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"Heart to Heart: Connecting to a World in Need"

by Shirley E.M. Mears

Mary Kay Ash of Mary Kay Cosmetics said that three things are needed for true happiness, "Having someone to love, something to do and something to look forward to."

Americans have many options to achieve a sense of happiness. However there are people who have become stuck in circumstances they cannot control here in American and around the world. They need someone to reach out to them and that help can impact eternity as their circumstances turn around and lives are made better.



Scripture tells us in Matthew 25:40 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' There is great value and personal satisfaction in making the lives of others better.

Barbi Moore of Heart To Heart International will be our November speaker and she will share how she has

Barbi Moore

seen the lives of the poor in our communities and around the world change for the better. Heart To Heart has been able to develop partnerships that generate hope as solutions for illness and education to empower at risk individual's changes generations to come.

Barbi Moore has seen Heart to Heart International grow from an inspirational idea to a medical humanitarian organization that is making an impact in the world of global crisis response, healthcare development and volunteer mobilization. Barbi has served Heart to Heart since its inception as their first employee in 1992 and has gone from a part-time employee to Chief Advancement Officer.

From the inspiration of President and Founder Dr. Gary Morsch to today's reality of thousands being served with necessary medicines and medical training, Heart to Heart has found a unique niche in the world of humanitarian service.

In October, 2005 Heart to Heart crossed a significant milestone of a half-billon dollars of donated humanitarian aid given to people in need.

Barbi will provide highlights from Heart to Heart's first fifteen years and give personal insight into the next chapter of Heart to Heart's story and to learn how others can help this organization bring true happiness to others. Their website is www.hearttoheart.org., and their number is 405-787-5200.

All members and guests are urged to make their plans to hear Barbi Moore on Monday, November 12th. 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 will be found on page 6.

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Your president's point of view: by Jack David Armold

What will matter? by Jack David Armold

While preparing my sermon for the September 30 memorial service at the 2007 Central High School of Oklahoma City Reunion, I discovered a fertile Web site (<u>http://susie1114.com/</u> <u>LiveALife.html</u>) which contained some inspiring thoughts in a free verse poem entitled "*What will matter*?" Because my classmates and friends at the Reunion responded positively to the poem, I thought it just might receive a similar response from you, the reader, of my editorial offering for this month. The following is my paraphrase of the poem:

Ready or not, it will come to an end.

There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours, or days. All the things we collected will pass on to someone else. Our wealth, fame, and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance. It did not matter what we owned or what we owed. Our grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will disappear. So, too, our hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will expire. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away. It will not matter where we came from or where we lived at the end. It will not matter whether we were attractive, brilliant, or gifted. Even our gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter?

What will matter is not what we bought, but what we gave. Continued next column — Armold 2007



"Sharing a Continuous Flight"

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What will matter is not our success, but our significance. What will matter is not what we learned, but what we taught. What will matter is not how many people we knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when we're gone. What will matter is not our memories, but the memories that live in those who loved us.

This poem reveals to me that each little fraction of a moment is an opportunity to make a difference that matters. With each and everything I do, Continued on page 6 – Armold The Academy Perspective

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↑ Shirley Mears, program director, and Rear Admiral Gregory Slavonic, luncheon speaker for October



↑ James Chastain, Guest



↑ Kristi Jennings and Jenni Massengill, reps for VistaCare, luncheon sponsor for October



↑ Roy (ASP Secretary) and Ruth Franklin



↑ Shirley Mears, ASP program director



↑ Pat Perry, Visitor



 \uparrow Early arrivals for the luncheon enjoy a visit.

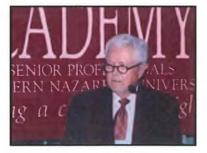


↑ The luncheom menu is easy on the palate!





↑ Trudy and Jack Hamilton, ASP members



† ASP President Jack Armold gets and keeps things moving.



↑ Nona Burkhart, ASP pianist



†Founding director Elbert Overholt leads the way in the food line.

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Last month I listed a wrong address for the State Fair Park. The correct address is www.okstatefairpark.com. The next events to be held at the park include The American Quarter Horse Show on November 1. National Reining Horse Futurity, November 22- December 1 and on December 1st and 2nd is the OKC Train Show, then on December 4 – December 8 is the World Barrel Racing Futurity. The phone number is 948-6704.

