



*Program*  
by  
**Shirley Mears**

SNU's Academy of Senior Professionals is breaking new ground by beginning the year with a September luncheon meeting rather than an October one.

Our luncheon speaker at that September 10 meeting in the SNU Commons will be Lee Roland, who is currently pastor of The Parish church in the Plaza District. He has been recommended to us because of his 12 years as principal of Tulakes Elementary, a neighborhood school two miles north of Southern Nazarene University. Roland is credited with turning around that failing school. Suspension rates were drastically lowered while test scores and retention rates rose.



Empathy towards students and parents was a consistent theme of Roland's school leadership. He talks and writes about working to get his mostly white staff to gain a better understanding of their mostly nonwhite families.

"Over time, the weather of life violently ripped every leaf of hope, happiness, and faith from their branches," wrote Roland, describing many of the families he served at Tulakes. "Over time,

all the soil of righteousness, justice and pride was eroded from their roots and trunks. What was left barely standing was a leafless and barren tree, just tired of being tired."

Roland also wrote about his effort to help teachers understand that while they may have grown up with a positive perception of school, many of their students' parents had the opposite experience.

"As children, [those teachers] flourished academically. They were teacher favorites and only visited the principal's office for praise and reward. Hence, school was a place they eagerly returned to in adulthood," Roland wrote. "For many of the parents these teachers are now serving, their experiences were polar opposites."

Speech Topic: "Wake Up Everybody"

LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 10, 2018, begins at 11 a.m. in the Webster Commons Heritage Room on the campus of Southern Nazarene University.

*\*See page 6 for luncheon menu.*

Members will receive a call to RSVP. If you have not received a call by Thursday, September 6, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing [donlinearley@prodigy.net](mailto:donlinearley@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**

Allow me to take this opportunity to say *Happy New Year* to members and friends of the Academy of Senior Professionals at Southern Nazarene University! No, I have not misunderstood the time of year! Instead, it is time on the calendar to welcome you to the beginning of SNU's 2018-19 academic year. We begin the new year with great optimism, as well as with an extra ASP meeting – a September luncheon!

This year, your ASP Administrative Council decided to make room for a meeting in September. So, we begin the year at about the same time as the students! I hope you are looking forward to a great year together as much as I am.

We have a very strong line-up of special speakers and book discussions planned throughout the year. Plus, it is always encouraging to visit with friends at the ASP meetings. Sharing conversations with friends reminds me of the ancient words of Proverbs 27:17 which says, "*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.*" I believe we are individually made better and sharpened mentally and spiritually as we come together to share fellowship, hear interesting speakers, and learn more about our university.

I am excited and humbled to lead the organization this year. I had the great privilege to begin observing the organization nearly 20 years ago. So, having the opportunity to lead ASP is a true honor. During this year, we will reflect on our roots within the university, discover ways to remain active seniors, and explore the value of relationships in this phase of life. I am thrilled to be on this journey with you!



*Interim Director*  
by  
**Brent LaVigne**

The movie *The Emperor's Club* tells the story of Professor Hundert, a high school history teacher who wants students to learn more than the dates and facts of ancient Roman and Greek civilizations. He wants them to learn lessons of character through the writings and lives of the political and thought leaders of those cultures.

The movie follows a class of his students from their first days in class all the way to the later years after they graduate and become professionals.

On the first day of class with a new group of students, Professor Hundert said, "The end depends upon the beginning." As we are beginning a new semester for Southern Nazarene University students and a new season begins for the Academy of Senior Professionals, I think that is an interesting thought to share.

This movie quote reminds me that each day, each moment is built upon the one before it. As we begin this year, I am praying for you that God will give you great dreams for the days ahead and that we as a group can encourage each other and spur one another on at the beginning which will bring great reward at the end of this semester, this year, or the season of life.

