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Rest In Peace

This past week we have lost two individuals very near and dear to all of us—Paul Ricchiuti and Alfredo Campechano. Both had a great love for God, and for publishing.

Ellen White wrote this promise: “Every sleeping saint will be kept in safety and will be guarded as a precious jewel, who is known to God by name.”—Selected Messages, Vol. 2, p. 271.

Paul B. Ricchiuti

by Bruce Fenner



Long time Pacific Press employee, author and friend, Paul B. Ricchiuti, at the age of 98 went to sleep in our Lord on September 11, 2023.

Paul B. Ricchiuti was born on July 4, 1925

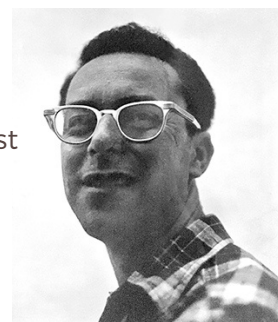
in Redford Township, Michigan. His parents were Joseph and Freda Ricchiuti. He attended Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) and La Sierra College (now university) in the early 1950s. After graduation he started work at Pacific Press in 1955. Paul worked in the art department working on ***Signs of the Times***, ***Primary Treasure***, and ***Our Little Friend***.

Paul felt truly blessed to have worked with Arthur S. Maxwell designing and illustrating ***Signs of the Times***. Paul really loved working with Arthur Maxwell and said that this is the where, when, and how he developed his “love of words.”

In 1984 Paul moved, along with the Press, from Mountain View California, to Nampa, Idaho. Several years later, after retiring from his regular, official duties, he moved to a cabin in New Meadows, Idaho, near McCall. While living in New Meadows, he would still come down to the Press at least once a month to update and rotate the items between the museum and his overflow storage areas. About 6 years ago, he moved back down to the Treasure Valley to Caldwell, where he lived until his passing on September 11, 2023.

Over the years Paul wrote more than 40 books. Most of them published by Pacific Press. His passions for educating children and church history became very obvious because most of his books were either children’s books or books about Ellen White or our church history. His children’s books were

educational, but he didn’t want to “talk down” to children, so he wrote them at their level as an equal.



He has been recognized as an accomplished writer by being presented with several honors and awards over the years, including recipient of the Certificate of Merit from International Authors and Writers Who's Who-Cambridge, England, 1986; the Distinguished Leadership Award from the American Biographical Institute for Outstanding Service to the Literary Profession; and the Certificate of Achievement Award from the Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1992, for the book **Charlie Horse**.

Along with his book writing, Paul was also a very accomplished artist. His preference was oil on canvas. The main topic of his paintings was cowboys and a general western theme.

Paul always said that other than God Himself, he credits three people as really inspiring him. His mother, who was from pioneer stock in Ohio and whose grandfather fought in the Civil War, gave him religion. His father, who came to this country as an immigrant in 1910 from Italy, arrived on the Fourth of July and was shocked at his great reception. He became a singing shoemaker in Detroit and gave Paul art.

Lastly, Arthur S. Maxwell who had written over a hundred books that sold by the tens of thousands in England, Australia, and the U.S., challenged Paul personally and gave him his "love of words."

Today we can thank Paul for much of the content in our Heritage Room Museum here at the press, and perhaps give him credit for the museum itself. Some of the artifacts were picked up by Paul while they were still smoking as he witnessed the original Press building burning and in flames. Paul was also involved with the development for the Pacific Press History area that is in the NAD headquarters building.

Paul will be missed greatly, but through his books and art he has left elements of himself that can be enjoyed for generations to come.



Services will be at the Caldwell SDA Church on Sunday, October 8 at 2:00pm.

Alfredo Campechano

by Miguel Valdivia



This past Sabbath afternoon, our dear friend and colleague Alfredo Campechano passed away two days after undergoing surgery.

Alfredo was an assistant editor in the International area of Product Development, and served

Pacific Press for 18 years combined before and after 8 years of pastoring in the Nevada-Utah and Upper Columbia Conferences.

Alfredo will be sorely missed for his Christlike temperament, his wonderful personality, and his extraordinary talents as an editor, writer and poet.

We look forward to the day when we will reunite with Alfredo and others who journeyed with us as part of the Pacific Press family.

by Olga Valdivia

Can a person bring you peace? After all, people change, have moods, people let you down. We cannot depend on another human being for our peace for a long time. Peace is a personal thing that really comes from within, by building up a connection with our Peace Maker, Jesus Christ.

There are, however, some people in this world whose nature has that quality within themselves. Alfredo, was one of those unique souls who knew how to bring peace to my soul. It was always a joyful occasion when, coming out of my cubby, I saw Alfredo walking down the hall. His gentle nature and peaceful demeanor brought peace to my heart and elevated my thoughts to heavenly things. This wasn't because Alfredo had a beard, or wore a robe, but because he was the definition of what a true Christian should be—someone, who reminded me of what Jesus must have been like when He walked on this earth.

His "meekness" did not mean weakness, but rather it had to do with that humility that makes us humble toward God and man.

What a privilege it was to have met Alfredo in this life. I thank God for his friendship and for having the privilege of working in a place where there are still people who can make us feel a little closer to our Heavenly Father.

Last evening, feeling overwhelmed by sadness, I opened up my Bible to a random page, trying to find some comfort. I was ready to hear what God wanted to tell me, when all of a sudden, the ceiling fan above me turned a few of the thin pages before I'd begun my search. My eyes were immediately fixated on the verse in front of me: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants" (Psalm 116:15).

During times of grief and sorrow the promise of the resurrection increases our longing for Jesus' soon return. Our friend's passing, although sad, fosters anticipation for Christ's second coming which will usher in eternal peace in a recreated world with a resurrected people worshiping the promised King. We will see our friend again, soon!

Services will be at the Caldwell English SDA Church this coming Sunday, September 24 at 3:00pm. The service will be live-streamed via the church's website.



From Your HR Department

by Julie Nichols

Sept. 25-Oct.6 is healthcare open enrollment and we will have our kickoff for that next Chapel, Sept 25th with a little something special. Plan to be there!

Adventist Retirement will be presenting an in-person retirement and financial wellness seminar on Oct. 9th from 5:30-8:30pm. This is for everyone, not just those retiring soon. Please plan to attend and let Kelly Lewis or Julie Nichols in HR know by Sept. 28th so we can give a headcount to our presenter. See you there!

El Centinela September Special

by Elvis Diaz

On Saturday, September 16, the Hispanic church of Spring Branch distributed more than 27,000 copies of the special bilingual edition of ***El Centinela*** for the month of September.

With the collaboration of over 25 small groups and various clubs, more than 400 church members joined this massive outreach. Several distribution strategies were

employed, such as door-to-door delivery, distribution in parks with high Hispanic attendance, family parks, and venues where sports tournaments were being held.

The community's commitment and dedication were exceptional: entire families walked the streets of Houston, delivering a message of hope through the ***El Centinela*** magazine.



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