



Programs by Shirley Mears

Brian Hill

Our Academy of Senior Professionals speaker for Monday, May 8th will be Brian Hill. He is the co-founder of Works24, an Oklahoma City-based digital marketing company he started in 1996 with his wife, Marla. Together, they have grown the company to more than \$9 million in annual revenues.



Hill believes God called him to be a business leader. Through this platform God has enabled him to “funnel funds” to the work of God’s kingdom on earth. He actively seeks to encourage other leaders to use their businesses to further the work of the Lord.

Hill serves on the Board of Family iD, Family Vision Ministries alongside our November speaker Greg Gunn. He also serves with February speaker, Ray Sanders at Giant Experiences and the National Christian Foundation.

Raised on a farm in Kingfisher, OK, Hill credits his success to the values and work ethic he learned from his parents.

He and Marla are committed partners with Life Church, Young Life, Giant Impact, Water4, Sermon on the Mount, the Good Shepherd Schools of Uganda and Jesus Mission in India.

Hill’s greatest concern is not losing wealth, but in losing the opportunity to be extravagant in giving

for God. Hill seeks to live out his calling by urging leaders and families to use their influence to provide long-term generational impact for God’s kingdom.

In addition to their work and the marriage of more than 22 years, Brian and Marla take joy in seeing the Lord’s hand at work in the lives of their five children: Holden, Heston, Brianna, Brayden, and Sienna.



Luncheon Themes by Genese Gunter

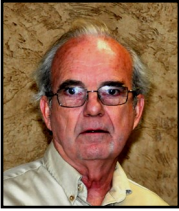
Time flies when you are enjoying life. This year has breezed by. We are now approaching the last ASP luncheon before our summer break. Thank you for participating each month. I hope you have had as much fun as I, as you see each creative interpretation of our themes.

It is my pleasure to work for you. I enjoy coordinating our lunches with the Webster Commons staff. Cheri Pack and Kristi Jolly are gems. These beautiful ladies have taken my simple suggestions for themes and menus and ran with them.

It is appropriate to verbally thank them. Or, bring a note of thanks and drop it off at the Webster Commons office as you walk into the building for our May 8 lunch. Gratitude is as important in life as oxygen and H₂O.

Our May Theme: PATRIOTIC!

Red, white, and blue! Yes, wear Flags, Stars and Stripes! Need I elaborate? We live in the best country on the globe in spite of our shortcomings. Let’s show out as we show up May 8th. And, yes, I will bring prizes!



President's Column
by
Howard Culbertson

Elections Coming Up

Elections for the ASP officers for 2017-18 are coming up during our May luncheon. For president-elect, the choices will be:

- Frank Dewey, who has done this year's "Get Acquainted" interviews.
- Leonard Skodak, who was the ASP president in 2015-16.

There will be yes/no votes for the following officers:

- Secretary: Vicki Sackett (currently serving)
- Treasurer: Gary Lance (currently serving)
- Members-at-large
Ana Belle Wiedeman (currently serving)
Wayne Sackett

Per our bylaws, the current year president (that's me) will continue on the council for next year with the title of "immediate past president." The Academy of Senior Professionals Director, a position currently held by Eunice Trent, is appointed by the SNU president.

The ASP president appoints people to fill all other positions of responsibility. Check out the back page of this newsletter for the complete list of those who have served you this year!

Heritage Room Notes

Everybody is doing well at staying out of the Heritage Room until 10:30 so that the SNU Dining employees can get things set up for us. Thank you!

In terms of saving seats for friends and guests as we gather in the Heritage Room: When chairs are tipped forward, we run the risk of someone stumbling over the legs which are sticking out.

To signal that you are saving a seat, take the silverware out of the napkin at the place you wish to save. Lay the silverware on the table and put the napkin on the back of the chair. Thank you.



The SNU Connection
by
Marion Snowbarger

Fred Floyd Archives

We have enjoyed the privilege of presenting the SNU Connection this year. It has been an honor to share the role of the Fred Floyd Archives with the ASP family. May the heritage of the past and the present be preserved for the future. I owe a huge debt to Corbin Taggart for his assistance with the research and presentations.

