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Luncheon to feature Pat Becker Wallis: World of Dogs, and Kaylon Head: Communicating with your dog

Pat Becker Wallis loves to help people learn to communicate well with their dogs. She and her husband Jim Wallis, of Edmond, Oklahoma traveled Europe in search of the best advisors on dog breeds. Their research help to create the award winning television show on PBS called “The World of Dogs Biography Series”. Jim and Pat were thrilled to learn they had received the Dog Writers of America most prestigious award, The Maxwell Award for Broadcast Journalism.



Pat Becker Wallis↓ Kaylon Head↑

“The World of Dogs” is a biography series of the world’s most popular breeds of dogs. It is produced in a Hollywood style format, each episode offers an in-depth portrait of the history of the breed, physical characteristics, personality traits and special talents for which the dogs were bred. “The World of Dogs” also offers insights by the worlds’ top breeders and judges, as well as valuable medical information by leading surgeons and veterinarians.

Pat Becker Wallis, actress and singer, hosts THE WORLD OF DOGS along with outdoors expert Tim Hartman. The website is www.theworldofdogs.com, and the phone number is 405-348-0979

Kaylon Head has been training dogs for 23 years, she has put over twenty AKC performance titles on dogs and she has had four dogs who were number one for their breed in national obedience rankings. She es-

tablished Full Circle Obedience School in northwest Oklahoma City about 17 years ago in order to help dogs and their owners learn how to communicate with each other.

Kaylon shares that one way to avoid behavioral problems is understanding the dynamics of teaching ‘respect’ to the dogs and their owners.

To learn more about Full Circle Obedience School calling 405-721-STAY (7829) and www.fullcircleobedience.com.

All members and guests are urged to make their plans to hear Pat Becker Wallis and Kaylon Head on Monday, March 10th. The buffet luncheon in the Heritage Room of the Webster Commons on the Southern Nazarene University campus begins promptly at 11:15 a.m. The luncheon program starts at noon and ends at 1:00 p.m.

Important luncheon reservation information:

- Members: If you have not been contacted by one of our telephone callers by Thursday, March 6th, then please call Mrs. Shirley Pelley, ASP Telephone Committee Chairperson, at 405.354.3853
- Guests: Please call the SNU Office of Alumni Relations at 491-6312 or email ASP@snu.edu
- All: The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Kindly make your reservation(s) by Thursday, March 7th

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Your president's point of view:
by Jack David Arnold

**Greatness is the measure of one's spirit,
not the result of one's rank in human affairs**

The I Ching, or *Book of Changes* is an ancient Chinese wisdom text honored as one of the five classics of Confucianism. In over three thousand years of use, many have found its oracular advice to be helpful in the development of character and ethical values. Philosopher and educator Confucius (551-479 B.C.) wrote the following about the greatness of character: "The superior one is acquainted with many sayings of antiquity and many deeds of the past, in order to strengthen his character thereby. In the words and deeds of the past, there lies hidden treasure that one may use to strengthen and elevate one's own character. The way to study the past is not to confine oneself to mere knowledge of history but, through application of this knowledge, to give actuality to the past."

For assistance in the development of greatness in our own characters, we are told to unlock the treasure chest of the past, examine the lives of heroes and heroines, and accept the future these persons offer us in their words and deeds.

To study great men and women in history is a worthy endeavor, but who is truly great? Is it simply someone who is an easily recognized historical figure? Everyone knows who Hitler was, yet few would designate him as a hero? Surely there are many people who have lived great lives but remain unsung heroes or heroines. Greatness is a concept that is heavily dependent upon a person's perspective and biases.

United States President Harry S. Truman (1884-1972) took a humorous approach to greatness when he said, "Well, I wouldn't say that I was in the great class, but I had a great time while I was trying to be great."

