

New Face at the Press...

Welcome Kelly Kretschmar

by Kelly Kretschmar

With a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary professional studies and a minor in psychology from BSU, I am on a career path to become a



clinical counselor. Currently, I have already completed 14 credit hours in a master's degree program, and I am eager to continue my education in the online clinical counseling program at Southern Adventist University starting in May.

Interestingly, I came across the opportunity at PPPA while reading about their need for professionals in the Cloverdale bulletin. Initially, I was only looking for part-time work, but after thoughtful contemplation and prayer, I made the decision to leave the demanding master's program at ISU and pursue a full-time position that would allow me to fulfill my responsibilities as a single mother while completing my degree.

I am the proud mother of a 24-year-old daughter who is now happily married for over 4 years and has a beautiful seven-month-old daughter. They reside in the Midwest, which holds a special place in my heart as it was once my home too. Additionally, I have an incredible 12-year-old son who never fails to amaze me.

When it comes to communication, I prefer face-to-face interactions as it allows me to observe body language and behaviors, making the conversation more effective and meaningful.

Being a mother and a friend to my children, as well as a supportive girlfriend to an wonderful man of 4+ years, brings me immense joy and fulfillment. There is no job in the world that can compare to the incredible journey of motherhood.

If I were to embark on my dream vacation, it would involve non-stop traveling and immersing myself in each destination to learn and explore. The idea of discovering new cultures and experiences is truly exhilarating to me.

Not many people are aware of the profound impact that living in Germany as an Air Force dependent had on me. It forever changed me, and I long to return to that beautiful country permanently.

One topic that I am incredibly passionate about is the intersection of psychology and faith. I can easily give an impromptu presentation on how these two aspects intertwine and influence our lives.

Welcome to the Pacific Press family, Kelly. We're so blessed you joined us!

HR - Spilling the Tea . . .

Hi all! Just wanted to give you a friendly reminder. If you haven't already, make sure to turn in your "Spilling the Tea" questionnaire to Julie in HR.

It's a great opportunity for us to get to know each other better. So, please do it as soon as you can.

We're excited to learn more about you!

Thank You . . .

Gloria, Rubin, and Gume absolutely brightened up our day with the unexpected treat of hay stacks they generously shared with us on Tuesday.

Gloria's birthday fell on February 2nd, while Rubin's special day was on Monday, February 19th. However, instead of receiving blessings from us, they showered us with their kindness. Their actions truly exemplify the qualities of a genuine Christian.

Their dedication and positive demeanor at the Pacific Press never fail to catch our attention. We are truly grateful for all the hard work they put in to maintain a clean and uplifting workplace. Our appreciation for all of you knows no bounds!

Did You Know . . .

statistics provided by Dan Show

Thank you to our IT Team for your efforts in safeguarding the work we do at Pacific Press from unknown threats.

Did you know...

- ❖ Threats come in many forms, threats directly to our network and threats through access to emails.
- ❖ We had 179,000 attempts to access our network in a 7-day period.
- ❖ This equates to 1 attempt on average, every 4 seconds.
- ❖ 372 emails were rejected in one 24-hour period. Some of these were spam and some potential problems.
- ❖ Various common user names are used to try to gain access.
- ❖ Treats come from many countries with Russia being the highest.
- ❖ If access was gained into our Advantage system, it could potentially shut down, customer service and shipping, just to name a couple.
- ❖ Our Internet Security Team has set up and maintains safeguarding systems such as Mimecast and Vipre that helps block these devastating threats and emails, yet we still need to do our part.

- ❖ Things we can do to help are to: choose passwords that are not easily decoded and to think before acting. If something seems urgent to answer, think it through before acting. Ask our IT Team if you are unsure.

Let's all do our part in supporting the IT Team by staying vigilant against any suspicious calls or emails that may cross our paths.

Making a Difference . . .

by Dale Galusha

Dear PPPA Family,

Over the last few days I've received two interesting notes—and both shine a spotlight on the impact that each person at PPPA is making each day.

The first came in a card from Dr. Joe Wheeler—author and editor of 100+ books—and most well-known for his *Christmas in My Heart* series. Dr. Wheeler sent me a note he received from Dr. Jim Daly, President and CEO of Focus on the Family:

Dear Joe and Connie,

Thank you for sending me your Christmas letter with its thoughtful reflections. . . I was especially pleased to read that—despite the challenges you've faced in recent years—the Lord is opening new doors for connecting with your faithful audience, Joe. I can only imagine the ways you're helping shape the talents of those in your creative writing class! (For that matter, I can only imagine the ways "Christmas in My Heart" continues to enrich those families who look to its wisdom each year.) I'm grateful for your enduring commitment to this ministry, and I pray. . . you both see many special reminders of God's great love for you. Jim

And, on the note, when Dr. Daly signed it, he doubled underlined "great love for you."

The next email is from Randy Fishell, editor of Guide Magazine:

I wanted to share something with you because you are such a vital part of *Guide's* ministry.

Recently an older gentleman, Don Law, wrote an amazing story for *Guide*. "Ready to Fight" is the story of how he believes an angel stopped him from seeking revenge on an unsavory-looking character who'd

offended him. The story will appear in the July 20, 2024, issue of *Guide*.

What the editors did not know until recently is how Don, who lives in Detroit, Michigan, came to learn about *Guide*. Here's an excerpt from a hand-written letter to me:

"Dear Mr. Fishell,

"I am anxiously awaiting your next publication of *Guide*. I go to a laundromat near home that puts out free Bibles and other Christian literature. [That is] how I first came to know of *Guide*. I would love to get another copy from the laundromat. I anticipate the next group of copies they put out for the customers."

Not only did Don enjoy reading *Guide*, but he went on to write a story for the publication! God works in amazing ways.

You never know where *Guide*—and your work—ends up. We'll be sending Don a free *Guide* subscription from a special fund. He has two granddaughters who will undoubtedly enjoy reading the magazine as well!

Thanks so much for your role in *Guide*'s ministry.

Jesus Knows . . .

taken from: The Desire of Ages, by Ellen White

"Jesus knows us individually, and is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. **He knows us all by name.** He knows the very house in which we live, the name of each occupant. He has at times given directions to His servants to go to a certain street in a certain city, to such a house, to find one of His sheep.

"Every soul is as fully known to Jesus as if he were **the only one** for whom the Saviour died. The distress of every one touches His heart. The cry for aid reaches His ear. . . He says, 'My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.' **He cares for each one as if there were not another on the face of the earth.** . . .

"As the shepherd goes before his sheep, himself first encountering the perils of the way, so does Jesus with His people. 'When He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them.' The way to

heaven is consecrated by the Saviour's footprints. **The path may be steep and rugged, but Jesus has traveled that way; His feet have pressed down the cruel thorns, to make the pathway easier for us. Every burden that we are called to bear He Himself has borne.**"

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart ...
Jeremiah 1:5

You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways
Psalms 139:3

He Cares for You!



Dateline . . .

February Calendar

- 21 PAYDAY
- 26 Chapel - Idaho Power - Mike Fifer

February Birthdays

- 22 Roberto Chavez
- 22 Dallas Kulp

March Calendar

- 4 Chapel - Prod. Dev. - Miguel Valdivia
- 6 PAYDAY
- 11 Chapel - HR - Spilling the Tea
- 18 No Chapel - Board Week
- 20 PAYDAY
- 21 Chapel - BOARD - Kyoshin Ahn

March Birthdays

- 9 Julie Nichols
- 14 Troy Haagenson
- 17 Dan Lee
- 20 Joe Gutierrez
- 22 Matthew Kabush
- 29 Tony Jarrett
- 30 Steve Lanto