



**Programs
By
Shirley Mears**

**Journalist Ray Sanders
to Speak at February Luncheon**

The speaker for ASP's February luncheon will be Baptist minister Ray Sanders. His topic will be "The Prodigal Father."



Audiences are discovering that Ray Sanders, entrepreneurial businessman and journalist, has a unique ability to interpret real-life challenges, humorous experiences and wild adventures in ways that inspire, motivate and challenge people of all ages.

Sanders regularly posts quotes, photos and insights which cause readers to laugh, cry and think about deeper aspects of life. He has a unique way of turning the everyday into something insightful.

Sanders also founded Giant Experiences, a cause-minded organization specializing in the mobilization of purpose-driven leaders who will impact the world for good.

He was the CEO of Water4, Inc., an international company seeking to develop sustainable water solutions that create jobs, save lives, share love and transform communities in the developing world.

As a senior corporate executive, Sanders headed a multi-million dollar design firm, was executive vice president of a Washington D.C. based growth firm, served as vice president of a national financial insti-

tution and in a nonpartisan role with the United States Senate as its Sergeant of Arms.

A passionate communicator, Sanders has been the editor-in-chief of *The Baptist Messenger*, Oklahoma's largest weekly news journal, as well as hosting a statewide radio program. Today, he is an avid blogger at www.raysanders.com/



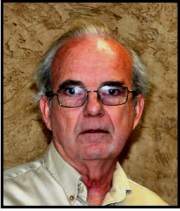
Friends

**A friend is someone we turn to
when our spirits need a lift.
A friend is someone we treasure
for our friendship is a gift.
A friend is someone who fills our lives
with beauty, joy, and grace.
And makes the whole world we live in
a better and happier place.**

- Jean Kyler McManus -

OUR LUNCHEON ON FEBRUARY 13 begins at 11 am 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, February 9, RSVP by phone: 405-728-0515 or by emailing donlinclarley@prodigy.net.

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



**President's Column
By
Howard Culbertson**

Echoes from our January Meeting

Didn't you enjoy the January ASP meeting? The Morning Seminar with Bethany Public School Superintendent Kent Shellenberger was superb. Then, 72 of us were in the Heritage Room for the luncheon.

I'll never again drive by the Chesapeake campus or by the state capitol building without thinking of the contribution Wayne Sacket made to the windows in those structures. Thanks, Wayne, for mentioning it during Frank's interview of you and Vicki during the "Get Acquainted" moments.

I had heard of Dr. Fred Floyd's "ecology stick" with which he picked up trash on and around the campus, but I had never actually seen it. Thank you, Marion and Corbin, for enriching the SNU Connection time with that "stabby stick" as well as other display items relating to a beloved professor who is memorialized with a statue in front of SNU's Marchant Center.

An atmosphere of thankfulness

Quite a few ASP members spend time each month on various aspects of our organization. Some of those people are up front during our monthly luncheons. Others do things behind the scenes. Take a look at the fairly complete list of those individuals on the back page of this *Perspective*. Please take time to thank them personally as well as the SNU Dining employees who serve us.



**Luncheon Themes
By
Genese Gunter**

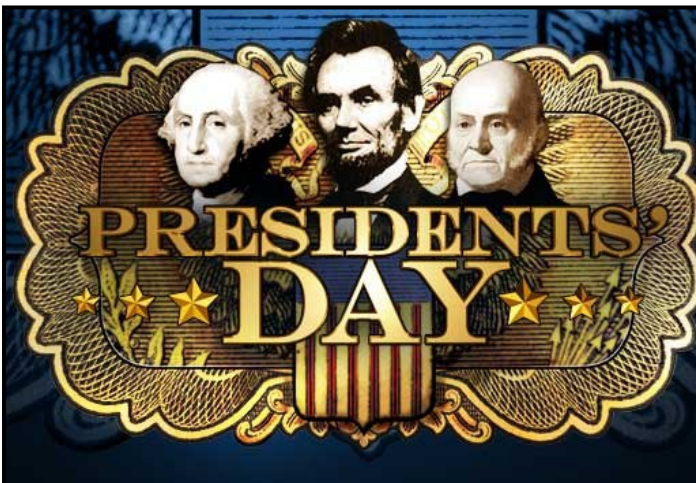
"Be My Valentine"

