

**“Finishing Well” is the title of  
Mr. Don Blose’s presentation at  
the Academy luncheon on February 10  
by  
Jack David Arnold, Ph.D.**

According to Mr. Blose, “Older adulthood is not just a time for relaxing and reflecting, it is also a time when senior adults become acutely aware of the best things in life and what is really important. Moreover, they have a strong desire to pass on the goodness that life has given them. When they pass on that goodness, they finish well.



“These senior adults inspire us and challenge us to achieve excellence,” he continued, “they remain strong in their missions and true to their values. They continually charge forward. We both marvel at them and root for them at the same time. By their example, we also are encouraged to finish well.”

I believe that Mr. Blose’s presentation will offer encouragement to all our readers. His inspiring message will also serve as a fresh reminder that the latter stage of life is an optimal time for solidifying the legacy by which we wish to be remembered.

Mr. Blose is one of our newer members of the Academy. He is the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Administrator of the Spanish Cove Retirement Village in Yukon, Oklahoma.

Prior to his coming to Spanish Cove, Mr. Blose spent 26 years with the Oklahoma State Health Department, serving his last 12 years as the State’s Immunization Director. As a public health official, he provided the leadership to improve Oklahoma’s childhood vaccination coverage from 49<sup>th</sup> in the nation to 17<sup>th</sup> best. He also supervised the State’s annual Adult Influenza and Pneumonia Vaccine Campaigns as well as the H1N1

Pandemic Vaccination Campaign in 2009. He adds, “Most of our State’s senior adults needed little encouragement to get their flu vaccine. Oklahoma’s senior adults are usually among the best vaccinated in the nation.”

During his public health career, Mr. Blose was a national leader, serving many years as a board member and officer of the national Association of Immunization Managers and the American Immunization Registry Association. He has a rich history of service to his church, extended community, state, and nation. He was elected to the Yukon School Board in the 1990’s and has continued to serve as a representative to the Yukon Schools Advisory Council, the Yukon Community Education Council, and the Yukon Public School Foundation for Excellence.

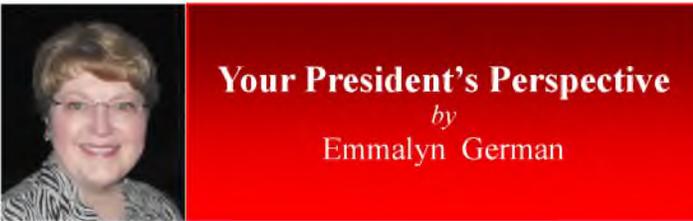
Mr. Blose is a graduate of Stillwater, Oklahoma High School. He received his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in public administration from Oklahoma State University. He is also licensed as an Oklahoma Long-Term Care Administrator and currently serves as a Board Member for the Yukon Senior Housing Authority.

In conclusion, Mr. Blose wrote the following about his family members who currently live in Yukon: “I have an exceptional wife, Julie, and five children—two of them still at home. Julie is as pretty on the inside as she is on the outside.”

**Important luncheon information:**

**Members:** If you have not been contacted by one of our telephone callers before Friday, February 7, 2014, please contact Mrs. Linda Carley, Telephone Committee Chairperson: 405.728.0515 or doncarley@prodigy.net. **Guests:** Please contact Mrs. Eunice Trent, ASP Director: NEW office number: 405.491.6602, or etrent@snu.edu.

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We were very disappointed that our SNU President, Dr. Loren Gresham, could not be with us in December since we cancelled our meeting due to the extreme cold and icy weather. Therefore we have taken steps to remedy that situation. Dr. Gresham will be our Luncheon speaker in May instead of yours truly. He has some interesting and exciting things to share with us about the future of SNU.

We have also made arrangements to have an "SNU Matinee with Emmalyn" 2:00 pm Thursday May 15, 2014, at the Cantrell Hall, There will be a reception following the program in the Heritage room of the Webster Commons, where we have our luncheons. Please add this event to your calendars for ASP.

Having this Matinee in the Cantrell Hall will allow us to make use of the Organ, Grand Piano, Keyboard, and Hand Bells. I also will be singing solos and duets with my husband, Dale. In addition there will be stories from my very unusual life.



Dr. Jack David Arnold volunteered to host the Reception as an expression of his appreciation to the Academy for enriching his life in lifelong learning and to me for my leadership, talents, and friendship in advancing the mission of the Academy."

