

*Programs
By
Shirley Mears*

Managing the Medicare Maze with Al Sochor January 11, 2016

I saw a Facebook post that said,
“I thought growing old would
take longer!”

Some of us have arrived at the
Medicare maze and are looking
around for a map!



Albert Sochor will be sharing ways to manage the Medicare Maze on Monday January 11, 2016. This will be an interactive meeting. Please send your questions ahead of time to Eunice Trent at etrent@snu.edu

Sochor is very knowledgeable on Medicare's Prescription Drug Plans (PDP) and Medicare Advantage plans (MA). He educates seniors and addresses insurance agents on how to resolve problems with Medicare's programs.

He testified before the U.S. Senate Hearing, Special Committee on Aging about the Medicare Advantage abuses that Medicare beneficiaries have endured. From improper marketing techniques used by Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement companies and their agents to misinformation from CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) and the Social Security Administration.

Al is the Executive Vice President and Director of Marketing for Old Surety Life Insurance Company. He has over 25 years' experience as an independent insurance agent with the last 15 years working in the home office. He sees the problems our seniors endure through the eyes of an executive, an insurance agent and a Medicare recipient.

Year's end is
neither an end
nor a beginning
but a going on,
with all the wisdom
that experience
can instill in us.
Happy New Year



JANUARY 11 LUNCHEON begins at 11 AM in the Webster Commons, Heritage Room, on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. Each month, members receive a call to RSVP. If you have not received a call by Thursday January 7, 2016. RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing donlinclarley@prodigy.net



President's Column

By
Leonard Skodak

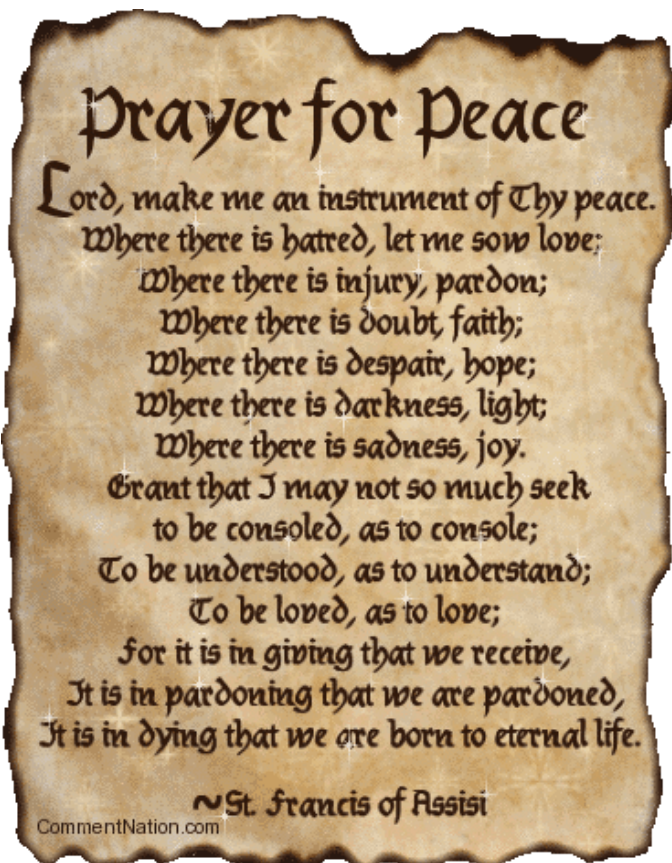
" Resolve "



It is that time of year again. A new year is looming and we face that compelling desire to make it the best we can.

Resolutions are easy to make and even easier to break. Defeat is inevitable if we depend on our own weak and cluttered lives. What we can't do, God has done. He sent His own Son in the likeness of weak and sinful flesh. Through Him, our lives can be changed. Through Him, we are made strong. We are empty and He fills us. Our lives become vital, meaningful and radiant with possibilities of happiness. Through our Lord Jesus, we can become victorious.

Who needs resolutions anyway?



The SNU Connection

By
Howard Culbertson



Athletics have long been part of the SNU experience even though the school did not field its first intercollegiate teams until the mid-1960s.

Those who went to SNU decades ago may remember hotly-contested intramural flag football games played at "sticker stadium" on the property where the current Bethany City Hall and police station are located. It was called "sticker stadium" because the field was infested with sandburs, or grass burs as they are also called.

The university's original gymnasium was located just north of Bresee Hall on what is now a grassy mall. When that building was removed in the 1960s following the construction of Broadhurst, the old foundation was covered with dirt and left in the ground. Thus, today, during extended summertime hot dry spells, outlines of that first gymnasium will appear as the shallow-rooted grass on the top of the old foundation dies back.

To celebrate the school's long tradition of athletic opportunities as a co-curricular activity, this year's ASP luncheon SNU Connection Moments are featuring current students on various intercollegiate teams. December put the spotlight on the women's basketball team which is coached by Derek Dorris, an SNU alumnus who is in his fifth season as the head coach. The Crimson Storm men's basketball coach Adam Bohac will be bringing one of his players on January 11.



