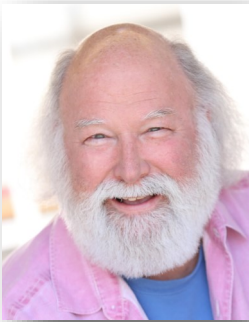




Program
by
Shirley Mears



Even though the upcoming ASP luncheon will be in early November, Dan Short, our luncheon speaker this month, is going to talk to us about “Lessons learned on Santa’s lap . . . and on Santa’s porch!”

That title will be on the cover of Dan’s book due to be out in August of 2019.

Dan Short has lived in Oklahoma City for over forty years. He is best known over the past 17 years for his role as the popular seasonal icon Santa Claus, at North Pole City.



When Dan arrived in Oklahoma City, he spent the first five years as Director of Catholic Charities before entering the private sector. Over the next 20 years, he worked in a variety of positions. Much of that time Dan was a financial planner and advisor and small business marketing and management consult-

ant. He also was president of Professional Office Systems, executive vice president of the Oklahoma Heart Center at Baptist Medical Center, and then co-founder and co-owner of an international telecommunications software company based in OKC.

About 15 years ago, Dan and his wife Gae moved into one of the city’s poorest neighborhoods, North Highlands/Estes Park, to found an inner-city not-for-profit ministry, Mustard Seed Development Corporation, with the goal of revitalizing that neighborhood. Recently, Mustard Seed merged with a likeminded ministry, Restore OKC, freeing Dan to pursue an acting and writing career.

LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 12, 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, November 8, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing donlincarley@prodigy.net.

*See page 6 for luncheon menu

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



President's Column
by
John Martin



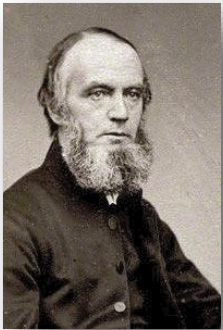
Interim Director
by
Brent La Vigne

This is personally my favorite season!

The sun is lower in the sky. Temperatures moderate. Days begin to get a little shorter. Football season is underway, and here we are again!

As the American Thanksgiving Day celebration draws near each year, I think of the English hymn, “*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come.*”

That classic was written in 1844 by Henry Alford while he was rector of the church in Buckinghamshire, England. Alford was born into a line of clergy. His mother died in childbirth and he was raised by his father and his uncle. He attended a variety of schools and eventually became a priest in the Anglican church in 1834.



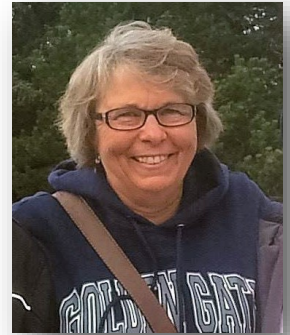
Today’s hymn is the result of revisions in 1865 and again in 1868. In its poetry, Alford employed the language and imagery of a rural community to offer words of thankfulness for God’s provision.

Tom Stewart has noted, “The hymn addresses the common theme of English harvest festivals, called the Harvest Home . . . A thanksgiving service would be held. . . where the bounty of the harvest is . . . displayed with the fall trappings of pumpkins and autumn leaves, and then dispensed to the needy (Tom Stewart, “*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*”: *Hymns as Poetry*, on www.whatsaiththescripture.com).

Happy Fall!
Thankful blessings.

John Martin

This month I want to introduce Laura Sylvester, our new university volunteer coordinator. If you attended our September or October lunch meetings, you have had a chance to see her and hear about a volunteer initiative being put in place at Southern Nazarene University.



Dr. Newman brought this idea of university volunteerism to SNU. It fits our community well. With a large number of alumni who have lived or resettled here in Bethany, there is a wealth of experience, wisdom and love for God located very close to campus. Laura and the office of volunteer coordination allow us to link volunteers who have a desire to impact lives with opportunities to invest in the campus and in our students.

Laura’s role will be that of matching individuals with opportunities. Whether you are able to serve routinely each week or can serve only sporadically, there are opportunities for you. If you desire to serve with students, let Laura know. Or, if you want to serve in the background, Laura also has a place for you.

We are excited to see how God is going to use volunteers to impact His kingdom at Southern Nazarene University. To get more information or to sign up, contact Laura by email at volunteer@snu.edu or by calling the Alumni office at (405) 491-6312.

Thank you for Living Last (Mark 9:35)

Call for Volunteers



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

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SNU Connections by **Howard Culbertson**

Our interviewee for the November 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.



That means 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 spent her formative years growing up in India. She has said that her journey from Hinduism to Christ and the diversity she has encountered on her life journey have given her a heart and mind for the empowerment of all people through intercultural understanding. She also senses a deep 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 holds two 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 Programs / Student Support Services and the Center for Global Engagement which links students with semester-abroad opportunities.

