

# MiLi gaLs fiNd aiD iN MajUro

A two-day program targeting 35 out-of-school and unemployed girls from the Southern atoll of Mili has resulted in 12 of the young ladies making the leap to begin the process of applying for their General Equivalency Diploma (GED).

It has become a proven fact internationally that if you educate a girl it will lead to poverty alleviation within her family and community. It is on this principle that a group of Mili Atoll women established the Kumiti Mili Project in collaboration with the Mili Atoll Local Government to take the lead on developing the Uñare Peim Program for young Mili girls living on Majuro.

According to co-organizers of the program Grace Lebon and Rolmi Helfrety-Heine the girls took part in a two-day program at the end of September. It began with a forum, which included a line-up of speakers from the Ministry of Health, Women United Together Marshall Islands, Waan Aelon in Majel, the Cancer Support Group and



Mili girls with Uñare Peim program coordinators on Bukonbotin Island on their training camp retreat.

the College of Marshall Islands' GED program, to discuss health issues, opportunities and options for the girls. The forum also presented the girls with a venue to voice their needs such as their desires to return to school to attain their high school diploma and learning income generating skills such as sewing and making handicrafts. "Participants included girls aged 13 to 24," said Leban

adding that with many of the younger teenage girls the they are out of school is because there is a lack of support at home to push them to pursue educational needs. On day two of the program the girls were taken for an overnight camp on Bukonbutin Island where they learned from other Mili women how to umum (cook in an earth oven) and basic weaving skills.

The Kumiti Mili Project received funding support from AusAID to organize last month's Uñare Peim program and according to Leban the next step is to help the girls get enrolled in existing programs that offer skill-based training such as the Juren Ae program, which for many years has taught sewing and handicraft making, and the WAM traditional canoe building program.



Salome & Tuofina Fakatou

## Salome off to Hawaii film fest

Salome Fakatou, the award-winning Marshallese actress from the film Ainikien Jidjid ilo Bon, will attend showings of the Marshall Islands film at the Hawaii International Film Festival in Honolulu next week. Sponsoring the trip to Hawaii is the Kili-Bikini-Ejit Local Government.

She will be accompanied by her mother, Deborah Fakatou.

Co-producer Jack Niedenthal will also be at the film showings along with Karen Earnshaw who is in the film. The movie, which won awards at film festivals in New York and Guam, will show twice next week in Honolulu at the Dole Cannery Theaters.

Salome, who is 10, won an "Achievement in Acting" award for her role as the granddaughter of a nuclear victim.

# TeAm JaBRerE wiNs tOp pOINts

Two tagged marlin's plus a 40-pound wahoo helped Team Jabrere, captained by seasoned fisherman Wally Milne, take the lead with a total of 540 points in Saturday's Marshalls Billfish Club's Budweiser Biggest Qualifying Billfish tournament.

While none of the eight teams that went out that morning brought in a qualifying 200+ pound billfish to win the big bucks for the day, there were still enough billfish out at sea for each of the six boats to report either a catch, strike or billfish tags at weigh-in.

Captain Ronnie Reimers' Team Kirtake, which won the Billfish Tournament in July, managed to score a meager 24 points with their 24 pound barracuda and reported three frustrating billfish strikes — giving 'em that "three strikes and you're out feeling" on this fishing day.

Team Dragon managed 214 points with their 172-pound billfish and 42 pounds of mouthwatering tuna. Team Celinda tagged a tuna



Team Jatang's Kenneth Kramer, Isaac Capelle and Brian Armbruster with their second place marlins.

scoring her 15 pounds for that tag which added to the 180-pound billfish they weighed in giving the Celinda total points of 195.

Meanwhile, the environmentally sustainable fishing approach taken by Team Patumahoe put them at third place in points on Saturday's Budweiser Biggest Qualifying Billfish Tournament.

Patumahoe reported two tagged tuna and on tagged billfish giving


the team 280 points. Kenneth Kramer's Team Jetang scored second place with their total 357 points as a result of the two marlins weighing in at 172 and 185 pounds.

With no winners of the Budweiser Biggest Qualifying Billfish in this past weekend's tournament the winning prize money is still up for grabs, and it will carry-over into the next tourney.

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