His reminder:

"We always like to receive your suggestions for improvement and welcome any additions to the Archives. You may always go the websites: www.snu/archives and www.whdl.org"

Also, remember the invitation:

Oh, come, come, come, come
Come to the room in the Li-brar-y
Oh, come to the Paul Gray Reading Room.
There's no place with so much his-tor-y
As the SNU Fred Floyd Archives!

MAY LUNCHEON SPONSOR

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OUR LUNCHEON ON MAY 8 begins at 11 a.m. in the Webster Commons Heritage Room on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. Members will receive a call asking them to respond. If you have not received a call by Thursday, May 4, RSVP by phone: 405-728-0515 or by emailing donlinicarley@prodigy.net.

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

Farewell to Dr. Loren and Linda Gresham



Dr. Loren P. Gresham will retire on July 31, 2017. At that time, he will have led Southern Nazarene University as president for 28 years. For the 22 years preceding his presidency, Dr. Gresham served SNU in other administrative, teaching, and coaching roles.

“When Dr. Gresham retires in July,” said Dr. Terry Rowland, the Board of Trustees’ vice-chair, “it will have been 50 years since he arrived here as a young political science professor.

“Dr. Gresham’s record of leadership at SNU is unsurpassed,” said Dr. Brad Moore, Chair of the SNU Board of Trustees. “He leads with wisdom, passion and vision. Both he and Linda care deeply about SNU’s students, faculty, staff and constituents.”

Loren Gresham came to SNU, then Bethany Nazarene College, in 1967. He became a Fulbright Scholar, spending a year of research in New Zealand. Gresham was named provost of the university in 1985, and in 1989 the Board of Trustees elected him to be the institution’s 14th president. During Gresham’s presidency, SNU has had 27 consecutive years of balanced budgets. Last fall’s total enrollment of 2,254 was the all-time high in SNU’s 117-year history.

Gresham is in the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame and was named to the 2014 class of Most Admired CEOs in Oklahoma City. He has served on the boards of the YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City, the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, and Integris Baptist Medical Center.

GERMANS IN SWAZILAND



We first went to Swaziland in July 2014. Then, on June 29, 2017, “Here We Go Again.” Barbi Moore asked us to return as the 2017-18 On Site Coordinators for the Bethany First Church Partnership with Swaziland.

So what about this? How do I feel? People ask if I’m excited and I say “no.” I’ve been there, know the land and people, and understand the job description inside and out. There is the sense of being in God’s divine will for our lives. Having been home for a year and a half, when I talk about Swaziland, I still well up with emotion, and wipe tears from my eyes. I realize I could not be going back again except with a heart for Africa and a love for the Swazi people. I have a soul stirring compassion for the most helpless and vulnerable of the world: AIDS infected orphans, sick, homeless, and hungry.

There’s an old saying which I’m finding it true for me; “When you leave Africa you never get the dust of Africa out of your heart.” To my own amazement, I find even now when I talk about Swaziland, my heart is beating Africa, Africa, Africa.

The first year there, I wrote about 68 blogs. I wrote about first impressions. I wrote about people, places,

pleasant things and pestilences. I wrote about BFC’s partnership, how it ministered to AIDS victims, orphans, churches, about involvement in nursing, education, dentistry, farming, Celebrate Recovery, and pastoral leadership. The reach of our influence is incalculable.

I don’t know what I’ll be writing in volume 2 of <http://germansinswaziland.com>. I’ll just tell you what I see, what I feel, what I think you should know, and I trust what I write will inform, inspire and entertain.

So now, Here We Go Again. Let’s share the second half of 2017 and first half of 2018 together. I expect we’ll laugh and cry along the way and, through it all, I hope you always feel intimately involved in BFC’s Partnership with Swaziland.

Thank you, Pastor Harvey, Barbi Moore, and all BFC for the thrilling experience you are entrusting to us once again. The financing for BFC’s coordinators in Africa for a year is a challenge .

