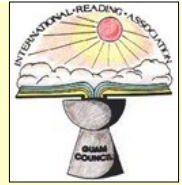


# Guam Council International Reading Association



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## RAT 2012—I ♥ Reading: Read One · Love One



The Guam Council-IRA's Kick-Off for Read-A-Thon 2012 will be held at the Guam Aurora Resort Villa & Spa, the former Okura Hotel on February 11, 2012 from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. As we count down for the kick-off, John F. Kennedy High School's Honor Choir, Viva-ce 9 will begin our meeting with some songs to get in the Spirit of Love in the air.

Our theme, I ♥ Reading: Read One · Love One has struck many people with a love bug for the RAT 2012 T-shirt. We encourage members to wear this year's RAT shirt or any red, pink, or purple shirt to emphasize our theme. Why? Well, the FIRST 100 Guam Council-IRA members who wear the-

se colors will receive a free RAT 2012 lanyard. Yes, you've read it correctly... free just for promoting reading and the spirit of love.

As for this month's presentation, we have a special treat! Jeff Arkell, International Vice President of Teacher Created Materials, will be sharing practical and teacher-friendly resources on Character Development that will assist our members in inspiring students to become productive community members. Karen Robison, International Sales Manager will also be at the meeting to assist in providing best classroom practices and the latest research. This is an event

that you would not want to miss.

Furthermore, Read-A-Thon 2012 novelties will be available for you, your friends, or family members. You can purchase I ♥ Reading t-shirts, bags, pocket mirrors and fans, pens and lanyards at the meeting. We hope you will be able to come and experience the love in the air. To entice you even further, we will be raffling an IPAD2 and some other great prizes in this month's general meeting just because we want you to, I ♥ Reading: Read One · Love One .

*Jonathan*

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### Book Exchange

Please remember to bring the books you read and get some others to read them. The donated books go to a good cause—the Alee Shelter—at the end of the school year.

## Grants

Spring grant applications will be available on the February and March meetings at the grants table. Application forms are also available online at [www.iraguam.blogspot.com](http://www.iraguam.blogspot.com). Please take advantage of this opportunity to get books into your classrooms and into the hands of your students. The due date is **April 14, 2012** at the Spend it All! Spend It Now! Meeting no later than 11:00 A.M. to the grants table. If you have any questions, please contact Evelyn Topasna at 689-9455/565-6710.

### Eligibility for Spring Cycle:

- Must have been a member as of February 2012 and attended at least one meeting
- Did not receive a grant from the Spring or Fall 2011 grant cycles
- Have always completed the required grant evaluation
- Willing to share your ideas with other members

For grant writing tips and more information visit the grants table at the next meeting.

**Good luck and happy grant writing!**

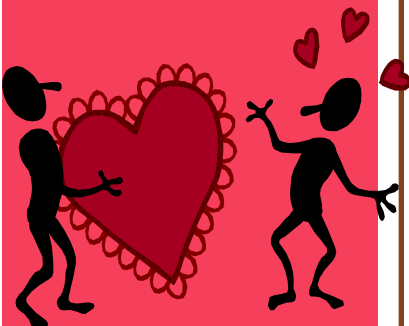




**THIS IS THE TIME TO  
JOIN OR RENEW YOUR  
LOCAL MEMBERSHIP**

We invite everyone to join the Guam International Reading Association and attend this month's general meeting. As you sign in, you are eligible to win a door prize at the end of the meeting. We are raffling prizes, such as seat cushions, cloth bags, storage bin sets, file sets, rolling carts, shelves, and many more with books to promote reading.

We congratulate Jonah Mendiola for winning the grand prize, a Kindle Fire, during the December meeting and Verna Mendiola for winning the wireless printer during the January meeting. You too can be a winner. This month's grand prize is an iPad 2. We look forward to seeing you at the general meeting.



# RAT 2012—Update

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 6 – 22, 2012, Monday –Wednesday  
Distribute Read-A-Thon Pledge Cards

February 10, 2012: Friday  
Read-A-Thon 2012 WAVE  
John F. Kennedy High School  
2:30-3:30 P.M.

February 11-24, 2012, Saturday –Friday  
6th Annual Writing/Poster Contest.

