

Humor and Health
March 9, 2015
By Walt & Linda Crow

Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in Edmond, Oklahoma is very relational in ministry and people find him very easy to approach. God has given him the gift of encouragement. He is actively involved in his community. He has served as Treasurer for The Edmond Hope Center, which helps those who have need of clothing, food, and medical care. He has also served as chaplain to the Edmond Police department, and past president of the Edmond Ministerial Alliance. Mark has served as a trustee for Southern Nazarene University and has been very involved in district leadership for the Oklahoma District in the Church of the Nazarene. Mark's wife has been a vital part of his 34 year pastoral ministry. They have 2 grown daughters, Sarah and Mariah, with twin grandchildren – Luke and Anna Grace. (He carries pictures with him!)



Rev. Hollingsworth has entitled his presentation "Humor and Health." He will be speaking to us on the ways our Health is affected by Humor and how the Lack of Humor impacts our Professional and Physical Lives.

ASP LUNCHEON MARCH 9, 2015 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 the Thursday before the Monday, March 9, 2015 luncheon, you may RSVP by phone: 405-728-0515 or by emailing donlincarley@prodigy.net



Marching into March
By C. Dale German

You heard the joke, "Why are we so tired April 1st? Because we just finished a 30 day march."

Before the March Go Team arrives in Swaziland mountains must move. Forget details. Its mountains of work in Bethany, Texas, California, and Africa.

I toured an automobile assembly plant. Parts of cars hung on moving conveyer lines in disjointed opposite parts of the plant. Fascinatingly, at the precise moment doors, fenders, bumpers, seats, dash boards, steering wheels, tires in exactly the right colors came together and made one car to the customer's exact specification. So goes On-site coordinating for the 5 Go Teams heading our way before we end our year as On Site Coordinators July 31st. Not to worry. Barbi Moore is on it! I don't know whether to call Barbi Moore an International Expert Executive, Mother Hen, Ace in the Hole, or Our Best Friend in Time of Need. Barbi Moore is the unsung hero of Everything concerning BFC's Swaziland Partnership. She is tireless in communicating with us hours every week, overseeing multifaceted details, guiding our work schedule, helping us understand perspectives, and all in a good natured user friendly personality, sometimes humorous. We love working with Barbi Moore.

In March between the 12th, when the team leaves America, and the 24th when they all leave Swaziland with precision timing so much will happen it could make your head spin. After recovering from their 15 hour flight with a night's rest at The City Lodge hotel in Johannesburg a

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President's Column

By
Arlita Harris

For a time such as this....

I had been praying about whether God wanted me to run for Bethany City Council. I knew that I was qualified - I had spent 35 years in municipal government administration and have a doctorate in public administration – but is this what God wanted me to do?

I prayed, and God took me to Esther 4:14, “Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such as time as this?” As a founding member of the Bethany Improvement Foundation, I have felt satisfaction about BIF’s accomplishments in the last five years, but we had run into a brick wall with two projects that could only be moved forward by the Bethany City Council: the expansion and renovation of the Bethany Library and the re-paving and striping of the downtown parking lot.

I put out a fleece to the Lord; if He wanted me to run, I would be unopposed. Ward 2 Councilman Jeff Siems had already announced that he was not going to run again. I filed on January 13 (the day after the first filing date) and was unopposed. By the time the filing period was past, I was still unopposed. No election would be required for the Ward 2 Council member seat.

Then one more confirmation arrived. My friend, Angela Hunt, a Christian author from Florida, sent an e-mail asking if I would like to have a free coffee mug, one of 70 left over from a promotional tour for her latest book. A few days later, the coffee mug arrived. It is pale teal with two beautiful roses on it and the message, “For such a time as this...” Angie’s new book is about Esther!

God is so good at letting us know if we are in the center of His will. I ask for your prayers as I am inducted as a Bethany City Council member, representing Ward 2 which stretches from NW 36th on the south, to Rockwell on the west, to the Bethany Cemetery on the north, to Hammond on the east, encompassing downtown Bethany and the SNU campus. Thank you.

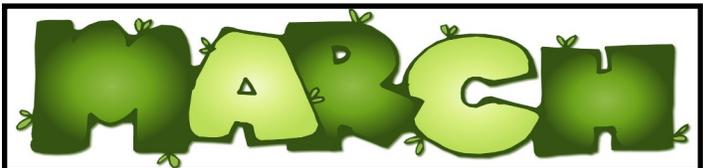


Luncheon Themes

By
Leonard Skodak

I'm so looking forward to next month's activities now that I remember what month it is. Haa! Think GREEN and come prepared to have fun and laugh. I understand that our meeting could be jam-packed with this. Has anyone ever seen the Chicago River colored green?? That is one of the things on my bucket list to see. I was so happy to see the wonderful participation by everyone during our February meeting.

Let's grow - bring a friend or companion to join ASP with you.