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- Sept 10, 2018: The Bethany Law Center
- Oct 8, 2018: Legend at Council Road
- Nov 12, 2018: Tinker Federal Credit Union
- Dec 10, 2018 Southern Plaza Retirement Community
- 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



Emmalyn enjoyed playing her favorite background music: Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, McDowell, Hahn, and Debussy

October Re-Views



Howard Culbertson, above left, interviewed Dr. Scott Strawn, who came to head up Student Development at SNU. If you have a math question, he is the one to go to! He is now SNU's chief financial officer.



A lively book discussion was held in the President's dining room at 9:30 am. We discussed the book Sara's Key



Craig McVay, superintendent of El Reno Public Schools, shared "The First Five" from his dad and "The Second Five" which he added.

Here they are:

- Wake Up
- Get Up
- Clean Up
- Dress Up
- Show Up

- Stand Up
- Speak Up
- Step Up
- Chin Up
- Look Up



ASP president, John Martin was masterful at leading our luncheon meeting for October. We have some great plans for future luncheons. Don't miss any of them. Invite your friends!



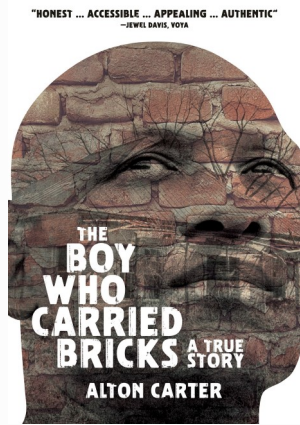
We have room for you to join us next month as we discuss the book, The Boy Who Carried Bricks by Alton Carter. See page 5 for more information



ASP president-elect Marla Cole introduced us to new member Rick Farmer, who is very proud of his convertible. He has been a professor, worked for the Insurance Commissioner and the State House. He currently produces Ted-Talk-type videos on theological issues.



Book Discussion
by
Barbara Culbertson



In our November book discussion, we'll look at a non-fiction work, *The Boy Who Carried Bricks* by Alton Carter. The book is Carter's own story of early childhood in an abusive family and how he managed to get help. Sadly, once placed in the foster

care system, he found himself abused in numerous placements.

Alton Carter poignantly writes about his struggle to not only survive but to find significance and purpose in his life. He has written two other books. One continues the story of his life. The other book encourages children to dream big and to follow that dream.

Carter currently is youth pastor at a Stillwater Methodist church. He often speaks in schools and civic meetings, calling on young people to see beyond their circumstances and to not give up.

Three brief YouTube videos give previews of the book: tinyurl.com/yd7alnhg, tinyurl.com/yc2o4o9w, and tinyurl.com/yap3fcdt.

Our January discussion will center on *Ellen Foster*, a fictional work set in the South in the 70s. Author Kaye Gibbons uses first-person to recount the story of an 11-year-old born into a dysfunctional family. Eudora Welty describes the book as an "unforgettable story with honesty, perceptiv-

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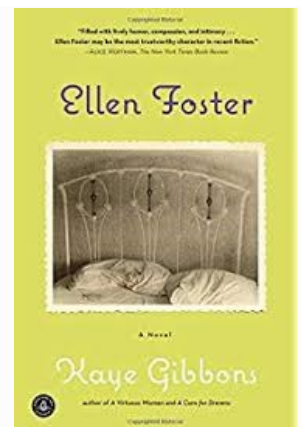
*Christmas Opera:
Amahl and the Night Visitors
Friday, November 30, 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 1, 10:00 am & 1:00 pm
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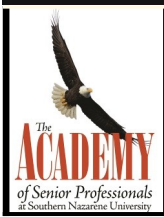
*Sounds of Christmas
Presented by SNU School of Music's
Combined Ensembles
Monday, December 3, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 pm
Bethany First Church of the Nazarene Atrium
6789 NW 39th Expressway

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<https://www.bridge.snu.edu/music-tickets>

ity, humor, and unself-conscious heroism." Walker Percy says it is "a lovely, breathtaking, sometimes heart-wrenching first novel."

Metropolitan Public Libraries carry both *The Boy Who Carried Bricks* and *Ellen Foster*. *Ellen Foster* is also available in Kindle format.





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ASP Calendar

Monday November 12, 2018

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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***Luncheon Menu for November 12, 2018**

Starters: Garden Salad w/Ranch and Golden Italian
Roasted Autumn Vegetable Salad

Entrees: Oven Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Steamed Veggie Medley
Rolls and Butter

Dessert: Cherry Cobbler w/Whip Topping

Beverage: Water and Iced Tea
Coffee Station, Hot Water w/Asst. Tea Bags