

SNU President Loren Paul Gresham will present his annual address at the December 10 ASP luncheon; Christmas reception will follow in the Gresham home

By Jack David Arnold, Ph.D.



“SNU in Transition: Explosive Opportunity” is the topic that Dr. Loren Gresham has selected to speak about at the December 10 Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP) luncheon in the Heritage Room of the Webster Commons on the Southern Nazarene University (SNU) campus. In his annual address to ASP members and guests, Dr. Gresham will address the following contemporary topics: 1. Current enrollment, 2. Update on the Science Building, 3. Leadership transitions; 4. Fiscal report, and, 5. Miscellaneous items.

In 1997, while I was sitting with Dr. Gresham at one of the ASP luncheons, I said to him, “I hear that you and Linda have a new home.” He quickly replied, “Yes. Would like to see it? In fact, why don’t you bring the whole Academy to see it?” By my recollection, the Gresham's hosted the first ASP Christmas Reception in their lovely home in 1998, the year that I became the ASP President. Therefore, I will “seize the day” (*carpe diem*) to publicly thank Dr. and Mrs. Loren Gresham for hosting this much anticipated and greatly enjoyed Christmas Reception in their home for fifteen (15) years.

The resume of Dr. Loren Paul Gresham is impressive and shows that he is what the philosopher Aristotle would call a man of *ethos*: character, competence, and good will. His educational degrees include the following: 1962, B.A., history major, Pasadena

College/Point Loma Linda Nazarene University; 1969, M.A., international relations major, University of Southern California; and 1973, Ph.D., political science major, Oklahoma University.

Dr. Gresham’s professional background includes the following activities: teaching (1967-1997), Fulbright Fellow (1970-1971), administration, including President of SNU (1989-present), and conducting travel seminars (1973-1987).

He has held recent professional and business memberships and offices including the following organizations: American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities, member to present; American Political Science Association, member to present; Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, Board of Directors, 2002-2004; First Fidelity Bank, Board of Directors, 1990-1999; Integris Baptist Medical Center Board of Directors, 2005-2012; National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, 1998-2007, Board of Directors, Chair, 2005-2006 National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, Board of Directors, 2007-2010; Oklahoma City Metropolitan YMCA, Board of Directors, 1997-2006; Oklahoma Independent Colleges and Universities, President, 1992-1996, member to present; Oklahoma Political Science Association, member to present; and General Board, Church of the Nazarene, 1993-2009.

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From The Director's Corner

by
Eunice Trent, Director of ASP

CHRISTMAS IS UPON US

One of the most popular holidays is upon us. With all of the commercial aspects of Christmas that are seen just about everywhere we look, let us remember the true meaning of Christmas...

Peace on Earth, Good will toward Men, for the Savior came to show us how to love.

May we show others the true meaning of Christmas, the gift of God's love. May we love others as God first loved you and may we keep Christmas in our hearts all year long.

Wishing you and yours many Christmas Blessings.
Eunice



Recipe for Christmas All Year Long

Take a heap of child-like wonder
That opens up our eyes
To the unexpected gifts in life—
Each day a sweet surprise.
Mix in fond appreciation
For the people whom we know;
Like festive Christmas candles,
Each one has a special glow.
Add some giggles and some laughter,
A dash of Christmas food,
(Amazing how a piece of pie
Improves our attitude!)

Stir it all with human kindness;
Wrap it up in love and peace,
Decorate with optimism, and
Our joy will never cease.
If we use this healthy recipe,
We know we will remember
To be in the Christmas spirit,
Even when it's not December.

By Joanna Fuchs <http://www.poemsource.com/Christmas-poems.html>

The Academy of Senior Professionals
Cordially Invites You to Our

ANNUAL Dessert HOLIDAY PARTY

At the Gresham home:
Monday, December 10
1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

The SNU shuttle will pick up ASP members and guests from the Webster Commons area circle to Dr. and Mrs. Gresham's home for Christmas dessert; at 2:45 p.m. the shuttle will return the members back to the SNU campus.



Christmas in the House

Join us December 15 and 16 for *Christmas in the House*, a fast-paced, heart-warming 90-minute musical experience for all ages. Complimentary tickets are available in the BFC lobbies, or by calling the Bethany First Nazarene Church ticket line at 789-2050, ext 507.



November Morning Seminar



Finding Joy After The Grief!

Bob Willis an accomplished sculptor blends his passion for sculpting in clay with his presentation on living with grief and loss.



December 6 Trip to Bricktown

Thursday, December 6th those with reservations will have lunch at Toby Keith's "I Love that Bar & Grill" in Bricktown and then join Dale German as our guide on a Christmas Canal trip. We will meet in the Sawyer Building parking lot around 1:15 pm, lunch at 2:00 pm, and take the canal ride after lunch around 3:30 pm.

Pat Perry 405.373.4157





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And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude
 of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and
 on earth peace, good will toward
 men.

