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SNU alumnus, Kyle W. Rickner, M.D., will speak about his “future vision in a disturbing present” at the March 12 Academy luncheon meeting

By
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When Dr. Rickner e-mailed me the title of his presentation, photo, and article, he wrote the following in his abstract: “If you are like me, the current environment that we live is troublesome. Economically, we are drowning in debt; politically, we have lost any faith in our leaders; and the constant threat of religiously motivated terrorism looms. Most of all, spiritually, apathy abounds. How can we look forward with optimism and not be defeated by our current situation?”

Dr. Rickner received his Bachelor Of Science degree in biology from Southern Nazarene University (SNU), was a family practice resident in the Great Plains Family Practice in Oklahoma City and earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from Case-Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.



As a family practice physician, Dr. Rickner is currently employed by the Integris Physician Services and Integris Family Care in Yukon, Oklahoma; his past employment includes the following places of medical practice and service: family physician, Clinton Medical Clinic, Clinton, North Carolina; staff family physician, United States Army/Clark Health Clinic, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; emergency room physician, Jackson County Memorial Hospital, Altus, Oklahoma; emergency room physician, Pauls Valley General Hospital, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; and surgical orderly, Deaconess Hospital, Oklahoma City.

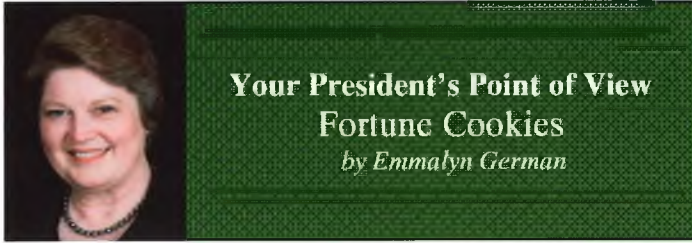
Dr. Rickner and I share two current commonalities: (1) we are both SNU graduates, and (2) we both have

connections to the Spanish Cove Retirement Village in Yukon. When he became my primary physician in 2010, I found out after a couple of visits that he was a graduate of SNU and had been recruited to play basketball by our current SNU President, Dr. Loren Gresham. Later on, Dr. Rickner excelled as a professional basketball player for the Leicester City Riders Basketball Club in Leicester, England. I also discovered in 2011 that he was serving on the Board Of Trustees at the Spanish Cove Retirement Village where I have lived as a happy, independent resident since 2004.

Other past and present activities of Dr. Rickner include the following medical positions: battalion surgeon, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom; Continuing Medical Education Coordinator, Clark Health Clinic; chief resident, Great Plains Family Practice Residency; and volunteer-athletic-event-coverage physician.

All members and guests who are interested in hearing Dr. Rickner at the Academy luncheon meeting should contact Mrs. Linda Carley at 405.728.0515 or donlinicarley@prodigy.net with their luncheon reservations before Thursday, March 8. The buffet luncheon begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends promptly at 1:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Webster Commons on the SNU campus. All Academy members and guests will be contacted for their individual reservations by telephone or e-mail.

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When my husband went to Seminary to study theology, I was fortunate to get a job working in the General Secretary's office for the General Headquarters of the Church of the Nazarene. One of the General Secretary's duties was to plan and organize the general assemblies that were held every four years. This was a meeting with delegates from all over the world, and the meetings were so large, that unfortunately we often had conflicts for space and time with the Democratic National Convention that usually immediately followed our meetings. Our General Secretary was struggling with some of the logistics for the upcoming meeting that was being planned in Florida that year.

Fortunately we had an office meeting once a week. We took turns providing refreshments, and when it was my turn to provide the refreshments on a certain week I searched my good desert cook book with all kinds of cookie recipes. The recipe for fortune cookies caught my eye so I thought I would give them a try.

Unfortunately these turned out to be very difficult to make. First you had to make the sayings to go into the cookies. I decided to use scripture verses, and then I decided to pick out a specific scripture verse for each of the 7 staff members in our office.

The cookies were quite a bit like making small crepes. You poured the batter in small circles into the skillet, and then when they were just the right consistency, you carefully slid the spatula under each one, placed the writing into it, and folded them and balanced each one in a glass to cool.



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LIBRARY NEWS
SNU RESOURCES
By Arlita Harris

New books for a New Season

Winter months are a great time to catch up on reading. Here are some new titles that have been added to the SNU Library collection in the last couple of months. Check them out and curl up by the fireplace and read!

