



Program
by
Shirley Mears

Miss America is coming to speak at the March 12 ASP luncheon. Or perhaps we should clarify that it's Lauren Nelson, Miss America 2007.



Nelson, a Lawton native, is one of 85 women to hold the title of Miss America. She was crowned Miss America 2007 at the age of 20. She launched a nationwide platform of internet safety, Be NetSmart – Protecting Kids Online. She has testified before Congress on the issue of internet safety. At one point, Nelson teamed up with “America's Most Wanted” host John Walsh to assist in the apprehension of child predators.

In 2008, the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce honored Nelson as one of “Ten Outstanding Young Americans.” She lends her name to numerous organizations but has a personal passion for Children's Miracle Network.

Along with Robin Marsh, our February speaker, Lauren has co-authored two books

for teen girls, one on dating and the other a devotional book.

Lauren's television career began in 2010 when she became the 4 p.m. news anchor for KWTN-News 9. She left that position in 2013 when son Mason was born. She is currently co-host of “Discover Oklahoma,” a television program produced by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department.

Lauren began with “Discover Oklahoma” as a reporter covering the southwest region of the state. In January of 2017, she was named the co-host with Dino Lalli. The program airs on Oklahoma City's channel 4 at 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Lauren is married to Randy. In addition to son Mason, they also have a daughter, Dawson.

LUNCHEON MARCH 12, 2018, 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, March 8, you can 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
Frank Dewey

The Academy of Senior Professionals seeks to serve at least three constituencies. Being related to Southern Nazarene University, we desire to serve the institution in various ways. I look forward to hearing further from Dr. Newman and others in the administration about ways ASP members can assist the school, whether with students, on the grounds or elsewhere. *See back page

We also have various options in serving the community around us. Sometimes these may be highlighted in our get acquainted moments, as last year we were reminded of ways we can help through RSVP. The Children's Center, ROC, Love Link Ministries, local school districts and other groups around us are always open to members of the Academy who want to volunteer.

Our own members make up a third constituency. The morning seminar and the book discussion group are ways of providing platforms for different interests to be addressed.

Perhaps there are other ways we could serve our members. I would like to hear from you if you have an idea for small groups to be organized to meet other concerns. It may not be practical to implement these ideas this year, but they could be addressed over the summer and started next year.

What ideas do you have? Email me at dew-eyukraine@gmail.com and let's see how we can continue to improve the Academy!



Interim Director
by
Brent LaVigne

There's a saying: "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a _____" Yep. You're right: "lamb".

To me, the coming of March has always signaled two things. First, it meant the weather would be changing. It didn't matter to me if it was wind, rain, a little snow, or some warmth. Anything different was something to look forward to. Secondly, March meant more hours of sunlight. That meant more time to play catch and ride bikes with the neighbor boys after school.

So, I have always looked forward to the month of March. Since the birth of our first child Austin I have looked forward to it even more because March is the month he was born.

Oh, the excitement of a child as they anticipate a birthday celebration. It is life-giving to experience anticipation and discovery again through the eyes of a child. Counting down the days. Thinking about who we get to invite. Talking about what kind of cake we will eat. These details come to life through the eyes of a child.

So, as we enter another March I ask myself: How can I engage in discovery again this month? How can I look forward to more sunlight like I did before? How can I embrace the change of the weather again, with excitement?

What about you? How will you "discover" and "anticipate" March again this year? As we gather as ASP members and guests to share stories and celebrate each other, I pray that you will experience with excitement the newness that March brings.

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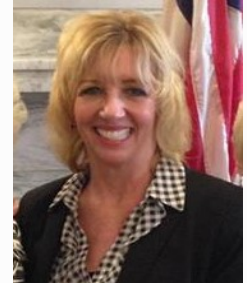
The Wizard of Oz
by L. Frank Baum
with music and lyrics by
Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg
Background music by
Herbert Stothart

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Morning Seminar
by
James Worley

On the morning of the March ASP luncheon, we have 45 minutes to share TRIAD with you. OKC police officer Cheryl Presley has graciously be at our ASP Morning Seminar on March 12, at 9:30am. TRIAD is making a difference in Bethany and the surrounding area. Come hear what she has to say. You will be more informed after this meeting!