Of course we will have so many nicely painted pictures from our art class we will want to include an art show at the reception.



Speaking of art, we have now decided to make our first art class with Paulette Woods a demonstration class with a discussion about supplies. This first class will be held in the craft room of Southern Plaza on Friday, February 21, 2014 at 1:00 pm. Those who attend will

then have the opportunity to sign up once the details are given. We may have to have two sessions for each class because of the interest shown.

Soaring into Spring . . . I am so looking forward to Spring!

Happy Valentine's Day!



2— Super Bowl Sunday XLVIII  
5:30 p.m. FOX Seattle  
Seahawks and Denver Broncos



7-23—Winter Olympics in Sochi  
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12—Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

14—Valentines Day



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22—George Washington's Birthday

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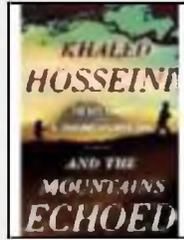
- October 14 - Legend of Council Road
- November 11 - United Pharmacy in Yukon
- December 9 - Cancelled for Weather
- January 13 - Concordia Life Care Community
- February 10 - Mercer-Adams Funeral Service
- March 10 - Spanish Cove Retirement Village
- April 17 - Southern Nazarene University  
Peer Learning Network
- May 12 - Southern Plaza



**Book Review**  
By  
**Arlita Harris**

Preview for March Book Review so you will have time to buy/borrow the book and read it.

Afghan-American author Khaled Hosseini's newest book is *And the Mountains Echoed*, a series of stories within a story as a father tells a folktale to his children, then gives his daughter to a wealthy man in Kabul. What follows is told from multiple viewpoints, spanning more than half a century and shifting across continents. Hosseini is the best-selling author of *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. His third novel illustrates again and again how people's actions, even seemingly selfless ones, are shrouded in ambiguity.



The book may be purchased in many formats or borrowed from your library. Here is the information:

Hosseini, Khaled. *And the Mountains Echoed*. Riverhead Books, published May 21, 2013.

It was Amazon's Best Book of the Month in May, 2013.

The ASP book discussion group will meet in the President's Dining Room at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 10.

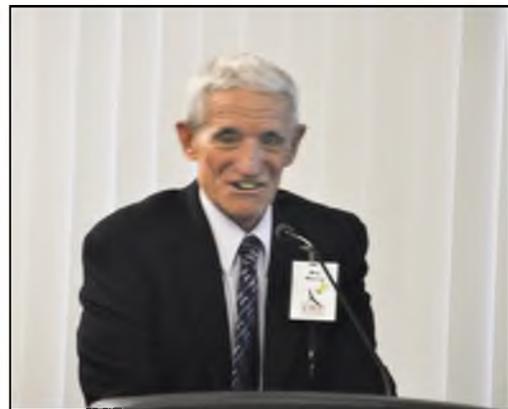
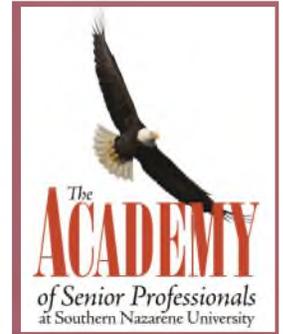
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**ASP Calendar**

Monday February 10, 2014  
 9:00—11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons  
 9:30 a.m. Book Discussion  
 11:00-a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room  
 1:00 —1:30 p.m. Shuttle will return to Sawyer Center lot  
 1:15—2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

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**From The Director's Corner**  
by  
*Eunice Trent, Director of ASP*

**The Director's role of the Academy of Senior Professionals**

Newer Academy of Senior Professional (ASP) members may wonder about the connection between ASP and Southern Nazarene University (SNU). The history between the two is long and rich. As Academy Director, my goal is to provide a strong link between SNU and ASP.

The administration of the University embraces the values and principles of ASP. The group was formed through the cooperation of SNU. The president of the University maintains connection with the organization through the appointment of its director. Thus, the director is the person who represents the university to the Academy and visa versa.

The director is a voting member of the Administrative Council, and serves as the chairperson for the Strategic Planning Committee and the annual Nominating Committee. Through strategic planning, the director helps the academy evaluate its current practices and direction, and makes recommendations for the future. The director also identifies potential leadership, helping to recruit new members who will add to the future strength and health of the organization.

My employment with SNU brings some additional benefits. I am able to link those in the Academy with departments on campus who can make things happen.

