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News and information from the President's Office
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Cost of Living Increases

by Dale Galusha

Dear PPPA Employee,

High inflation, increased living costs, unprecedented gas prices have hit everyone very hard.

Cost of living (COLA) increases for employees have traditionally been implemented at Pacific Press the first of July. These are voted by the Compensation Committee—a sub-committee of the Pacific Press Board of Directors. This was done and approved by the board at the March 2022 board meeting. At that time, the inflation factors we are all currently experiencing had not been felt to the extent that they are now.

A couple weeks ago a special meeting of the Compensation Committee met to address these issues. At that meeting, the Committee agreed that what it had voted in March needed to be looked at again in light of the current increased inflation. As a result, the Committee voted to delay the cost of living increases set in March and readdress them when the PPPA Board meets in early August. At that time, the Committee will look at the situation and take another vote. The COLA increases voted in August will be applied retroactively to the beginning of July.

Thank you ALL for what you are doing—and continue to do to move the mission of PPPA successfully. It does not go unnoticed by anyone—including our board of directors.

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Literature for the Islands

by Scott Cady

Signs World Evangelism is always seeking ways to distribute our literature around the world. Recently, we were able to send a large shipment of **Signs** sharing material, as well as **Vibrant Life** and **Touch Points**, to the Micronesian island of Guam.

Gracelyn Lloyd, Communications Director for the Guam-Micronesia Mission, sent us this report on how they are using Pacific Press publications to spread the gospel:

Over ten tons of literature landed on the shores of Guam in February. There were enough boxes of **Vibrant Life**, **Signs of the Times**, and **Touch Points** to fill an entire house! In fact, it did.

With limited storage space at the Guam-Micronesia Mission headquarters, a recently vacated house became a beehive of stacking, organizing, counting and repackaging. Boxes were organized by title, then orders were filled to meet the requests of the different islands across the Guam-Micronesia territory. When finally ready for delivery, the literature was prayed over and loaded for the shipping containers that would take them to their distant destinations.

The pallets had barely arrived on the island of Chuuk before one shipping employee read the contents of a box marked "How to Lose Weight" then shyly asked for one on the spot. Relevant titles like these are filling our churches and schools. Many have been added to the waiting rooms of the Guam Seventh-day Adventist Clinic and the Saipan Dental Clinic - high-traffic areas for community members eager to learn more about "Going Vegetarian" or "Facing Life's Interruptions".



The literature represents a substantial monetary value, however, it is the investment in the physical, mental, and spiritual growth of its readers that is beyond calculation. The attractive magazines contain many topics that address today's needs: family; healthy recipes; budget; depression; COVID-19; and grief, to name a few. In addition, other tracts answer questions for those who are searching for life's deeper mysteries: what happens after death; the truth about hell; the rapture; and the end of the world. Many individuals are not comfortable seeking help with these topics from other people, but free literature is a non-threatening resource that is often welcomed into their homes. The publications also point readers to the Author of salvation (Hebrews 2:10), offering biblical solutions of forgiveness, prayer and the secrets to joy.

We praise God that the magazines and tracts have flooded all nine major islands in our territory.



Pray that these tangible messages of hope make their way into the hands and hearts of the people in all our islands and provide a track to a deeper understanding of the love God has for each of them.



New Employees—Welcome, Marvin & Naomi!

by Kirsten Berger

Our names are Marvin & Naomi. We got married on April 11th and moved to Idaho from Virginia shortly after! The majority of our lives have been spent on the east coast, but since moving to Idaho we have appreciated being in a new environment where everyone is so friendly. We enjoy working at Pacific Press and are thankful for the opportunity to help spread the gospel. In our free time, we enjoy reading, spending time in nature, and recently, we have been growing an interest in gardening. We look forward to learning more about God's will for us as a couple! —Naomi

We are thrilled to have Marvin and Naomi working with us! Marvin is working in the Pressroom, and Naomi is helping in Finishing. Welcome to Idaho, Marvin and Naomi!



From Your HR Department

Retirement Auto-escalation

On July 1, your retirement contribution will automatically increase by 1% unless you already contribute 7% or more. This increase will be reflected on your July 13 paycheck.

To change your contribution rate:

Call **866-467-7756** or

Log on to **empowermyretirement.com** with your username and password: choose Account at the top of the page > Contribution > Edit

If you have any questions, please contact HR.

We're Hiring!

Do you know anyone looking for a job? Share our careers page!

<https://www.pacificpress.com/jobs>

Deadline...Tracking Your Wellness Points!

Accelerate plan members—You have until July 31, 2022, to track 10,000 wellness points to qualify for the Accelerate Plan in 2023. You can log previous points back seven days on your phone and 14 days on a personal computer. Log on to ascendtowholeness.org and click –Healthcare–Wellness Portal–Login, points, assessment, and check the points tracker—You can even download the app for easy tracking. If you have trouble navigating the new platform, visit <https://virginpulse.zendesk.com/hc/en-us> or ask Kelly Lewis in HR.

Five Prescription Cost Saving Tips

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For a printed copy of this PDF, ask HR.



Summer Social at Wahooz!—Reminder

by Social Committee

We want to remind those who have not yet sent their RSVP for the Summer Social Event at Wahooz—to send it now! Everyone is requested to RSVP so that Wahooz can plan accordingly.

The event will be on Thursday, July 28, Please RSVP by Monday, July 11. You can send your printed RSVP, call or email Gina Duncan at the President's office, 208-465-2503, or gina.duncan@pacificpress.com

We hope everyone can join in the fun!



Amazon's Prime Days

by Marketing Department

Planning to do some big shopping on Amazon's Prime Day, scheduled for July 12 & 13?

If so, be sure to start your shopping trip at <https://www.pacificpress.com/amazon> so PPPA will receive a percentage of your purchases—without any extra work or expense on your part!

Thank you for your support!



Week of Prayer News

We mentioned a few weeks ago that we are planning a week of prayer for October—the dates changed to the week of October 10th to the 13th .

Our speaker will be Elder Randy Maxwell. You won't want to miss this spiritual treat!



Dateline

July 2022

- 4 PPPA Holiday—Independence Day
- 13 PAYDAY
- 27 PAYDAY

August 2022

- 10 PAYDAY
- 11 PPPA Board Meeting
- 24 PAYDAY

