



Program
by
Shirley Mears

The October ASP luncheon speaker will be Craig McVay, superintendent of El Reno Public Schools. The title of his presentation is: “The First Five.”



Craig was born in Bremerton, WA. However, he began school in California’s San Joaquin Valley where his grandparents were operating a large raisin farm. He went to first and second grade in California before moving to Yukon, OK. He graduated from Yukon Public Schools where he participated in sports, student government, speech and drama and other activities.

He earned an associate’s degree from Seminole State College and then a bachelor’s degree in political science/US History from the University of Central Oklahoma. He holds a master’s degree in Education Administration from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

When asked what he does for a living, Craig says he is a teacher. He has been in public education for over a quarter of a century serving as a teacher, coach, bus driver,

counselor, principal and superintendent. He has even worked as a school custodian, maintenance man and transportation director, as well as cooking, cleaning and serving in school cafeterias.

Craig and his wife Darla have two sons: Josh who is an Air Force pilot stationed in Enid and Kit who lives in Panama City, FL, where he is attending law school.

Craig says he is very proud of the relationships that have been built working with parents, teachers, support personnel and school administrators. But most of all, he loves working with kids. He still feels that, other than his role as husband, father and grandfather, this is the most important part of his biography.

LUNCHEON OCTOBER 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, October 4, 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

As I write this, it's the "dog days" of summer! Fortunately, this past summer was tempered with periodic rains and an occasional cool front. Fall is now in the air, and it reminds me of God's promise: *"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease"* (Genesis 8:22, NIV).

As you enter the SNU campus for the October luncheon, I hope you will bask in some pleasant memories of your first days on a college campus. Those were and are formative years! Encouraging students at this time of their lives and encouraging the SNU community in this excellent pursuit was a key reason for the founding of the Academy of Senior Professionals. Month by month, we are learning about the expertise of the SNU faculty, and we are also discovering ways to remain vital, active, and influential in our senior years.

We kicked off the year with a September meeting. I appreciate the desire of the ASP Administrative Council to start the year strong, and I am grateful for Shirley Mears' diligence in booking interesting speakers!

We will soon be gearing up for late fall and early winter holidays. Before that avalanche of activities arrives, take a minute to reflect on the great fellowship found in the Academy. When you do, ask yourself, *"Who else do I know who needs this interaction? Who does not attend who would benefit from these meetings?"* And then, . . . invite a guest!

John Martin



Interim Director
by
Brent LaVigne

The "live last" theme comes from Jesus words in Mark 9:35 where He says that if you want to lead you should serve and if you want to be the first you will be last. This month I want to give recognition to some ASP members who have been an example to me by "living last."

For the past few months, every Friday morning a faithful group from ASP has met on campus to pray for and write cards to young people who have applied to study at SNU. In case you have not been there to participate in this card writing, I encourage you to try it out.

If you come, you will see printed lists of potential-student names and addresses. We take time to pray for these students, most of whom we do not know and who come from places we never have been.

I praise God that He has gifted SNU with leaders from ASP who "live last." I want to thank them because, in August when new students moved into their dorm rooms and sat in classes for the first time, they were there in part because of ASP volunteers.

Thank you, ASP, for leading by "living last."



*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 SNU Connections moments interviewee in October will be Dr Scott Strawn who is currently SNU’s chief financial officer, a position he has held since 2012. As the Vice President for Business and Finance, he provides overall supervision for support areas including facilities and maintenance, campus security, human resources, and information technology.



For the past 2½ years, Dr. Strawn has been an adjunct instructor in the Ed.D. for Organizational Leadership program at the Dallas/Ft. Worth site of Abilene Christian University. He is

also a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission, the association that provides accreditation for colleges and universities in a 19-state region of the U.S.A. He currently serves on the board of the Northwest Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Strawn grew up in the Midwest as the son of a Church of God (Anderson) minister. He got his bachelor’s degree in mathematics and chemistry from Anderson University (Indiana), an M.A. in educational leadership from Ball State University (Indiana) and an Ed.D. from the University of Kansas. He has also studied at the Higher Education Management Institute connected with Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education. He began his career in higher education at Sterling College in central Kansas. Before coming to SNU in 2008 to head up Student Development, he spent four years as Director of Student Programs at Seattle Pacific University and then four years as Director of Residence Life at Santa Clara University in Santa Monica, California.

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- 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



September Re-Views

Guests were warmly greeted by our new member representative, Nancy Cauthron



We met our new luncheon sponsors from The Bethany Law Center, Rick and Susan Martin



We got better acquainted with our new President Elect, Marla Cole, who will be in charge of "Get Acquainted Moments" this year.



ASP President, John Martin took the reins for the first time in this new September meeting.



Vickie Sacket is continuing as ASP secretary and historian, and Wayne Sacket plans our meals with SNU staff.



Lee Roland woke us up to some cultural challenges facing all of us.

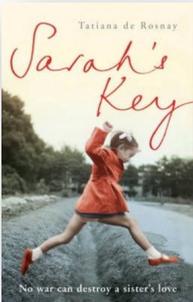
How will you get more involved to make a difference?



Melany Kyzer amazed us with all her accomplishments and contributions to SNU over the years.



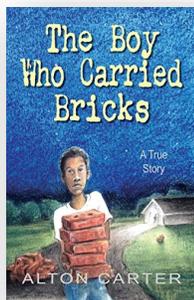
**Book Discussion
by
Barbara Culbertson**



The book chosen for our 9:30 book discussion on October 8 is *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay. Set in France, *Sarah's Key* features an American reporter who dug out some very disconcerting things about a 1942 roundup of Jews in Paris.

Although fictional, the reader is left with serious questions regarding issues we may not have even been aware of.

On November 12, we turn to a non-fiction work: *The Boy Who Carried Bricks*. It is the autobiographical story of an Oklahoma boy who escaped an abusive biological home only to land in the foster care system where he continued to be abused.



Now a youth pastor in Stillwater, author Alton Carter tells of his struggle first to survive, then to find significance and purpose. The book title poignantly recalls a time he was forced to carry bricks for hours just for punishment. For him, that incident has become a symbol of his struggle.

Get a preview of the book from these YouTube videos: tinyurl.com/yd7alnhg, tinyurl.com/yc2o4o9w, and tinyurl.com/yap3fcdt.

Metropolitan Public Libraries carry both *Sarah's Key* and *The Boy Who Carried Bricks*. The books are also available in Kindle format. Join us at 9:30 on the mornings of our ASP luncheons. We meet on the third floor of the Commons in the President's Dining Room (upstairs from where we have lunch).

**Southern Nazarene University
School of Music**

Sketches of Broadway

Student-Led Production

Saturday, October 13, 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 14, 2:00 pm

Cantrell Music Hall

\$2 suggested donation

Faculty & Student

Piano Duet Concert

Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 pm

Cantrell Music Hall

"Light Rain" SNU Chorus

Thursday, October 25, 7:00 pm

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Jazz on the Route

Featuring Jazz Band

& University Singers

Thursday, November 1, 7:00 pm

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Opera Scenes

Thursday, November 8, 7:00 pm

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Chamber Ensemble Concert

Featuring brass, Woodwind,

and Guitar

Thursday, November 13, 7:00 pm

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Percussion Ensemble Concert

Thursday, November 15, 7:00 pm

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*Luncheon Menu for October 8, 2018

Starters: Garden Salad with Ranch and Italian dressings, coleslaw

Entrée: BBQ Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Sautéed Green Beans, rolls / butter

Dessert: Spiced Cake

Beverages: Iced Tea, water, coffee (regular and decaf), hot water with tea bags



ASP Calendar

Monday October 8, 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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