A desire for bigness has hurt many folks. Putting oneself in the limelight at the expense of others is a wrong idea of greatness. The secret of greatness, rather than bigness, is to acclimate oneself to one's place of service and to be true to one's convictions. A life of this kind of service will forever remain the measure of one's true greatness.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-82), American author, wrote, "To be great is to be misunderstood. Is it so bad, then, to be misunderstood? Pythagoras was misunderstood, and Socrates and Jesus, and Luther, and Copernicus, and Galileo, and Newton, and every pure and wise spirit that ever took flesh."

Greatness is something far beyond the outer fame or fortune society may heap on an individual. It is an inner quality of being which is expressed in such a way because of that person's contribution. It may or may not ever be recog-

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nized or acclaimed. It needs no spokesman, for when it is fundamental and enduring, it speaks for itself.

We should not confuse notoriety and fame with greatness. I agree with Phillips Brooks (1835-93), American clergyman and author, who wrote, "Greatness, after all, in spite of its name, appears to be not so much a certain size as a certain quality in human lives. It may be present in lives whose range is small."

A great person serves love by lighting a torch for us, illuminating a principle or attitude that will make life better, not only for us, but for everyone in our lives. A great person's life can also be a beacon by which we may be guided to make the wisest and best contributions we may offer. The real lesson of greatness is to learn to love.

People, who have once perceived, however temporarily and briefly, what makes greatness of soul, can no longer be happy if they allow themselves to be petty, self-seeking,
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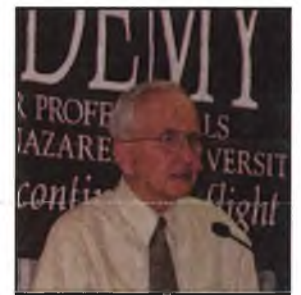
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ASPers enjoy the buffet line



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Dale German, Eva May Harper



Hawaii Elderhostel: Adventure in Lifelong Learning

by
Elbert Overholt, Past ASP Director

Darlene and I enjoyed a ten-day Elderhostel in the Hawaiian Islands January 25 - February 4. Not only was it most enjoyable, it was a great opportunity to continue our learning.

First segment of the trip, we were housed at the Hawaii Prince Hotel, Waikiki Honolulu. We participated in two days and three nights of lectures and field trips to Iolani Palace, The Bishop Museum, and Pearl Harbor where the Arizona Memorial is located.



The *Pride of Hawaii*

The next seven days were spent on the cruise ship, *Pride of Hawaii*, visiting the islands of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai. We thoroughly enjoyed a very informative visit to the active volcano on the islands "hot spot" located near Hilo in the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The Kilauea Caldera was formed by active eruption. It is presently erupting sulphur steam but no active lava flow. (I viewed active lava flow into the Pacific from this volcano when I was in Hilo in '92.) We enjoyed lunch in the Crater Rim Cafe, Lilauea Military Camp, founded in 1916. On our way back to the cruise ship we visited the Akatsuka Orchid Nursery and viewed one of the largest orchid collections in Hawaii.

The ship arrived in Kahului, Maui at 8:00 a.m. The field trip that day brought us to the Hepaniwai Heritage Gardens featuring a New England Salt Box, Japanese Tea House, Hawaiian hale ("grass shack"), Chinese Moon Gate, Portugese outdoor oven, and beautiful landscaping.

The next Maui field trip took us to Haleakala National Park, an active shield volcano. The park is recognized as an International Biosphere Reserve by the United Nations.

We arrived the next day at Kona back on the big island of Hawaii. There we met R.T. and Pat Bolerjack, fellow



R.T. Bolerjack in front of his apartment

ASP members, and spent a profitable half day with them. They showed us around Kona and surrounding areas. R.T. and Pat are completing a temporary assignment at the Church of the Nazarene and will

return to us in May. It was real delight to see them and enjoy their surroundings, including eating tangerines picked right off the tree. We caught up with our Elderhostel group at the Place of Refuge (National Historical Park). This historic site a few miles south of Kona contains one of the most sacred haiau (traditional place of worship) in the islands.



