



Bok Melele

News updates from the:
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Dartmouth volunteer teachers arrive for orientation



On Thursday, July 26, the first new group of Dartmouth volunteers arrived in Majuro. The Dartmouth Volunteer Teaching Program (DVTP) is proud to begin its twelfth year of working with the Ministry of Education to send volunteer teachers to public schools throughout the Marshall Islands.

This year, 11 Dartmouth volunteers will be teaching in schools on Majuro Atoll, Jaluit Atoll, and Wotje Atoll.

The Dartmouth volunteers are in Majuro for two weeks for their orientation. During this time, they will begin learning about Marshallese language and culture in order to prepare for their new lives as RMI teachers.

In December, they will be joined by one additional volunteer and 10 undergraduates, who will teach in the Majuro schools for one quarter and assist Professor Garrod with his annual production at MHS.

Please help us welcome all the new volunteer teachers and make them feel comfortable as they adjust to their new home!

Posing above as they arrive at the Majuro airport are (l-r): Joe Naeem, Saige Hoaglin, and Alex Fisher.

2012-2013 Dartmouth Volunteers

Northern Islands High School (NIHS):

Alex Fisher

Garrett Bethmann

Marshall Islands High School (MIHS):

Joseph Naeem

Jaluit High School (JHS):

Calvin Woodring

Ben Kahn

Laura High School (LHS):

Paola Murcia

George Hill

Majuro Middle School (MMS):

Bryan Armbruster

Ejit Elementary School (EES):

Saige Hoaglin

Laura Irons

Naan in kareel ko nan ri-jikuul ro ilo ien summer

Elane kwojalimo ilo summer in, kwoj maron wot:

- Kaajimourur! Ikkure ekiu ak bollebool, tutu iar ak etetal bajjok. Enaj emman am mour im anbwinnim enaj lap an kamolol eok kake...
- Riiti juon book! Emmanlak nan komalij eo am jen am alooje joun DVD. Kajjeon lale book kan ilo jikin mona eo ilo MIR bwe ejjelok woneen am kojrbali im bar korooli ne ejjab jibadoklak library ko.
- Jiban jukjuk in bed eo am! Karok juon ien am karreoki ial ko ak jikin tutu iar ko ion bok ko ibben ro mottam.

KOMMOL TATA ILO AM NAAJ RIIT IM BOK AM MELELE...!!!!!!

Pushing our canoe abilities

HPO focuses on WAM sailing program

The ancient Marshallese art of canoe navigation has been at risk of extinction, with only a handful of master navigators remaining.

Traditionally Marshallese are skilled open ocean navigators who relied on the stars, wave reflection and refraction, ocean currents, weather and explicit chants to navigate between small atolls and over vast ocean distances.

RMI Historic Preservation Office staff recently got together with former Mayor of Bikini and WAM Director Alson Kelen to discuss and share some of his knowledge on navigation and canoe building.

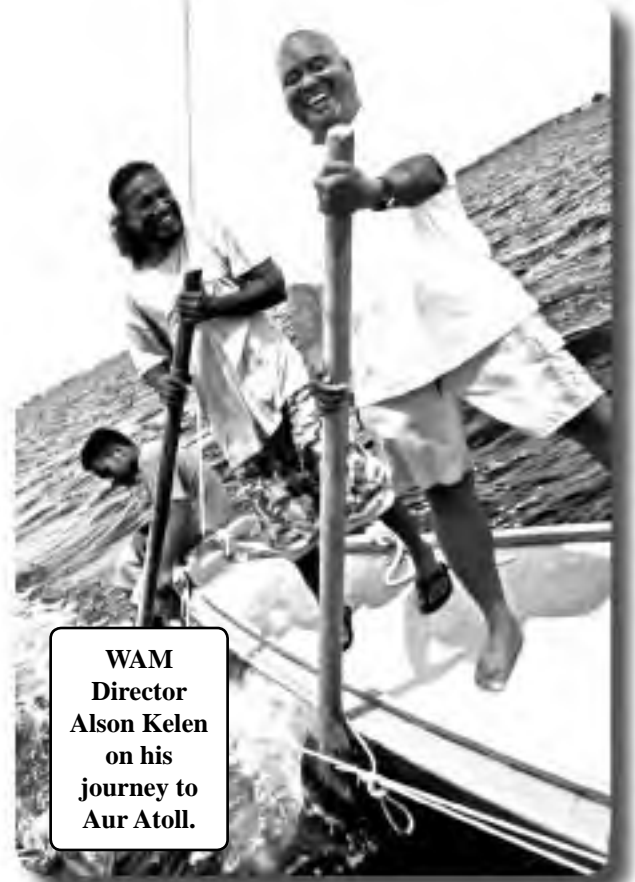
The mapping of traditional navigation will not only focus on the navigation itself but on how that knowledge is passed on from master navigator to an apprentice.

"We hope to explore other aspects that play a key role in navigation such as the socio-economic impact it has and what it has meant historically in the Marshall Islands which is known to have some of the best navigators in the Pacific," said HPO Historian Steve Titiml.

The focus of the project is to better understand where tangible culture heritage can compliment intangible cultural heritage mapping.

The intent is to be able to fill in the gaps where the physical sites and artifacts are not able to tell, which is the story or bwebwenato.

The public is welcomed to stop by the office to add their knowledge so that we can paint an accurate picture of a culture and way of life that is unique to the people of the Marshall Islands, he said.



WAM Director Alson Kelen on his journey to Aur Atoll.

RMI ties in with Pacific project

The Republic of the Marshall Islands Historic Preservation Office (HPO) is currently working on an Endangered Culture Heritage Project with Secretariat of the Pacific Community's Human Development Program.

It is part of a European Union (EU) funded project worth about F\$2,092,000 (US\$1,255,200). The project is titled "Cultural Sector for Improved Human Development" and is a pilot project partnering with Pacific Islands Museum (PIMA) and involves Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, Nauru, Niue, Kiribati and Bougainville in Papua New Guinea.

Historian Steve Titiml attended a workshop last November in Fiji on mapping cultural heritage sites along the Coral Coast in Sigatoka. Part of the workshop involved a site mapping exercise in Tavuni Hill Fort, in the interior of Nadroga, Fiji.



Historian Steve Titiml.

Booze watch

I would like to apologize for pointing out only The Pub in contributing to Delap's illegal alcohol business environment.

Unfortunately, the illegal sales of alcohol are happening from takeouts nearby and are more frequent.

Konou Smith, Delap