Plan to attend **A Night of Music** featuring Dale, Emmalyn, and friends on Sunday, April 30, at 6 pm in the BFC atrium as they share about Swaziland. Donations for support can be made through Bethany First Nazarene Church.

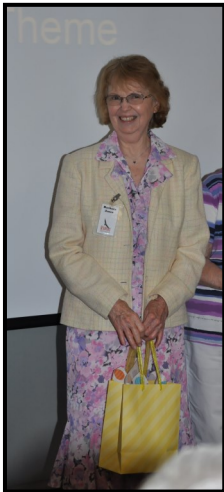


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**Luncheon Speaker Toby Rowland
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**Get Acquainted Moments with
Frank Dewey and Allen Moore**



**Luncheon Theme
Easter—Spring**

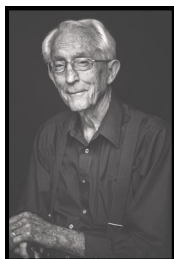




Obituaries
By
Vickie Sacket

Dwight E. Neuenschwander

Dwight Edward Neuenschwander was born to Eugene and Irene Harless Neuenschwander, on April 16, 1930, in Liberal, Kansas, and departed this life on March 28, 2017.



He grew up in western Kansas, the Missouri Ozarks, and southern Texas. In 1948, Dwight graduated from high school in Bastrop, Texas, and then served in the United States Navy and Air Force. He attended Southern Nazarene University, receiving his degree in 1956.

He married Evonne Striegel of Norman in 1950. Together, they pastored congregations in Kansas and Colorado. In 1968, they joined the faculty of Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs. He earned a Master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado in 1975. Two years later, they moved to Kansas City for an assignment at Nazarene international headquarters. In 1980, Dwight was appointed District Superintendent for New Zealand, followed by eleven years as District Superintendent of the Nebraska district. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from Mid-America Nazarene University in 1992.

Evonne passed away in 2003 after 52 years of marriage. Dwight later married Eula Mae Stipe of Oklahoma City. Dwight enjoyed hands-on projects, including building two houses for family members. He doted on his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dwight is survived by his wife Eula Mae, brother Virgil of Choctaw, son Ed and wife Rhonda of Piedmont, daughter Nancy and husband Mike Howie of Bradleyville, MO, stepson Paul Stipe of Dallas, TX, step-daughter Denise Fitch of OKC, fifteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Dwight's funeral service was held at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene on April 3. Friends are invited to contribute in Dwight's name to SNU's foundation for student scholarships.



Morning Seminar
By
Arlita Harris

Excellence at Bethany First Bank

Jane Haskin, our May Morning Seminar leader, has been President and Chief Executive Officer of First Bethany Bank & Trust for the past 10 years. In 2014 Jane was selected as one of the top 25 most powerful women in banking in the United States by the American Banker Magazine. Jane was the first woman to serve the Oklahoma Bankers Association as its board chair.



She has 39 years of banking experience and is a certified public accountant. Haskin is a 1978 graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma and a 1994 graduate of the Oklahoma City University Banking School.

Jane has a passion for teaching financial literacy and has taught Junior Achievement classes in schools for 25 years. She has served as board chair and was a winner of Junior Achievement's National Gold Award for Service. She also gives presentations on financial literacy to civic groups.

Jane just completed a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma City Branch of the Kansas City Federal Reserve. She currently serves as President-Elect of the Oklahoma Society of CPAs, as a member of the American Bankers Association Card Solutions Board and as a board member of MetaFund, a private equity and venture capital firm.

She has served on the Administrative Council for the American Bankers Association Community Bankers Council and on the FDIC's Community Bank Advisory Council in Washington D.C. She has been Chairman of the Board of the Northwest Chamber of Commerce.

Jane has written book reviews for the ABA Banking Journal, the trade publication of the American Bankers Association. In 2012 she was awarded the Outstanding CPA in Industry by the Oklahoma Society of CPA's.

Join us in the President's Dining room on May 8!



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ASP Calendar

Monday May 8, 2017

9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons
9:30 a.m. Morning Seminar. 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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