Overholts with cruise ship in the distance

After a night of traveling, we arrived in Lihue, Kauai. Early the next morning we departed for Waimea Canyon -- the geologically spectacular "Grand Canyon" of Hawaii. Dawn Fraser Kawahara, small press publisher, award-winning poet and author and cultural hula practitioner, served as our lecturer and travel guide.

Returning to the cruise ship, we stopped by one of the few remaining coffee plantations in the islands. A coffee "cherry" picker was available for our perusal as well as the drying "ovens" for drying the coffee beans. After another night of cruising we concluded a very informative and enjoyable ten days of learning fun in the Hawaiian Islands.



Academy Obituaries

Cecil Wayne Schwenke

Cecil Schwenke, ASP member, passed away January 24, 2008. He was born May 20, 1930 and graduated from Guymon High School in 1948. He joined the US Navy in 1951 and was stationed at the US Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois. He married Frances Gill in 1952. He and his family moved to Bethany in 1954 and he acquired his business degree from Bethany Peniel College (now SNU). He began teaching at Bethany High School in 1959. He was Key Club Sponsor for 20 years and high school principal for 3 years, retiring in 1985. He was a member of the Gideons and Kiwanis. Cecil was an active member of the Church of the Nazarene in Warr Acres and Bethany First.

Cecil was preceded in death by his wife, Frances. He is survived by children Steve, David, Tim and Cathy, 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Cecil was involved in the activities of the Academy of Senior Professionals and will be missed.



NEWS TO USE
by Shirley Mears
SNU & Degree Completion

Who do you know that started college but did not finish? Maybe you know someone who had big dreams in high school but life got in the way and they weren't able to finish their degree program. Southern Nazarene University can help those people who want to complete their bachelors or master's degree very quickly without disrupting their work and family schedules.

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Jeff Seyfert is director of Graduate Studies in Management.

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Library Resources
by Bea Flinner
"The Life You Always Wanted"
by
John Ortberg

The heart of Christianity is transformation—a relationship with God that impacts not just our "spiritual lives," but every aspect of living. John Ortberg calls you back to the dynamic heartbeat of Christianity—God's power to bring change and growth—and reveals both the how and why of transformation.

With a new chapter on prayer and added discussion questions, this expanded edition of "The Life You've Always Wanted," offers modern perspectives on the ancient path of the spiritual disciplines. But this is more than just a book about things to do to be a good Christian. It's a roadmap toward the transformation that starts not with the individual but with the object of the journey—Jesus Christ.

As with a marathon runner, the secret to winning the race lives not in trying harder, but in training with the spiritual disciplines. The disciplines are neither taskmasters nor an end in themselves. Rather they are exercises that builds strength and endurance for the road of growth. The fruits of the spirit are the signposts along the way.

Paved with the humor and sparkling anecdotes, "The Life You Always Wanted" is an encouraging and challenging approach to a Christian life that's worth living—a life that fills an ordinary world with new meaning, hope, change, and joy.

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RIG, WHAT'S NEW?
by Paul Scheie
(RIG = Research Interest Group)

"Oklahoma is blazing a new trail in providing better advocacy for vulnerable adults who may require assistance if they become involved with the state's judicial system. Through a pioneer program known as the Court-Appointed Advocates for Vulnerable Adults (CAAVA), a pool of well trained volunteers soon will be available to the court system statewide to assist judges as "eyes and ears" of the court."

"The CAAVA program was created by the Oklahoma legislature. It will provide citizen volunteers as advocates who have undergone extensive training in areas such as how the court system operates, end-of-life-issues, and the rights of persons who are at risk of court intervention into their lives due to any of a number of medical, mental or developmental disabilities or conditions."(From a section of a brochure about CAAVA.)

Pertinent CAAVA cases primarily are for abused, neglected, exploited or disabled adults, and could involve issues such as power of attorney, guardianship and commitment. The certified volunteers would take their instructions from the judge in each case, and they would report back to the judge.

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Oklahoma is the first state to initiate such a program for adults. In Oklahoma County CAAVA is a program of Omega Care. The president of Omega Care, Kathy Holman, is the scheduled presenter for the March 10 meeting of the Research Interest Group.

