

## **A. Update on the COMFSM's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

The revised schedule of events pretty much sums-up the daily activities for the joined celebration of the Main and Pohnpei Campuses for the COMFSM's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **First Day (Monday)**

The first event, according to reports from the Sub-Committee Chair is 90% ready for execution. The very first event of the celebration will be a parade of floats from the Spanish Wall to the PICS Public Sports Facilities where the Opening Ceremony will take place.

At around 10:00 am, the Opening Ceremony will start with Director Jack introducing Governor Peterson to deliver a welcoming statement followed by President Daisy reflecting on the significance of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Speaker Simina will be the third speaker representing the National Government. The fourth speaker, Dr. Padwick Gallen, will represent the alumni in Pohnpei. It should be mentioned that none of these prospective speakers have accepted our formal requests to speak but we're working on it.

Sports Competition will be shorter than usual and will be followed by LUNCH BREAK. Cultural Activities will close out the first day at around 4:00 pm.

### **Second Day (Tuesday)**

The venue will shift from the PICS Sports Facilities to the Main Campus. At 9:00 am, the first event of the day starts with the dedication of the Traditional Canoe and Canoe House.

At around 3:00 pm, Fran Hezel will hold a lecture session followed by book signing at the MITC Room. The lecture will focus on “a college education---and why”.

### **Third Day (Wednesday)**

At 9:00 am, the Convocation will begin at the Friendship Gym and at 1:00 pm Mr. Floyd Takeuchi will have a photo exhibition, “Tropical Light”. At 3:30 pm Nathan Fitch will have a special screening, “Island Screening” at the Etscheit Cinema in Kolonia.

### **Fourth Day (Thursday)**

The whole day is open for the out-of-town special guests and at 6:00 pm, the Gala Fundraising Diner, will start at the FSM-CHINA Friendship Sports Center. The dinner has been planned for 300 guests, 50 consisting of major donors, dignitaries, diplomatic corp, friend and supporters of the College. The remaining 250 are paid tickets. The dinner will start with the Sponsor making a short statement, followed by one of the co-sponsors. President Daisy will welcome and thank the guests for supporting the Endowment Fund. President Christian, the last speaker, will deliver the keynote address.

The rest of the evening will be devoted to raising more money at the dinner. Sometimes during the dinner, the Emcee will announce the total collection relative to meeting the \$500K target goal. The Emcee will plead and persuade the guests to make pledge donations until the target goal is met or even surpassed.

During the dinner also, there will be a raffle draw with \$1,500 being the grand prize; first prize win is \$500.00; second prize win is \$300.00 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize win is \$200.00.

## **B. Update on Logistical and financial information:**

1. Congress had approved our request for matching but fell short; nevertheless, we are grateful for the \$125,000.00.

2. We have received the 3,000 gift bags, 100 of which are bigger and stronger and are to be used for the gifts. The gifts include local peppers, local coffee, locally printed polo shirts, framed photos and the magazines. All the state campuses have specific allocations of T-shirts, Trophies, and Gift Bags matching their allocations of magazines and some of these allocations are shipped directly from the outside vendors while others are shipped from Pohnpei. The magazines for Pohnpei have arrived and clearing Customs. Delivery of magazines to the donors, in Guam, awaits arrival of gifts from Pohnpei. About 50 copies will be delivered to the FSM Counsel General's Office for their visiting guests and partners in Guam.

We've received approximately 10 cases of wine and expect 6 to 7 more from contributors in Pohnpei including \$2,000.00 in cash for the raffle draw although we were still short \$500.00 but the Board donated that amount and we thank them for it.

The banners and posters are up around town and more than 250 tickets, at \$100.00 each, are on sale. These tickets should generate \$25,000.00 with another \$1,000.00 incentives for the ticket sellers. By the way, the same pre-numbered ticket stubs will be used for the raffle draw.

3. The Gala Fundraising Dinner is estimated to cost \$18,000.00 and the Chinese Embassy has agreed to be the Sponsor. The food will be catered by several local caterers.

4. The Steering Committee will be meeting every Friday starting next week at the Gym and, if necessary, twice a week to ensure no small detail is overlooked.