

ShopTalk

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The Post's Own Mrs. Fields: Mrs. Glaser

Every year for the last 20 years, **Margaret Glaser**, Advertising, has been baking assorted cookies for her entire department. Today, that includes all the Advertising people in the main building and in the Lennox Building and just for good measure she shares the wealth with the corporate offices and of course, Chairman **Don Graham** and his staff.

On average, Glaser bakes approximately 1,500 cookies per year over a span of two and a half months. That means it's taken her a combined 4 years and 2 months to bake a total of 30,000 cookies!

"Nobody else is involved," she explained, "I start baking in October, and I usually save a week's vacation to get a head start. Then, I bake on the weekends right up until I bring them in to The Post."

It's difficult enough for a professional catering service to pull off such a hefty order, let alone a one-woman baking gang. She recounted how she typically pulls it off each year:

"I freeze the baked cookies in a smallish freezer in my garage and pray for no electrical outages. I



Margaret Glaser, Advertising, standing by The Post's Christmas Tree in the lobby.

take them out of the freezer the night before I bring them in. I load them into about six boxes (mostly copy paper boxes) and stash them in the trunk of my car. When I arrive at The Post, some kind soul from Building Services puts them on a cart for me and brings them up to my desk. It takes me about an hour to set up the trays. Everyone knows they're coming and they usually start forming a line."

Though her process is essentially streamlined, there have been

some minor mishaps. Glaser recalled forgetting to set the timer once and coming up with a "burnt offering." Luckily, she's never been injured.

Finally, she concluded by answering why she does this each year: "I just love to bake and I found that my fellow employees really enjoyed the occasional treat. Since I have nobody living at home any more, my friends at The Post are the beneficiaries." ■

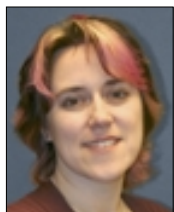
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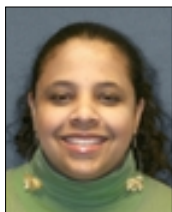
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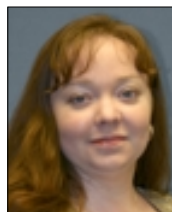
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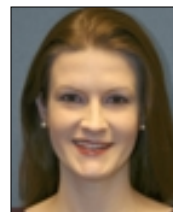
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Kristi Meacham



Katie McHenry



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AMY ALECCI, Advertising, is a new ad coordinator in the Major Accounts Unit. Before the Post, she coordinated events at Penguin Services. She's a recent grad from George Mason university (Va.) with a degree in communication with a concentration in public relations. During her four years at Mason, she played Division 1 soccer as a midfielder and got to travel to Hawaii and California. She also took up yoga a few months ago and would recommend it to anyone wanting to try something new.

LISA DURKIN, Advertising, is also an ad coordinator in the Major Accounts Unit. She earned her degree in media arts and design from James Madison University (Va.) and was a rush chair in Phi Sigma Pi—a coed honors fraternity. She was also asked by Delaware County Community College to teach English to doctoral students in Prague for two summers. Though she loves to travel, she hates to fly. Lisa hopes to join The Post's softball team or be recruited—hint, hint.

HEATHER HARRIS, Marketing, is a new, but seasoned copywriter. She has a total of six years of experience from Chadick+Kimball Marketing and MarCom Group. She was also a marketing manager at IMAS Publishing and a public relations assistant at Arnold Fine & Associates. She earned her BA in public communications from American University (D.C.). Her fascination with arts and entertainment led her to promoting plays and local rock concerts in her spare time. Heather was part owner of Fishnet Music (record store) in Ocean City, Md. She also spent some time as a “pro bono music journalist.” She did some freelance writing for a local magazine called Snap Pop.

CHRISTINE HAYNES, Advertising, is a new senior advertising coordinator. Before The Post, she was an executive assistant for four years at the Scowcroft Group—an international business advisory firm in D.C. She is currently the jewelry designer and owner of Fezelry Jewelry Designs. “Fezelry” is a play on her childhood nickname, which she intends to keep as a secret even to ShopTalk. Christine is working on her mass communications degree and a degree as a master

gemologist. She's a native New Yorker and has been married for 10 years. She has two little girls ages 6 and 11. She's published in several jewelry and metal-smithing publications and is talk show host Tonya Blount's personal jewelry designer.

