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A Message from the President



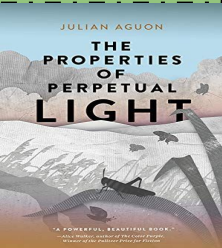
March is an awesome month for Guam and the World. Not only is it a time when we celebrate our culture as Chamorus on Guam but it's also Women's History Month. It also marks one year when our normal lives as we knew it stopped in order to keep ourselves safe from Covid-19. Fast forward one year later and we have made significant changes in how we do things, and our new normal became not so foreign or uncomfortable anymore. One thing has remained constant throughout all the uncertainty...our joy and love for literacy. This has made us stronger as an organization in numbers and allowed us to continue to foster and promote literacy in our schools, homes, island community, and beyond our reef. Un dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase for all that you have contributed as valuable members of our organization. Congratulations to all of us because this wonderful month of March we were awarded Honor Council by the International Literacy Association.

Thank you, and I look forward to our meeting!

Your CY2020-21 IRA President,

Dr. Darlene Rose Afaisen Roberto

Book of the Month



Description:

The Properties of Perpetual Light is an homage to the work of the activist/writer, which author Julian Aguon describes as "the work of bearing witness, wrestling with the questions of one's day, telling children the truth." with prose and poetry both bracing and quiet, Aguon weaves together stories from his childhood in the villages of Guam with searing political commentary about everything from nuclear weapons to climate change. Throughout the book, Aguon grapples with one heart-breaking loss after another by immersing himself in the beauty of his island, the magic of Micronesia, and the wisdom of his favorite books and elders. (UOG Press, 2021)

Join us at our recurring meeting link below:

bit.ly/34I97Nn

Meeting ID & Passcode will be emailed to members.



IRA SATURDAYS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
SHARPENING OUR VISION IN 2020: READ
TIME: 9AM-12PM VIA ZOOM OR AT SHS

September 26, 2020 "Looking Beyond the Present"

October 17, 2020 "Seeing is Believing"

November 14, 2020 "Examining the Possibilities"

DECEMBER 19 "Take a Peek Book Fair"

January 9, 2021 "Focus on You"

February 6, 2021 "Read-A-Thon Kick Off"

March 20, 2021 "Biba Mes Chamoru"

April 17, 2021 "Prize Distribution and
Spend it All, Spend it Now"

May 15, 2021 "Explore New Adventures"



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Celebrate Chamorro Month

*Biba Mes
Chamorro*



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This Month's Speaker:

Frank Rabon

Frank Rabon is synonymous with cultural dance practices on Guam as the founder of the TaoTao Tano' Cultural Dancers. Having been raised in local traditions, culture, and the language, Rabon still felt that the culture was not in its truest form because of Spanish and American influences. Thus, he began his research into pre-contact Chamoru culture with a particular interest in chants, dances, and songs. Rabon has dedicated 28 years to Chamoru song and dance, and inspired many to pursue Chamoru dance. As the creative director of Pa'a Taotao Tano', Rabon has provided cultural services to the community of Guam, through the Department of Education, the Guam Visitors Bureau and the Government of Guam's cultural agencies. Rabon has received "Master of Chamoru Dance", the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Guam Council of the Arts and Humanities, as well as an honorary masters in Chamoru culture from the University of Guam. (Guampedia, 2020)



EDTECH CORNER



[SplashLearn](#) is a great application for teachers and kids. It has lots of useful content and great reporting features. It's great because as you get things correct

it increases in complexity - So it continues to challenge even those learners that are ready to move on. StudyPad's flagship product, SplashLearn, is transforming the way elementary school children in grades K-5 learn and study math through a highly engaging, and personalized program. SplashLearn is available across all digital platforms (iOS, Desktops, Android) and has been used by more than 30 million students worldwide (Adam, 2020)

Guåhan Isan Famagu'on Lions Club **BOOK DONATION DRIVE**

GIVE THE GIFT OF READING!
DONATE NEW OR GENTLY USED BOOKS TO FAMILIES IN NEED
OR CHILDREN WHO HAVE NEVER OWNED A BOOK.



March 8 – April 8, 2021

Drop off locations:

North: JM Guerrero Elementary School
Central: Barrigada Mayor's Office
South: Southern High School

Last Chance for \$500.00 IRA Grant in SY 20-21!



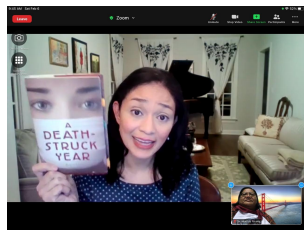
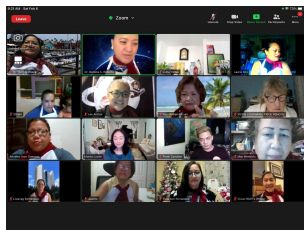
Time is running out!

Put those creative ideas into an IRA Grant application and you might be the lucky recipient of hundreds of dollars in cash for your classroom! The IRA and the UOG School of Education Alumni Association will each be giving away \$500.00 for the Spring Grant Cycle. Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

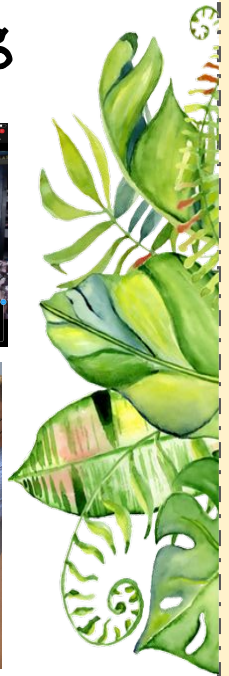
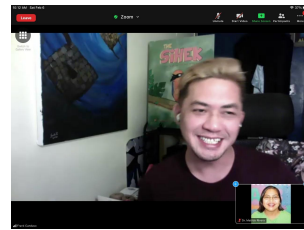
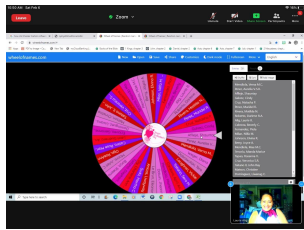
Go to <https://iraguam.blogspot.com/> and look for Grants. Read the Guidelines. Fill out the Application form and Send it to Vivian Wolff at vwolff7502@yahoo.com or Martha Sudo at mjsudo@gmail.com. You can send in your grant applications now. **The deadline to apply is April 17, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.**

Biba!





Snapshots of the Read-a-thon Kick-off Meeting



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PRESENTS

READING TAKES YOU EVERYWHERE

READ-A-THON 2021

MARCH 2 - 26, 2021

If you are interested in
participating in the
Read-A-Thon 2021,
please see your teacher.



We continue our literacy
celebration this month!
Keep on reading Guam!
Join us for an interesting
Speaker, raffle prizes,
and more!

