



Program
by
Shirley Mears

.Navigating Healthy Relationships

The March 11, 2019, Academy of Senior Professionals luncheon speaker will be Christy Johnson. The author of *Love Junkies*, *7 Steps for Breaking the Toxic Relationship Cycle*, Christy's driving passion is to help women find hope and strength in the aftermath of betrayal and brokenness caused by abuse or toxic relationships.



Christy has spent the last ten years speaking to women's groups sharing her own journey out of domestic abuse, relationship addiction and the process of forgiving her offender. Her life took a dramatic turn after the death of her two-year old son Jake who died in a car accident while her ex-husband was driving under the influence of drugs.

"I knew my destiny the day my son died," Christy said. Fueled by a passion to see other women set free, Christy set aside a career in banking to begin writing and speaking.

In 2018, Christy was one of 12 finalists out of 3500 submissions in a *Guideposts* contest.

She has had stories published in the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series and was a contributor to *God, Girls, and Getting Connected* authored by previous ASP speakers, Robin Marsh and Lauren Nelson. Christy's message of hope inspires women that whether they are in a relationship or not, they can live confident content lives.

The video series accompanying *Love Junkies* is used in small groups nationwide which meet in churches, maternity homes, prison ministries and drug rehab facilities. Christy's **YouVersion Bible** plan for *Love Junkies* hit 53,000 downloads seven months after it went live.

LUNCHEON MARCH 11, 2019, 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, March 7, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing donlincarley@prodigy.net.

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





President's Column
by
John Martin

Across its 28-year history, the Academy of Senior Professionals has benefitted from remarkable leadership. In its earliest years, the leadership of Dr. Elbert Overholt was foundational for ASP. Later, it was Dr. Jack David Arnold upon whom that mantle rested. Returning to his Oklahoma roots in retirement and re-acquainting himself with SNU as his alma mater ('50), Arnold became an eloquent advocator of SNU and of ASP. In his earliest days of involvement, he traveled from his home in Dallas to attend the ASP meetings. On January 16, 2019, the ASP and SNU lost this dedicated friend.

Dr. Arnold, who was born in Oklahoma City, earned his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois-Urbana in Rhetoric and Public Address. Throughout the remainder of his life, this eloquent and well-spoken gentleman held a passion for public speaking. While still a faculty member in the DFW Metroplex, he arranged for the creation of the Jack David Arnold Scholarship at SNU to encourage young students in his academic area.

The ASP Administrative Council recently voted to provide a memorial gift to the Arnold Scholarship here at SNU. ASP will donate \$500 with the hope and desire that our members will more than match that amount. To participate, you may bring your gift to the March meeting or drop it by SNU University Relations. On your check to SNU, simply mark "Jack Arnold Scholarship" in the memo section. Thank you for your support of students as we together reflect on these good memories.

John Martin



Director's Column
by
Carolyn Jagers

As a teacher, I always looked forward to March and the spring break it brought with it.... as I know our SNU students do! This month some students will head to the ski slopes while others may enjoy a tropical vacation in the sun. Others will be serving on a mission trip and some may even honeymoon after a spring break wedding! Will you join me in praying for our students and faculty as they look forward to their break, whether traveling, serving or just getting some rest?

In January, SNU unveiled a refreshed brand and wordmark. The new look presents an attractive and recognizable mark that prospective students, constituents and online visitors will find memorable and appealing. In the coming months you will see this refreshed brand across the university in athletics, clothing and print.



Our Alumni Association has been very active in recent months. On February 2, Washington D.C. area alums met in the heart of our nation's capital for lunch together, followed by a visit to the Museum of the Bible. Alumni were able to dialogue with President Newman and Vice-President Brent LaVigne while networking with other area alums.



Call for Volunteers



SNU Admissions office has invited members of ASP to write notes to prospective students. We meet Friday mornings for about an hour beginning at 10 a.m. in an upstairs conference room at the Marchant Center.

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- Jan 14, 2019: Concordia Life Care Community
- Feb 11, 2019: Mercer-Adams Funeral Service
- March 11, 2019: Legend at Rivendell
- April 8, 2019: Spanish Cove Life Care Community
- May 13, 2019: Higher Grounds Coffee Shoppe and Bakery



SNU Connections by Howard Culbertson

Our interviewee for the March ASP luncheon SNU Connections moment will be Dr. Lena Crouso. She's the university's chief diversity officer with the title of Vice-President for Intercultural Learning and Engagement.



What that means is that Dr. Crouso has been tasked with ensuring that inclusion, equity, respect, and the way of reconciliation will be welcomed and lived out in the SNU community.

An ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene, Dr. Crouso is the daughter of Asian Indian immigrants. She herself spent her formative years growing up in India. She has said that her journey from Hinduism to Christ, and the diversity she has encountered have given her a heart and mind for the empowerment of all people through intercultural understanding. She has a desire to lead people in spiritual, emotional and social transformation and freedom.

Rev. Dr. Lena Crouso holds a doctorate in Multicultural Christian Counseling from Andersonville Theological Seminary and education degrees in Leadership and Curriculum Design from University of Central Florida and Stetson University. Currently, she is completing a second doctorate in Transformational Leadership and Culture from Bakke Graduate University.

