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Reminders:

- ❖ 20 December is the FMA Chapter 19 Christmas Party and 2002-2003 Elections. See the article on Page 3 of this newsletter if you are interested in running for office or if you would like to nominate someone.
- ❖ Thanks to all those who participated in the November sausage sale. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Advertiser/Star Bulletin Christmas fund.
- ❖ Help balance our books. If you pay FMA dues through cash/check, please bring your dues up to date. Call Yvonne Ajimura 488-0613 for status or information

OCTOBER SPEAKERS



Gary Shimabukuro, Nolan Chang, and Greg Morris were October's guest speakers at the Chapter 19 General Membership Meeting

Nolan Chang, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) Apprentice Program Coordinator and Greg Morris, Honolulu Community College (HCC) Coordinator presented information on "How to Prepare for the HCC ASSET Test" at the October General Membership Meeting. Gary Shimabukuro from Laulima (Drug Free Hawaii) followed with a drug awareness brief.

APPRENTICE PROGRAM AND THE HCC ASSET TEST

To advance to the interview stage for the PHNSY & IMF Apprentice Program, applicants must pass the HCC ASSET Test. The test is divided into three timed sections: Writing Skills, Reading Skills, and Math Skills. Applicants must place at Math 50 or higher (basic algebra and basic geometry-technical math) and English 120 or higher (advanced technical writing, progress reports, collaborative research, correct use of language).

Nolan Chang and Greg Morris presented the following information on what the test involves and methods to improve in English and math. Contact Nolan at 473-9433 or Greg at 845-9492 if you have questions or need more information.

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Brief description of the ASSET Test:

Writing Skills

- 36 Questions, 25 Minutes
- 3 Reading passages
- 11 punctuation and grammar; 13 sentence structure; 12 organization, strategy, and style items

Reading Skills

- 24 Questions, 25 Minutes
- 3 Reading passages, 375 words each
- Topics include fiction, business, social studies
- Determine meaning of passages and use reasoning to draw conclusions, comparisons, and generalizations

Math Skills – Arithmetic and Pre-Algebra

- 32 Questions, 25 Minutes
- Operations with decimals and fractions; operations with ration, proportion, percentage; conversions; absolute values; scientific notation; square roots

HCC courses available every semester:

- Pre-requisites for Math 50 (Math 20BCD-Foundaiton Math; and Math 24-Elmentary Algebra)
- Pre-requisites for English 120 (English 20BCDE-English Reading Skills; English 22-Intro to Expository Writing; English 51-Techniocal Reading; and English 60-Technical Writing)
- Compass Study Guide and Preparation for SAT 1 books available at HCC Bookstore

HCC online courses:

- Applied Mathematics-algebra fundamentals; Writing Skills-fundamentals; Reading Skills-fundamentals
- Monday-Friday, 0800-1600 hours, \$60-\$100 cost
- Courses can be completed in approximately 8 hours over a period of time

UH Employment Training Center

- Essential Math And English skills 13-week refresher course
- Training during the day only; \$400 cost

UH Outreach College

- Writing skills-grammar review
- Course offered day and night; cost varies



Gary Shimabukuro from Laulima gave an interesting and informative brief on drug awareness.

The illegal drug of choice in Hawaii is crystal methamphetamine also known as "ice." This drug is directly linked to violence in the home. Research verifies that drug and alcohol problems go hand in hand. Almost all Hawaii hostage situations and over 80 percent of child abuse are drug/alcohol related.

Mental and physical effects of ice include: increased heart rate, raised blood pressure, tense muscles, nervousness/agitation, voice speeds up, jitters, weight loss, adrenaline rush, "crazy" strength, aggressiveness, irritability, insomnia/sleep deprivation for days followed by sleeping for days, paranoia, memory loss, hallucinations, severe emotional depression, skin rash/sores, permanent lung and brain damage, seizures, coma, death.

If you're interested in drug prevention or know of someone who needs help, please contact Coalition for A Drug Free Hawaii, 545-3228 X34 or visit their website at www.drugfreehawaii.org

Happy Birthday

those born in December!