Here is an opportunity for ASP members to become familiar with the CAAVA program in the event they or someone they know ever faces such court proceedings. Some ASP members might even be interested in becoming CAAVA volunteers.

MAKE PLANS NOW —
To attend the PLN Luncheon April 14. Tickets (\$7) will be available at the next ASP luncheon.

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troubled by trivial misfortunes, dreading what fate may have in store for them. Those capable of greatness of soul will open wide the windows of their minds, letting the winds blow freely upon them from every portion of the universe.

According to 1950 Nobel Prize winner, Bertrand Arthur William Russell (1872-1970), the man capable of greatness of soul “will see himself and life and the world as truly as our human limitations will permit; realizing the brevity and minuteness of life; he will realize also that in individual minds is concentrated whatever of value the known universe contains...In emancipation from the fears that beset the slave of circumstance, great people will experience a profound joy, and through all vicissitudes [difficulties] of his outward life, he will remain in the depths of his being a happy man.”

The great people in my personal life have been my teachers and my mother because they had learned and practiced the lesson of love. My list of great teachers include the following: Maybelle Conger, Central High School of Oklahoma City; Anna Belle Laughbaum, Carol Spruce Lundy and James Robert Emmel, Bethany-Peniel College; Ernest J. Wrage, Northwestern University; and Marie Hochmuth Nichols, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. They caught hold of my mind and feelings and inspired me to do things bigger than myself; they stirred my imagination and challenged me “to habitually pursue excellence.”

My mother, Mittie Estella Cone Arnold, showed her “greatness of soul” in how she sacrificed and loved my brothers and me in the late 1930s by keeping our family together, when my alcoholic father left us for five years. In order to make some money, she closed out the front of our little home in Oklahoma City and took in roomers; we lived in the two back rooms and shared the bath with the roomers. Mother washed the clothes of our neighbors and relatives in the morning, dried them on the clothesline in the afternoon, and ironed them late into the night. As a grade-schooler, she advised me “to go out there and throw those newspapers so well that E. K. Gaylord downtown at the *Daily Oklahoman* and all our neighbors will say, ‘Here lives a great paperboy who did his job well’.” Throughout all “the vicissitudes of her outward life,” my mother lived “in the depths of her being a happy woman.”

American author of Western adventures, Zane Grey (1875-1939) has left us with a “recipe for greatness” in these telling words: “To bear up under loss, to fight the bitterness of defeat and the weakness of grief, to be victor over anger, to smile when tears are close, to resist evil men and base instincts, to hate hate and to love love, to go on when it would seem good to die, to seek ever after great beauty and the magnificent dream, to look up with unquenchable faith in something evermore about to be--that is what any man can do, and so be great.”



ASP Calendar

Monday: March 10, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. Shuttle: Sawyer to Webster Commons **begins**
- 9:30-10:45 Research Interest Group(RIG)-Student Life Conf. Rm.
- 11:15-1:00 Luncheon begins: Heritage Room—Commons
- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon meeting ends
- 1:00-1:30 Shuttle service **ends**
- 1:15 p.m. Ad.Council: Faculty Lounge—Webster Commons
- 2:00 p.m. Administrative Council ends



ASP Events Highlights



ASP DAY TRIP — May 20, 2008

Departure— 8:30 a.m. from SNU Sawyer Center

Destination— Oklahoma Aquarium at Jenks, OK

Lunch — at Freddie’s Bar-B-Que, Sapulpa, OK. Each person will be responsible for his or her meal.

Return — We will return to Bethany about 7:00 p.m.

Fee will be \$30.00 per person

Registration forms will be available at the March ASP meeting.

— Trip Director: Don Carley 728-0515 —

**Peer Learning Network (PLN)
Presents **Tony Snow**, former White House Press
Secretary under George W. Bush.**

**Luncheon and program are scheduled for the Cox
Convention Center April 14.**

**Transportation will be provided and ticket price for
ASP members is \$7.00. More information available
at the March 10 ASP meeting.**