- 8 Daylight Savings Time
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 20 Spring Begins
- 29 Palm Sunday



**Have you paid your dues for this year?
Check with Gary Lance**



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The Director's Corner
By
Eunice Trent, Director of ASP

PLN PRESENTS:
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THE HOBBY LOBBY STORY
DAVID, STEVE & MART GREEN
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015

David Green earned his credentials in the retail business through many years of employment with various retail chains, thirteen of which were spent with T.G.&Y stores, where he served as Store Manager and Area Supervisor. From a modest beginning, now called Hobby Lobby, there are currently over 600 stores. Hobby Lobby sales totaled more than 3.3 billion in 2013.



Steve Green graduated from high school in 1981 and began working full time as the Store Operations Supervisor. He was promoted to Executive Vice President in 2000 and named President of Hobby Lobby in December of 2004. In 2013, Green was presented an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary.

Mart Green began his retail career in the home of his parents as a youth. At age 19, Mart established Mardel, a chain of Christian and educational supply stores. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, Mardel has 35 stores in seven states. Mart is actively involved with Hobby Lobby, where he serves as Board Chair and in 2002 he founded Every Tribe Entertainment, a feature film production company.



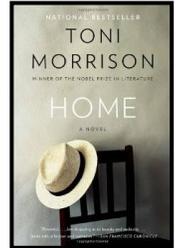
Eunice will have registration and bus information at the March luncheon.



Book Discussion
By
Carole Gossett

Home by Toni Morrison

Morrison is a Noble Prize winner for her literary writing. Once again, as in the other selections for our book discussions, good and evil is explored in a completely different setting. We move from England to a truly American story. This is a story of one man trying to escape his too small world and what leads him back home.



The book discussion group meets at 9:30 a.m. in the 3rd floor Presidents Dining Room on March 9.

The SNU Connection
By
Jan and Paul Reinbold



Our person from SNU for the March 9th meeting will be Mr. Corbin Taggart, Director of the Archives for Southern Nazarene University. Corbin will be presenting a program on the history of the Bresee Administration Building.



ACADEMY ELECTIONS COMING –UP SOON.
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ON THE BALLOT.



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celebration dinner will be held for them in Swaziland where Swazi leaders will welcome them with a big dinner at Sharp Memorial Church of the Nazarene. Sunday morning they will worship at Soweto Church of the Nazarene where the BFC Partnership Council has just voted to partner with them in providing a fence for their property. This church is exploring the possibility of developing a Child Development Center.

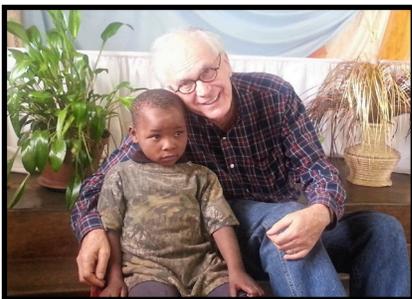
Next day work begins. These dedicated volunteers will have hopefully finished construction of the English Speaking Siteki church sanctuary (7 years in the process) with a celebration of Americans and Africans at the work site and worked at Manna Farms. Eye doctors from Dean McGee will have given free clinic eye care. Pastor Rick Harvey will have sponsored a retreat for all district superintendents, and pastors and spouses will have attended a Day of Encouragement.

A pivotal part of every Go Team is going out with Task Force to homesteads where we work with AIDS patients in their homes. Every team has regarded Task Force as the heart and soul of their days in Africa. It breaks your heart with compassion as it blesses your heart seeing firsthand the reach of Bethany's love for suffering brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Go Team is not finished until it ministers at our two Child Development Centers in Ntondozi and Induma where we feed, educate, nurture spiritually, and love orphans. This too is an unforgettable experience of every Go Team, remembered as the heart and soul of our Partnership with Swaziland.

As all this is going on Dr. Terry Hall with his wife Susan will be touring every geographical region of Swaziland conducting training seminars and classes for pastors and laity. His dedicated work to stop the spread of AIDS in one generation is having significant success.

Before they leave the Go Team will have a chance to shop for African souvenirs and take home tangible memories of the many good deeds they leave behind with their partners in Swaziland.



Ready for school with a new uniform

ASP "Trek" Time

By
Pat Perry



Dear ASP Members,

Just returned from sunny Cabo San Lucas, and I'm ready to get busy with the Spring's trips. All of those interested in joining us on the Bush Presidential Library trip on Thursday, March 26th. need to contact me ASAP. The trip is filling up quickly with other people and we want to make sure that all of you who want to join us get a spot.

I will provide you with the details, but the cost is \$124, which includes insurance. Give me a call and I will contact you immediately in order to get us "on board the train" no pun intended. It should be a lot of fun.

I've also checked into the shows that will be coming to the Lyric Theater/Civic Center and there are some great ones coming up.

It is good to be back,

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*"The Flowers
appear on
the earth.*

*The time
of the
singing of
birds
is come."*

From the poem
"A Love Song for Spring"
weliveinspired.com

*-Song of Solomon
2:12*

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BY HAL SWINHART



Music by
Evelyn
Keeton



Speaker, Barbi Moore



Marla Mercer Cole
Mercer Adams



Leonard Skodak



Paul Reinborld with Dr. Jeff Griffiths & Tyler Lloyd talk about
SNU's pre-med program



Top—Cheri Welch
Right—Dolores Samples



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ASP Calendar

Monday March 9, 2015
 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 Discussion
 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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