

ATTORNEY JAMES POSEY WILL ADDRESS VITAL ISSUES AFFECTING SENIOR ADULTS

By James R. (Bob) Emmel



James Posey

To step from the streets of the city into the stately law office suite of **Attorney James N. Posey** is to enter a unique world. Upon entering this law office the décor evokes a feeling of serenity, confidence, and security.

Posey, a SNU alumnus, received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma. He then selected Bethany, Oklahoma, for his place of practice.

He is a member of the Oklahoma and American Bar Association, and the Oklahoma City Estate Planning Council. He has distinguished himself as a local and national leader.

It has been my delight to know Jim and Shirley Posey since their student days at SNU. Their devotion to the church, extended community, and people of all ranks of life is beyond measure.

On Monday, November 9, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Mr. Posey will be the speaker of the day at the monthly ASP luncheon; his topic is, "Legal Matters Involving the Senior Adult."

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE ASP

By George O. Cargill

Your financial support of the Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP) is important. It is through your membership dues and individual gifts that we support Southern Nazarene University (SNU) with annual projects. The following are past SNU projects:

- 1995 - President's Scholarship Fund
- Special Assistance Fund
- 1996 - Esther Overholt Scholarship Fund
- 1997 - Library Fund
- 1998 - John Diffie Assistance fund

Approximately \$1,000 was given per year.

The ASP Administrative Council voted on September 21, 1998, to recommend to the ASP members at the October 12 meeting that: **the project for the 1999 year should be the SNU Centennial Celebration Fund. A contribution of \$2,000 will make the ASP an official member of the Centennial Society.**

Non-members who make tax-deductible contributions to the ASP will automatically receive *The Academy Perspective (TAP)*, our monthly publication. Checks should be made payable to SNU.

Support SNU through the ASP in the CENTENNIAL YEAR!

CORDIAL INVITATION

By Linda and Loren Gresham

We would like to invite you to drop in to our home at 5000 N.W. 59th Street for a reception from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. on November 9, 1998. We know of your monthly meeting on that date and hope you will continue the fellowship for awhile longer. A map will be provided at the November 9 meeting. We look forward to having you in our home.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE ACADEMY OF SENIOR PROFESSIONALS (ASP) CALENDAR DATES

Nov. 9	Bylaws Committee	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Royce Brown 135
	Administrative Council	10:30-10:45	Royce Brown 135
	ASP Luncheon Meeting*	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Commons Heritage Room
	Gresham Open House	1:30-3:00 p.m.	5000 N. W. 59 th Street
Dec. 14	Research Interest Group	9:30-10:45 a.m.	Royce Brown 135
	ASP Luncheon Meeting*	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Commons Heritage Room

*For reservations, please call 405/789-2036 or 405/942/5305



Editorial

The Meaning of involvement
By Jack David Arnold



Let me begin with the recognition of what all of us have inside us. I'm thinking especially of that ability we all have to **choose to be involved with others as others have chosen to be involved with us.**

The Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP) gives all of us a tremendous opportunity to **choose involvement**, and then to accomplish a great deal.

Real accomplishments come about when people like you and me **choose involvement** over indifference and gestures masquerading as action. When we choose to get **involved**, we make good things happen.

It was a man by the name of Henry Emerson Fosdick, a great American religious leader, who said this best: "Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people."

By **choosing involvement**, you can perform a special kind of magic. I call it "people magic." It's the extraordinary magic that ordinary people perform when they **choose involvement** in a worthwhile cause.

And the opportunity to perform "people magic" is always right next door, not necessarily in some glamorous or scary place far away.

In my seventy years, "as I walked through the wilderness of this world," I have learned what Dorothy learned in *The Wizard of Oz*. You don't have to travel to some far-off land to discover what's most important in life. It's right at home where you began your journey. That is the message I want to share with you today.

As your new president, I'm not going to announce some broad, pretentious, outlandish, international initiative that I'm leading and asking you to join. What I have in mind is down-to-earth. I'm going to ask you to **choose involvement in the ASP to perform "people magic" in ordinary places.**



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A SALUTE TO THE ASP CHARTER MEMBERS

In the summer of 1988, I, with the help of others who were interested in starting a society for mature professionals at Southern Nazarene University (SNU), circulated questionnaires to SNU alumni to determine if there was sufficient interest in forming such an organization. The returned questionnaires provided us with a list of potential members for the proposed Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP). The SNU Board of Trustees approved the ASP organizational plan in March, 1989.

During the 1989-90 academic year, gradual progress was made in the early development of the organization. In An History of the Academy of Senior Professionals, historian L. Paul Gresham identifies **seven key charter members** who were the inspired, committed leaders during the formative period of the ASP: "Richard and Winnie Howard, Marvin Peterson, Leon Jennings...Norman Bounds, John Bumpus, Vada Lee Barkley, [and] Elbert Overholt..." (4).