2017 is here and January's meeting is behind us. This New Year has already produced extremes in weather: 70 degrees to snow in a few days' time. I was pleased that snow got us in the mood for our themed meeting but did not keep us from attending. Thanks to all who wore their warm winter sweaters. I love to see your participation. You are appreciated.



February is always a favorite for themed attire. Ladies, put on your red and pink finery. Semi-formal dressy attire will be beautiful on you. Do you have a red hat? This would be the day to wear it.

Men, put on the Ritz in your red and black. Be bold in your semi-formal jacketed attire. Any top hats among you gentlemen? Put them on. No time to be shy. You'll look and feel great. We will have an awesome time recognizing you. I'll bring prizes. See you February 13.



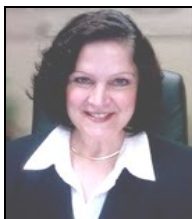
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**The Director's Corner
By
Eunice Trent, Director of ASP**



**The SNU Connection
By
Marion Snowbarger**

**Museum of the Bible Lecture Series
Comes to SNU**

The Museum of the Bible, currently under construction in Washington, D.C., will provide guests with an immersive and personalized experience for exploring the history, narrative, and impact of the Bible.

The Museum will use cutting-edge technology to bring the Bible to life. It will span time, space, and cultures, allowing everyone to engage with the Bible. For a preview go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACRCrGYYVVSQ>

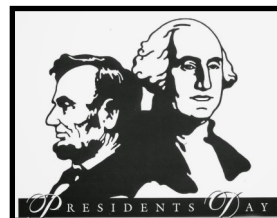
Southern Nazarene University has been given an opportunity to host the Museum of the Bible Lecture Series: "INSPIRED: The Bible's Impact on the Arts."

Lectures will be held in the Royce Brown Building on the SNU campus at 7:00 p.m., on the following Thursdays:

- February 16
How to Illustrate God by Amy Van Dyke, Curator of Art and Education, Museum of the Bible.
- March 2
Called to Create by Scott Stearman, professional sculptor and SNU Alumnus.
- March 23
Performing the Bible in the Early Church by Dr. David Trobisch, Director of Collections, Museum of the Bible
- April 6
Paradise Lost by Dr. David Anderson, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Oklahoma.
- April 20
The Bible and Hollywood by Phil Cooke, Founder and CEO, Cooke Pictures.

Space, however, is limited For free tickets RSVP by going to www.museumofthebible.org/lecture/SNU or by calling 405-996-4900.

February is Presidents' Month



In February, we remember the birthdays of US Presidents Washington and Lincoln. We have seen the inauguration of our 44th President Trump and we are honoring our SNU President Gresham in his year of retirement. We are also waiting and praying for the presidential search for his successor. It is thus fitting to announce that the presidents of SNU are remembered with honor and respect in the Fred Floyd Archives.

Indeed, the Presidential History Exhibit is the first major exhibit in the newly renovated Paul Gray Reading Room. This exhibit focuses on personal items, academic regalia, and other media of the Presidents of Southern Nazarene University and her parent institutions.

Featured is a collection of academic regalia from presidents of Bethany Peniel College (BPC), Bethany Nazarene College (BNC), and Southern Nazarene University (SNU). The exhibit, designed and constructed by archives director Corbin Taggart, was made possible through the help of SNU Facilities Management and others. It will be on display through June 2017.

The SNU Connection in our February meeting will spotlight our university's presidents and an account of how an exhibit is built. Come expecting some very interesting history and enjoy February!