I am honored and blessed with the opportunity to serve as the ASP director. I have been the Academy Director since 2010. I first started with ASP as a photographer for the Academy in 2005. Dr. Don Beaver and I worked on the third floor of Bresee next to each other and he asked me if I would be the ASP Photographer. The rest is History.

I look forward to the future in sharing news of growth and development, as well as supporting new opportunities within a place of fellowship and connection.



**Morning Seminar**  
by  
*Helen Southerland*

**Health Care Forms and What They Mean???**

Put this ASP Morning Seminar down on your calendar Monday, February 10, 2014 held in President's Dining Room of the Webster Commons at 9:30 am. Ms. Ashley Kliever will talk about some of the necessary healthcare forms you need to have, interpret what they mean and discuss how to fill them out properly.



Since 2010, Ashley Kliever has been a medical social worker for INTEGRIS Hospice Services. Ms. Kliever earned her Bachelors in social Work in 2007 from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and her Master's degree in 2010 from the University of Oklahoma. Ashley has worked with children and the adult population, but continues to focus her career with hospice patients and their families.

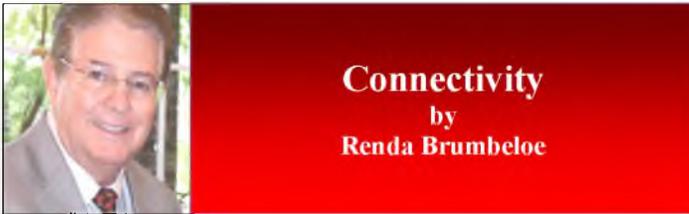


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### **Meet George and Mary Evelyn Miller.**

George's mother, Verdie Sallee, a pioneer resident with Bethany roots, wanted a preacher boy. "However God had other plans and I believe firmly that is exactly what happened in my life." says George. At age eleven, his family moved from Colorado to Ada where they were greeted with an Oklahoma tornado that ripped through their neighborhood.

At age 16, George's first job was on air broadcasting with radio engineering duties. A week after high school graduation it was off to the U.S. Navy. After the war he entered college, torn between aptitudes for business and electronic engineering. He later graduated from Oklahoma A & M (OSU). George says he had eyes on the prettiest girl in Ada (Mary Evelyn) who attended his church. They were married in 1948.

Upon graduation they moved back to Ada where he became chief technical engineer of the local radio station. Soon afterward, the station owner saw the need for a television station. George said, "We applied to the FCC for a maximum power station to cover southeastern Oklahoma. It went on the air in 1954." His on-air work led to a position as News Director. He later was elected two times as President of the Oklahoma Associated Press Broadcasters.

Mary Evelyn and George were blessed with four children. Mary Evelyn, with a degree in Home Economics nurtured and reared all four as a stay-at-home mom. Needless to say, she did a magnificent job. They now have 14 grandchildren.

In 1964, local leaders persuaded George to run for the state senate. With prayerful consideration, his family agreed. After prolonged reapportionment chaos, and winning five primaries in his now larger

district, George won the general elections and started a revered and successful political career of ten years in the state senate where he championed education and human service issues.

During this time the State Chancellor for Higher Education repeatedly approached George working for the State Regents for Higher Education. The Millers' children were about ready for college and their son, John David, a noted basketball star was here on our college campus on scholarship.

George had another huge decision to make. Should he cut all ties with State Human Services and join the Regents of Higher Education? When he tentatively agreed, the Human Services Director got word and called him from Washington DC and offered him "Secretary to the Director" of the state's largest agency. George accepted.

In 1974 George and Mary Evelyn moved to Bethany. George says "During the following 20 years I gained worlds of political experience and became friends with many top officials both in-state and nationally in both major parties."

In 1994, George was appointed temporary Director of Human Services. About six weeks later however, the Governor came to his home and personally asked him to take the job on a permanent basis. How can you turn down the Governor? He was also appointed a member of the Governor's cabinet representing health and human services.

Following retirement at age 70-plus, the House Speaker appointed him to the Health Care Authority board. George continues his service as Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee.

I asked George about his local ties in Bethany and our Academy of Senior Professionals at Southern Nazarene University. He said, "We've sent our four children to school here. Over the years we have been committed members of the Church of the Nazarene. My mother was a charter member having participated in the Church's organization at Pilot Point, Texas. I have served as a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School superintendent, church board member, and district and General Assembly delegates, all good training for carrying out God's plan for my life."