

Perspective

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Program by Shirley Mears

Our January 8 luncheon speaker will be Ron Harris, businessman and author of Shear Grace – Surviving the Windshear Crash of Delta Flight 191. His presentation to ASP, "Shear Grace," uses the title of that book.



I met Ron Harris about a year ago when Ross Hill, previous ASP speaker, suggested I read Ron's book. I found it to be an encouraging story of hope through answered prayer. Copies of *Shear Grace* will be available for purchase at the luncheon.

Ron has been married to DeeAnn for 34 years. They have two young adult daughters, Haley and Misty. They are members of Crossings Community Church where Ron has taught a 3rd grade boys Sunday school class for many years.

Ron is a principal in CFO-Partner where he and his business partner, Rick Simpson, offer contract chief financial officer services to small-to-medium size businesses and offer strategic transaction services for those clients who wish to acquire or sell businesses.

Ron Harris received his Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting from the University of Oklahoma in 1981. His 35-year Oklahoma City career includes being a CPA with KPMG. He was also owner of an information technology company that he sold in 1998 when he joined CFO-Partner.

Ron has served as a director, board member and advisory director for various organizations, including First Bank & Trust in Duncan and Independence Charter Middle School. He has also been president of Quail Creek Golf and Country Club.

LUNCHEON JANUARY 8, 2018, begins at 11 a.m. in the Webster Commons Heritage Room on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. Members will receive a call to RSVP. If you have not received a call by Thursday, January 4, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing donlinearley@prodigy.net.

Note: SNU Dining has requested that ASP members remain outside of the Heritage Room until 10:30.





President's Column by Frank Dewey

Happy New Year to all of you!

Since happiness is a quality of persons, the new year itself is not happy, but those who walk into it should be, particularly if they are blessed by God. He is the source of all true happiness, and no matter the circumstances, we can have the joy of the Lord.

Also, He is the God of the new, who makes all things new, giving the new birth, bringing us into the new covenant, making us new creatures, and so much more. The new year becomes the opportunity for new possibilities, new friendships, new openings for service, new avenues for personal growth, even new times of learning to draw from God's grace as He allows us to traverse through difficult passages of life. May each of you find something new in this New Year.

Remember that for some incoming SNU students, this will be a new experience as they are transferring to this campus from St Gregory's University (Shawnee) which closed its doors at the end of the fall semester. The ASP administrative council voted to give the Academy's traditional gift in honor of the SNU president and his wife to the Angel Scholarship Fund to help these transferring students. We urge our members to consider adding to that donation as well. Please talk with our treasurer Gary Lance if you desire to donate.

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Interim Director by Brent LaVigne

The parsonage family I grew up in was a part of a few different churches. Each one marked the start of the New Year in a different way. There was the church that hosted a LEFT-OVER potluck and another that, after a worship service, packed up advent decorations as a congregation. However, the ritual that impacted me the most was the church which celebrated the first Sunday of the new year with a reflection and anticipation service.

So during this first month of 2018, let me do that as well. One grateful reflection I have from 2017 is the dedicated work of Eunice Trent who, after 12 years of service at Southern Nazarene University, has taken a position across 39th street at the Children's Center. I am confident you have been blessed like I have been by her sincerity and devotion to SNU and ASP. We were blessed to work with her and wish her well as she continues to serve in the Bethany community. I also want to reflect on the blessing it is to have Dr. Keith Newman as our new president. We are grateful that God has given us a godly leader for these days.

I look forward with anticipation to 2018 when I will officially begin leading SNU's office of University Relations. Within that office is development and alumni relations. Our office will soon identify a director or coordinator for ASP. I look forward with anticipation to the way that ASP and University Relations can be connected.

Thank you for the way you model a community of love, service and learning at SNU through ASP. I look forward to getting to know the ASP community even better in 2018 and the years to come.

SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY School of Music | Spring 2018 Schedule

*** The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum with music and lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg background music by Herbert Stothart Friday, March 2 - 10:00 am | 7:00 pm Saturday, March 3 | 7:00 pm Herrick Auditorium

Faculty Concert Series: featuring Dr. Jim Graves and Rebekah Jeong, jazz artists Tuesday, March 27 | 7:00 pm Cantrell Music Hall

SNU Vocal Jazz Festival Concert Monday, April 9 | 7:00 pm Herrick Auditorium

Jazz Band Concert Thursday, April 12 | 7:00 pm Cantrell Music Hall

Jubilate Deo featuring SNU Chorale and OBU Chorale Saturday, April 21 | 7:00 pm Oklahoma City First Church of the Nazarene 4400 NW Expressway, OKC Sunday, April 22 | 3:00 pm OBU Raley Chapel

> Symphonic Band Concert Thursday, April 26 | 7:00 pm Herrick Auditorium

Chamber Ensembles Tuesday, May 1 | 7:00 pm Cantrell Music Hall

Percussion Ensemble Concert Thursday, May 3 | 7:00 pm Cantrell Music Hall

Ticketed events are marked with *** Please call (405) 491-6345 for information



Morning Seminar James Worley

Happy New Year!

