

Perspective

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Broken Pieces of Glass

By Shirley Mears

Chris McGahan, CEO of Bella Forte Glass Studio and his son Micah, are the lead glassblowing team at Bella Forte Glass Studio. Bella Forte is located in the Nichols Hills area in northwest Oklahoma City.

Chris will be our speaker for the November 9, 2015 Academy of Senior Professionals at Southern Nazarene University.

Chris started blowing glass as a result of getting glass blowing lessons for a birthday gift in 2004. In 2006 his son, Micah came home from college and joined Chris in the glass blowing artistic adventure.

Chris says he loves glass because of the physicality of it and also loves the endless combinations of depth and detail that can be achieved through skillful execution of the craft.

“Another thing” Chris says, “is that I find many allegories to a person’s life in the creation of a glass blown piece. As you go through the steps it takes to create and bring to fruition a work of art in blown glass, it mirrors a person’s life and it speaks deeply in life lessons that are remarkable in their symbolism and truth!” Together, Chris and Micah are a dynamic team, and watching them work together, with the purpose to accomplish one goal, is as beautiful as the work they are creating.

The art work process became the basis for the book “Broken Pieces”, written by Bank 2 CEO, Ross Alan Hill, our speaker for the May 9th ASP luncheon.

Chris and Micah McGahan offer blown glass art for individuals, companies, art installations and art shows.



Bella Forte Glass Studio on Facebook offers several videos and examples of their work.

Chris and Micah can be reached at 405-659-6169

LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 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 Thursday November 5, 2015, you can RSVP by phone: 405-728-0515 or by emailing donlincarley@prodigy.net



President's Column

By
Leonard Skodak

November is the time of the year, or at least a day in the month, that we are to remember what we are thankful for. Is this really all the time that is needed? The first Thanksgiving Days were harvest festivals or days for thanking God for bountiful crops. Thus it is the reason that it is celebrated in the fall. One of the first Thanksgivings, December 4, 1619, was entirely religious. It was celebrated solely with prayer and praise, without any food involved. Whatever happened to those days? A few years later the corn harvest was the cause for rejoicing. Governor William Bradford decreed a three day feast beginning on July 30, 1623. It wasn't until 1789 that President George Washington issued a proclamation naming November 26 as a national day of Thanksgiving. Many years later, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November 1863 as "a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father." Since then we had a fixed day to celebrate. Congress finally ruled that after 1941, the fourth Thursday of November would be a legal federal holiday known as Thanksgiving Day.

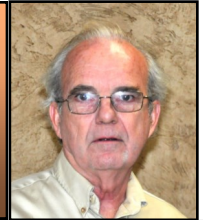
Have you ever wondered why prayer, praise and Thanksgiving were not enough? I have always felt that I needed to be thankful every day. God blesses me daily and I have so very much to be thankful for that one day a year is hardly enough. What things are you thankful for? Long life, good health, family, friends, creature comforts are some that come to my mind.



Thank You, LORD!

The SNU Connection

By
Howard Culbertson



Thanks to Josh Norman, member of the 2000 OU National Championship football team and now the SNU football team's offensive coordinator and to quarterback Jacob Spady for the wonderful "SNU Connection" time at the October meeting. Jacob talked about his family's cancer foundation begun in honor of his brother who passed away about three years ago.
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The "SNU Connection" time at the November 9 ASP luncheon will feature an SNU women's soccer player. It will likely be Goalie Yoli Zamarripa who graduated from Oklahoma City's Northwest Classen High School.

Last year was an outstanding year for the women's soccer team as they won the school's first Great American Conference Championship.

Coach Julie Duncan will accompany her player to our luncheon. The 2014 Great American Conference Coach of the Year, Coach Duncan is in her sixth season as an SNU head coach. In 1993 Coach Duncan was a member of SNU's inaugural women's soccer team.



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

We hope to see you at the SNU 2015 Homecoming,
November 6-7, 2015.

Registration Information and further details can be found at
"<http://snu.edu/homecoming>"



November 6-7, 2015

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Morning Seminar
By
Leonard Skodak

November 9 at 9:30 a.m., ASP will offer a lively discussion on gathering information for transitions in the growing older process. Making decisions, talking with your family about those decisions, and executing the proper paperwork in advance are valuable considerations for your children, or others responsible for your care. Marilyn Olson, SNU '66, with 30 years' experience in healthcare (including nursing homes, retirement living and hospitals) will lead the discussion.



Grandma

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ASP "Trek" Time
By
Pat Perry



I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving spent with family and friends. This luncheon, the Mercers and I will be on a Caribbean cruise. We will miss you terribly, but will try to enjoy ourselves. See you in December.

Pat Perry
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PIANIST EVELYN KEETON



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MARY SKODAK WITH ELAINE AND RICHARD WOOD



HOWARD CULBERTON WITH JOSH NORMAN, SNU STORM OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR, AND JACK SPADY, FOOTBALL QUARTERBACK



Music Notes

By
Wayne Sacket

MUSIC NOTES

The Academy of Senior Professionals is truly blessed to have as one of our members a Grande Dame of Oklahoma's Music Education. Mrs. Evelyn Keeton has taught music for more than fifty years and has served as president of numerous music teachers organizations. She began life in Pueblo, Colorado and came to Bethany Peniel College to study music. Her husband, Grant and a family temporarily became more important than finishing her degree until 1974, when she and her daughter graduated from Bethany Nazarene College. Those able to attend our October meeting enjoyed the gentle and heart-felt music provided by Evelyn. Thank you again!!

Our guest musician for November is one of our past presidents. Her parents began her life of service by naming her Emmalyn which in German (future last name??) means "hardworking". Her life's journey for her Lord has been long and interesting. From birth in Nampa, Idaho, her parents traveled to Seminary; pastorates; mission field in India; and back to Nampa. Her collegiate career began at Northwest Nazarene College for one year and then to Bethany Nazarene College to complete her Music Degree, then on to Holy Names College in Oakland, California for her Masters. While at BNC, she found God's life-mate for her – Dale German. Again, seminary, pastorate, mission field, pastorates, and onsite coordinator for Bethany First Church in Swaziland, South Africa, she continued her journey for her Lord. We are truly fortunate to be able to enjoy the fruits of this hardworking musician.



Obituaries

By
Vickie Sacket

HELEN JAMISON

Helen Jamison passed away March 18, 2015, at the age of 86. She was born on March 3, 1929, in Oklahoma City, to Louis Chris and Claudie Lee Sarras. She was a graduate of Central High School. She attended Bethany Peniel College (now Southern Nazarene University) where she met and married Marion Merle Jamison. They both became school teachers.

Helen joined Oklahoma City Church of the Nazarene as a teenager and remained actively involved, serving at various times as a Sunday School teacher and president of the Nazarene Young People's Society and the Women's Missionary Society. Helen called herself a "joiner," as she loved to be a part of different organizations. These included the Sundowners, Pinocchio Rose Garden Club, International Toastmistress Club, and the Academy of Senior Professionals. Before retirement, she was an accountant at the Oklahoma State Health Department. Her later years were spent in the visitation of the homebound. Her relationship with God and family were of greatest importance.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 48 years; a brother, Chris; two sisters, Cristeen Gray and Angeline; and a daughter, Janet Merle Morgan. She is survived by daughter, Lynn Helen Anderson; four granddaughters, Azure Nichole Anderson, Amber Michelle Bergerson, January Marie Morgan, and April Helen Morgan; and her nephew John Mark and wife Patty Gray. Helen donated her body to the OU Willed Body Program and requested that there be no memorial service.



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ASP Calendar

Monday November 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. Morning Seminar
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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