TRIAD is a collaborative effort between the Oklahoma County sheriff's office, local police departments **and senior citizens** which attempts to reduce and prevent crimes against seniors. Those crimes include things like frauds and scams, skimmers, mil safety and identity theft.

Each year, the TRIAD program hosts several activities and make available several programs for older adults. A few of these activities are:
Refrigerator Card Program: Gives emergency responders immediate information to help serve people better in case of an emergency.

Educational Seminars (such as the ASP Morning Seminar in March): Programs touch on protecting oneself from things like fraud, scams, and identity theft as well as taking steps to improve one's personal safety. These programs are developed according to a group's specific needs and all are free-of-charge.

Young at Heart Senior Prom: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Donations are accepted and used to assist grandparents on a fixed income so that they can give their grandchildren a traditional Christmas experience, including a Christmas turkey for each family, along with gifts presented by Santa Claus at an annual reception.

Join us March 12 in the President's Dining Room of the SNU Commons for an important 45 minutes with police officer Presley.

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Rick Stahl played beautiful music

February Re-Views



Robin Marsh challenged us to listen well and share what we were grateful for.



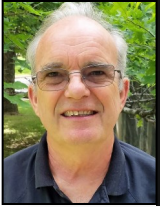
Get-Acquainted Moments with Hal Swinhart



Eva May Harper illustrated Valentine's Day spirit.



Kim Rosfeld shared news of the MCNair Scholars program



**SNU Connections
by
Howard Culbertson**



Our interviewee for the March SNU Connection moments will be Dr. Tamara Dawson, chair of SNU's School of Business. Tamara has a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in management from SNU. She recently

completed a doctorate at Northcentral University.

Tamara Dawson began teaching part-time for SNU in 2005. In 2011, she went on board full-time in the School of Professional and Graduate Studies as coordinator of the Computer Science/Network Engineering areas.

Two years later, she was named as the Graduate Instructional Designer for SNU's Online Learning office. In that role, Tamara developed over 45 undergraduate and graduate courses. She recently redesigned the Bachelor of Science of Business Administration and developed this degree completion program for online delivery. She has also trained SNU faculty in the use of instructional technology. Then, two months ago, she returned to the same area where she began as a student at SNU when she was named as chair of the School of Business.

In addition, Tamara Dawson serves on the Oklahoma Council for Online Learning Excellence where she is a member of the Oklahoma Online Excellence Award Selection Committee. Nationwide, she has presented workshops at such places as the Mountain Moodle Moot Conference and the Christian Adult Higher Education Association.

She is a member of the Online Learning Consortium (Sloan-C), the Instructional Technology Council and the Council for Accelerated Programs.

Tamara is also certified to teach the workshop "Culture Matters: Managing Unconscious Biases," as well as to administer and debrief the Cultural Values Profile.

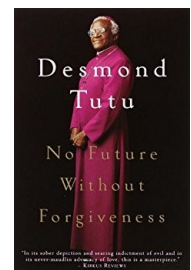


**Book Discussion
by
Barbara Culbertson**

Because the Metropolitan Library System does not currently carry *Scandalous Obligation*, the book originally suggested for our April meeting, those present at the February book discussion decided to select another book to be read for discussion in April. *No Future Without Forgiveness* by Desmond Tutu is the book chosen.

Tutu, an Anglican cleric and theologian, was awarded the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize for his fight against apartheid in his native South Africa. In that struggle, "Tutu became one of the church leaders involved in mediating conflicts between black protesters and the security forces" (Wikipedia, 2/14/18).

Amazon reviews the book saying that Tutu "argues that true reconciliation cannot be achieved by denying the past. . . He presents a bold spirituality that recognizes the horrors people can inflict upon one another. . . With a clarity of pitch born out of decades of experience, Tutu shows readers a humane world."



No Future Without Forgiveness is available in hardback, paperback, and Kindle editions through Amazon. Oklahoma county libraries carry it in print form and in an eBook edition.

Please join us in the President's Dining Room of the SNU Commons at 9:30 a.m. on April 9 for what should be a stimulating discussion.



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ASP Calendar

Monday March 12, 2018
 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, 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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