Let's reflect on some words from a much greater authority than professor Hundert. Here is what Christ said:

*"Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."*

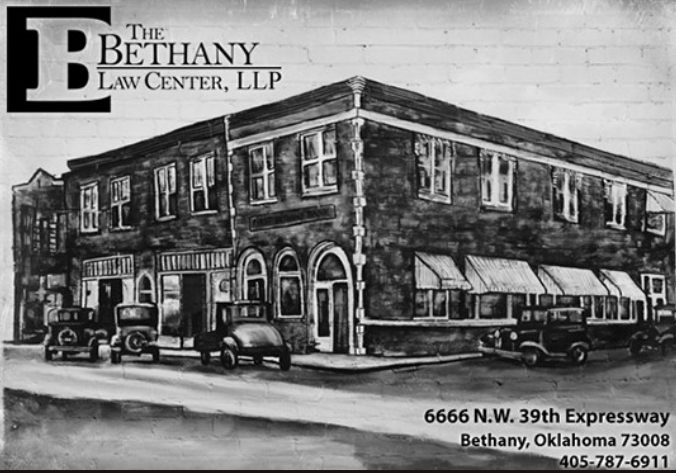
Matthew 7:24-25

# Call for Volunteers



**SNU Admissions Department has invited members of ASP to write notes to prospective students. We meet on Friday mornings for about an hour beginning at 10 a.m. at the Marchant Center.**

## SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON SPONSOR The Bethany Law Center



### 2018-2019 Luncheon Sponsors

- Sept 10, 2018: The Bethany Law Center
- Oct 8, 2018: Legend at Council Road
- Nov 12, 2018: Tinker Federal Credit Union
- Dec 10, 2018 Southern Plaza Retirement Community
- Jan 14, 2019 Concordia Life Care Community
- Feb 11, 2019: Mercer-Adams Funeral Service
- 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

Our look at the doctoral studies of SNU professors during the “SNU Connections” moments at the monthly ASP luncheons will continue this year. At the September 10 meeting, we’ll hear from Dr. Melany Kyzer who is SNU’s Provost and Chief Academic Officer.



Dr. Kyzer has been a member of the SNU campus community for more than three and a half decades. She came to campus first as a student and, not long after graduation with a Bachelor of Science in Biology Education, she began working in the office of Student Development.

Over the next dozen or so years, she filled numerous roles. Those included the Director of Housing, Director of Academic Services, Director of Community Life and Resident Director. Early in that period of time, she earned a Master of Arts in Communication Education from SNU.

About 10 years after getting that master’s degree, Dr. Kyzer moved from Student Development into a faculty role when she began teaching courses in the Speech Communication Department. For a while, she served as Executive Director of the Oklahoma Speech Theatre & Communication Association. In 2008, she graduated from Oklahoma City University with a Juris Doctor degree. She passed her bar exams and, to this day, maintains membership in the Oklahoma Bar Association

In 2011, Melany Kyzer was named as the Dean of SNU’s College of Humanities. Then, in 2013, she became the university’s Chief Academic Officer and in 2016 was named as SNU Provost.

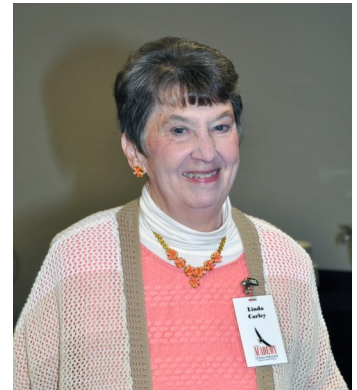
*May Re-Views*



Renda Brumbeloe providing background music. He will be in charge of our music this year.



Thanks to Frank and Christine Dewey for a great year with ASP



Linda Carley Membership and Calling Chair



Tommy and Marilyn Davis enjoying our May luncheon



Elaine and Richard Wood appreciating the moments



Dale and Emmalyn German celebrating 49 years together



Mona Sabah sharing her captivating story

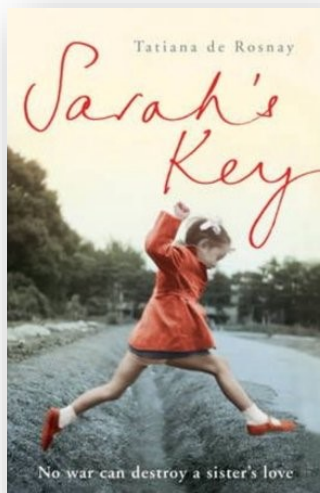


**Book Discussion**  
by  
**Barbara Culbertson**

It's time to read! Hopefully, this summer has not been a time to just go brain-dead and zone out watching HGTV (although that sounds fun to me). But now, let's get back to actual reading, whether by ebook, real paper pages that you turn, or even audio books or CDs.