February 11, 2012, Saturday:  
**Read-A-Thon 2012 Kick-Off  
at Guam Aurora Resort  
Villa & Spa from 8:00 A.M.  
– 11:00 A.M.**

February 22, 2012, Wednesday  
Turn in Pledge Cards and Money to Teachers  
(ON-TIME MONEY IS DUE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TOP 10 STUDENT PRIZES ISLAND-WIDE)

February 24, 2012, Friday  
6th Annual Writing/Poster Contest Entries Due

March 10, 2012, Saturday  
Read-A-Thon I ♥ Reading:  
Read One · Love One  
Winners  
will be announced at the Guam Aurora Resort Villa & Spa

## Student Prize List

Category A  
Paperback Book  
Category B  
Prize A plus a non-woven Book Bag  
Category C  
Prize A and B Plus a Hard Cover Book  
Category D  
Prize A, B, and C Plus a "Success Book Pack" or The Guinness Book of World Records 2012 and Ripleys Believe it or Not 2012

## Top Ten Student Prizes Island-Wide

1<sup>st</sup> Place: A Love for Fun and Adventure: Experience Great America Theme Park  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: MacBook Air  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Home System  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Apple iPad  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Sony PS3  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: Sony Netbook  
7<sup>th</sup> Place: Movie Madness  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: Amazon Kindle Fire  
9<sup>th</sup> Place: Apple iPod Touch  
10<sup>th</sup> Place: Nintendo DSI XL

## Love All Who Participated

We would like to thank the following schools or daycares for joining this year's Read-A-Thon: Adacao Elementary School, Agana Heights Elementary, Asumbo Elementary School,

Carbullido Elementary School, Chief Brodie Elementary School, C.L. Taitano Elementary, D.L. Perez Elementary School, Finegayan Elementary School, Inarajan Elementary School, J.M. Guerrero Elem. School, L.B.J. Elementary School, Liguana Elementary School, Machananao Elementary, M. Ulloa Elementary School, Marcial Sablan Elementary School, Merizo Martyrs Memorial School, Ordot-Chalan Pago Elem. School, P. C. Lujan Elementary, Price Elementary School, Truman Elementary School, Upi Elementary School, Wettengel Elementary School, Agueda Johnston Middle School, Asumbo Middle School, Benavente Middle School, F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School, Jose Rios Middle School, Oceanview Middle School, Untalan Middle School, George Washington High School, J.F.K. High School, Okkodo High School, Simon Sanchez High School, Southern High School, Notre Dame High School, San Vicente Catholic School, St. Francis Catholic School, St. Paul Christian School (Central/North), Temple Baptist School, Father Duenas Memorial High, Just Kidding Daycare, Little Ones Daycare, PNG Child Care & Learning Center, Noah's Ark Childcare, Bambini Childcare School, Lots of Learning Daycare, and Montessori Harmon. We hope to have more schools, preschools, and daycares to join our annual event.

## Snapshots from January Meeting



Board Members with Linda Warfel.

Grand Prize Winner, Verna Mendiola (L) with Door Prize members and Guam IRA President, Nel Pendon-Limtiaco.



Nel Pendon-Limtiaco, Eleanor Artero, Linda Warfel, and Past-President Tina Buendicho.



IRA President introduces Linda Warfel.

## University of Guam Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

There are many of us who claim the University of Guam as our alma mater. It has been our educational resource for undergraduate and graduate coursework on the way to our professional goals. Since 1952 to the present day, it has not only served the higher learning needs on Guam but also throughout the Pacific.

In March 2012, UOG will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. "60 for 60" is one of the UOG's Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library's activities aimed at developing a list of **sixty books** that represent our region of the Pacific. This list will identify publications that share the

history, culture, literature, and life of these communities.

This list of 60 titles will include publications of juvenile and adult fiction and nonfiction with emphasis on the regions that include Guam, CNMI, Palau, Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, and the Marshall Islands. (Doesn't this fit nicely with our RAT 2012 theme, "Read one, Love one"?)

The online nomination form has been launched. The link is <https://ugam.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV8eq1mWTYZCApKOE>.

It will be active through February 29, 2012. **Paul Drake**, User Services & Document Delivery Li-

brarian at the UOG's RFK Library, encourages all IRA members to nominate titles that represent the best in the juvenile and adult fiction and non-fiction categories.

