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Living, Giving and Caring... in the Real World

By Shirley E. M. Mears

Evelyn Harms, Assistant Director of RSVP, has a passion for volunteerism. She works with Executive Director Beth Patterson to make volunteers available for non-profit organizations.

RSVP, formally known as Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Central Oklahoma, Inc, is “a place where members can meet new people, make new friends and have fun while meeting critical human needs in their community”. RSVP links volunteers age 55 and older with essential community needs. Evelyn has been with RSVP for 14 years and is working on the goal of securing a building for RSVP to call home.



RSVP is located at 500 North Broadway, Suite 50 in Oklahoma City, OK 73102 and can be reached at 405-605-3110.

Evelyn’s life changed when her mother became hospitalized with a mild case of pneumonia, however, after a series of medical errors she was bedridden and brain damaged. Evelyn’s family decided the best place for her mother was with them. Evelyn is married to Tony and they have three children and three grandchildren. Evelyn feels her biggest blessing in life is her job and her family. She loves living in a “family compound”, which allows her to be the primary caregiver of several ill family members while also allowing the opportunity to see her daugh-

ter and four year-old granddaughter every day.

Come join us to learn about Evelyn Harms response to the life changes she’s experienced and practical skills to deal with caring for a friend or family member.

All members and guests are urged to make their plans to hear Evelyn Harms, Monday, October 13th, 2008.

The buffet luncheon in the Heritage Room of the Webster Commons on the Southern Nazarene University campus begins promptly at 11:15 a.m. The luncheon program starts at noon and ends at 1:00 p.m.

Important luncheon reservation information:

Members: If you have not been contacted by one of our telephone callers by Thursday, October 9th, then please call Mrs. Aleen Drumeller, ASP Telephone Committee Chairperson, at .265-0302

Guests: Please call the SNU Office of Alumni Relations at 491-6312 or email ASP@snu.edu

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Welcome Back!



Your president's point of view:

by Jack David Arnold

Putting a Face on a "Nameless, Speechless, and Forgotten Generation"

At a time when President George W. Bush anoints his colleagues with nicknames, it is embarrassing to acknowledge that my contemporaries and I belong to a "nameless, speechless, and forgotten generation."

We were born sometime between the mid-1920s and the end of the 1930s, into a world struggling though the Great Depression, followed by a war of global proportions. Later on we found ourselves further marginalized by being squeezed between two iconic powerhouses: the Greatest Generation, admired for its selfless sacrifices, and the Boomers, envied for their selfish excesses. Genealogists and historians have referred to us as the Silent Generation.

Some have pegged us a "Sandwich Generation," not because we were reared on Wonder Bread, but because, more than any preceding generation, we felt the pull of familial obligations in opposing directions. On the one hand, we were expected to care for our aging parents, who were the initial recipients of modern medicine's gift of longevity. On the other hand, we nurtured our children, who were often less compliant, and more reliant than we were.

In simple terms, we are a forgotten generation that waged a forgotten war: the Korean War. Those returning from that conflict unassumingly picked up the strands of their daily and somewhat traditional existence. Nobody booed or spat on them as they eased back, without hoopla, into the folds of regular life, expected, as usual, to strive and be quiet about it.

The rude reversal of fortune in the late 1920s and early 1930s—whether from the stock market crash, the Dust Bowl disaster, or Hitler's madness—knocked many of our parents into an economic hole for a score of years. In their constant scramble to climb back, they were buoyed by the idea that their offsprings might find life easier. Even as children, a sense of gratitude settled on us to recognize their sacrifices by realizing their hopes.

Hard times kept our generation relatively small, a demographic that worked in our favor as we entered the promising job market in the 1950s. Armed with a strong work ethic and an unlikely sense of optimism, we made things happen.

Yet, even to this day, we are criticized by subsequent generations for having served in roles traditionally expected of us. Most men embraced the responsibilities of being the family breadwinner. Women usually married early and raised children before returning to school or the workplace.

We were not big on public displays of affection—or disaffection. Few of us marched in protest rallies, experimented with drugs, practiced free love, or wandered



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Arnold continued

off to the fringes of society to find ourselves. We were not pampered; our pleasures were simple. It is irrelevant, in retrospect, to bemoan a childhood void of electronic wonders when our parents could not have afforded them anyway.

It is probably too late—and not all that important—to give our generation an official name other than the Silent Generation. In terms of today's focus groups or consumerism targets, we are likely identified as "the affluent old." Every remaining one of us is on Social Security, perhaps the last generation for which the system will truly prove "secure." I think we deserve that much. After all, we are a generation that, even minus an appropriate, accurate, or pleasing name, managed to make our way in an increasingly troubled world as we accepted life's responsibilities with grace and fortitude.

Book Discussion Group

by Elbert Overholt

Dale German gave an excellent review of Newt Gingrich's book *REAL CHANGE* on Monday, September 8, in Room 205 of the SNU Business Building. He summarized the *Platform of the American People* as given by Gingrich.



This platform was generated by the American Solutions group after several scientific studies were done to determine the will of the American people.