This year, we have been given the privilege of reviewing a book every month. I guess we have to read faster! We will be following the same schedule of going back and forth between fiction and non-fiction. If you have read any books that were meaningful, please let me know as others might find them worthwhile as well.

Our first book discussion will be at our October meeting, giving everyone time to get back in "the groove." Our book choice is *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay.



*Sarah's Key* is set in France. The story is built around an American finding out some uncomfortable facts that occurred around the Vel' d'Hiv roundup of Jews in Paris in 1942. The main character, a journalist, was horrified to find out that many French simply turned a blind eye to what was happening.

Although fictional, the book leaves one pondering serious questions. Get a head-start on our first book discussion by looking now for

a copy of this book online or at the public library.

The only "rule" for our book discussion is that only people who have actually read the book may speak up in the discussion. However, that does not mean others cannot attend! You may even join in our general discussion. Maybe your interest will be piqued and you will want to get the book!

Book suggestions for the rest of the year include:

**Non-Fiction:**

*The Boy Who Carried Bricks* (Alton Carter)

*From Isa to Christ* (Mona Sabah)

*Surprised by Joy* (CS Lewis)

*The Story of My Experiments With Truth* (Gandhi)

*God Hides in Plain Sight* (Dean Nelson)

*Seven Glorious Days* (Karl Giberson)

*Humility* (Andrew Murray)

*All the Places to Go* (John Ortberg)

**Fiction:**

*The Great Divorce* (CS Lewis)

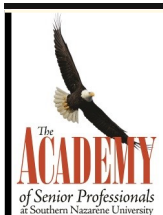
*Arabian Nights* (Anonymous)

*Ellen Foster* (Kaye Gibbons)

*The Wrinkle in Time* (Madeleine L'Éngle)

*With You Always* (Jodi Hedlund)





*“Sharing a  
Continuous  
Flight”*

### 2018-2019 Officers and Committees Officers

Brent LaVigne, Interim Director  
John Martin, President  
Howard Culbertson, Immediate Past President  
Marla Cole, President-Elect  
Vicki Sacket, Secretary  
Gary Lance, Treasurer  
Nancy Cauthron, Member Representative  
Marion Snowbarger, Member Representative

### Standing Committee Chairpersons

Shirley Mears, Programs  
Bylaws and Organization—TBD  
Linda Carley, Membership and Calling

### Special Committee and Activity Leaders

Vicki Sacket, Historian  
Barbara Culbertson, Book Discussions  
Renda Brumeloe, Music  
John Martin, Get-Acquainted Moments  
Howard Culbertson, SNU Connections

### \*Luncheon Menu for September 10

Starters: garden salad with Ranch and Italian dressings

Entrée: pot roast with brown gravy, carrots, mashed potatoes, buttered green peas, rolls / butter

Dessert: apple cobbler with whipped cream

Beverages: iced tea, water, coffee (regular and decaf), hot water with tea bags



### ASP Calendar

Monday September 10, 2018

10:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons

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

---Website: <http://snu.edu/asp1>---

### *The Academy Perspective*

---Publication Board---

Production Editor	Emmalyn German
Copy Editors	Howard Culbertson Joan Dozier

---Columnists---

President's Column	John Martin
ASP Interim Director	Brent LaVigne
Book Discussions	Barbara Culbertson
Speakers	Shirley Mears
Obituaries	Vickie Sacket
Photography	Hal Swinhart

---Communications Policy---

We value correspondence from our readers.  
By mail:

*The Academy Perspective (TAP)*,  
Southern Nazarene University  
6729 NW 39th Exp.  
Bethany OK 73008

By fax: (405) 491-6381

---Newsletter Subscription Information---

Annual subscription — *The Academy Perspective*:  
Non-members—\$10 per year  
Members—Included in membership dues

---Contributions---

To make tax-deductible contributions to the Academy of Senior Professionals, mail to:  
Gary Lance, Treasurer  
Southern Nazarene University