



News and Information from the President's Office assembled by Judy Williams

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Gloria's Retirement Chapel

by Veronica Ceniceros

Gloria Hughes has been a customer service representative for almost 21 years, and in that time, she has spent countless hours answering phone



calls, placing orders for her various ABC's and renewing her customer's subscriptions.

The largest area she covers is the direct churches under Pacific Press territory and it has over 500 churches!

Long-term relationships have been established with her customers through her caring demeanor, which she shares over the phone while praying with someone facing a difficult situation. She can also cheer you up by just hearing her laughter billow from her cubicle.

We will greatly miss our momma Gloria in Customer Service! She has been a part of our work family for many years, and it's been a privilege to work with her. We want to wish her the best in this new milestone.





Happy Retirement Gloria!

Christmas Party 2023

by Bonnie Herbel

If you missed the Pacific Press Christmas celebration on Sunday, December 3rd, then you

missed a very enjoyable evening. The Social Committee, led by Julie Nichols and Kelly Lewis, planned a fun evening at the nicely



decorated Wahooz Galaxy Center. Kelly Lewis used her design talents for beautiful table cards, games and menu place settings for each attendee.

A fun band called 'June Babies' entertained while we ate and visited. The meal was a plentiful and



delicious! Rick Johnson was emcee for the evening, if you didn't attend you will have to ask Rick about his rather humorous dance experience at a Jewish Wedding.

The evening ended with a Raffle of 37 prizes! The items were varied from

Bogg Bags, binoculars, a Magic Bullet, zero gravity chair, two-way radio set, a cast iron skillet, wireless earbuds, Bluetooth speaker, rain jacket, ceramic knife set, rocker lawn chair, wool blanket, a two-man hammock, utility wagon and much more! Come next year and join the fun!

Thank you all for a wonderful evening!

Reminders. . .



From Your HR Department

by Julie Nichols

Due to Pacific Press Holiday/Christmas days off, we would like to have as many timesheets and salaried employees' time entered and approved as possible on Thursday, December 21, 2023, by the end of the day. That is because we are closed on Monday and Tuesday when we usually process our payroll.

We ask all timesheet keepers to have all changes and printed timesheets as possible for their designated area. All approving VPs and Managers to ensure all Salaried employees' time is recorded and approved, as well as signed timesheet.

If, for some reason, you cannot meet this deadline, we ask that everything be turned in and approved by December 27, 2023, no later than 9:00 am. This will ensure that we have time to review and process payroll before the cut-off time for a deposit on Thursday, December 28, 2023.

Payday Change

Due to the scheduled Pacific Press Holidays and Christmas, the last payday of the year will not be processed until Wednesday, December 27, 2023, with a deposit date of Thursday, December 28, 2023.



Only 12 days until Christmas!

New Faces at the Press

We have a few new faces around the building! We will introduce a few of them each week.

Welcome Lori Giddings!

by Steve Ertel

Have a passion for books? You'll be in great company with Lori Giddings. Even before her family



moved to Idaho in June to be closer to her parents, Lori frequently checked the Pacific Press website for job openings. All that determination paid off for her and Pacific Press in mid-November when she began work as an Administrative Assistant in the Marketing Department.

Lori's family includes her husband, Ryan, who works in commercial construction, her daughter, Hannah,

who is studying functional medicine/health, and her son, Jake, who is an English major. They attend the Kuna church.

With both of her kids in college, Lori has traded (well, really *added to*) the responsibilities of managing a



household and competing family schedules for a position that has her working with multiple supervisors. Now she will juggle the day-to-day tasks of keeping AdventistBookCenter.com and Amazon.com listings current, uploading and listing ebooks on multiple sites, sending out new product releases, managing reorders for short run reprint titles, and assisting in the Church Ambassador program. It doesn't stop there. Lori has already

taken on the daunting task of organizing the marketing department library.

Remembering her education, Lori recalled a trip that Pacific Union College sponsored to San Francisco. The trip was interrupted by the 1989 earthquake that collapsed sections of the Bay Bridge. Fortunately, she wasn't on the bridge at that moment, but she remembers shop windows breaking and the urgent evacuation and slow drive back to campus that followed. Of course, the most life-changing schoolera event was a high school beach bonfire party where she met her now-husband Ryan.

Lori's dream vacation would be spending a week on a sunny beach with nothing to do except to read books. She reads mostly non-fiction books across a wide variety of topics. One topic especially draws her eye—functional medicine and health. Lori enjoys Asian food of any kind—especially if it has tofu in it!

Welcome to the Pacific Press family Lori, we're so glad you're here!

Welcome Kim Yeaman!

Please welcome **Kim Yeaman** to our shipping department. Many of you may already know Kim.

Kim grew up in Ogden, Utah, where her father owned Ogden bus lines and Lakeshore bus lines in Salt Lake City. Kim moved to Nampa in 2007.



Kim has taken secretarial and business courses. She has worked for Jacksons convenience store, Maximus call-center, and has been a driver for Brown Bus. She is a brave person! Kim says that her most interesting job was as a stateside distribution clerk for the third circuit court of Utah. She processed the paperwork for all the felonies

and stateside misdemeanors after they were brought down from court. She saw more than she cares to remember!

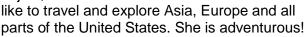
Kim applied for a job at the Press, and in 2016 she was hired in a temporary position. She worked at the Press again in 2022 as a temporary employee and as of this October, Kim has joined our team as a part-time employee. It seems to be, that this has been home for Kim, on and off for many years. We are glad she has decided to join our team in a permanent way.

Joy for Kim, is her cat, friends and food, but

not necessarily in that order.

To get to know Kim better, she enjoys face-to-face interaction.

If money were no object, Kim would



Kim's favorite restaurant is Krung Thai and her favorite dish to order there is pad Thai noodles, Yum!

Welcome to the PPPA family Kim! We're so glad you're made this your home!



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