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Hafa Adai,

**BIBA MES CHAMORU! BIBA GC, ILA – READ-A-THON 2024!**

Thank you all for another successful Read-A-Thon. There were about 30 schools and daycare centers that participated with documented reading of over 5,000 hours and raised over \$37,000.00. Most of the funds went to student prizes of paperback books, bags, hardcover books, and gift cards, and top student prizes. Top Student Prizes included a Kindle for Kids, a cell phone with \$10 loads each month for one year, and Apple AirPods. In addition, top students also received a paperback book, RAT 2024 book bag, hardcover book, and \$50 gift card. If any schools still have late monies to be submitted, please contact me at (671) 727-1455. We can arrange to meet. Students with late monies can still get a free paperback book with a minimum of a \$5.00 pledge submitted. See page 3 for the listing of the top winners for RAT 2024. Congratulations!

Prize Distribution and Spend-It-All took place on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at JM Guerrero Elementary School Cafeteria, where RAT 2024 School Representatives, teachers, and principals, who participated, could use their percentage vouchers to shop for books, electronics, and even use their vouchers towards membership.

Speaking of "Membership", the Board extended the Buy One, Get One (BOGO) FREE Membership to the May 11th meeting. When you sign up and attend the meeting(s) on April 13 and/or May 11, you also get a free paperback book from the Book Table. You must attend one of those meeting(s) to get your free paperback book.

Two GC, ILA grants are available for the Spring Cycle. The UOG/SOE Alumni Association will be providing the funding for the second grant recommended by the Grants Committee. Applications are due by 12:00 noon on Saturday, April 13, 2024. See "Grant" article for more details. Forms available on our website at <https://ilaguam.blogspot.com>.

Julie Tainatongo Naputi, from Talofof Elementary, will be our guest speaker for our April 13th meeting at JM Guerrero Elementary School's library. She has insights on promoting language and literacy, improving vocabulary, decoding, etc. I look forward to seeing you all there!



# Biba Mes Chamoru!

Warm regards,

*Martha Sudo*

President, CY 2023-2025

[mjsudo@gmail.com](mailto:mjsudo@gmail.com)





# ILA Board Members

Martha Sudo, President / UOG/ILA credit / Chairperson Read-A-Thon 2023 and 2024

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Nilfa Milan, Electronics

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April Ann Martinez, Newsletter

Dr. Dylan Orot, Newsletter

Elvina Johnson, Novelties

Verna Mendiola, Novelties

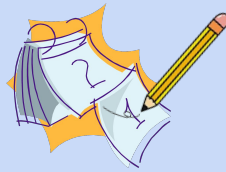
Gerianne Eclavea, Hardcover / Paperback

Catherine Paulino, Hardcover / Paperback

Tina Buendicho, Prizes

Pearl Hamada Yonamine, Professional Development

Eleanor Quichocho, Professional Development



# Mark Your Calendars!

GC-ILA Meetings @ JM Guerrero Elementary School, Harmon, Dededo / 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

- ✓ **September 9, 2023**
- ✓ **October 27-28, 2023 (UOG Language Arts Conference)**
  - ✓ **October 27 - 4:00-6:00p.m. @ Tan Lam Pek Kim English and Communications Building, University of Guam**
  - ✓ **October 28 - 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m. @ Dusit Beach Resort Guam (formerly Outrigger)**
- ✓ **November 11, 2023**
- ✓ **December 9, 2023 (Community Book Fair @ Agana Shopping Center, 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m.)**
- ✓ **January 13, 2024 (Read-a-Thon Kick-Off @ Agana Shopping Center, 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m.)**
- ✓ **February 24, 2024 (End of Read-a-Thon; Submission of on-time pledges)**
- ✓ **March 9, 2024**
  - ✓ **8:00-10:00a.m. - Prize Distribution (School Reps shop for student/teacher prizes)**
  - ✓ **10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. - Spend It All, Spend It Now (Reps/Teachers will be given vouchers to shop using their class percentages)**
- ☐ **April 13, 2024 @ JM Guerrero Elem School Library**
- ☐ **May 11, 2024 @ JM Guerrero Elem School Library**



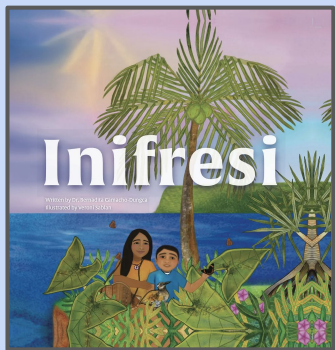
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## Get Literacy Resources with a \$500 Grant!