**Online voting** to finalize the list will start on Charter Day in **March** and continue to the end of the month.

Look for **Paul Drake** at the **February IRA meeting** at the **Aurora Resort and Villa** to give him your nominations or ask for more details of this project. He can also be reached at [pdrake@ugam.uog.edu](mailto:pdrake@ugam.uog.edu).

Submitted by Cyndy Pruski for Paul Drake

## 2011-12 Board Members

**President**—Nel Pendon-Limtiaco

**President Elect**—Jonathan Pilarca

**Treasurer**—Stephanie Flores

**Recording Secretary**—Martha Sudo

**Corresponding Secretary**—Erlinda Arriola

**Author Visit**—Cyndy Pruski

**Book Exchange**—Jane Rayphand

**Door Prizes**—Kimberly Flores, Leah Leon Guerrero, F. Glenn Lujan

**Grants**—Evelyn Topasna

Geraldine Pablo, Connie Mallada

**Hard Cover**—Rebecca North,

James O'Donnell, Verna Mendiola

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## Hardcover Books!

New York Times Bestsellers, Caldecott Winners, Steve Jobs, Eric Carle. Where can you find them? Come to the Hardcover Table to check out the titles available. We have Eric Carle's newest book: *The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse*. Perhaps you would like to read Brian Selznick's *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. We can help you. Or would you like to read the biography of Steve Jobs? These and so many more titles await you at the Hardcover Table. Make sure to stop by this Saturday.

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## Mensåhi ginen i Prisidenten IRA Nel Pendon-Limtiaco



On January 14, we were inspired by Linda H. Warfel, Vice-President, Asia/Pacific Education and Trade, Scholastic Asia. She was able to share different ideas using picture books. She also showed us how to collaborate with community members in order to promote literacy. There were so many inspiring ideas that if you weren't able to attend the meeting, you can visit our site at [www.iraguamblogspot.com](http://www.iraguamblogspot.com) to view her edited power point presentation.

Organizing a monthly Guam Council - IRA meeting can sometimes be a challenge, but thank goodness for friends like Linda H. Warfel and Eleanor Artero. I wanted to extend a huge thank you, again, to Linda H. Warfel for being our honored guest. I would also like to thank Eleanor Artero for assisting with her visit, you were very instrumental.

Is there a special person in your life? Of course, there is always someone special. Celebrate an early Valentine's Day by bringing that special person along to this month's General Membership Meeting at the **Guam Aurora Resort Villa and Spa**. Jonathan Pilarca will be filling the air with laughter and love because this month is Read-A-Thon 2012: *I heart Reading, Read One \* Love One*. He has a very, very exciting program and I'm hoping you'll be able to join us.

Do you like attending our general membership meetings? Do you like promoting literacy? Do you enjoy inspiring your students, colleagues, family, and friends? Do you have extra time on your hands? Do you need a new challenge in your life? If so, the local council would like you to consider becoming the next President-Elect. If you are interested, need more information, or would just like to talk about this position, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jonathan Pilarca. We would be more than happy to talk to you about becoming the next President-Elect.

We apologize in the change of venue. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to relocate to the Guam Aurora Resort Villa and Spa for the remainder of the year with the exception of the April Meeting that will be held at the J.F.K. High School's Cafeteria. We hope you'll be able to assist us by informing your colleagues, family and friends of our new location and we hope to see you at our February General Membership Meeting.

Adios, *Nel*

**September 10, 2011:**

*Sharing the Power of Literacy*

**October 15, 2011:**

*Intriguing Author - Marc Tyler Nobleman*

**November 5, 2011 –**

Guam Marriott Resort & Spa:

*Never too Late to Rejuvenate at the UOG's Language Arts Conference*

**December 10, 2011**

Agana Shopping Center:

*Communities Gather Together to Promote Reading*

**January 14, 2012:**

*Exciting New Things with Linda Warfel and Scholastic*

**February 11, 2012:**

**Read-A-Thon 2012—I ♥ Reading:  
Read One · Love One**

**March 10, 2012:**

*Improve Reading: A Culture's Challenge*

**April 14, 2012:**

*Take Time Out to Shop*

**May 19, 2012:**

*Year End with Y-O-U*