The programs under her direction include the Center for Student Success, TRiO / Student Support Services and the Center for Global Engagement which links up students with semester-abroad opportunities.



**December Re-Views
by
Hal Swinhart**

Thanks to Gary Lance and Don Carley for keeping track of ASP business.



**Obituaries
by
Vicki Sacket**

Eva May Harper

Eva May Harper was born on May 2, 1923, to Cecil and Margaret Hornbaker in Newton, Kansas. Her entire childhood was spent in Newton where she graduated from high school in 1941.



Coming to Bethany to attend Bethany-Peniel College (now SNU) was always her dream. The moment she stepped foot on what was to her "hallowed ground," she became a Bethany-ite and for the next 78 years, she lived and breathed Bethany. Whether it was by singing in the choir at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene for 71 years, teaching in Bethany Public Schools for 30 years, or selling Avon for 38 years, she knew everyone and everything about Bethany.

While at college, she met the love of her life, Leonard C. Harper. They were married August 29, 1944, and their only child, Peggy Lynn, was born September 23, 1948. Leonard went home to be with the Lord in 1980, and on February 4, 2019, Eva May joined him in heaven.

Two of her greatest joys in life were her grandsons, Preston and Reed Simms. She loved taking trips, hitting balls, shooting baskets, playing cards, and attending every ball-game or event with them.

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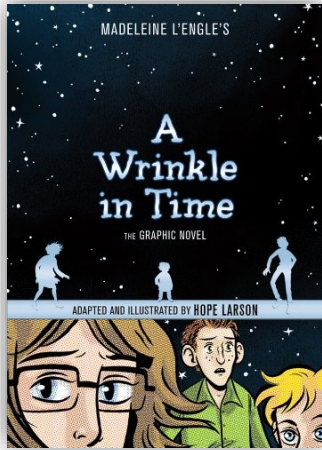
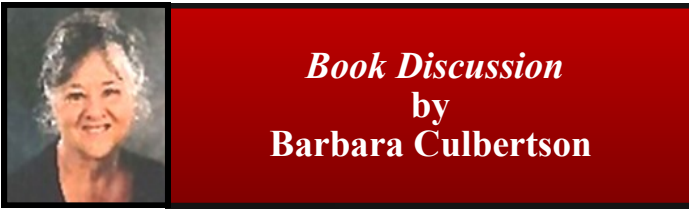


It was great to get better acquainted with Tom and Shirley Stott

Shannon Warren, of Oklahoma Business Ethics Consortium, helped us to look at ethics issues that impact us all in Oklahoma, and around the world. What companies do you trust the most? Why?



We were happy to welcome back Eunice Trent, our former ASP Director, shown here sitting between Barbara and Howard Culbertson.



Our March book discussion alternates back to a fiction tome, *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine l'Engle.

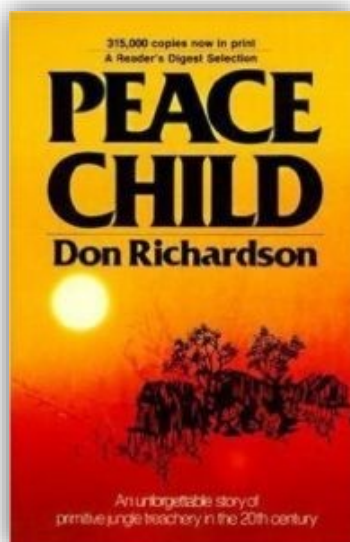
This science fiction novel, first published in 1962, has won several awards, including the Newberry Medal, Sequoyah Book

Award, and Lewis Carroll Shelf Award.

The book inspired two film adaptations by Disney, in 2003 and in 2018. Critic Esther Lombardi wrote, "It wasn't entirely clear at the time whether the book was written for children or adults."

I don't know which category I fall into, but I thoroughly love the book! Come out on March 11 at 9:30 and share your own take on this change-of-pace novel!

In April, our ASP book review group will discuss a classic which many of you may have already read. *Peace Child*, by Don Richardson, recounts the story of missionaries Don and Carol Richardson, and their work among the head-hunting, cannibalistic Sawi tribe in (then) Dutch New Guinea.



Quoting missionary historian Ruth Tucker, a Wikipedia review of the book says, "As [Richardson] learned the language and lived with the people, he became more aware of the gulf that separated his Christian worldview from the worldview of the Sawi: 'In their eyes, Judas, not Jesus, was the hero of the Gospels, Jesus was just the dupe to be laughed at.' Eventually Richardson discovered what he referred to as a Redemptive Analogy that pointed to the Incarnate Christ. What he discovered was the Sawi concept of the Peace Child."

That's April 8 at 9:30 in the President's Dining Room on 3rd floor of the Commons.

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Eva May was a woman of service. She received numerous awards including SNU Alumni of the Year, BPS Wall of Fame, and BFC Cathedral Choir Member of the Year. She was a long-time member of the Academy of Senior Professionals, served with Meals on Wheels, and on the church board at Bethany First Nazarene. She had a birthday card outreach and organized a group for widows. She was known as an encourager and an includer.

A celebration of Eva May's life was held February 12th at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene.



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Monday March 11, 2019
 9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the
 Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the
 Webster Commons
 9:30 Book Discussion, 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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