

Ngaratelok Women's Group

President
Diliikr Rebecca Sebalt
Secretary
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Main Activities

- Providing community service
- Supporting community events such as baby showers and funerals
- Helping individuals with need in the community
- Keeping the state of Ngchesar clean and beautiful

Background of Establishment

This is a traditional young women's group of Ngchesar that has been around for more than 300 years. The leader is known as the "Melredel ra re Ngaratelok". They are a member of the Belau Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (BANGO) but have not officially become an NGO.

Purpose

To provide services to the community and maintain the state by keeping it clean. They bring the hamlets together as one state and take care of the people of Ngchesar. They teach and pass down traditions to the next generation.



Member's Voice Ms. Diliikr Rebecca Sebalt



Our state of Ngchesar consists of 6 hamlets. Ngaratelok Women's Group overlooks the whole state. I would tell the 6 leaders of each hamlet any information that needs to be spread and it is up to the leaders to relay the message to the rest of the members. Each hamlet takes turns cleaning and maintaining the state.


Our long-term goal is to teach the next generation to follow through and keep on the tradition. Belonging to Ngaratelok Women's Group is a whole life investment from childhood, and it is all of our responsibility to continue to teach what has been passed down to us from the older generations.

We try our best to maintain tradition but of course, we also have to keep up with the modern changes. For example, in the past, what the leader said and decided was final for any decisions related to the state, but today, we hold meetings and have a discussion and we make group decisions. Sometimes this makes it difficult to decide since everybody has their own opinion and ideas, but at the end of the day, we come up with an answer that hopefully satisfies everyone.

We have an area called Shimizu in Ngchesar where the Japanese people used to stay and farm during the Japanese settlement in Palau. We continue to use some of the fields for planting taro and other vegetables for food security and work to preserve the farms. Recently, we registered to join Palau Organic Growers Association (POGA) to get certified to become an organic farmer. We hope to continue to improve our food resources and contribute to the food security of our country.

In our monthly meeting last year, we discussed the purification of Ngchesar and decided to plant all kinds of fruit trees along the road entering the state. Together as a community, we planted avocados, bananas, coconuts, breadfruits, soursops, mangos, and others. We hope to welcome whoever enters our state with fruits and flowers, keeping it available for anyone to take home some of the fruits. It also creates food security for all the birds and animals in the area. We hope to give back to the community in any way we can and continue the tradition.

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