Another great events website is www.okccvb.org. This site lists The Country and Gospel Music Shows which are held the first and last Saturday of the month at the Oklahoma Opry. Their number is 236-8322

Women of Faith featuring Nichole Nordeman, Max Lucado and many others will be on November 2nd and 3rd for the 2007 Amazing Freedom tour, visit www.womenoffaith.com. The Ford Center number is 602-8500.

Oklahoma Centennial Spectacular featuring Patti Page performing with the Oklahoma City Philharmonic and more. Visit www.okcentennial.com or call 602-8500. Location is the Ford Center

Retired Rear Admiral Greg Slavonic mentioned the website for the USS OKLAHOMA Memorial at Pearl Harbor Fund is www.ussoklahoma.com or call 348-3737

Pat Perry referred to the website www.4ydm.com to see a wonderful photo album of the 2006 groundbreaking ceremony of the USS Oklahoma memorial. Click on the 2006 album.

Another great resource is the Senior Info Line Area Aging Agency 800-211-2116.

If you know of an event you think would be interesting just call me at 514-8108 or email to news@45andbetternews.com



Academy Obituary Sam Russell Davis

Sam Davis of Oklahoma City died October 15, 2007. He was born Sept. 24, 1926 in Pachuta, MS to Mack and Nora Davis. He was a graduate of Whynot High School and a U.S. Navy Veteran. He married Edna Thomas July 23, 1947 in Meridian, MS. He was a devoted, wonderful husband who loved his family and his Lord, serving in many capacities in the church. Sam and Edna enjoyed traveling to many countries abroad. He retired from the Chrysler Financial Corporation in 1990. His life impacted many people in all walks of life. He was a faithful member of the Bethany First Church of the Nazarene and the SNU Academy of Senior Professionals.



Library Resources by Bea Flinner

ONLY ANGELS CAN WING IT By Liz Curtis Higgs

Ladies, this book is for YOU! Dress comfortably, take some time to relax in a nice comfortable chair! Then read to your heart's content! The author's life changed in drastic ways when she became a Christian! She has a fantastic sense of humor-and has been in demand as a speaker for her programsincluding all 50 states, and eight countries! Andwhat a sense of humor she possesses! She has authored twenty-six books, been featured in many newspapers and magazines-and has been interviewed on more than 60 radio and television stations-including Focus on the Family.

The purpose of this short article is not to give a brief review of the book. Rather, it is to encourage ladies to *read* it! The contents include a wealth of ideas that we all could probably find helpful—and fun to carry out! The author's bubbling personality comes through so beautifully in the way she writes! And—all of this started when she began her walk as a Christian! That in itself was a remarkable and rewarding gift from God-along with the wonderful gifts He has given her as a writer and speaker!

-IN THE SNU LIBRARY-

AUTUMN by Jack Pischel, ASP Member

Sweet autumn comes, ah glad repose, to sit beneath the bowers, And view the folds of nature's cloak, all colored like spring flowers. To feel a soft breeze as it goes so gaily on its way, And see the bright leaves in its path: they gently toss and sway.

And little birds that sweetly call, from woody perches high, Exfoliate the sunshine which they've gathered from the sky. A squirrel scampers up a tree and out upon a limb. The massive oak, so broad and strong is home sweet home to him.

But lo, the sun is sinking now, the wild life goes to rest: The colors fade, the sounds grow dim, all nature then is blest.

And God, I know, still comes to earth at ending of the day, He takes my hand and softly breathes, "Come, I will lead the way."



The Director's Corner by Brenda Styers ASP Director

The Academy of Senior Professional members enjoy many benefits. Most might think the benefits are those of fellowship and learning each month at the luncheon. However, many benefits go beyond the monthly lunches. Through its connection with Southern Nazarene University, ASP members have the opportunity to:

- Attend SNU home athletic events free of charge (excludes conference play-off games)
- Access to the R. T. Williams Library
- Use of the walking track at the SNU Sawyer Center
- Discount at the SNU Bookstore
- Free admission or special prices for School of Music performances

To take advantage of these benefits, you must first be a member of ASP. Then you need your ASP/ SNU ID card. To obtain your card, go to the Student Development Office. The office is located on the first floor (or what some might call the basement) of the Webster Commons east of the Storm Cellar Grill. Just tell the office staff you are a member of ASP. They will verify your name is on the membership list and then make your ID. The Student Development Office can be quite busy from time-to-time, so the staff will greatly appreciate your patience.