MUSEUM OF THE
BIBLE
Lecture Series

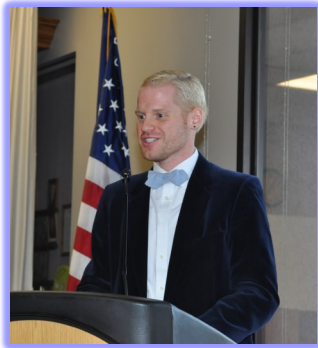




Luncheon Speaker
Donna Rynda of
Make It Matter



Luncheon Music by
Dr. Bryan Powell.
Associate Professor, SNU



Corbin Taggart
Director of SNU Archives

**JANUARY
LUNCHEON
PICTURES
BY
HAL SWINHART**



Get Acquainted Moments with
Wayne and Vicki Sackett



"Let It Snow" theme winners:
Lawanda Allison and Dale German



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and Calling



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Concordia LifeCare
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Obituaries
By
Vickie Sacket

Dr. Thurman Eugene Coburn

Thurman E. Coburn, the seventh of eight children born of Lud Eugene and Mattie Owens Coburn, was born August 10, 1919, and died on December 28, 2016. He grew up on a farm in Sabine Parish, Louisiana, during the depression years.



Following high school, Thurman enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served for nine years. He earned the rank of Chief Petty Officer, the highest rank attainable by a non-commissioned officer. He served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters during WWII, mostly aboard destroyers, the USS Borie and the USS Goff. He was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for helping eliminate the threat of German submarines in shipping supply routes to Africa and Europe.

After his discharge from the Navy, he moved to Bethany with his wife Dorothy and infant son Gene. He earned his undergraduate degree from Bethany Nazarene College (now SNU). After completing a Ph.D. in psychology at the University of Oklahoma, he practiced in Oklahoma City until the age of 83. Additionally, he taught psychology at SNU and initiated a counseling program for his church.

Dr. Coburn was a member of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene and served on the church board for many years. He attended the “Kumjoinus” Sunday School class.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, one sister, his first wife Dorothy Knippers Coburn and their son Gene, and his second wife Annette Dipboye-Coburn. He is survived by his sister, Wilma Whaley of Louisville, Kentucky, step-daughters Debby Dipboye Griffin and husband Jerry of Bethany and Jan Dipboye Collum and husband Mark of Oklahoma City, three step-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service for Dr. Coburn was on January 3, 2017, at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene.



Book Discussion
By
Barbara Culbertson

The Worst Hard Time

There’s still time to prepare before February 13! You can obtain Timothy Egan’s *The Worst Hard Time* from Metropolitan Library locations or [www/amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) including a Kindle edition. (If you go to www/smile.amazon.com, they will donate a percentage to the charity of your choice—why not pick LoveLink?)



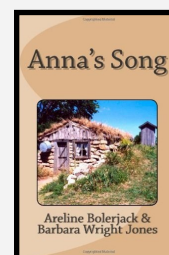
Here’s what amazon.com says: “In a *tour de force* of historical reportage, Timothy Egan’s National Book Award–winning story rescues an iconic chapter of American history from the shadows.

“The dust storms that terrorized the High Plains in the darkest years of the Depression were like nothing ever seen before or since. Following a dozen families and their communities through the rise and fall of the region, Timothy Egan tells of their desperate attempts to carry on through blinding black dust blizzards, crop failure, and the death of loved ones.”

“*The Worst Hard Time* is ‘arguably the best non-fiction book yet’ (*Austin Statesman Journal*) on the greatest environmental disaster ever to be visited upon our land .”

Come join us February 13 at 9:30 in the President’s Dining Room to discuss Timothy Egan’s *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl*.

For those who like to read ahead, the April book discussion will be on *Anna’s Song*, a novel by ASP member Barbara Jones and her aunt, Areline Bolerjack. Copies can be purchased by from Barbara at our February luncheon.





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ASP Calendar

Monday February 13, 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. Book review. 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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