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**Dave Brubeck, “The Light in the Wilderness”
Oratorio Concert Coming to
Southern Nazarene University**

Southern Nazarene University School of Music professor and Director of Choral Activities Jim Graves has announced that jazz maestro Dave Brubeck’s religious choral/orchestral oratorio “The Light in the Wilderness” will be performed on April 5, 2016, in Bethany, Oklahoma by the Brubeck Brothers Quartet, the SNU choirs, and selected SNU and professional orchestra members. The ticketed concert will be open to the public and will take place in the Bethany First Church of the Nazarene auditorium. Dave Brubeck’s nationally acclaimed choral/orchestral oratorio “The Light in the Wilderness” debuted with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and Miami University A Capella Singers in 1968. This oratorio, focusing on the teachings of Jesus in the Book of Matthew, was recorded and performed throughout Europe in summer of 1968. The piece features a baritone soloist along with the twelve disciples singing their own individual notes.

Brubeck is no stranger to Oklahoma. He performed in Oklahoma City in the aftermath of the 1995 Murrah Building bombing. That performance at the Civic Center Music Hall with the Brubeck Quartet, the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra, and a 150-strong choir from metro churches “brought reflections of spiritual hope to a city affected by the devastating 1995 Murrah Building bombing” (Daily Oklahoman, Feb. 20, 2007). Brubeck again played in Oklahoma City in 2007 with the Canterbury Choral Society.

Brubeck was designated as a “Living Legend” by the Library of Congress and recognized by TIME magazine in 1954 as a leader in the jazz renaissance. The Dave Brubeck Quartet was formed in 1951 and brought jazz to American colleges, universities, and major cities as well as other international locations. The current Brubeck Brothers Quartet members (brubekbrothers.com) are Chris Brubeck (bass &

trombone), Dan Brubeck (drums), Mike DeMicco (guitar), and Chuck Lamb (piano). Their latest CD, “Life Times,” was one of the 2013 Jazz Radio Airplay Top Ten CD’s.

Brubeck performed at the White House for several Presidents and received many awards along with numerous honorary doctorates:

- National Medal of the Arts from President Bill Clinton
- Declared a Jazz Master by the National Endowment for the Arts (2000)
- Inducted into the American Classical Music Hall of Fame (2003)
- Living Legacy Jazz Award from the Kennedy Center (2007)
- Lifetime Achievement Award from the London Symphony Orchestra (2007)

This is a major musical event for the Southern Nazarene University School of Music that produces top choral and instrumentally-trained students. Professor Jim Graves is studying the oratorio for his doctoral work with Dr. Richard Zielinski at the University of Oklahoma and will be conducting the performance. Special guests for the evening will include regional high school choral and band directors and their most talented students with a personal reception to be held afterward. Says professor Graves, “We are very privileged to have the Brubeck Brother Quartet with us in April. Dave Brubeck was certainly one musician that set the standards for incredible jazz music writing and performance.

The SNU School of Music will be funding a portion of this event and providing logistic support. In addition to a lead donor gift and sponsorships from Chesapeake Energy, the Oklahoma Media Corporation (The Daily Oklahoman/News 9) and other local businesses, SNU is seeking additional funding contributions from private foundations in central Oklahoma. To be involved in this musical performance or for ticket information, please contact Professor Jim Graves at the SNU School of Music office: 405-491-6343.





**DECEMBER ASP
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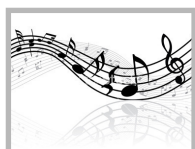


Music Notes

By
Wayne Sacket

Mark Reighard passed from this life on June 17...OOPS, wrong Google Search. Ah, here we are... Mark Reighard has been on the faculty of SNU since 1969. He came from Shawnee, Kansas and graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor of Music Education from BNC. He then obtained a Master and Doctorate of Arts degrees from the University of Oklahoma. He has received the SNU Outstanding Alumni Award TWICE, and the SNU Excellence in Teaching Award THRICE (piggy-hog glutton!!). I get the picture....Entering stage left, THE Mark Reighard in flowing white robes, with Handel's The Messiah on stone tablets in each hand, he approaches the grand piano.... For those of us who have had the pleasure of being entertained by Dr. Reighard, this image is not too farfetched. From wearing candelabra earrings ala Liberace, to wearing a nun's habit ala the Abbess Mother for "Climb Every Mountain", or bringing down the house in his rendition of "Little Red Riding Hood". Mark's fertile mind has truly been a wonder to behold.

All of this imagination and gifted ability is wrapped up in a man who has chosen to follow the Lord's calling to mentor the young musicians who come to SNU and offer God-given talents to those churches needing musical leadership. Please welcome Dr. Reighard as he blesses us with his music at our January luncheon.



ASP "Trek" Time

By
Pat Perry



Happy New Year ASP Members

I hope the New Year brings all of you health, happiness, and a blessed New Year. Not too much is happening trip wise. Still working on an Alaska trip in the fall, and I still have space on a Caribbean cruise in May.

In January I will have a list of spring trips we can take with Kaleo, or something else local we might like to see. I always need new ideas. Please have the best year ever.

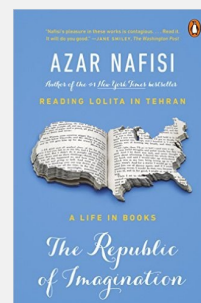
Happy New Year
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Book Discussion

By
Carole Gossett

The Republic of Imagination
by Azar Nafisi.





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ASP Calendar

Monday January 11, 2016

9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot
 (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons
 9:30 a.m. Book Review
 11:00-a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage
 Room
 1:00-1:30 p.m. Shuttle will return to parking lot
 1:15-2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting



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