On May 15, 1990, the ASP founders selected Elbert Overholt as their first ASP executive secretary. At the first ASP luncheon on October 16, 1990, the charter members approved the new ASP bylaws and elected their slate of charter officers: Vada Lee Barkley, president; John Bumpus, vice-president; Esther Overholt, secretary; Jerry Bell, treasurer; and Milton Sonnevik, member-at-large.

One of the topics of interest and concern in the early meetings was senior housing. A planning committee, largely of charter members, for such a center was appointed. An outgrowth of their efforts is the Southern Senior Services' direction for the building of a senior housing center at N. W. 36th and College in Bethany.

Although a few charter members are deceased, ill, or inactive for a variety of reasons, most of them are still with us and continue to make fine contributions to the ASP, SNU, and the extended community.

We salute each of you for what you have done and will continue to do to make the ASP what it is and what it will become!



ASP CHARTER MEMBERS

Art Barkley
Vada Lee Barkley
Chant Beck
Fay Beck
Jerry Bell
John Bumpus
Roy H. Cantrell
Leo Carden
Reba Carden
Thurman Coburn
Ethel Dickerman
Lester Dunn

Margaret Dunn
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Ruth Norell
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Esther Overholt
Edith Payne

Marvin Peterson
Kathleen Sodowsky
Paul Sodowsky
Mabel Sonnevik
Milton Sonnevik
Gertrude Taylor
Mendell Taylor
Margaret Tulp
Loy Watson

ASP LEADERSHIP 1998-99*

"To serve, and not be served." -- Ethel Percy Andrus

Officers/Administrative Council



Seated (L-R): Jack David Arnold, president; Darlene Overholt, secretary. Standing (L-R): Elbert Overholt, director; Milton Sonnevik, member-at-large; Don Beaver, vice-president; and George Cargill, treasurer. Not pictured: Vada Lee Barkley, immediate past president.

Bylaws Committee

Chair, Jack David Arnold
Vada Lee Barkley
Lyle Flinger
Elbert Overholt

Plans and Programs Committee

Chair, James R. (Bob) Emmel
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Lora Lee and Bill Dunkin
Bea Flinger
B. Kaye and Sam Stearman

Membership Committee

Chairs, B. Kaye and Sam Stearman
Trudy Cargill
Margaret and Vernon Dawson
Geneva Delozier
Joyce and Lloyd Ellis
Rita Foster
Juanita Knippers
Bobbie Neighbors
Edith Payne Claude Pittenger
Mary Smith
Kathleen Sodowsky
Ruby Takemire
Juanita Thomas

Telephone Brigade

Bragadiers, Joyce and Loyd Ellis

Captains:

Geneva Delozier, Team One
Juanita Thomas, Team Two
Claude Pittenger, Team Three
Rita Foster, Team Four
Juanita Knippers, Team Five
Bobbie Neighbors, Team Six
Edith Payne, Team Seven
Ruby Takemire, Team Eight
Mary Smith, Team Nine

Learning Resources Committee

Chair, Shirley Pelley
Maurine Dickerson
Bea Flinger

Research Interest Group

Chair, Bea Flinger
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*This is the **first** listing of leaders; a **second** listing will include volunteers and leaders **not** listed here in the December, 1998, TAP issue.

A LOOK AT A BOOK

By Wini Howard



Some time ago I wrote a brief article about the Mitford Series, four books written by Jan Karon. I have just re-read the second book, A Light in the Window. And I thoroughly enjoyed it again.

Mitford is a small fictitious town in North Carolina. Father Tim, an Episcopalian priest, is the leading character, along with a fascinating collection of saints and sinners keeping him company. If you grew up in a close-knit, small community, you will perhaps feel right at home; if you didn't, you may wish you had.

The main concern of this story is Father Tim's next-door neighbor, Cynthia. At about sixty years of age, he has never married. His church family has kept him busy and quite content. Although he is not too sure that he is ready for her, lovely Cynthia walks into his heart.

There are several other subplots woven through the book. Surely you'll come to appreciate Father Tim, a pastor who loves his flock.

RESEARCHERS GIVE UPDATES AT RIG MEETING

By Bea Flinger

The Research Interest Group (RIG) of the Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP) convened on September 21, 1998, for the first session of the academic year.

Our researchers gave updates on their respective topics, revealing that search efforts appeared to be quite rewarding. Most searching is done primarily on the Internet; however, some sources from books and other forms of printed materials were suggested.

The first information to be given to the ASP attendees will be that of *annotated bibliographies*. These will list selected references found on the Internet and from printed sources. Each bibliographic entry will include a brief summary of the contents of each source.

