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The Importance of Prayer

By Walt and Linda Crow, Program Chairs

Under the leadership of Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Melany Kyzer, the Office of Academic Affairs coordinates and supports the work of all the academic programs and services of Southern Nazarene University. She is responsible for the administration of five academic colleges: Colleges of Business, Education and Kinesiology; College of Humanities; College of Natural, Social and Health Sciences; College of Teaching and Learning; and College of Professional and Graduate Studies. The administration of this office also includes institutional research, assessment, registrar and library services. Academic Affairs relates directly to the mission of SNU as we educate students to think with clarity, act with integrity, and serve with purpose within the educational context of the liberal arts, selected professional and graduate studies, a Wesleyan-holiness theological perspective, and a cross-cultural community life.



Luncheons begin at 11 AM in the Webster Commons, Heritage Room, on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. Each month members receive a call to RSVP. If you have not received a call by the Thursday before the Monday luncheon, you may RSVP by emailing donlinicarlev@prodigy.net or by phone: 405-728-0515



GERMANS IN SWAZILAND

The work here is over one hundred years old. All my life: from mom when I was a boy and from missionaries, I have heard of Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital. It was named by grieving parents after their son's premature death before fulfilling his dream to be a medical missionary. In 1910 Harmon Schmelzenbach left college without graduating because of a call of God weighing upon his heart to go to Africa. There were no greeters to welcome him here. Eventually others came. The King of Swaziland had a dream. Two men would come to him. One with a coin. One with a book. He was to listen to the man with the book, and the man with the book would have hair like straw and blue eyes. The king liked Harmon Schmelzenbach. He encouraged the missionaries to build a hospital. That Hospital is Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital. Today I saw 700 patients who come daily. There are 350 beds, 15 doctors, an emergency room, pediatric unit, eye clinic, and dental clinic, and much more. People walk miles to get to the hospital and wait in long lines to see the doctors. Today in our dental clinic the first digital imaging x-ray in Swaziland was made.

The work begun by missionaries is now carried forward by godly dedicated hard working Africans doing it for themselves. Standing with them are compassionate volunteers from other places like our Bethany Partnership with Swaziland. Swaziland is the only monarchy in Africa today. The monarchy smiles on the Church of the Nazarene. In Manzini our work in Swaziland is centered at the heart of the largest city of the nation. Everybody here knows the name Nazarene thanks to Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital, Gerrald Gasset Memorial Dental Clinic, Waiting Hearts maternity home, Africa Nazarene Theological College, and Churches of the Nazarene populating the city in prime locations. cdg

Read More about Dale and Emmalyn through their blog at — <http://germansinswaziland.com/>



President's Column
by
Arlita Harris

"Soar from where God's planted you" is the theme for the 2014-2015 year. It is based upon Jeremiah 29: 4-7

"This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

I grew up in the 1960's in Central Illinois during a time of rebellion, uncertainty, and discovery. It was the generation of ecology, flag-burning, race riots, hippies, the peace movement, and the idea that we should "bloom where we are planted." As I became a Christian, my motto changed to "Bloom where God plants you" and now, in ASP, to "Soar from where God's planted you."

In 2001, I moved seven times – two of those moves were to and from Nairobi, Kenya. Each of the moves was a significant change in my life as I also discovered that my husband was dying, but I had opportunities to soar where God planted me.

On May 31, 2001, as we were traveling from Kenyatta Airport to our new home at Africa Nazarene University, we crossed a riverbed that flooded each spring, cutting off access to the ANU campus. My first thought was "they need a bridge". As I talked to others in my new home on campus, there was consensus that a bridge was needed, but it would cost \$19,000 and needed the attention of the Kenyan government in order to be a priority.



Raising the money was relatively easy. I had been one of the first female Rotarians since 1989 and knew about the Paul Harris Foundation's international partnership projects. I contacted my Clearwater, Florida Rotary Club and they sponsored the bridge project through the international foundation. I then met with the East Africa regional president of Rotary International; he was a Hindu businessman in Nairobi and was responsible for Rotary clubs in five countries. He agreed with the need for a bridge and the funds became available for this international project.

The most challenging part was getting the attention of the Kenyan government so the bridge would become a priority. The Vice Chancellor of Africa Nazarene University, Leah Marangu, invited the Vice-President of Kenya, George Saitoti, to speak at a harambee at ANU. A harambee is a fund-raising event, a Kenyan tradition of community self-help and pulling together to complete a project. Harambee is the official motto of Kenya and appears on its coat of arms. The harambee was to raise money for the bridge.

