

Perspective



Program
by
Shirley Mears

On February 11, ASP luncheon speaker Shannon Warren of OK Ethics Business Consortium will share information on Reputational Capital.

Shannon is the founder of the Oklahoma Business Ethics Consortium, a non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to promoting integrity at work. Beginning as a small discussion group of six members in October, 2003, this initiative has become a forum for the promotion of high ethical standards in business.

Today, the organization has nearly 800 members representing over 100 companies in chapters established in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. It has facilitated meetings on business ethics led by authors, prominent business leaders, faith leaders, and government officials.

Shannon holds a BS degree in Secondary Education from Oklahoma State University. While living in Tulsa, she worked for over twenty years as a Human Resources executive for hospitality and energy entities as well as an international publishing company. She was a leader in the Tulsa Area Human Re-



sources Association and was later honored by that organization with an Excellence Award.

She moved back to Oklahoma City in late 1999 to care for her aging parents, who had taught her the values of honesty and generosity of service. Today, she continues her work with OK Ethics in honor of their memory.

While working on her Masters in Leadership and Management from Oklahoma City University, she served as a full-time leader for OK Ethics. She writes a monthly business ethics column for *The Journal Record*. She has taught Business Ethics and Medical Ethics courses at SNU as an adjunct professor.

LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 11, 2019, begins at 11 a.m. in the Webster Commons Heritage Room on the campus of Southern Nazarene University.

Members will receive a call to RSVP. If you have not received a call by Thursday, February 7, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing donlincarley@prodigy.net.

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



President's Column
by
John Martin



Director's Column
by
Carolyn Jagers

ASP Friends,

In this new year, I am reminded of some great reasons to belong to the Academy of Senior Professionals. One is that at each ASP meeting, we meet new people and gain new perspectives from our speakers. It reminds me of something Mahatma Gandhi said: *“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”* At every ASP meeting, we do learn — from each other and from great speakers!

I came across a list of reasons senior adults should never stop learning. Here it is. Think about it and about our ASP meetings:

1. Taking classes is a good way to combat restlessness.
 2. Keeping an emphasis on learning means staying sharp.
 3. Meeting together with other people expands socialization as we make new friends.
 4. Learning makes the world more interesting.
 5. It is fulfilling to learn something new.
 6. Continuing education may reduce the risk of dementia or Alzheimer's.
- (www.retiredbrains.com).

In the parable of ten talents, Jesus used the phrase, *“Put this to work until I come back”* (Luke 19:13, NIV). None of us know the future, but we are given today!

Engaging with ASP is a great way for us to live out God's dream for us. Thus, we are at our best and are formed into the people He has in mind for us to be. See you soon!

Live last,

John F. Martin, Ph.D.

“Love rejoices in truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails!”—1 Cor. 13:6-8 NKJV

A physician once said, “The best medicine for humans is love.”

Someone asked, “What if it doesn't work?”

He smiled and said, “Increase the dose.”

I've decided I must be a “Love Agent” or maybe a “Love Carrier” hoping that I'll infect a whole lot of people. I'm not a neat little package, but I know how to tuck myself right into another's heart — I just love people!

You see, I was raised by a love agent. My daddy has loved my mom for 67 years and for the last eight he has been her sole caregiver. He volunteered for the assignment: It's called love!

They sent us four kids to what is now SNU where we all met our spouses and married for love. This love thing has expanded into our big family.

Yet, I'm still collecting family as I hug strangers wherever I find them – at the grocery store, at church. In essence, I'm saying, “Tell me your story – I just want to know you!”

That's my love story. In fact, that is why I'm here as director of ASP. I've just come to love you as we love our community and our university. We may be retired, but our assignment will never be finished as long as we love what we do, love the people God sends our way, and most of all honor God by living our lives in love for Him.

So, tell me your story — I can't wait to love you!

*Call for
Volunteers*



SNU Admissions office has invited members of ASP to write notes to prospective students. We meet Friday mornings for about an hour beginning at 10 a.m. in an upstairs conference room at the Marchant Center.



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- March 11, 2019: Legend at Rivendell
- April 8, 2019: Spanish Cove Life Care Community
- May 13, 2019: Higher Grounds Coffee Shoppe and Bakery



SNU Connections
by
Howard Culbertson

At SNU, Dr. Brint Montgomery's primary job is directing the Office of Veteran Services, an initiative funded by a U.S. government grant.



However interesting the help Dr. Montgomery is giving to the educational journeys of military veterans may be, it is not the reason we're going to interview him at the February ASP luncheon. Dr. Montgomery is currently "data mining" the works of John Wesley. The use of computer technology to find anomalies, patterns and correlations within all of the written material we have by John Wesley is going to be the central focus of the February 11 "SNU Connections" interview.

