

## Bringing Back the Black Robed Regiment

Dan Fisher grew up in Van Buren, Arkansas and is a graduate of Van Buren High School, Westark community College and Arkansas Tech University. Dan has been in the ministry since he was 16 years old, now pastors Trinity Baptist Church in Yukon, Oklahoma. Dan is on the boards of Bott Christian Radio Network, Reclaiming America for Christ, and Vision America, a ministry of evangelist Rick Scarborough based in Houston, TX. He is a published author and has a national speaking ministry.



Dan is known as a leader in the modern “Black Robed Regiment” movement in America. In this presentation, Dan gives the history of American pastors during the Revolutionary War and shows how they were the primary force in the fight for liberty. He shows that the British so hated these pastors that they gave them the title of the “Black Robed Regiment”. In this message, Dan illustrates how that, had it not been for the preachers’ strong stand in the 18th century, America would probably never have come to be.

Dan believes that American is facing a crisis today much the same as the one faced by the country in 1776. He says it is time for the preachers of America to respond to God’s call and fully engage in the culture war.

Dan has become so convinced that preachers must play a strong and active role in the political process that he was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in November 2012. There he represents Oklahoma’s District 60. As a representative, he serves on the House leadership team, as co-chairman of the Administrative Rules Committee, as a key member of the States’ Rights Committee, and also as a member of the Government Modernization and Common Education Committees. Dan is also a leading member of the House Anti-terrorism Caucus.

Editor’s Note: Walt and Linda Crow are enjoying a cruise. Information came from the Internet.

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 [donlincarlev@prodigy.net](mailto:donlincarlev@prodigy.net) or by phone: 405-728-0515



## GERMANS IN SWAZILAND

So what do you give as a birthday gift to someone needing to give away stuff so there’s room in his house for one more gift?



You give him a year in Swaziland and have him celebrate his 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday with some of the highest leaders in the country including His Excellency Dr. Barnabas S. Dlamini, Prime Minister of Swaziland. Not only that. You get the Prime Minister to allow that birthday boy to tell all of his friends in America that the Prime Minister himself sang Happy Birthday to him.

The perfect birthday gift to me this October 4th is the gift of being (with my wife) the onsite coordinators for BFC in Swaziland. The friends we are making are priceless gifts. The experiences we are having money could not buy. The sense of accomplishing something worthwhile gives meaning and purpose to a whole year of my life. For a whole year we are gifted with the compassionate ministry of caring for orphans and AIDS infected and affected people.

Today I am gifted with the words of Jesus recorded in Matthew 25:37-40. “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, and needing clothes and clothing you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? ...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these my brothers of mine you did for me.”

What better gift for a birthday present than to be here in Swaziland, Southern Africa working to change destitute lives and finding my life changed as well.

Thank you God for your never ending gifts, “For out of His infinite riches in Jesus He giveth, and giveth and giveth again.”

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



During the Christmas holidays in 2009, Irwin and I took a cruise that began in Auckland, New Zealand and ended in Sydney, Australia. It was a delightful time to go south; the Bethany Centennial Committee had just published the Bethany Centennial History book. The highlight of the trip was a one-day stop on the island of Tasmania and the murals of Sheffield, Tasmania! Our bus joined a parking lot full of tour buses in the little town of Sheffield, Tasmania...the "town of murals". Sheffield is in the middle of nowhere, on an island south of Australia, and has a population of 1400 people. It's not on the way to anywhere; it is a tourist destination. 200,000 visitors come annually from all over the world.

The Sheffield Mural and Rural Tourism Association (SMARTA) was formed in 1985 to investigate ways to bring tourism to their community. They had read about the town of Chemainus in British Columbia, Canada, which had greatly increased tourism through murals. Sheffield's first mural was painted in 1985. Since that time, sponsored murals and an annual murals festival have added murals each year. Irwin and I looked at each other and said "We could do this in Bethany!" We bought Sheffield's outdoor art gallery catalog and brought it home to show it to the movers and shakers of Bethany.

In honor of Bethany's centennial year in 2010, ASP member, Tom Hoskison contacted ten of Bethany's leading citizens to sponsor historic murals on the east wall of Asbury at Route 66. ASP member, Ron Mercer, with his former partner, Gene Adams, is honored on that wall along with Tom's wife, Donna, and her mother, Mrs. Stumpf, who are shown boarding the interurban. The west wall of Asbury includes ASP member, Loren Gresham, president of Southern Nazarene University, as well as pictures of The Children's Center, Bethany First Nazarene Church, and the Bethany Schools (all located in Bethany in 1910).



