



Program
by
Shirley Mears

“History and Significance of Our City Parks”

Spring is in the air. What a perfect time to be inspired and get prepared to welcome springtime with its floral colors and new plants for home and community.

Our March 9, the Academy of Senior Professionals luncheon speaker will be Brian Dougherty, a university professor, licensed landscape architect, and radio personality.



Brian has a Bachelor’s Degree in Horticulture and Landscape Design from Oklahoma State University and a Master’s Degree in Trade and Industrial Education with an emphasis in Grounds Management.

He taught for 15 years in the OSU extension center in Oklahoma City before moving to a position at the Kirkpatrick Horticulture Center. For 8 years, Brian also co-hosted Saturday radio garden shows on radio stations WKY and KTOK where he discussed horticulture and beautification concept and answered gardening questions.

A few years ago, he received the Directors’ Honor Award from the OKC Neighborhood Alliance for his “continuing commitment to beautifying neighborhoods, parks and green spaces throughout all of Oklahoma City.”

During his career, Brian has accumulated an extensive collection of books, pictures and other publications documenting the planning, planting and maintenance of public green spaces. He often makes presentations regarding the importance of parks and public grounds.

He is now cutting back on some of his activities to spend more time with his wife and family as he works restoring 80 acres of pastures and native habitats at his family’s farm near Hinton, OK.

LUNCHEON March 9, 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 5, 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

Surely, I am not alone in eagerly anticipating the arrival of spring!

March holds some interesting events. It's a time to break free of the grip of winter and get moving! Who doesn't look forward to Super Tuesday, St. Patrick's Day, or even the start of Daylight Savings Time? It's the halfway point of the semester for students, and the month for Spring Break.

As we enter this month, we are two-thirds of the way through our ASP luncheon schedule for this academic year. The programming line-up for these final three months looks exciting. I encourage you to invite someone to join us. ASP membership offers much more than lunches and speakers. We can be connectors, doers, mentors, encouragers, and motivators. The wealth of experience (some hard-earned) we can offer could be pivotal for an SNU student!

March is my month to get in gear and take on a new challenge. In several of our lunches this year, we have been encouraged to take on a challenge: Mentor someone, reach out and encourage a struggling or lonely student, offer support to a peer who is ill or suffering, or send notes of affirmation and hope to someone. What challenge will you respond to? If you have taken on a new challenge, will you tell me about yours?

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." -- Galatians 6:9, NIV



Director's Column
by
Carolyn Jagers

As I walked around the campus recently, I noticed how beautiful it looked. I just love the flowers! They remind me that Spring is coming which means Spring Break is just around the corner, even though officially the first day of Spring is not until March 19th.

I'm looking forward to warmer weather. How about you? And just seven weeks after Spring Break comes Commencement!

Looking for something fun to do? Check out these two great events being presented in March by the SNU School of Music:

Mary Poppins, the Musical: Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7 at 7 pm in Herrick Auditorium. It's the classic story that we all love brought to life by SNU students! Purchase tickets at <https://bridge.snu.edu/music-tickets>

SNU Jazz Band Concert: Tuesday, March 31 at 7 pm in Herrick Auditorium. This event is FREE.

This coming summer, the SIMS program is sending teams of SNU students to places like Australia, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Ecuador, eSwatini, Kenya, New Zealand, Southeast Asia, Trinidad, and Ukraine. The 65 SNUers and their faculty and staff sponsors will come alongside local churches and believers in each place to spread the gospel in spite of language barriers. Let's support these students with our prayers and resources as the Lord leads.

One thing is for certain: The weather in Oklahoma is ever-changing. I am so glad that our God never changes. He is faithful in every season. Great is His faithfulness.

Call for Volunteers

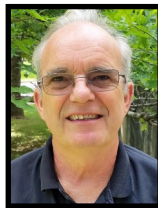


SNU Admissions office has invited members of ASP to write notes to prospective students. We meet Friday mornings for about an hour beginning at 10 a.m. in an upstairs conference room at the Marchant Center.

LUNCHEON SPONSOR Legend at Rivendell

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SNU Connections by Howard Culbertson

At our March luncheon we'll interview Dr. Dennis Williams who is currently SNU's Vice President for Strategy and Innovation. He also has responsibility for



the area of institutional effectiveness which includes shepherding SNU through the periodic reviews it must pass to maintain its accreditation.

Since 1994 Dr. Williams has been teaching history and geography here

at SNU, his alma mater. He did both his master's level and Ph.D. work at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Upon completion of his Ph.D. and before being hired by SNU, he worked for two years at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a historian overseeing the development of the EPA History Office as well as doing some research projects.