12/2	Vincent Chong, Jr.
12/8	Edwin Pimentel, Jr.
12/8	Ronald Takashima
12/11	Clement Lopez, Jr.
12/11	Dennis Loveland
12/12	Donald Yasutake
12/14	Gene Armacost
12/16	Calvin Endo
12/19	David Stock
12/20	Peter Krape
12/22	John Priolo
12/24	Michael Geffen
12/24	Karl Katto
12/28	Barbara Paris
12/29	Kevin Correa
12/30	Milton Hashimoto

FMA-PAC

FMA-PAC is the political arm of our organization. The following are contributions to date for calendar year 2001:

Name	Amount
Owen Okumura	\$650
Bridgit Bales	\$262
John Priolo	\$250
Frank Dietz	\$180
Mike Pia	\$180
Wayne Wilcox	\$159
Eric Kimura	\$102
Francis Wilson	\$50
Freeman Correa	\$50
Mike Chun	\$26
Diane Pierce	\$25
Peter Kwok	\$20
Anonymous	\$18
Keith Galang	\$18
TOTAL	\$1,990

BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

November Meeting will be the nominations meeting. The nomination committee has a proposed slate of nominees for each office. Other members in good standing may be nominated from the floor. The positions open for the year 2002 to 2003 are: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Sergeant at Arms and two Directors. For any contested seats, the election will be held at the December meeting. The two people receiving the most votes for Director will fill the two open slots. For offices where there are no contested seats, the Recording Secretary will cast one vote and the candidate will be elected as of the November 2001 meeting. All members are encouraged to attend, participate in fellowship and exercise your right to vote!



President's Message



By Eric Kimura

As the year comes to a close and the holiday season is upon us, we need to reflect on what we have done, where we are today, and where we want to go. We have done a lot. Together we brought attention to our critical budget shortfall and helped to bring about Congressional funding when we were short in the middle of this year. We helped in winning MILCON projects for the PHNSY & IMF.

PHNSY & IMF has reversed the trend of losing people and is now hiring. There is recognition of the need to increase our size. I believe we have played a significant part in reversing that trend.

We still have a long way to go. Last year I put forth a vision of an FMA where we are a fraternal organization of 400+ people where any member can get help for any issue from other members and we work as a network of friends for the good of the PHNSY & IMF. We can do it. We just have to recognize that we can.

To all:
Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.
See you at the 29 November meeting.

ZoNews

By John Priolo

Zone Dues

In accordance with the Zone 7 Bylaws each Zone 7 Chapter will be charged annual dues of \$1.00 per member. Our Zone Treasurer, John Mikel of Chapter 90, will be sending out notices in the near future. Please send in your dues as soon as possible. The money is used to support the Zone 7/8 Hospitality Room at the National Convention. The money on account also allows the Zone to reserve meeting rooms and hotel accommodations when we host the Joint Zone 7/8 Conference each year.

Joint Zone 7/8 Conference

Patricia Niehaus from Chapter 167 is the chair of the Joint Zone 7/8 Conference which Zone 7 will host at the Embassy Suites, Napa, CA the Martin Luther King holiday weekend. Conference meetings will be confined to Saturday, 19 January 2002 which leaves Sunday, 20 January open for an optional luncheon Wine Train Tour. Since we will be at Embassy Suites many extras are included. A cooked to order breakfast and an evening managers' reception are available for each guest at no additional charge. Each accommodation consists of two rooms so you can bring in family and guests at no extra charge. Since I have a daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren living nearby I intend to take advantage of the opportunity.

Patricia will be sending out Conference information and hotel registration as well as information on nearby attractions for your guests. We also expect our National President, Michael Styles, to join us in developing FMA Issue Briefs for our March Day on the Hill.

Possible New Chapter

Hopes are high for an USDA-Rural Development Chapter in Fresno, CA. Further information will be provided, as it becomes available.



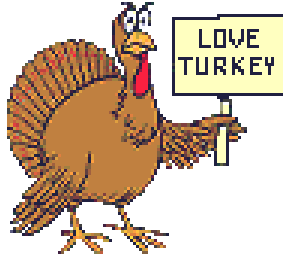
Next General Meeting

Date: Thursday, 29 November 2001

Time: Doors open at 1530 hours

Place: Ho'aloa Room, Shipyard Cafeteria

Cost: Food and refreshments are available for \$3



Happy Thanksgiving

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