



Program
by
Shirley Mears

"Equip, Adapt, Respond"

Alton Carter, author of *The Boy Who Carried Bricks*, will be the October 14 Academy of Senior Professionals luncheon speaker.

Carter came from a broken home and was put in foster care. Research indicates that most children in that kind of home will live a portion of their lives in prison. Rarely will such a young person find a path to escape without the aid of people who not only care but will persevere as that young person continually tries to push them away through bad attitudes and behavior. Carter did buck the trend. A former police officer, he was the first person in his family to graduate from high school and college.

After receiving his bachelor's degree at Oklahoma State University, Carter went on to write *The Boy Who Carried Bricks* and *Aging Out*, (regarding growing up in foster care), as well as two children's books: *The Boy Who Dreamed Big* and *The Boy Who Went to the Library*. He now uses his story to encourage adults and young people as director of youth ministries for the First United Methodist Church of Stillwater, OK.

In 2015, Carter founded the Alton Carter Inspire Foundation with the goal of assisting

young people who have lived in foster care, group homes, or DHS juvenile facilities to earn a college degree.

Carter makes his home in Stillwater with his wife Kristin and their children. To learn more visit altoncarter.net or go to our closed Facebook page, Academy of Senior Professionals.



LUNCHEON Oct. 14, 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, Oct. 10, 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
Marla Mercer Cole

As we enter this fall season, we look forward to crisp, cool mornings and all things Autumn. There is something about Fall that brims with anticipation. There is the excitement of looking ahead to what the coming months will bring.

As we look forward with hopeful anticipation, I wonder how the Academy of Senior Professionals, as a body as well as each of us individually, can find ways to impact lives on the campus of Southern Nazarene University.

We have opportunities to influence, engage, support, and encourage both students and faculty, as well as others with whom we have interactions while on campus. Simple kindnesses matter, and our presence, fully engaged with the person in front of us, can mean far more than we realize. What a difference we can make in the life of another if we are willing to be used!

*Lord,
use me for your glory.
"Let your light
so shine before men,
that they may see
your good works,
and glorify your Father
which is in Heaven."
Matthew 5:16*



Director's Column
by
Carolyn Jagers

In late August, as the 121st academic year at SNU began, I had the privilege of participating in a prayer walk around SNU's campus. Rev. Rick Green, SNU alum, has organized this event for the last six years. He invites SNU administration, staff, faculty, students, and alumni to attend.

It was incredible to walk along the SNU campus and hear about the purpose and activities of each building. There are so many sacred spaces on this beautiful campus. We spent time in focused prayer at multiple locations, praying God's provision and blessings over all that happens within the walls of the buildings in that area.

During our time together, we were encouraged by Dr. Newman, SNU President, to continue praying for SNU as faculty and staff strive to carry out the mission to make Christ-like disciples through higher education.



*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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*SNU Connections
by
Howard Culbertson*

Soon after getting a bachelor's degree in mass communications and journalism, Scott Secor became the SNU Sports Information Director. For the next dozen years, his focus was publicizing the exploits of SNU students in intercollegiate sporting events.



Then, in 2010, Scott Secor added classroom teaching to his work as a sports publicist by teaching some speech courses. That shift in focus led to the completion of an MS in Counseling Psychology in 2012. By 2014 he was a Licensed Professional Counselor in Oklahoma.

He entered a doctoral program in psychology at the University of Oklahoma while beginning to teach classes for SNU's Department of Psychology and Counseling. In 2018, he was awarded a Ph.D. in psychology by OU. His dissertation for that degree was titled: *Relationships among Sexual Assault, PTSD Subclusters and the Sexual Assault Reporting Process, and their Impact on Characterological Self-Blame.*

In 2016 Scott Secor was named Director of Clinical Training for SNU's graduate programs in counseling. In that position, he oversees 70-80 student internship opportunities per year involving approximately 15 different facilities. Recently, he negotiated an agreement with the state's largest children's hospital to secure five to seven grant-funded paid internships for SNU's master's in counseling students.




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Book Discussion
by
Barbara Culbertson

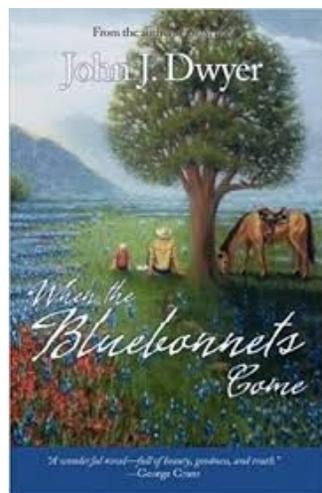
Our ASP book discussions this year are starting out with some familiar writers -- at least *people* who are known to us, if not their writing. We kick off October 14 at 9:30 a.m., with Dale German facilitating the discussion about his first book, which he just completed writing.



Goodbye My Darling, Hello My Dear is Dale's chronicle of his and Em-malyn's entry into parenthood. Sometimes funny, sometimes heart-breaking, this recently published book allows the reader access into the German's desire to share their love with a child and how that child became part of their

family. Dale wrote the volume using his own journals in which he has written a daily entry since he first dreamed of becoming a parent.

In November, we will turn to a fictional volume. John Dwyer teaches history and ethics at SNU. He has also written attention-keeping tomes about the Civil War, a western, and Oklahoma. *When the Bluebonnets Come* is the fictional story of Katie Shahanan, a preacher's kid growing up in Texas. However, a major trauma disrupts the calm sweet life she has known.



Amazon reviews the book saying, "As Katie watches her father stand up against forces far more powerful than himself, she begins to learn that courage, loyalty, and honor are more than words – and they sometimes come with a high price."

These two books are available on Amazon in both printed and Kindle editions. Come join us at 9:30 in the President's Dining Room!



Music Notes
By
Renda Brumbeloe

Many of us like to walk down memory lane when it comes to music in our lives. Like many pianists who play extemporaneously, I enjoy remembering old tunes.

As you come to the ASP luncheon, if you have a favorite old pop, gospel or love song, write its title on a small piece of paper and hand it to me. Perhaps you will hear it in a medley as a part of the pre-lunch music.



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Monday October 14, 2019
 9:00—11:00 Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons
 9:30—10:30 Book Discussion in the President’s Dining Room, Webster Commons 3rd floor.
 11:00—1:00 Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room of Webster Commons
 1:00—1:30 Shuttle Service to the parking lot
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