KRISTI MEACHAM, Marketing, is a new research analyst. Previously, she did marketing research for Virginia Tech's students programs. She also had the arduous job of working in the “tasting room” of a winery and serving as a “wine consultant” for Vintage Cellar in Blacksburg, Va. She holds an MS in industrial organizational psychology from Virginia Tech and a BS from Louisiana State University. Kristi said that she's been accused of being a kitchen and wine snob. Additionally, she enjoys photography and singing in choirs. If anyone has any recommendations for a choral group she can join—she's all ears.

KATIE MCHENRY, Writers Group, joined The Post as a traveling sales representative. Prior to The Post, she had a “pretty cool” job as a confidential assistant to the Secretary of Commerce that “paled in comparison” to her previous jobs. She earned her BA in journalism from Texas A&M University. Her favorite hobby is taking Middle Eastern dance lessons (aka belly dancing). She's been taking classes for two years.

BEN PEISCH, Advertising, is a new account executive. He moved to D.C. with his wife following her graduation from Brigham Young University in Utah. While in Provo, Utah he was a sportswriter for the second largest local paper, the Deseret News. In 2005, Ben completed his double major in English and classical history at Bowdoin University (Maine). He was married at the age of 21 and though he enjoyed the high school football beat as a sportswriter, Ben is happy to be in D.C. and likes his new job.

Promotions & Transitions



Jennifer Abella

JENNIFER ABELLA, News, was recently promoted to deputy copy chief for the features copy desk. Formerly from the Weekend staff, she's been at The Post for six years. She started out at the National copy desk and then moved to Metro, before her stint in Weekend. Jennifer is a University of North Carolina journalism and political science graduate. Before The Post, she scored a few internships in the Chapel Hill-Raleigh area and at the Philadelphia Inquirer. Jennifer is a self-described "pop-culture fanatic."

MARLA BARKLEY, Advertising Operations, recently moved from the mail desk to her new position as senior staff associate. She has prior

Marla Barkley



experience in classified advertising and recruitment in advertising operations. She attended Strayer University (D.C.) for computer programming. Marla goes to the Bahamas every year and in 2005 she also made it to Frankfurt, Germany. She also enjoys reading mystery and romance novels.

AUTUMN BREWINGTON, Editorial, moved up from copy editor to op-ed editor. She started at The Post in June 2001. She earned her degree in journalism from the University of Missouri, but grew up in



Autumn Brewington

Las Vegas and like most people, found the grass is green—or in her case—the sand is tan on the other side. Since leaving Las Vegas, she's developed an appreciation for the desert. Ironically, Autumn was born on the first day of summer. She enjoys "blogging", "scrapbooking" and apparently creating new present participles or verbal nouns.

MEREDITH CRAIG, Production, has been at The Post since August 1991. She was recently promoted from mail-room foreman and materials



Meredith Craig

handling at the Springfield plant to pre-press manager at the Northwest Building. She's also worked in advertising operations, but started as a press operator. Before The Post, she worked at the Government Printing Office. Meredith has a BS in graphic communications from Clemson University (S.C.). Justifiably, she's a Clemson Tigers football fan. She also cheers for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

BINYAM MAMO, Administration, is the new manager of protection services responsible for the College Park, Springfield and Northwest accounts. He was previously a site supervisor for Guardsmark, LLC and has worked at The Post since November 1999, though he's been with the security company since 1994. He's been honored with several awards, including the prestigious



Binyam Mamo

Guardsmark Medal of Valor by the company president. He will graduate with a political science degree from the University of the District of Columbia in May 2007. He's married with two kids—a four-year-old son and a two-year-old daughter who consume most of his spare time. Binyam likes to watch documentaries and "passionately" wants to return to refereeing soccer games. And the million-dollar answer: Binyam is originally from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



Carlethia Pratt

CARLETHIA PRATT, Advertising Operations, recently joined the Materials Handling Unit. She started as a crew assistant at The Post's pressroom almost 16 years ago. She then joined the mail desk staff and back copy services. She's finishing up her degree in English. Carlethia, who is married and has three kids, also

served on the board of The Post Recreational Association. She's also an avid fundraiser, an active parent in the D.C. Public Schools, a published poet and a two-time Post baking champion. ■

COURTESY OF JEFF COX

Principals Leadership Institute Session 2



(From left to right) A panel formed by **Bob McCartney, Tara Bahrampour, Maria Glod, Dion Haynes, Lisa Frazier, Monica Norton, Ian Shapira and Jay Matthews** from *The Post* newsroom discuss what every principal should know about working closely with its local newspaper before taking questions.

ShopTalk Suggestion Boxes Available Now!

