction to Sociology is now being offered. It is an introduction to the fundamental concepts and principles of sociology. Topics include the study of cultures, patterns of social values, social institutions, stratification, and social change. Students may receive credit for only one of the following courses: BEHS102 or SOCY100. The spring session two class will commence March 22 and end May 16. It will be held 6-9 p.m., Wednesday and Friday evenings, at the high school. The instructor is Lora Kendrick. Call Jane, 52800, for instructions on how to register for this class.

THE ARMED SERVICES Vocational Battery (ASVAB) Military Entrance Exam will be administered on the following dates: 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., March 24: Student test for Ebeye school students at Ebeye Community Center; 8-11 a.m., March 25: Military



Come enjoy an evening of wonderful entertainment by local musicians at 7 p.m., March 29, in the Multi-purpose Room.

Tickets are available downtown every Monday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or by calling Tammie, 51590.

CONTINENTAL MICRONESIA SCHEDULE CHANGE

Due to maintenance being performed in Honolulu, the following flights by Continental Micronesia will operate 24 hours later than originally scheduled:

Flight 957 from Honolulu scheduled to depart April 17 (Hono time) will now depart April 18 and arrive April 19 (Kwaj time)

Flight 957 from Honolulu scheduled to depart June 3 (Hono time) will now depart June 4 and arrive June 5 (Kwaj time)

Flight 957 from Honolulu scheduled to depart June 5 (Hono time) will now depart June 6 and arrive June 7 (Kwaj time)

Check-in times

Continental 957, HNL-GUM, Check-In at Kwajalein from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Continental 956, GUM-HNL, Check-In at Kwajalein from 3:45-5:15 p.m.

Managers, inform your TDY personnel traveling to Kwajalein from the states of the above schedule. Community members, plan your vacation/leave accordingly.

Questions? Call 52660 or 51013.

Entrance Test for Kwajalein residents and C-badge workers between 18-41 years old in Corlett Recreation Center Room 1; 12:30-3:30 p.m., March 25: Student test for Kwajalein High School juniors and seniors only in Corlett Recreation Center Room 1 and 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m., March 26: Military Entrance Test for Ebeye residents between 18-41 years old at Ebeye Community Center.

KRS/CHUGACH/AIRSCAN-BERRY Aviation, Inc. health benefits: the 2009 Aetna Dental Insurance cards for KRS/Chugach/AirScan employees were recently issued. Members should receive them within the next three to four weeks. In the US your dental plan has two levels of providers: Aetna Preferred(participating/in-network) Provider and Non-Preferred (non-participating/out-of-network) Providers. If you visit a dentist in the US who is an Aetna PPO dental provider, your out of pocket costs may be lower than the usual charges billed by the US provider due to contract obligations of the provider. It is important to note that this will not affect or change your dental coverage on Kwajalein. If you find an error, lost, misplaced, or did not receive your card(s), contact Health Benefits to have a new card re-issued to you at 51888(Grace) or 50939(Marilyn). Members may also go to www.aetnaglobalbenefits.com, Navigator to print

out a temporary ID card, until you receive your new card in the mail.

HELP THE HOSPITAL improve their quality of services by completing a patient satisfaction survey form. The form will be mailed to individual Post Office boxes. You may drop-off your response at the designated drop box outside the Post Office or you may drop it off at the hospital in the comments and suggestions box located inside the emergency room entrance.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES is going to postpone the start of inner tube water polo until the end of March. Teams can continue to register at Community Activities, but season dates have been pushed back to March 31-May 2. Questions? Call 53331 or e-mail hansena@smdck.smdc.army.mil.

PASSPORT PHOTOS will be taken from 3-4 p.m., April 16, at building 901 or the new Headquarters building. Contact Nelda Reynolds, 53417 for more information. Cost per set of photos is \$10. Passport applications are located at building 901, room 219.