The next RIG meeting will be Monday, December 9, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., in Room 135 of the Royce Brown Building. We invite all interested persons to attend our meetings. You will not be intimidated, and even though you may not become interested in the search aspect of topics relevant to mature adults, you can give us some profitable feedback.

Research is exciting, and the search is successful much of the time.

ASP Administrative Council Action Items

On **September 21, 1998**, the ASP Administrative Council members, Jack David Arnold, Milton Sonnevik, Bud Cargill, Don Beaver, Darlene and Elbert Overholt took the following actions:

1. The Council meetings will be announced in *The Academy Perspective* in the future so that members may attend if they choose.
2. The honoraria for speakers or presenters who are *not* ASP members or SNU faculty will be increased from \$25 to \$50.
3. The Council will serve as an awards committee with opportunities for ASP members to nominate prospective recipients.
4. The Council voted to recommend a contribution of \$2,000 to the SNU Centennial Society as the 1998-99 annual project; this recommendation will be presented to the ASP members at the October 12 meeting.
5. Due to the resignation of Syble George, the Council voted to elect Darlene Overholt the ASP secretary for the 1998-99 academic year; this recommendation will be presented to the ASP members for a vote at the October 12 meeting.



LLOYD GLENN MCARTHUR, M.D., GIVES SLIDE PRESENTATION ON ARTHRITIS AT THE FIRST ASP LUNCHEON, SEPTEMBER 21, 1998

Left to right: J. Robert (Bob) Emmel, program chair; Phyllis McArthur, 1996 SNU Outstanding Alumni Award recipient, Lloyd Glenn McArthur, speaker; and Jack David Arnold, president.

**NEW PROFILES, UPDATES AND TAP
ISSUES NOW FOUND ON ASP WEB
PAGE**

By Chichi Freeland

I am pleased to announce that many **biographical profile forms** from ASP members have been submitted for the web page, and I am receiving more everyday! I **urge those of you who have not sent in your forms to do so because they provide for very interesting reading to those who "hit" the ASP web page throughout the world.**

Also, I am pleased to announce that several updates have been made. **The current issue of *The Academy Perspective (TAP)* is now on the World Wide Web (WWW).** As each new issue becomes available, older issues will be **archived** and made available for **researchers**. Other updates include the addition of the **ASP Membership Application** and the **ASP Web Profile Form for printing.**

Painter

Blue jacket, easel and cattail brush

Paints of varied hues

Canvas, painter, room a hush

A picture in grays and blue

Gray sky hanging overhead

Blue waves on an ocean wide

Breakers dashing bed on bed

Coming in with the tide

A boat on the water far away

A sail at closer view

Light house reigning on the bay

Painter I would be you

You have within your hand the night

Within your grasp, the sun

Within your mind, a star for light

For the world and everyone.

--Marie Hochmuth Nichols (10-12-32)



**A FASCINATING VISIT TO BANGKOK
REVEALS STRIKING CONTRASTS IN
THAILAND**

By Pat and R.T. Bolerjack

(Part two of two parts)

During our stay in Bangkok the daily paper printed an extensive article with pictures telling readers how one-hundred chanting Buddha monks had gathered at the Temple of the Emerald Buddha to pray for an end to Thailand's political woes due to a current economic crisis. After prayers were offered, water blessings were dispensed to the crowd. The ceremony, "designed to dispel bad karma and to promote positive feelings," was broadcast throughout the nation.

We were privileged to go to the Bangkok Church of the Nazarene with missionary Richard Knox. The church building, narrow, four-storied structure, houses offices for the local pastor, district offices, Bible college, and worship center. The church is located near the largest university in the world, which has an enrollment of 700,000 students.

For our last evening in Bangkok we took our missionaries, Rachel and Michael McCarty, their daughter, Deborah, and Jean and Richard Knox, to dinner. We were to meet them at six o'clock at the Sizzler restaurant about two miles from the Marriott Hotel, where we were staying. Since it was raining, we took a taxi and left one hour early because of heavy traffic at the dinner hour.

After negotiating the price with a taxi driver, we got in his taxi. He got very angry because he had insisted on 100 baht for our fare instead of using the meter. One hour and forty-five minutes later, we still had not reached our destination. We learned a few, new Thai words along with how to beat the steering wheel! Two hours and thirty minutes later, the taxi driver let us out in the historic "red-light" district four blocks from the Sizzler. We found our friends, though, who themselves were one hour and thirty minutes late getting there. Richard Knox, who chose to drive his car, came in with his wife, Jean, after we did.

After a great week of Christian fellowship and fascinating sightseeing in Thailand, we flew to Singapore. Our time in Singapore was very special and interesting, but that will have to be another story.