As we move past the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, I urge you to recall of all the things you should be thankful for including the ultimate gift that God has given us.

Also, as we move into 2018, I would invite you to consider attending the January ASP Morning Seminar on Monday, January 8, at 9:30 a.m. It will be held in the President's Dining Room on third floor of the SNU building where we have our monthly luncheons.

Mark Huitt of the Gospel Station radio network (https://thegospelstation.com) will be here to tell us, from an inside track, the story of how Randall Christy and the Gospel Station have been instrumental in saving and protecting a cross atop the Katheryn P. Boswell Memorial Chapel on the campus of East Central State University in Ada. We will also hear about the preservation and rebuilding of "The Great Passion Play" in Eureka Springs, AR.

Mark is Director of Business Underwriting for the Gospel Station. Based in Ada, OK, the Gospel Station network cludes over 20 radio stations and affiliates plus an online radio stream available to listeners worldwide.

I am sure you will enjoy Mark's presentation.





December Re-Views







Howard Culbertson interviewed Dr. Jim Graves about his doctoral studies



(Top) Emmalyn German played background Christmas music

(Above) Welcome guests, Marjean and Rick Farmer, and Stephen Gunter

(Left) Welcome, Interim Director, Brent LaVigne





John Martin helped us get better acquainted with Eva May Harper



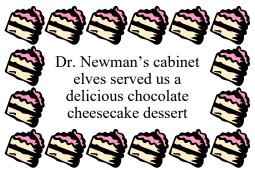


President Newman shared ideas for gift giving, and he and wife Carolyn were welcomed as honorary members of ASP by Linda Carley



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Hope entertained us with "The Little Drummer Boy"









SNU Connections by Howard Culbertson

At the January ASP luncheon, the SNU Connections time will feature an interview of Dr. Stephoni Case regarding her doctoral work. Dr. Case is currently the director of Southern Nazarene University's Master of Arts in Education In Interview 11 (MAEL)



tion Leadership (MAEL) degree program.

After earning a bachelor's degree in English at SNU, Dr. Case taught in public schools in Mustang, OK and in Bakersfield, CA. While in Bakersfield, she took some graduate classes at the University of California at Bakersfield. Then, she returned to SNU to work on her master's degree. As a graduate assistant she began teaching some classes and then upon graduation was hired full-time.

After almost 20 years of teaching English composition to SNU students, Stephoni completed an Ed.D. at Oklahoma State University. At that point, she left SNU and went to Stillwater to teach courses related to the financial management of educational institutions. She was also asked to head up OSU's Center for School Business Management, a place providing professional development programs for superintendents, finance directors, personnel directors, school business managers, treasurers, clerks, secretaries, and others responsible for the fiscal operations of career tech and common schools.

In 2014, Dr. Case retired to her alma mater to direct the university's Master of Arts in Education Leadership degree program which is designed for educators -- teachers, counselors, and coaches -- who want the training

and degree necessary to become principals and superintendents.





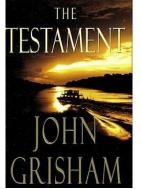
Book Discussion by Barbara Culbertson

Coming up in February: a book with a bombshell ending!

Six children, who were born from three different mothers to whom Troy Phalan had been married, vie for their stake in his \$11 billion estate. But there is a surprise waiting for these vultures.

After Mr. Phalan commits suicide, his last will and testament is disclosed. It reveals another child, a daughter born out of wedlock which the other siblings know nothing about. However, the daughter has to be found. And the other six children, all of whom are counting on their share of the money to cover their already out-of-control debts, are not willing to quietly allow this sibling to usurp what they consider their rightful inheritance.

Find a copy of *The Testament* by John Grisham at the library or on Kindle and get to reading!



Join us on February 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the President's Dining Room for a discussion of this exciting and thought-provoking novel with a bombshell ending!



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Monday January 8, 2018

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, President's Dining Room

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 parking lot 1:15-2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

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