THE OCEANVIEW CLUB will be providing pupus and exotic mixed drinks, including Piña Coladas and Margaritas every Saturday. Questions? Contact Erik Wills, 53338.

Ambassador Bishop announces retirement

U.S. Embassy Press Release

U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Clyde Bishop announces his retirement from the Foreign Service, effective April 30, 2009. As a career officer Ambassador Bishop's tenure was assured until the completion of his tour of duty. Family circumstances require the curtailment of his assignment

and his premature retirement.

Ambassador Bishop and his wife, Cynthia dePaulo consider their assignment to the Republic of the Marshall Islands to be the highlight of their thirty year career.

The support and the cooperation they have received from the government and the Marshallese people will be lasting fond memories. While in body he will be departing

this beautiful country, he says in spirit there will always be a very positive affection for the experience he has shared as US Ambassador.



Photo by Marshall Islands Journal
Dr. Clyde Bishop



Batongtong sends greetings from Thailand

Sgt. Robby Batongtong is the son of Meliana and Rinky Batongtong of Ebeye. He joined the U.S. Army Nov. 11, 2004 and is currently stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wa.. He is with the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team (2-23 INF Regiment). Batongtong spent 15 months in Iraq and hasn't been stateside since June 4 of 2008. Upon arriving at Ft. Lewis, his platoon got orders to deploy to Thailand in support of Operation Cobra Gold in an area five hours north of Bangkok. Batongtong said, "The task was to train the Thai Army and Marines. It was a lot of fun and a good time. It's about the best place the Army's deployed me to so far. Well, besides Iraq, hah."

Photo courtesy of Robby Batongtong



Milk Shakes!
Malts!

Revisit the 1950s at this year's

Desserts!
Ice Cream Sandaas!

Coffee Shop,

6:30-10:30 p.m., March 8, in the Multi-Purpose room. Enjoy a 1950s-style diner and keep an eye out for some special guests from the 50's.



Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 15-20 knots.
Monday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 15-20 knots.
Tuesday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 13-18 knots.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 13-18 knots.
Thursday: Partly cloudy, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-E at 10-15 knots.
Friday: Partly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-E at 10-17 knots.
March 14: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 15-20 knots.

Annual total: 4.65 inches
Annual deviation: -4.69 inches

Call 54700 for updated forecasts or visit www.rts-wx.com.

Sunrise/set Moonrise/set High Tide Low Tide

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	6:59 a.m./7:00 p.m.	5:17 p.m./5:07 a.m.	1:48 a.m., 3.0' 2:53 p.m., 4.2'	8:32 a.m., 0.3' 9:21 p.m., -0.4'
Monday	6:59 a.m./7:00 p.m.	6:11 p.m./5:55 a.m.	3:24 a.m., 3.6' 3:33 p.m., 4.7'	9:17 a.m., -0.2' 9:54 p.m., -0.7'
Tuesday	6:58 a.m./7:00 p.m.	7:03 p.m./6:39 a.m.	3:58 a.m., 4.1' 4:08 p.m., 4.9'	9:55 a.m., -0.6' 10:24 p.m., -0.9'
Wednesday	6:58 a.m./7:00 p.m.	7:54 p.m./7:23 a.m.	4:29 a.m., 4.5' 4:40 p.m., 4.9'	10:30 a.m., -0.8' 10:53 p.m., -1.0'
Thursday	6:57 a.m./7:00 p.m.	8:45 p.m./8:06 a.m.	4:59 a.m., 4.7' 5:11 p.m., 4.8'	11:03 a.m., -0.9' 11:20 p.m., -0.9'
Friday	6:57 a.m./7:00 p.m.	9:36 p.m./8:49 a.m.	5:28 a.m., 4.7' 5:39 p.m., 4.5'	11:35 a.m., -0.8' 11:45 p.m., -0.8'
March 14	6:56 a.m./7:00 p.m.	10:28 p.m./9:34 a.m.	5:56 a.m., 4.6' 6:06 p.m., 4.1'	12:05 p.m., -0.5'