These murals were sponsored by Tinker Federal Credit Union. Bethany resident and internationally-known muralist, Dr. Bob Palmer, with the help of his former UCO students, has painted all of the Bethany murals.

In 2011, the Bethany Improvement Foundation honored the businesses of Bethany with a large mural on the west wall of College Avenue at Route 66. The following year, a mural which includes the family of ASP member, Anna Lee Unruh Takemire, was painted on the southwest wall of the Core Strong Toning Salon. Melvin and Anna Lee with their two sons, Don and Gary, are shown at the Wehrenberg Drug Store soda fountain, which they managed during Melvin's college days.

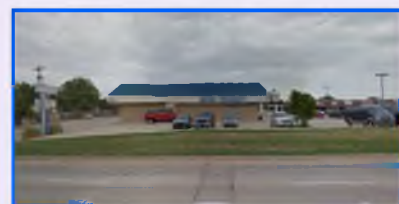
Last year, the Bethany Kiwanis Club and Bethany Improvement Foundation partnered to honor ASP member and former postmaster, Grant Keeton, with a mural on the C+J Sporting Goods store. Grant is shown on the pony express horse and current Bethany postal workers are on the Butterfield stage coach and ambush horse.

The Bethany Murals Project has been just another example of how an idea can be shared and project sparked by getting people excited and involved in a "harambee" (Swahili word meaning "working together in unity"). Please share your stories of working together in unity to help CommUNITY happen.



## NOVEMBER LUNCHEON SPONSOR

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The Academy of Senior Professional members enjoy many benefits. Most might think the benefits are those of fellowship and learning each month at the luncheon. However, many benefits go beyond the monthly lunches. Through its connection with Southern Nazarene University, ASP members have the opportunity to:

- Attend SNU home athletic events free of charge (excludes conference play-off games)
- Access to the SNU Library
- Use of the walking track at the SNU Sawyer Center
- Discount at the SNU Bookstore
- Free admission or special prices for School of Music performances

To take advantage of these benefits, you must first be a member of ASP. Then you need your ASP/SNU ID card. To obtain your card, e-mail [etrent@snu.edu](mailto:etrent@snu.edu) to obtain a number from our IT Department. Eunice will e-mail you back an assigned number needed from our IT Department. Once you hear from Eunice you simply need to go to the Student Development Office at SNU. The office is located on the first floor (or what some might call the basement) of the Webster Commons east of the Pop's Lounge. Just tell the office staff you are a member of ASP. They will verify your name is on the membership list and then make your photo ID. *The Student Development Office can be quite busy from time-to-time, so the staff will greatly appreciate your patience.*

So, ASP members, take advantage of your benefits. Get your photo ID if you do not already have one and then check the SNU website at [www.snu.edu](http://www.snu.edu) for the athletic and music schedule of events; shop at the bookstore; exercise on the walking track and check out the SNU library.

If you are not a member and would like to take advantage of these benefits, see Membership Chairperson, Linda Carley at the next luncheon or email her at [donlinocarley@prodigy.net](mailto:donlinocarley@prodigy.net).

Southern Nazarene University is pleased to collaborate with ASP to provide these benefits to its members. SNU shares the mission of ASP to encourage life-long learning and welcome ASP members take part in these SNU opportunities.

Best Regards for a beautiful November.

Eunice Trent  
Director of ASP



Creative. Organized. Common Sense. Out of the box thinker. Space planner are all words that have been said to describe Michelle Jenkins. Michelle grew up in Oklahoma City and is a graduate of Oklahoma State University. She spent 33 years in Dallas in the fashion industry before moving back to OKC.

For 16 years, Michelle has been working with seniors here in the Oklahoma City area. It started after she moved back and decided to spend a year getting her certification to be an administrator for assisted living facilities. It was soon after she obtained the certification that she decided to help seniors on a more personal side. She made up a brochure and by word of mouth her side job grew.

Michelle devised a plan after moving the first lady and seeing what made her so pleased after downsizing. She has used this plan and technique ever since. It just works every time. Recently a lady came to the door of her new apartment when it was ready. She began crying. When ask what was wrong, she exclaimed, "My things just look so beautiful here!"

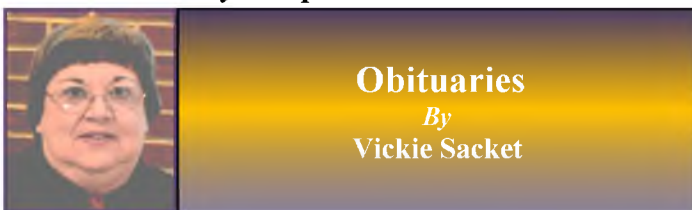
Come to the Academy of Senior Professionals meeting 9:30 November 10 in the President's Dining Room of Webster Commons to hear when we all should start thinking about downsizing for the last part of our life and why. Don't wait until you can't enjoy it! Michelle will walk you through it!