Wouldn't \$500.00 help you to share a love for reading with your students? Then don't delay! Go to <https://ilaguam.blogspot.com> and download the Rules and ILA Grant Application for a \$500.00 grant. Deadline for the Spring grant application period is 12:00 noon on April 13. You've got some time so think seriously about it. Jot down your ideas and get started. It's easy! For more information, contact Vivian Wolff ([vwolf7502@yahoo.com](mailto:vwolf7502@yahoo.com)) or Dottie Rosario ([dottierosario3@gmail.com](mailto:dottierosario3@gmail.com)).

## BOOK OF THE MONTH



Dr. Bernadita "Benit" Camacho-Dungca wrote the *Inifresi* in 1991. It became Guåhan's official pledge in 1998. It is recited daily in schools, government meetings, and other public and private events. It has also been reimagined as a song and is regularly performed by local musicians and cultural arts groups.

Learn the Inifresi and watch Guåhan's beloved pledge come to life in this stunning children's book filled with vibrant illustrations of the island and its people.

Good for: *Children of all ages*



## DIGITAL CORNER



The SAG-AFTRA Foundation's two-time Emmy®-nominated and award-winning children's literacy website, Storyline Online® (<https://storylineonline.net/>) streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations. Readers include Oprah Winfrey, Chris Pine, Rosario Dawson, Viola Davis, Terry Crews, Connie Britton, John Lithgow, Jennifer Garner, Betty White and dozens more. Storyline Online is available 24 hours a day for children, parents, caregivers and educators worldwide. Each book includes supplemental curriculum developed by a credentialed elementary educator, aiming to strengthen comprehension and verbal and written skills for English-language learners (Storyline Online, 2024).





# **TOP WINNERS of RAT 2024**

## **TOP STUDENT PRIZES**

(Meeting the minimum requirements)

8<sup>th</sup> Prize - **Josh Gonzales, Price Elementary** – Kindle for Kids

9<sup>th</sup> Prize - **Zion Quichocho, J.Q. San Miguel Elementary** – Smartphone with \$10 prepaid card each month, for one year.

10<sup>th</sup> Prize - **Gregory Collins, Notre Dame High School** – Apple AirPods  
**Lucas Blas, Price Elementary** – Apple AirPods

## **TOP SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE PRIZES**

(Meeting the minimum requirements)

1<sup>st</sup> Overall – **Natividad (Dottie) Rosario, St. Francis Catholic School**  
All Expense Paid Convention Trip or Literacy-related Conference,  
Laptop, \$200 Gift Card, and Free International and Local ILA  
Membership for Council Year 2025-2026

2<sup>nd</sup> Overall – **Vickie Loughran, Price Elementary School**  
Laptop, \$200 Gift Card, and Free International and Local ILA  
Membership for Council Year 2025-2026

3<sup>rd</sup> Overall – **Gerianne Eclavea, J.Q San Miguel Elementary**  
Laptop, \$100 Gift Card, and Free International and Local ILA  
Membership for Council Year 2025-2026

## **TOP TEACHER FOR EACH SCHOOL**

(Meeting the minimum requirements)

**Rosanna Santos, St. Francis Catholic School** – Tablet, \$100 Gift Card, and Free  
International and Local Membership for SY 2025-2026

**Nicole O. Manahan, Notre Dame High School** – Speaker w/microphone System,  
\$100 Gift Card, and Free International and Local Membership for SY  
2025-2026



# Snapshots from the Prize Distribution & Spend-it-All



GC, ILA Board Member Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera presented at the 53rd National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) Conference in New Orleans.

