



# Specialized Services & Personnel, Inc.

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*Meraki...a verb... Labor of love...It means to do something with passion, with absolute devotion, with undivided attention.*

## *A note from the Administration...*

*Best of Luck to Andi Chaney and  
Flora Jellison on their "retirements"  
from SS&P, Inc.*

*Don't forget, if you have company news or something that you would like to see highlighted in the newsletter – Please feel free to reach out to us. Write it up and submit it to your supervisor or email [kstockwellssp@gmail.com](mailto:kstockwellssp@gmail.com) and put ATTN: NEWSLETTER in the subject line.  
~Thank You~*

## *Valentine's Day*

~ you might be wondering where, exactly, this day of love originated, and why, each year, we mark our

calendars to remind us to tell our loved ones that we love them.

There are several different myths attributed to the genesis of Valentine's day. However, there's no disputing the fact that this holiday, as with most, began as a religious one. The Catholic Church has canonized at least three different Saint Valentines, all of whom were martyred and literally died for love.

The most popular St. Valentine, and the one frequently attributed with fathering

Valentine's Day, was a Roman priest during the third century, serving under Emperor Claudius. Emperor Claudius believed that single men made better soldiers than those married and with families, and passed a law making marriage illegal for all young men. Valentine recognized the horror of this law and continued to marry young couples in secret, effectively defying his Emperor.

When Claudius discovered Valentine's acts of defiance, he had him killed immediately. Valentine was later canonized by the Vatican and, in the 5th century, February 14th was named his feast day, the day designated by the church to honor and commemorate a saint's life.

Still, other people believe that February 14th's designation as a day of love, comes out of something far less bloody than a martyred saint. In France and England, February 14th is the beginning of the birds' mating season, which symbolizes love, fertility, and the promise of spring.

Valentine's day is celebrated in several countries throughout the world, including Mexico, France, England, Australia, and of course The United States. The day began to rise in popularity around the 17th century, where it was not uncommon for friends to exchange little gifts and notes of affection. The first Valentine's Day card was believed to be sold in 1840 by Esther Howland, also known as The Mother of the Valentine, and today it is estimated that over 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year.



Happy Birthday to YOU...♪♪♪♪♪  
(February Birthdays)

Rachel G (4)

Joseph E (7)

Charles L (9)

Mercedes S (12)

Tamara L (13)

April S (22)

Jeffrey D K (23)

Earl S (24)

Drucella R (29)



Terri S (7)

Kim B (12)

Antonio R (13)

Savannah N (27)



## Congratulations to Our Winners!

*Grand Prize - Insignia™ - 10.1" -  
Tablet - 32GB - With Keyboard -*

**CHECK #41772**



*Second Prize - Amazon -  
Fire - 7" - Tablet - 16GB  
7th Generation-*

**CHECK #41758**

**TAKE YOUR CHECK  
STUB TO YOUR  
SUPERVISOR TO CLAIM  
YOUR PRIZE!!**

**NOTE to STAFF:  
Documentation must be  
turned in along with  
timesheets!**

### A Note from Payroll

#### W2s and 1095Cs

W2s and 1095Cs were mailed on  
Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Online access codes are enclosed  
with your check.

*Also, if you need to make any  
adjustments to your withholdings,  
now is the time to do that.*

**ACROSS** →

**DOWN** ↓

**Next Month's Giveaway:**  
**TOTE BAG**



Find a copy of this newsletter on our NEW Facebook page <http://fb.me/SSandPInc>.



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to the following employees with  
**SEVICE ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY:**

24 yrs - Sharon C

18 yrs - Michael Q

15 yrs - Vanessa H

10 yrs - Jane D

8 yrs - April S

6 yrs - Ayles R

5 yrs - Ashlee F

3 yrs - Alisha D

3 yrs - Debra S

3 yrs - Janet H

2 yrs - Bettie B

2 yrs - Andrea G

2 yrs - Alisha W

1 yr - Eugene F