A big THANK YOU to each of you that participated in the dress up western theme. It really added a lot. I'm going to have to think very hard for the November Asian theme. We're looking forward to seeing what you will come up with. Some of you may already have it figured out. See you soon.







**Obituaries**  
By  
Vickie Sacket

**PAGE WALLER**

Page Waller passed away at the age of 75 on August 22, 2014. He was born on September 25, 1938, in Oklahoma City, the only child of Al and Olive Waller. He graduated from Central High School in 1956, and received a BA Degree in Journalism from Oklahoma City University in 1960.



Page began his career at the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety as an assistant public information officer and later moved to the Oklahoma Department of Highways. In 1968, he became Director of Information Services for the Oklahoma State Department of Health, where he stayed for almost 20 years.

In 1966, Page became involved in Toastmasters International. He enjoyed the fellowship of the Highwaymen Toastmasters Club and took on several leadership positions. He received the Distinguished Toastmaster Award, the Dedicated Toastmaster Award, and the Outstanding Area Governor Award. Page helped to start five new clubs and proudly served in Toastmasters a total of 47 years. Page is survived by his wife of 36 years, Dicksey Jane Waller, and many cousins. A memorial service was held at the Historic Chapel at Memorial Park Cemetery on August 28.



**DR. W. DON BEAVER**

Dr. W. Don Beaver, longtime chemistry professor and academic administrator at Southern Nazarene University, went to his heavenly home on September 29, 2014, at the age of 90. Don was born on May 7, 1924, in Elkhart, Kansas, to Rev. H. J. and Mable (Merryman) Beaver.



At the age of four, the family moved to Omaha, Nebraska where his father pastored the Omaha First Nazarene Church.

After graduating from high school in 1941, Don enrolled at Bethany Peniel College (now Southern Nazarene University) where he met and married Joy Beaver. Following graduation, Don earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in Chemistry from O.S.U. After one year teaching high school algebra, he joined the BPC faculty as a chemistry, physics, and math professor, soon becoming Chair of the Science Division. Because of his administrative talents, he rose through the ranks, eventually becoming Vice President and Academic Dean in 1978. During his tenure, Don initiated and implemented both the Nursing Program and the Adult Studies Program for the university. After his retirement in 1991, SNU honored him by naming its science building for him. Don was a longtime member of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene where he served on the church board and various committees, as well as singing in the choir and many musical ensembles for 50 years.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and two older brothers, Robert and Rudy. He is survived by his wife Joy, with whom he celebrated 68 years of marriage; daughter Gina McGarry and husband Mike and their children, Erin (married to Nathan Velders) and Matthew Don; and daughter, Jill Beaver and her children, Xiaochun and Mei.

The funeral service for Don was held at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene on October 3. Burial was at the Bethany Cemetery.



Happy Thanksgiving ASP Members, You still have time to sign up for the George Bush Library & Museum Tour, but do it quickly we leave on the Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> very early in the am. I will be contacting those that are going with the details. If you are interested in the NYC Holiday trip, December 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> let me know and I will see if there is any space left.

In May, 2015 there is a "National Parks of America" bus tour leaving May 20<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. It sounds like a great trip covering most of our Western National Parks from Sedona to Mt. Rushmore. Pick up a brochure at our next meeting.

Also join us for the "Salute to Veterans"/"Marine Corps Birthday Cruise on the Carnival Magic out of Galveston going to Cozumel, Honduras, and Belize, from November 8<sup>th</sup> thru the 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving,  
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Our special guests from Southern Nazarene University in November will be Dr. Sylvia Goodman, Professor of Kinesiology and student Matthew Lawrence. (*Kinesiology is "the study of the principles of mechanics and anatomy in relation to human movement" - Merriam Webster Dictionary.*) Dr. Goodman is Chair of the School of Kinesiology and Director of the MA program in Sport Management and Administration. She came to SNU in 2001 from Eastern Nazarene College. Matthew is a dual major in Pre- Physical Therapy and Missions. He is a sophomore from Trinidad/Tobago



Rosa McCroskey providing music  
President Arlita Harris

**OCTOBER LUNCHEON**  
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SNU President, Dr. Loren Gresham  
Guest Speaker, Dr. Melanie Kyser



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**ASP Calendar**

Monday November 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. 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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