Luke 2: 13-14



ASP Calendar

Monday December 10, 2012

9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot
 (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons
 ** No Morning Seminar in December **
 11:00-a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage
 Room
 1:00—1:30 p.m. Shuttle Service the Gresham reception
 2:45 p.m. Shuttle will return back to the SNU campus.
 parking lot
 1:15-2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

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Your President's Perspective
November a Benchmark Month for
the Academy
by Renda Brumeloe

The Academy thanks you for making our new membership initiative a great success. We sense a new beginning of footsteps into the future.

The response to the Academy's "Footprint Luncheon" on November 8 is still reverberating with others expressing interest in membership. Some twenty new members will join the Academy of Senior Professionals in December.

We have a new challenge and opportunity to harness our talents together for our community, city and our great Southern Nazarene University. It will happen because of synergy and not mere individual effort. Working together, the sum of the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. We can make a difference.

The joy of fellowship, along with our life-long learning is a contagious formula. No resting on our past laurels and achievements. Want to grow personally? The rest of our lives are in front of us.

We are an academic society. We believe in education. **Applied** academics and learning is the answer to our challenges. We have no other choices except to become an austere academic group that no one knows or cares about. Academics are useless until applied. **Not a good option.**

Where do we go? We apply our life learning with today's methods. We take footsteps to meet needs where we find them, taking our gift of helps with us.



- We join together in support of other programs and organizations in our community, for example, RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)
- We support the concert and lecture series on our campus.
- We support the SNU student body through The Student Government Association (SGA), activities, scholarships, and other concerns.
- We increase member involvement in our community. An example is the "Bethany After-School Program" in tutoring, reading, storytelling, role modeling, providing cookies, snacks, etc.
- We attend our University Peer Learning Network, our monthly seminars and book reviews.

There are countless other opportunities. I like the motto: "Simply do what you can." Our personal learning and life

experiences have much to offer. When we do that, the joy of our fellowship is much sweeter and meaningful. **What a wonderful option!** New members will bring new energy and ideas. Let us be ready.

I've heard the prayer and I agree. "Lord, don't let me rust out. Let me wear out. I want to die with my boots on."

Looking ahead to December 12 Luncheon, SNU President Dr. Loren Gresham will update the Academy with his annual address. Following lunch, the Academy is invited to his home for a Christmas reception.



The Gresham Leadership Grant is designed to recruit outstanding young leaders to Southern Nazarene University. This highly selective first-year grant is awarded in amount from \$2,500-\$5,000, to attract high school seniors or transfer students who have clearly demonstrated leadership in their community, church, and school – plus exemplary character in all aspects of their lives. Although academic performance is considered, it is not the sole selection criterion for the grant. Reflecting the Gresham's life-long service to the Church of the Nazarene and SNU's role within the denomination, members of the Church of the Nazarene are given preference for the scholarships. As the corpus of the endowment grows in value, applicants from other Christian traditions will be considered.

The initial target goal for this endowment is \$400,000 – which will make this one of SNU's "top 5" individual scholarships, thereby providing appropriate recognition of the Gresham's dedicated and selfless service to SNU.

Visit Give to Gresham Leadership Grant or visit <http://snu.edu/gresham-grant> for more information.

The Academy of Senior Professionals will be presenting a Christmas Gift to Loren and Linda Gresham for the Leadership Grant at the Annual Christmas Dessert gathering. **If you wish to contribute, please contact Gary Lance 721.4551**

ASP "Trek" Time
By Pat Perry



Dear ASP Members,

I'd like to take this time to wish you all a happy and Blessed Christmas. It is the time of year to be especially thankful for friends and family, and to give God praise for all he has done for us.



As Renda mentioned, we are expanding our "ASP Footprint", and hope that some of you will be joining us. We will be taking a tour and having lunch at the new Devon Building in downtown OKC, in March 2013.

Next fall we have two trips planned. We will be going on a 15 day tour of the British Isles in September, 2013 traveling through Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. In October, 2013, we will be sailing through the Panama Canal on a 15 day cruise from Ft. Lauderdale to San Diego, visiting many places in between. Feel free to give me a call to discuss the details of any of the upcoming trips.

Merry Christmas
Pat Perry - 373-4157

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- November 12—United Pharmacy in Yukon
- December 10 – Southern Plaza
- January 14– Concordia Life Care Community
- February 11 – Mercer-Adams Funeral Service
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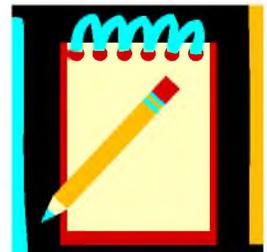


If you did not have a new picture made for the new directory, and would like one taken, please come to our December luncheon prepared to have your taken.



Everyone - be sure you have filled out a directory permission card and have included your career/hobby information for this year's directory.

If you have any questions, please call Emmalyn at 470-6737."



November luncheon

We welcomed new prospective members . The program featured an informative presentation by Renda Brumeloe, Emmalyn German, Jack David Arnold, and Eunice Trent.