The Sociology of Islam, Secularism, Economy and Politics by Tugrul Keskin: What is the role of Islam within Muslim societies in today's global economy? How has Islam influenced the West and been influenced by the emergence of global capitalism? Tugrul Keskin is Assistant Professor of International and Middle Studies, affiliated with the Center for Turkish Studies at Portland State University.
 BP 173.25.S735 2011

Alone Together. Why We Expect More from Technology and Less from Each Other, by Sherry Turkle. Remember when computers came out and we couldn't figure out what we would do with one? Now we can't live without them - to the extent that we spend more time with our computer than we do with people. While it is now possible to work from anywhere, it is also possible to be lonely everywhere. MIT technology and society specialist Sherry Turkle has interviewed children and adults to understand the digital saturation and emotional dislocation that has happened into today's technological society - and what we can do about it. HM 851.T86 2011

Steve Jobs contacted Walter Isaacson, former chairman of CNN and Time magazine, to write his biography, promising that Jobs would have no control over the book or the right to see it in advance. He didn't even want to read it. He just wanted his story to be told, and he realized that he was dying of cancer. The son of a German Catholic girl and Muslim teaching assistant

from Syria, Steve Jobs was born out of wedlock in 1955 and adopted by Paul and Clara Jobs. Steve grew up in Silicon Valley - in the right place at the right time to learn and apply innovation and to revolutionize personal computers, animated movies, music, phones, tablet computing, and digital publishing before dying in 2011. .QA 76.2.J63 I83 2011

The New Era, American Thought and Culture in the 1920's by Paul V. Murphy, provides a viewpoint of the 1920's through the eyes of American intellectuals who had come through the war and saw a great future for their country. This new generation changed society's perceptions of women's roles, sex, mass culture, ethnic identity, race, democracy, religion, values, music, and art that would redefine America. E169.1..M958 2012

Some of us met Eric Alexander when he spoke at SNU's Peer Learning Network in the fall. His book The Summit: Faith Beyond Everest's Death Zone, describes his climb to the top of Mount Everest with his friend, blind climber Erik Weiheymayer. Alexander's strong faith in God has led him to be a guide in helping people overcome disabilities in some of the most perilous places in the world. GV2100.A42 2010

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME MARCH 11

The National Fire Protection Association and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

recommend that consumers change the battery in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when we change the clocks for Daylight Saving Time.





Tracing Ancestors

By Paul Scheie

Most people seem curious to find how many famous and, how few (hopefully) infamous, individuals hang on their family tree and thus contribute to one's gene make-up. For some, it is relatively easy to begin because a recent family member may already have accumulated data that extend back at least a few generations. For others, they would like to start, but are uncertain how to proceed. It is likely that anyone, veteran or beginner, engaged in this process of looking back finds that "loose ends" always remain. The process can stop, but it is never complete.



The March Morning Seminar will attempt to look at genealogy through the eyes of two accomplished, veteran genealogists who have been at it for years. They have written 8 genealogy books to date and have at least two more in the works. They are willing to share with us sources of genealogical data and ways of locating data on hard to find persons, to



point out some traps to watch out for during searches, to offer solutions to other problems you might encounter, and to name some organizations that are available to assist fellow genealogists.

The presenters are **Dr. Forrest and Jean Ladd**, long time residents of this community. Forrest spent 40 years, teaching psychology at SNU before retiring in 1995. Jean retired as manager of the SNU bookstore in 1994.

Each of you is invited to join us, barring another snow event, March 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Tullis Room on the first floor of the Webster Commons for an hour of informative discussion.



Obituaries

Madalyn Long

Wallace R. "Wally" Renegar

Wally Renegar was born Oct. 4, 1933, in Tulsa, OK and went to be with the Lord on Jan. 19, 2012, after a tragic accident. He was an elder in the Church of the Nazarene for 52 years and pastured several growing churches, including Lake View Park Nazarene in OKC. At one time he was administrator at the Nazarene Indian Bible College and was briefly employed at SNU. Because of his love for people, he was involved as President of Bethany Kiwanis, in the OKC Billy Graham Crusades, director of NIROGA, and chaplain for the Bethany Police Dept. He was a past member of the Academy of Senior Professionals. He served in the United States Air Force in the Korean conflict and was a registered member of the Cherokee Indian Nation.



His survivors include Waulea, his wife, of 58 years; his son, Todd, of Fontana, CA, his daughter, Taryn, of Bethany, and 2 granddaughters. He also left a sister, Carolyn Anderson of Phoenix, AZ. Funeral services were held at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, January 24, 2012, with burial in Bethany cemetery.

Patty Brown

Patty was born to Wallis and Cleo Hays and raised in Tulsa. After losing her parents, she lived with her sister and chose to attend the Westside Church of the Nazarene, where she met her future husband, Loral Wayne McDonald. They shared 49 years before Loral died having served in churches, Work and Witness teams, and working at the New Life Ranch in Colcord, OK. She is survived by two children: David (Debbie) and Loral Henck (Rex) and their families.



Patty was a member of Academy of Senior Professionals and was very supportive in working with the ROC and Meals on Wheels, besides her church, family, and friends.