**Biba Dr. Rivera!**





# Guest Speaker of the Month: Julie Tainatongo Naputi



- Educator for 25 years in various schools on Guam (Talofofo and Agana Heights Elementary, Oceanview Middle School, J.P. Torres Alternative School, & Guam Community College)
- School Aide for 1 year
- Adjunct Instructor at Guam Community College for 3 semesters (GED Reading/Writing)
- University Of Guam: Bachelor's Of Arts Degree in Elementary Education (Kindergarten to 6th Grade)
- Master's Degree in Education with a Specialization in Language and Literacy (Kindergarten to 12 Grade)



**Membership:** Extended to May 11, 2024!

Buy one \$25 membership and get another membership for FREE!

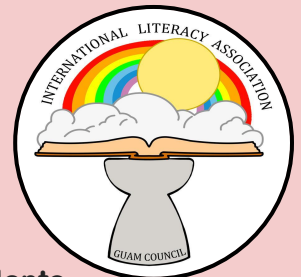
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## Why Become a Member?

The Guam Council of the International Literacy Association (ILA) is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to improving the quality of reading instruction and developing literacy on Guam and in the Pacific region. Our mission is to develop an awareness of the impact of reading among all people. ILA strives to make reading a lifelong habit for our young readers. It also aims to make connections to the island's community through various projects and events.

### Top 10 Reasons to Join the ILA:

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| ★ Learn innovative instruction              | ★ Advance global literacy   |
| ★ Receive an educator grant                 | ★ Earn graduate credits   |
| ★ Meet amazing local authors                | ★ Earn books and prizes for students  |
| ★ Learn ways to improve student performance | ★ Buy affordable books and teacher resources                                    |
| ★ Attend monthly professional meetings      | ★ Get a chance to attend the ILA's Annual Convention and win educational prizes |





# **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Elections will take place at the  
April 13 meeting.

## **President-Elect / Read-A-Thon 2025 Chairperson:**

- Darlene Roberto
- Write-In - \_\_\_\_\_

## **Recording Secretary:**

- Natividad (Dottie) Rosario
- Write-In - \_\_\_\_\_

## **Corresponding Secretary:**

- Liwanag Dominguez
- Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

## **Treasurer:**

- Rose Castro
- Write-In \_\_\_\_\_





# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 204

Together with the Guam Public Library System, Guam Council of the International Literacy Association, GDOE Chamoru Studies and Special Projects Division, University of Guam's School of Education's Reading Program, UOG-SOE Alumni Association, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Guam Flotilla 140-02-24, Guåhan Isan Famagu'on Lions Club, Guam Police Department's Recreational Boating Safety Program, and Peto's Journey LLC present the



## LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 204 NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK SATURDAY STORY TIME



MAY 18, 2024 | 10:00 A.M. VIA ZOOM



### REGISTER NOW!

To register, please scan the QR code or click the link below:

<https://bit.ly/lionsclubreading>



Win books and other exciting prizes by answering questions during the Read Aloud!

It doesn't work unless you Wear It!  
**ALWAYS WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET**



**FEATURING:**  
Coastie Time ~ Boats 'N Kids

For more information, contact LCI D204 Reading Action Program Chair Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera @ mnriviera1@gmail.com.



# A WINDOW UNOBSCURED

Stories  
from  
Guåhan  
Teachers

Edited by SIMONE EFIGENIA PEREZ BOLLINGER  
and TERESITA LOURDES PEREZ

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**\$10 Special Book Price**

*A Window Unobscured reveals a glimpse inside the world of educators and a unique understanding of the profession as they experience it today. Through the eyes of teachers, each writer offers readers a different perspective of Guåhan's public middle and high schools.*

*This collection is meant for current and future educators and for those who have wondered: what do the teachers have to say?*

**Writers:**

Renee Julia D. Blancaflor  
Leah Fuentes Llegado  
Christine Joy Borja Mallari  
Piyamas "PJ" Sablan-Jalique  
Pamela Yamashita DeVera  
Marcy Ermitanio  
Andrealline Fajardo Mayoyo-Buan  
Sarah Damian





### The Reading Program offers the following:

- Quality education
- Flexibility for busy teaching professionals on Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Comfort of learning from home
- Engaging and meaningful instruction

For more information, please visit the UOG School of Education website [www.uog.edu/soe](http://www.uog.edu/soe) or scan the QR code.



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