In terms of his classroom teaching, Dennis Williams has gotten high marks from students on the website "Rate My Professors." The student-written comments about him include: "Wisest prof," "teaches about life," and "really cares."

For five years he served as Dean of the College of Teaching and Learning where he was focused on academic administration and support services, interdisciplinary academic programs, and the School of

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2019-2020 Luncheon Sponsors

Sept 9, 2019: Mercer-Adams Funeral Service

Oct 14, 2019: Legend at Council Road

Nov 11, 2019: United Pharmacy of Yukon

Dec 9, 2019: Southern Plaza Retirement
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Jan 13, 2020: Concordia Life Plan Community

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Mar 9, 2020: Legend at Rivendell

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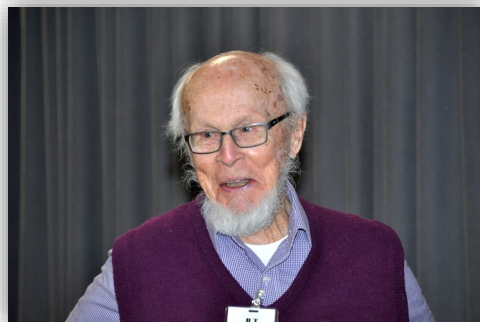
May 11, 2020 Tinker Federal Credit Union



February Re-Views
by
Hal Swinhart



Great to have Vicki and Wayne Sackett back



Wayne Sackett introduced R. T. Bolerjack in the Get-Acquainted Moments



Dr. Sara Minor answered many questions about Hospice and Palliative Care at Integris



DeLanie Brewer gave us a dramatic portrayal of a day in the life of Harriet Tubman to celebrate Black History Month



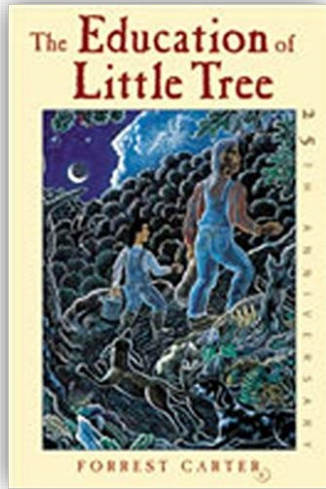
Howard Culbertson interviewed Dr. Marty Michelson, SNU professor of Old Testament and Distinguished Scholar of Hebrew Texts

Capturing the moment, and celebrating Valentine's Day





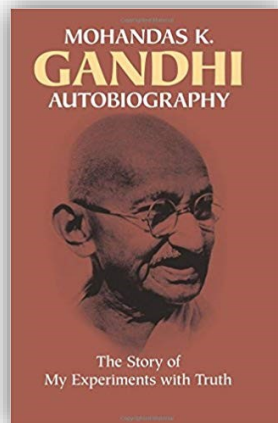
Book Discussion
by
Barbara Culbertson



The ASP book discussion for March will be on *The Education of Little Tree* by Forrest Carter. It's the fictional story of a Cherokee boy who lost his parents and went to live with his Scottish-Cherokee grandparents. In a remote mountain area, he learns about survival, nature, politics, religion and relationships. He later endures the trauma of being forced to attend an Indian boarding school.

On an interesting note, the author (who wrote under a pseudonym) was almost asked to be a presidential campaign manager. That and other enigmas swirl around this controversial book and its author! If such talk stimulates a detective gene in you, come March 9 and discover "the rest of the story." Unfortunately, the book is not available in the library. So, if you don't want to buy a copy, contact me to borrow one!

One major advocate of non-violent civil rights protests was Mahatma Gandhi, the man who successfully led India to independence from British rule. We'll discuss his autobiography, *The Story of My Experiments with Truth*, in our April 13 book discussion.



Gandhi trained as a lawyer in London, dealt with politics in India and fought for civil rights in South Africa. Although his entire autobiography is fascinating, of special interest to us is his response to encounters with Christians..

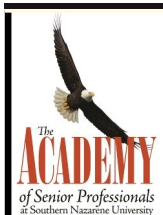
Don't be intimidated by the length of this volume. It makes for fascinating reading! You can find a copy in print and Kindle editions at Amazon or in the library.



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Education. He has also served as a professor for classes at SNU's Quetzal Education Research Center in Costa Rica.

An official SNU publication says that during the more than 25 years Dennis Williams has been at SNU, he "has used the disciplines of history and geography to engage students in building thinking and problem-solving skills through the study of how humans have solved problems in the past."



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ASP Calendar

Monday March 9, 2020

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
1:15—2:15 Administrative Council Meeting

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