Many important people came to the harambee on the ANU campus. They were dressed in ornate traditional costumes. Our ANU student musical groups performed and the Kenyan vice president spoke. The media attended. Everyone who came saw the condition of the road to the campus and the need for a bridge. Funds raised that day were added to the Rotary International contribution and work began shortly on the bridge.

I was only at ANU from May 31 to September 8, but during that time, I had an opportunity to "soar from where God had planted me" for that season. As I left Kenya, our bus drove over the bridge that was nearing completion. I saw a need that could bring people together to fix it. I returned to the United States two days before 9/11.

God has brought each of us to the Oklahoma City metro area, to Southern Nazarene University, and to the Academy of Senior Professionals during this year to soar where He planted us. What can we do? What do you complain about each time you pass it? What do you wish someone would fix? What can YOU and our members do between now and May, 2015 to make a difference in our community? Let's make our May meeting our Harambee Celebration as we share our success stories!



LUNCHEON SPONSORS

- October 13 - Legend of Council Road**
- November 10 - United Pharmacy in Yukon
- December 8 - Southern Plaza
- January 12 - Concordia Life Care Community
- February 9 - Mercer-Adams Funeral Service
- March 9 - Spanish Cove Retirement Village
- April 18 - Southern Nazarene University-Peer Learning Network
- May 11 - To Be Determined



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

As a member of The Academy of Senior Professionals, ASP members are given a price break to attend the Peer Learning Network (PLN) sessions for 2014-2015. The cost of a PLN session is normally \$30.00. For ASP members, it is only \$15.00 per ticket.

On **WEDNESDAY, October 15, 2014**, Peer Learning Network presents speaker Ari Fleischer, Former White House Press Secretary under President George W. Bush.

This particular session will take place at The Tower Hotel in OKC, off of North West Expressway. A lunch will be served at this session. Dress is business professional attire. Transportation is on your own for this session.

If you wish to reserve your spot, you can pay by credit card online at — <https://webapps.snu.edu/secure/pln/> or, if you wish to pay with check or cash, you can contact Eunice at 405.491-6602.

Here is a little bit about the October PLN Speaker:

Ari Fleischer

As former White House press secretary, Ari Fleischer was the primary spokesperson for President Bush and delivered the daily White House briefings from 2001 to 2003. He previously served as the spokesman for the Bush-Cheney presidential campaign. In his almost four years working for George W. Bush, he served as spokesman during the historic presidential recount, September 11th, two wars and the anthrax attack. His best-selling book, *Taking Heat*, details his years in the White House and reached #7 on The New York Times best seller list.



Luncheon Themes
by
Leonard Skodak

Welcome back to what promises to be an active, interesting, informative, fun filled, exciting and participatory year. I trust that you all had a great four months of rest and relaxation and are ready to hit it hard for a year full of activity with great book reviews, tasty luncheons along with many topics of interest.

Did I mention participation?? Oh yes, I did. Each month we have a lunch theme, for example: October's theme is BBQ / Cowboy / Western. That means that if you own / have or can beg, bargain or steal (did I say steal) a cowboy shirt, hat, boots, etc. we would love to have you wear your duds to add to the atmosphere. Be creative. You'll never know when you might be the recipient of a **door prize** for participating.



Think ahead: November's theme -Asian.
December's theme -- Italian.
We want you to have FUN this year in ASP.

Prior to joining Governor Bush's campaign, Fleischer was the national salesman and communications director for Elizabeth Dole's presidential campaign. He has also worked on Capitol Hill as press secretary to the three Congressmen and one United States Senator.

Fleischer is a native of Pound Ridge, New York and a 1982 graduate of Vermont's Middlebury College. Now president of his own firm, Ari Fleischer Communications Inc., he offers advice to clients in the corporate and sports world on how to handle the press.

Fleischer resides in Westchester County, New York, with his wife, Becki, and their two children.

To read more about Peer Learning Network, go to <http://snu.edu/pln>.



Obituaries
By
Vickie Sacket

NAOMI WYNELL EMMEL

Naomi Wynell (Bolerjack) Emmel passed away July 3, 2014, at Spanish Cove Retirement Village in Yukon, at the age of 89. She was born August 31, 1924, in Cushing, Oklahoma, where her father pastored the Church of the Nazarene. As a child she lived in Bartlesville, Oklahoma and Independence, Kansas.

She graduated with a B.S. in Spanish and English from Bethany Peniel College (now Southern Nazarene University) and did graduate work at Oklahoma University and in Mexico where she received a Master's Degree in Spanish and Mexican Culture. She met and married Bob Emmel while teaching at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho and at Southern Nazarene University.