ASP President Jack David Arnold led a lively discussion of the values of the planks in the *Platform of the American People*. Gin-



grich's group has suggested a number of solutions for the various political issues facing the American people. These issues and possi-

ble solutions provided the basis for a very interesting and informative session.

The Book Discussion Group will conduct **Discussion II** of *REAL CHANGE* with a panel discussion on **Monday, October 13, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.**, Room 205, Royce Brown Business Building. (ASP Luncheon day)

The agenda for the **Panel Discussion** follows: Welcome and introduction of the panel: Dale German

Panel

- Jack David Arnold - ASP President - (National Security, Immigration & Borden Security)
- Renda Brumbeloe - ASP member, retired United Airlines pilot - (Taxes, Social Security, & the Economy)
- Margaret Dawson - ASP member of Ad Council - (Religion and Public Life)
- Linda Wilcox - Member of SNU Sociology Department - (Energy and the Environment)

Panel Discussion: Dale German

Group questions to panel: Jack David Arnold

Come and enjoy a good discussion of a good book. If you have a book that you would like to discuss, let Jack David or one of the Ad Council know.

As Plato says, "Politics is the business of every man (and woman) in a democracy."

Summer ASP Ad Council Planning Session At the Cove in July



Plan to have YOUR photo taken for the new directory at our next luncheon October 13. Come early. You wont want to miss this meeting!



Roman Art From the Louvre

By C. Dale German

June 19 was a memorable day in Oklahoma City when the doors opened at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art.

That was the day 184 priceless treasures went on display from the Louvre's collection of marble statues, jewelry, and other artifacts from ancient Rome.

Visitors walked among dozens of two-thousand year old life size statues and leaned over glass cases to see priceless jewelry dating back to the time of Jesus.

Standing in the presence of such timeless beauty brought to mind the brevity of a single life-span in any generation and at the same time the permanence of inanimate objects.

It is hard to put into words the thoughts that go through one's mind when looking eye to eye into the life-like face of ancient kings and slaves. I thought of the life of the one I was looking at, the hands that carved the statue thousands of years ago.

I thought of those over millenniums who, just like me, have looked at these same objects. I thought of the culture of ancient Rome and talent of the artist. A sense of awe overwhelmed me. The preacher in me thought up sermons of life, and death, and where we go from here.

The display of Roman Art from the Louvre is still here, but only for a few more days. ***The last day of the exhibit is October 12.*** Admission for seniors is \$10. Museum parking is \$8. but the big three-story garage across the street is less at \$2. per hour.



ASP Endowed Scholarship Recipient
For Fall, 2008
Senior Biology Major
from Edmond, OK

Steffi Littlefield

Congratulations Steffi!

Academy Obituaries

Willis Snowbarger

By Lecil Brown



Dr. Willis Snowbarger was born in Sylvia, KS on August 24, 1921. He died in Bethany, OK on August 1, 2008. His early life on the Snowbarger farm, as detailed in one of his books, *By the Way-A Farm Boy from Kansas, to Berkeley, to Bourbonnais*, shows his life intertwined with the Church of the Nazarene. He attended high school at the Bresee College Academy in Hutchinson and two years of college until Bresee College merged with Bethany Peniel College in 1940. He then came to Bethany and graduated from BPC in 1942.

He joined the navy in 1942 and became a naval officer serving in the Pacific Theater until the end of WWII.

Dr. Snowbarger and Wahnona Horger were married here in Bethany on January 31, 1943 by Pastor C. B. Strang.

After the end of WWII, Willis received his MA in history from the University of Oklahoma, and the Ph.D. in history from the University of California in Berkeley.

Starting in the fall of 1949, Dr. Snowbarger joined the faculty of Olivet Nazarene University where he had a distinguished teaching and administrative career. He retired from ONU in 1986 and moved to Olathe, KS. In August, 2006, he and second wife, Ruby, moved to Bethany, OK and lived in Southern Plaza. They became members of the ASP.

Dr. Snowbarger is survived by his wife, Ruby, his son, Vincent K. Snowbarger and his daughter, Dr. Delia M. Pittman and their spouses, five grandchildren and two great-grand-children. He is survived by his brother, Marion Snowbarger and wife, Wilma, Katherine Emmert and husband, Ron. The funeral service was held in Bethany First Church of the Nazarene on August 5, 2008.



NEWS TO USE

by Shirley Mears

“Resilient Life” by Bruce McIntyre is all about getting through trials and challenges with style and grace.

Popular advice from the past decade has focused on thinking positively. There is great value to controlling our thoughts; however, sometimes we need more practical tools.

Bruce McIntyre is a husband, father, minister and writer. He has a great love of sharing what skills work well for him. He and his family experienced what he calls a “Life Crash” when his young wife developed a long term illness. They had two preschool children and Bruce had a difficult time asking for and receiving help. They learned that when “Life Crashes” happen the tendency may be to fall into the victim mentality trap. A decision to become resilient involves facing reality and then choosing to bounce forward to the new reality.

I’ve totally enjoyed this book and will be giving copies as gifts. I encourage you to learn more by visiting the website, www.MyResilientLife.com.