She was an important part of her grandchildren's lives: Pierson, Lantz, Brittany Bolerjack (Aaron), Mallory Young (Adam) Chelsey Henck (fiancé Sam) and Nikoie Gjoreski ("adopted"). Debbie's children were embraced as well: Clark Townsend, Neil Townsend (Sheila), and Bryan Townsend. Her two great-grandchildren, Kaden and Colby Young gave her much joy, also. She is survived by sister, Susie Baldwin; niece, Jan Carroll; nephews, Joel Hurley (Jane); Rob Coulson (Lou);

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the McDonald Disability Scholarship Fund at SNU, 6729 NW 39th Expressway, Bethany, OK 73008. Funeral service was held in Bethany, OK on February 16, 2012, with interment at Rose Hill Cemetery, Tulsa, OK.



Make your plans now to attend the **Thursday, April 12, 2012** Peer Learning Network luncheon located at the Petroleum Club, 100 N. Broadway, Suite 3400, Downtown Oklahoma City.

To register for the luncheon, please see Eunice Trent today or stop by the Office of University Advancement in Bresee 207.

Cost is \$15.00 a person and that price does include the bus ride downtown to the Petroleum Club.
Payment is due upon the time of registration.

Last month we announced a speaker for the April 2012 PLN session. The PLN planning team has made a change and the new speaker is yet to be announced. They promise to bring a wonderful speaker that will surprise and delight everyone.



Take a look at a photo from our most recent February 9, 2012 PLN luncheon. Seats fill up fast. We had a full house as you can see. Special thanks

to Todd Brant who was our photographer for the event.

For more information about Peer Learning Network, you can visit Peer Learning Network or contact Eunice Trent at 405.491.6311 by phone or etrent@snu.edu by e-mail.



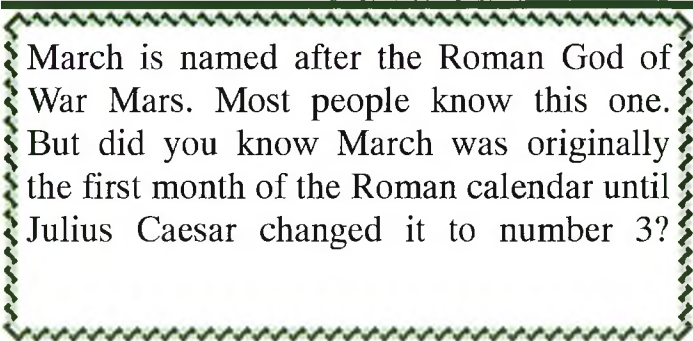
Happy Saint Patrick's Day,

Several people have mentioned to me the possibility of visiting the Oklahoma Heritage Association & Gaylord Pickens Museum, so that is where we will go in March. Mark your calendars for *Wednesday, March 21st*. We will meet in the Sawyer parking lot around 10 am and will carpool over there. The cost is \$2.50 for seniors and I'll try to find a place to have lunch afterward. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Please remember that we have a great Fall Foliage Cruise out of NYC to New England and Canada. There will be photography seminars by a professional to help you learn how to get better photos from your camera. Come join us!!



Pat Perry 373-4157



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Unfortunately the pan became sticky after the first few, and they became increasingly wrinkled and more difficult to maneuver with each new cookie.

When I finally decided to quit trying, I had exactly 7 good looking cookies, which fit into a small square Tupperware keeper, one for each of our office staff. It didn't look like very much to offer for our coffee break that morning, but I decided to go ahead with them since I did not have any other plan.

We held our meeting that morning in the General Secretary's office, and sat in a large circle around his desk.

Then I realized that when I passed around the small square Tupperware keeper, I could not tell which fortune cookie went for which person.

There were seven fortune cookies, and seven people to pick them. The first person picking had a one in seven chance to pick the one picked out for them. IF the first person picked the correct one, the next person had a one in six probability of picking the correct one. IF the second person picked the correct fortune cookie the next person had a one in five probability of picking the correct cookie. But what were the chances that ALL seven would pick each of the cookies just for them?

I recently read some Powerball statistics and learned that in any combinations problem where all possible outcomes are equally likely, the probability of a successful outcome is determined by finding the number of successful combinations, and then dividing by the total number of all combinations. There are nine possible configurations that will win something in the Powerball Lottery. For each of these, the probability of winning equals the number of



ASP Calendar

Monday: March 12, 2011

9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot
(41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons

9:30—10:30 a.m. Morning Seminar in the Tullis Room.
(Webster Commons 1st Floor)

11:00-a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room

1:00—1:30 p.m. Shuttle Service to the Sawyer Center parking lot

1:15—2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

winning combinations for that particular configuration divided by the total number of ways the Powerball numbers can be picked.

Do you know that when all the fortune cookies were read, each person had gotten the exact scripture verse that I had picked out for them! Or was it me? Of course not! There was a Divine intervention that day.

LENT

Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, and are referred to as the Sundays in Lent. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling. Christians today use this period of time for introspection, self examination, and repentance. This season of the year is equal only to the Season of Advent in importance in the Christian year, and is part of the second major grouping of Christian festivals and sacred time that includes Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost.