Suggestion boxes are located in the Northwest Building cafeteria and at both plants. Post employees can submit general questions, suggestions and ShopTalk story ideas — anonymously if preferred. The ShopTalk editor will sort through the entries, pick out the most recurring questions and after soliciting a response from the appropri-

ate person, publish the response in a future ShopTalk issue. Every effort will be made to address most questions or concerns. Contact x4-6803 or onom@washpost.com or shoptalk@washpost.com with any questions.

2006 Expense Deadlines from Accounting

Delinquent expense reports - Friday, Dec. 15

Final current expense reports (dated after Dec. 1) - Wednesday, Dec. 20

Accounts payable vouchers - Wednesday, Dec. 20

Accrual worksheets - Thursday, Jan. 4 (by noon)

Please submit expense reports immediately following travel. They're considered delinquent, if submitted beyond one week after the expenditure was incurred. Although considered delinquent, expenses incurred in September, October or November 2006 must be submitted by Dec. 15, 2006 in

order to be reimbursed at all. If submitted after Dec. 15, they will be returned unpaid. All December 2006 expenses must be received by Jan. 10, 2007 in order to be reimbursed. If received after, they will be returned unpaid.

For December expenses to appear against 2006 budget, they must be received by Dec. 20, 2006. No December expense reports will be accrued. December expenses received between Dec. 20, 2006 and Jan. 11, 2007 will appear as expenses for 2007. Contact **Nadeem Awan**,

Financial Accounting Supervisor at x4-7812 with any questions.

The Post Blood Drive

The Northwest Building Health Center will host the American Red Cross Bloodmobile on Dec. 19 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Blood supplies typically teeter at dangerously low levels during the holiday season. Call the Health Center at x4-7192 to schedule an appointment for a life-saving donation.

2007 Post Holidays

The Post will observe the 2006-2007 holidays on the following dates*:

Dec. 25, 2006 - Christmas Day
Jan. 1, 2007 - New Years Day
Jan. 15, 2007 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
Feb. 19, 2007 - President's Day
May 28, 2007 - Memorial Day
July 4, 2007 - Independence Day
Sept. 3, 2007 - Labor Day
Nov. 22, 2007 - Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 25, 2007 - Christmas Day
Jan. 1, 2008 - New Years Day

*Dates may vary according to department, employment status or job position.

Marketplace

FOR SALE: Just in time for the holidays! XBOX in excellent condition, enhanced with DVD adaptor and remote control. Plus an extra controller and 5 games: WWF Raw, Star Wars, Knights, Corvette, NFL Street and ESPN 2k5. All only \$125. Contact ScarletMaith x4-7318.

FOR SALE: 2006 White House Xmas ornaments—I'm selling them as a fundraiser for my son's daycare center. They are \$18 each and I have them at my desk if you'd like to see one. Contact Liz at x4-6545. (http://www.white-househistory.org/01/subs/01_a.html)

FREE: 7.5 ft. artificial Christmas tree in perfect condition. Will also give away lights and garlands to go on it. Just bring your truck into my driveway. Contact Margaret Glaser at x4-4053 or at home 301-622-2272.

FOR SALE: Bunk bed from The Great American Bunk Bed. Like new. Paid \$700, asking \$300 obo. Includes bunkie board and ladder. Contact Robin at 202-547-5385 or x4-7005.

FOR SALE: Art deco cabinet with fine veneer and original bakelite handles. Measures 30 in.(w) x 17 in.(d) x 28 in.(h). \$200 (obo). Contact Jessica at x4-5650 or at 301-270-4714 (evenings).

FOR SALE: White Kenmore refrigerator, never used, 29.5 cu. ft. \$399. White freestanding Kenmore Gas Range, never used, 30 in., \$250. White Whirlpool Dishwasher, never used, 24 in., \$199. Located in Adams Mogan. These came with the new house but we are upgrading all appliances. The more items you buy, the better the price. Prices are negotiable. Contact Norman at x4-6597.

FOR HIRE: Experienced professional tutor. Covers subject matter from grades 2 - 12 and college classes up to the sophomore year. Only \$25 per hour. References can be provided. For more information or to make an appointment contact Barbara at 301-806-1440

ISO: Carpool from Leesburg, Va. to The Post (NW), Tuesday -Friday to accommodate a 10 a.m. starting time. Contact Jessica x4-5650 or at 301-270-4714 (evenings).

NEW MARKETPLACE DEADLINE: **Noon THURSDAYS.** Please include your name, extension and phone number. Ads are for Post employees only. Send ads to ShopTalk, seventh floor, or call x4-6803. To send ads via fax dial x4-4963 or to email send to shoptalk@washpost.com or onom@washpost.com. Ads run for two issues unless otherwise requested. One ad per employee. ShopTalk reserves the right to publish and edit all ads.