Thank You, Bea Flinner

By Lecil Brown

Bea Flinner was chairman of the Research Interest Group and also has served as the liaison between the Academy and the SNU Learning Resource Center. She has selected excellent books for Academy members to read for several years. Bea has kept the group informed about resources available in the library. Her input will be missed. But she thinks the time has come to step aside and try a slower pace.

Bea's daughter, Dr. Carol Dorough, heads up the nursing program at SNU. Her son, Donald, lives in Littleton, CO. Her husband, Dr. Lyle Flinner, retired SNU religion prof and long-time teacher of the KUMJOYNUS SS Class at Bethany First Nazarene, died on December 2, 2006.

THANK YOU, BEA, for your dedicated service to the ASP. We wish you many happy years ahead to enjoy your family and your many friends.



SNU Coming Events

by Brenda Styers, ASP Director

World-renowned opera singer offers master class at SNU

Robert Hale, alumnus of SNU will be on the campus to conduct a training class, and it is open to the public. The class will feature performances by Hale followed by him working with four of SNU’s best vocal students. Pianist, Ovid Young, will accompany Hale and the students. Tuesday, October 7, 7:30 PM, Cantrell Hall

Also, mark your calendar for SNU’s Homecoming, November 7 – 9, 2008. A list of events is at www.snu.edu/homecoming, and all ASP members will receive the fall issue of the Southern Light with a Homecoming reservation brochure. If you would like to help at Homecoming events, such as registration, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 405.491.6312 or alumni@snu.edu.

Membership in ASP includes admissions to a variety of SNU events including most regular season sports events. For a schedule of athletic events, go to sports.snu.edu, or view the complete calendar at www.snu.edu/calendar.

Academy Obituaries, continued

Richard E. (Dick) Howard

By Lecil Brown

Retired minister, pastor and college professor Richard E. "Dick" Howard died June 3, 2008. He was born November 25, 1919 in the greater Cleveland, Ohio area. Prof. Howard completed his undergraduate work at Eastern Nazarene College and earned graduate degrees from Boston University, Andover Newton Theological Seminary and Harvard Divinity School. He was later given an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Eastern Nazarene College.

He married Winifred Maddox on August 25, 1943. They pastored churches in New England for 23 years and Prof. Howard joined the faculty of Southern Nazarene for 13 years. Prof. Howard is survived by his wife of 65 years, daughter Judith Duey and husband Carl, son Roy N. Howard, 4 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildtrn. A Memorial service was held Friday, June 13, 2008 at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene.



Thank You, Don Beaver

By Lecil Brown

In the early days of the ASP, President Vada Lee Barkley prepared a single-sheet, black and white, newsletter. Don Beaver volunteered to help her with the typing.

Under Dr. Beaver's skilled direction, who soon became director of publications, *The Academy Perspective* (Vol. 1, No. 1) made its initial appearance in December, 1991. He later enhanced its attractiveness by producing it in color as we enjoy it today.

Don also prepared the Membership Directory and kept it up to date for us. Another contribution was the preparation of attractive certificates for presentation to new members. He was Vice President of the ASP from 1995 to 2001.

In this, the first issue of *The Perspective* following Dr. Beavers "retirement," we say a big THANK YOU, DON and wish for you and Joy, daughters Jill and Gina and four grandchildren, blessings and contentment, good memories and pleasant days for all time to come!



The End is Near

By Lecil Brown

Since the inauguration of President George Washington on April 30, 1789, there has never been a campaign for president that lasted as long (about 20 months), cost as much (estimates as high as one billion dollars) and left the voters as divided on issues as the present campaign. It will – *thankfully* – come to an end on November 4. There must be a longing among voters to return to the "good old days" when the presidential campaign began on Labor Day and ended 90 days later.

The campaign has been rather dull, filled with charge and counter-charge, and failed to excite the voters until the Governor of Alaska, Sarah the barracuda, was picked as running mate by Senator John McCain and brought a new dimension to the political scene. We don't have long to wait now to see if this strategy is successful.



ASP Calendar

Monday: October 13, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. Shuttle Service begins at Sawyer Center
- 9:00 a.m. Photography for the Directory begins
- 9:30-10:45 Book Discussion Grp--Brown Business Bldg Rm 205
- 11:15-1:00 Luncheon begins: Heritage Room—Commons
- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon meeting ends
- 1:00-1:30 Shuttle service ends
- 1:15 p.m. Ad.Council: Faculty Lounge—Webster Commons

ASP Events Highlights



New Photo Directory

Wouldn't you like to know the name that goes with that face? This year we plan to do a photo directory to help us all with names and faces. Photos will be taken before our Luncheon on October 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Faculty Lounge as you pick up your name badges. Please plan to come a little early to avoid the rush.



OKLAHOMA CAPITOL & HISTORICAL CENTER TRIP OCTOBER 28, 2008

**9:00—Meet at the Sawyer Center Parking Lot
Bus will leave at 9:30**

10:00—Capitol Tour

12:00 am—Historical Center and Lunch

FEE Per Person \$20.00

**Register for the trip and pay if possible
at the October 13th luncheon.**

**Wally Renegar, Trip Coordinator
942-2195 wrrenegar@aol.com**