She taught school in Pennsylvania, Germany, and at Pasadena College in California. Naomi spent 21 years in San Luis Obispo, CA, where she was a homemaker and sold real estate. They moved to Oklahoma City in 1995, and settled at Spanish Cove in 2003 where she lived for 11 years until her death. Naomi was an active and involved member of the Church of the Nazarene wherever she lived.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Bob in 2007. She is survived by her son Peter Emmel and wife Debbie of Atascadero, CA; two grandchildren, Lindsay and husband Reno Hawley of San Luis Obispo, CA, and James Emmel of Atascadero; and one brother, R.T. Bolerjack and wife Pat of Oklahoma City.

Services were held July 12, 2014, at Spanish Cove Retirement Village in Yukon, OK.



Book Discussion
By
Carole Gossett

THE GREAT DIVORCE
BY C.S. LEWIS

In *The Great Divorce* Lewis uses fable and allegory to tell us his views on Heaven and Hell, good and evil, and what all they mean. In the preface, Lewis says that Blake wrote the Marriage of Heaven and Hell. Then continues, he does not think of himself a fit antagonist for so great a genius, nor even is he sure what Blake meant. However, it seems that it gave him incentive to do a soul search and write this little gem.

Discussion Guidelines

1. The first principle of good discussion is to agree to disagree without being disagreeable.
2. The book must be read to be able to discuss.
3. The moderator will ask for issues that were found in the reading.
4. The moderator will ask one person a question to start the discussion and will only ask further questions, if necessary.
5. Feel free to read passages you particularly liked or disliked, or to make something clear that you wish to explain.
6. Have fun and learn from others. Be polite. Listen to others. Talk one person at a time.

Future Book Discussions

January — *The Black Tower* by P. D. James
James' characters come to life and will hold your attention as well as her use of words themselves. The truth will come out in her mystery novels as it does in this one.

March — *Home* by Toni Morrison

Morrison is a Noble Prize winner for her literary writing. Once again, as in the other selections for our book discussion, good and evil are explored in a completely different setting. We move from England to a truly American story. This is a story of one man trying to escape his too small world and what lead him back home.

Books are available through the library or bookstores.

ASP “Trek” Time

Pat Perry

Welcome back ASP members,

I hope everyone had a great summer. We are looking forward to a busy travel schedule; I hope you all will like it. When you are interested in a trip that we are going on, please call or email me direct instead of Eunice. She is so busy I hate to bother her with having to forward the information to me. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in October. Here is a list of trips that are available.

Route 66 Museum

Travel Club Schedule October 2014 thru May 2015
November Day Trip to Rt. 66 Museum – Clinton

AND Stafford Space Museum - Weatherford

November 13th - Day Trip to Bush Library by
train and return by bus

December - 1-5th New York City Holiday Tour

December - 11th Christmas Lights and Music

December — Movie “Unbroken”

March -April 2015 TBD

May 20th - 31st America’s National Parks Bus Tour

November -2015 A “Salute to Veterans” Cruise

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Pat Perry @ 373-4157 or papperry@sbcglobal.net

George W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum
Thursday November 13, 2014

Price: \$119.00

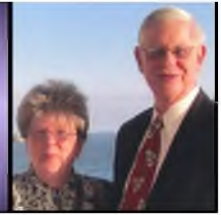
Transportation

One meal

All admissions

Full payment with reservations

The SNU Connection

Jan and Paul Reinbold

Most of you know about the SNU Athletics Department and the School of Music, but there are several other outstanding departments/programs at Southern Nazarene University. Throughout this year we want to highlight several of these programs by having a faculty member and student describe their areas.

Featured for the October meeting will be Dr. Mark Winslow, Dean of Natural, Social, and Health Sciences and Rachel Rindom, a junior Biology-



Chemistry major from Olathe, KS. Dr. Winslow and Rachel will be discussing the new J.D. and Mary West Science Laboratory building and the advantages this facility will provide for Science students. There will also be tours of this building at 1:00 and 2:00 PM.

2014-215 PEEER LEARNING EVENTS

Thursday, February 5, 2015

Speaker: **Marsha Petrie Sue**
Topic: Ethics and Integrity First
Location: The Tower Hotel
3233 Northwest Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK 73112
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 16, 2015

Speaker: **David Green, Steve Green and Mart Green**
Topic: Starting and Growing Hobby Lobby
Location: Jim Thorpe Event Center
4040 N. Lincoln Blvd.
OKC, OK
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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ASP Calendar

- Monday October 13, 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. Morning Seminar
- 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 parking lot
- 1:15-2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

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