So, ASP members, take advantage of your benefits. Get your ID if you do not already have one and then check the SNU website at <u>www.snu.edu</u> for the athletic and music schedule of events; shop at the bookstore; exercise on the walking track (morning and early afternoon hours best if you want to avoid students working out); and, even consider checking out the library.

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If you are not a member and would like to take advantage of these benefits, see Membership Chairperson, Park Burkhart at the next luncheon or email him at park1asp@yahoo.com. ASP membership IDs are available after the membership application has been processed. Allow approximately two weeks.

Southern Nazarene University is pleased to collaborate with ASP to provide these benefits to its members. SNU shares the mission of ASP to encourage life-long learning and welcome ASP members take part in these SNU opportunities.

UPCOMING SNU EVENTS

Upcoming SNU Events Show your SNU/ASP ID card for free admissions to most events.

SNU Symphonic Band Concert

Date:November 1, 2007Location:SNU Herrick Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

SNU Chamber Winds & Percussion Ensemble ConcertDate:November 6, 2007Location:SNU Cantrell Music Hall, 730 p.m.

SNU Homecoming 2007: Celebrating the School of Education $\!$

Date:November 9-11, 2007Location:Check schedule at www.snu.edu/homecomingFeaturing Dr. Mark Reighard at the Showcase ConcertFor tickets, call the Office of Alumni Relations, 491-6312

Fall Opera-"Hansel & Gretel" by Engelbert Humperdinck*

Dates:November 15 & 17, 2007Location:SNU Cantrell Music Hall, 7:30 p.m.

*Advance purchase ticket required.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Office of Alumni Relations has several volunteer opportunities available during the weeks leading up to Homecoming and during Homecoming Weekend. For more information, call Cheryl at 405.491.6312

Random Thoughts

- "Have you noticed that anyone driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone driving faster than you is a maniac?" ~ George Carlin
- "Time's fun when you're having flies." ~Kermit The Frog.

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with each thought that I think, with each word that I speak, I am planting seeds. These seeds continue to grow, long after the moment has passed.

When a positive, purposeful, and joyful attitude permeates my life, those seeds I planted will develop into powerful, enduring expressions of my most authentic, better self. When I give my best to each moment, I harvest the rewards over and over again.

> Living a life that matters does not happen by accident. It is not a matter of circumstance; it is a matter of choice. Choose a life that matters.



REMINDERS/NEWS BRIEFS

- Annual SNU President's Holiday Reception: Scheduled for Dec. 10, 1:30-3:00 pm. Shuttle service provided.. Gresham's address: 5000 NW 59th St., OKC.
- Aleen Drumeller (265-0302) will fill in as Acting Chairperson of the Telephone Calling Committee for Shirley Pelley for the month of November. Shirley will be recovering from knee surgery.
- Certificates and pins for new members: To be given at the December 10 luncheon meeting.
- ASP I.D. cards available: Student Development Office, 1st floor, Webster Commons.

ACADEMY LISTS MEETING DATES:

October 8 November 12 December 10

April 17 (PLN) no ASP January 14 February 11 March 10

luncheon on campus May 12

ASP MESTA PARK CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HOMES December 1, 2007

Detailed information for this event will be available at our next ASP meeting on November 12.

> Dwight Neuenschwander Chairman of ASP Day Trips 706-4820 (cell phone)



ASP Calendar

Monday: November 12

| 10:15 a.m. | Shuttle: Sawyer to Webster Commons begins |
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| 11:00 a.m. | Luncheon begins: Heritage Room-Commons |
| 1:00 p.m. | Luncheon meeting ends |
| 1:15 p.m. | Ad. Council: Faculty Lounge-Webster Commons |
| 2:00 p.m. | Administrative Council ends |
| 1:30 p.m. | Shuttle: Webster Commons to Sawyer parking ends |

LUNCHEON RESERVATION INFORMATION

- Members: If you have not been contacted by one of our telephone callers by Thursday, November 8th, then please call Aleen Drumeller at 265-0302. She is replacing Shirley Pelley, ASP Telephone Committee Chairperson, for the month of November.
- Guests: Please call the SNU Office of Alumni Relations at 491-6312 or email ASP@snu.edu.
- All: The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Kindly make your reservation(s) by Thursday, November 8th.

