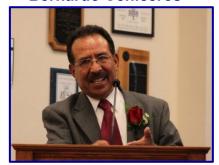


News and Information from the President's Office assembled by Dale Galusha and Gina Duncan

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Updates... Bernardo Ceniceros



It is with a broken heart and tears that I write this. My Dad, **Bernardo**, passed away on December 14. His lovely wife and beautiful daughter were allowed to

be by his side. My brother Carlos and I did spend a short time with him also. We both felt our sister should be with him. You all remember him saying, "My Chula is #1" (chula means pretty or cutie). My brother Ivan has Covid-19 and didn't get the chance to see my father, please pray for Ivan.

We are missing our father tremendously; his smile, his no-problem attitude, and especially his love for working FOR THE LORD. I remember him always telling me, "Do the Lord's work with a smile." I hope to live up to my father's expectations serving the Lord.

He is now sleeping and waiting for the second coming. Please continue praying for our family. Prayers are the best in these difficult times. Thank you, from **Omar** and all the **Ceniceros family**.



If you would like to send a card to the Ceniceros family, you can do so to this address:

Lucy Ceniceros 15982 Yoder Ave Caldwell, ID 83607

The family is requesting donations in lieu of flowers to assist with medical bills. Thank you for your continued prayer and support during this time.

Dealing with Grief and Need Someone to Talk To?

Our healthcare provider offers support. Visit www.ascendtowholeness.org and type "Employee Assistance Program" in the search bar on the top right of the screen. Click the first option that appears and set up your account with ComPsych GuidanceResources for free. — HR Department

Masks—Then and Now

Masks, masks, masks. . .

If someone had told us a year ago that we would spend most of 2020 wearing masks, we would have laughed—or thought the person saying this had gone mad.

And, one year ago—if someone had told you they wanted a mask as a Christmas gift, you probably wouldn't even have known where to find one. Maybe you would have looked for one at a paint company or a building supply store. Today, however, you can find masks at stores of all kinds everywhere. Today, we wear masks because health care providers and government leaders tell us how important it is to do so.

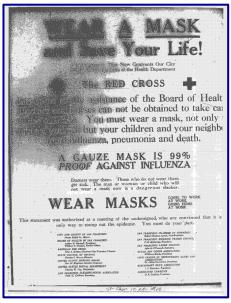
But did you know that we are not the first Pacific Press employees to wear masks?



A century ago, during the 1918/1919 influenza epidemic, masks were required. Just this week I was looking for a picture in the art vault and came across this picture of Pacific Press employees—taken in front of the press in Mountain View in 1918 or 1919.

Becky Little wrote the following in an article posted on History.com: "Many of the methods Americans used in 1918 to try to prevent the spread of the flu are similar to what people began doing during the COVID-19 pandemic: Close schools. Wear masks. Don't cough or sneeze in someone's face. Avoid large events and hold them outside when possible. And no spitting."

On October 22, 1918 the *San Francisco Chronicle* ran a public service announcement about masks. The message was clear—wear a mask "not only to protect yourself but your children and your neighbors."



This message published in San Francisco, just 40 miles north of Mountain View, certainly made its way to Pacific Press.

"Red Cross headquarters in San Francisco made 5,000 masks available to the public at 11:00 A.M., October 22. By noon it had none," wrote the late historian Alfred W. Crosby in *America's Forgotten Pandemic: The Influenza of 1918.* "By noon the next day Red Cross headquarters had dispensed 40,000 masks. By the twenty-sixth 100,000 had been distributed in the city. . .. In addition, San Franciscans were making thousands for themselves."

I'm sure it wasn't easy or comfortable for Pacific Press employees a century ago to wear masks during the influenza epidemic—and it isn't easy or comfortable for us today either. It's not what any of

us would prefer. But I want to thank each of you for taking seriously the need to wear a mask here in the workplace— "not only to protect yourself but your children and your neighbors" and your fellow workers.

If we all cooperate and work together to do the things we need to do, we will put COVID-19 behind us. We're going to make it—by God's grace, and working together. —By Dale Galusha, President

Christmas Spirit Week Success

Thanks to everyone who participated in Christmas Spirit Week last week—it helped set the season apart and put smiles on everyone's faces.

A big shout-out to Spirit Week MVP, **Bruce Fenner** (Product Development), who took his Spirit Week game to the next level with impressively creative ensembles each day! –Social Committee





Christmas traditions around the building

Since we are physically distanced and unable to have our usual conversations; we thought it would be fun to share responses from around the building about Christmas. –Social Committee

What are you doing to make Christmas special this year?

- "Giving silly gifts to make people smile." Lisa Lee
- "I started listening to Christmas music earlier and am decorating more than usual—like in the production office!" – Eric Petersen
- "We moved into the house we just finished having built on land we bought when we moved here three years ago. After three years, four rentals, and a lot of frustrations and blessings, we're finally home." – Alicia Adams



 The answers were unanimous: Christmas music, decorations, and lights help everyone get into the Christmas spirit!

What is your favorite Christmas tradition?

- "Opening Christmas pajamas and a book on Christmas Eve as a kid" – Lisa Lee
- "My very large extended family sets up a Christmas Fair with games and prizes." – Gina Duncan
- "Going to the hills to cut a Christmas tree and cooking good food for family dinner." – Eric Petersen
- "My husband's family had a Christmas tradition that I married into. On Christmas Eve, they make "The Loaf." As an Adventist, you may assume this refers to a vegetarian roast, but not so. It's a recipe that came from a 1970s women's magazine. A large loaf of white bread is sliced horizontally and then layered like a lasagna with various (meat or vegetarian) sandwich spreads (tuna salad, bread, egg salad, bread, Big Frank salad, bread, chicken salad, bread, pimento cheese, etc.). Then the whole thing is covered in a spreadable cream cheese and coated in chives. It's a work of art!" Alicia Adams
- "Strawberry waffles on Christmas morning after stockings are opened." – Melia Bale

What is your favorite Christmas food?

- Waldorf Salad Lisa Lee
- Every Christmas my aunt makes tamales Gina Duncan

- Homemade mac & cheese Eric Petersen
- Hickory Farms Melia Bale

What did you love about Christmas as a kid?

- "Finger foods and presents at Grandma and Grandpa's on Christmas Eve" Lisa Lee
- "Getting together with my family and extended family" Gina Duncan
- "Spending every Christmas at my Grandparents house...and playing with LEGOS!" – Eric Petersen
- "I loved calling my best friend and comparing our treasures after the morning activities, then getting together with family for the big feast in the afternoon." – Alicia Adams
- "It felt magical, like anything was possible." –
 Melia Bale



To our Pacific Press family, Thank you for the beautiful flowers and all the encouraging words and thoughtful prayers. They are very much appreciated. Mel and Cheri



December

- 16 PAYDAY21 Festive Treat and Bonus delivery
- 24 PPPA Holiday CHRISTMAS
- 31 PPPA Holiday NEW YEAR
- 30 PAYDAY

January

- 4 PPPA Holiday NEW YEAR 2021
- 13 PAYDAY
- 27 PAYDAY