Dr. Montgomery came to SNU to teach philosophy. His teaching specialties have been philosophy of mind, philosophy of religion, and logic. While philosophy had been the focus of his studies throughout his higher education journey, a strong interest in what computers could bring to the table in all kinds of projects was nurtured when he was an electronic warfare systems specialist in the U.S. Air Force from 1981 to 1985.

After he got out of the Air Force, Brint went to Northwest Nazarene University where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy. Subsequently, he graduated from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1984 with an M.Div. While in the seminary, he was a Philosophy of Religion teaching assistant. Then, he came to Oklahoma where he earned first an M.A. in the history of philosophy at the University of Oklahoma and then a Ph.D. from OU in the philosophy of mind.



December Re-Views
by
Hal Swinhart



Obituaries
by
Vicki Sacket



Jonathan Welliver and Kristy Boone gave us some fun exercises to help us communicate better with millennials

Jack David Arnold

The Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP) President Emeritus Jack David Arnold (90), known for his gentle, loving, gracious disposition, and living character of Pilgrim, reached the Celestial City January 16, 2019 at 5:10 p.m.



Bryan Powell is the new head of the Music Department at SNU. He shared information about his doctoral studies



Jack David was born September 16, 1928, at OU University Hospital in Oklahoma City. He had two siblings, Bill and Charlie. He served as associate pastor for youth and adults at First Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. Then, for three years he pastored at Newellton in north-eastern Louisiana while earning a Master of Divinity degree at New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He pastored the church on weekends and on Mondays drove to New Orleans for classes. Later, he graduated from New Orleans Baptist Seminary with a Ph.D.

Approachable and humble, Jack David is remembered for having memorized the entire book *Pilgrim's Progress*, something which became his signature self-identification. He called himself "Pilgrim Jack David" and addressed others with the title "Pilgrim."



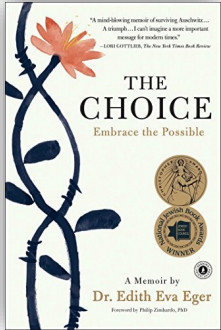
Arlene Scott and Marla Mercer Cole were a highlight of this meeting we will never forget. We are so glad to have Arlene as a member of ASP!

Jack David was the second president of ASP and its longest-serving president, having held that office from 1998 to 2001. He is remembered for joyful, friendly greetings, and articulately presiding over ASP monthly meetings. Always a gentleman, Jack David conducted monthly luncheon meetings with a dignity that gave an air of professionalism and importance appropriate for a gathering of senior

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Book Discussion
by
Barbara Culbertson



Our February book review turns again to a non-fiction volume, Edith Eger's 2017 book *The Choice*, an autobiographical work which won both the 2017 National Jewish Book Award and the 2018 Christopher Award.

Amazon's review says this about the book: "It's 1944 and sixteen-year-old ballerina and gymnast Edith Eger is sent to Auschwitz. Separated from her parents on arrival, she endures unimaginable experiences, including being made to dance for the infamous Josef Mengele. When the camp is finally liberated, she is pulled from a pile of bodies, barely alive.

"The horrors of the Holocaust didn't break Edith. In fact, they helped her learn to live again with a life-affirming strength and a truly remarkable resilience. *The Choice* is her unforgettable story."

In March we will read Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time*. When I taught school, I remember people saying it was a children's book. In 2003, Disney filmed it for television and then in 2018 produced another version for theaters.



The plot centers around the disappearance of a father and the idea that he has been teleported to another world. Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who, and Mrs. Which add more mystery.

Esther Lombardi reviews the book thus: "*A Wrinkle in Time* is a favorite fantasy

classic, first published in 1962, after L'Engle's manuscript was rejected by more than two dozen publishers. She theorized that the book was too different for publishers to grasp, a [science fiction](https://tinyurl.com/ybr6flsf) story with a female protagonist." (<https://tinyurl.com/ybr6flsf>)

I thoroughly love the book! Come on March 11 at 9:30 and share your own take on it!

Metropolitan libraries carry both of these volumes.

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professionals, His ASP committee meetings were organized with detailed forward-looking agendas and conducted in a way that gave everyone under his leadership a feeling of appreciation and importance.

Jack David taught philosophy at DeVry University in Irvine, Texas and was honored because of his high academic standards and teaching integrity. After moving to Yukon, he served as an adjunct professor at Redlands Community College.

Jack David took great pride in having founded the Yukon AA. He stayed faithfully involved with AA to the end of his life.

In recent years, Jack David's declining physical health kept him from attending ASP meetings, but his mental health remained strong, and he kept abreast of current events at ASP meetings. He was a commanding presence among members of ASP and will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

His funeral service was held on Friday, January 25th at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in OKC





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 Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the
 Webster Commons
 9:30 Book Discussion, 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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